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WP residents could see sewer rates jump

City wants one rate increase to cover project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – West Point municipal sewer system users could see a sharp increase in their sewer rates in the near future as the city looks at funding options for upgrades to its sewer lagoon.

At Monday's regular city council meeting at the

West Point library, city officials heard from Travis Squires, a managing director with Piper Jaffray, a bond consulting firm contracted to help the city navigate funding the lagoon improvements.

Squires presented the board with three options in financing the improvements including a rate increase, a general bond issue, or a hybrid of the two.

After about a 30-minute presentation, the city council agreed that a one-time rate increase would be simplest to explain to residents and not put a burden on the city's debt limit.

Squires offered the city an original 4-year ramp up of the city's sewer rate beginning with a 32% increase

in 2020 followed by a 16% increase the following year and 15% increase in 2022, with yearly inflationary adjustments following 2022 over the 20 year lifetime of the bond.

City officials approved a resolution for funding not to exceed \$1.9 million for the lagoon improvement including engineering, designing, and construction. The funds would come from a state revolving loan fund

"In this case, the revenue increases necessary would be approximately 63% in aggregate split up 32-16-15

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Photo courtesy of Mike Killoren

Fort Madison service clubs represented by Fort Madison Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Fort Madison High School Key Club presented students at the Elliott Test Kitchen and owner Kumar Wickramasingha, far right, with a check for \$3,700 on Tuesday night.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Recalling Blossom for National Beef Month

I've caught more flak about butchering Blossom than any other column I've written. Good grief. She had so many people rooting for her that I feel like a crazed carnivore. I must point out, however, that the original intent of getting a calf was to raise it for beef. And this is National Beef Month, too. (Boo, hiss, I know.) Genesis tells me to have dominion over the earth and cattle. It neglected to warn me about naming the animal.

Blossom the escape artist. With her long tongue, she could spring any latch or lock. I hired a farmer friend to haul Blossom to the locker plant, because I knew he would handle her with the care she deserved. I went along to say the final goodbyes. The young boy working at the locker plant gently guided her down the shoot by twisting her tail. She seemed to understand and accept willingly.

Blossom stories abounded. We raised her on a nipple bucket. Her mother had a bad leg and had to be put down. It was Ginnie's first experience with caring for animals on the farm and she adapted well.

Blossom sucked the wedding ring right off my finger. The next day I rented a metal detector to see if the ring had passed through. Nada. About a month later, Ginnie

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Barley Hops this Friday at Sports Complex

\$15 Commemorative glasses still available at Partners office

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Southeast Iowa is gearing up for the 4th Annual Fort Madison Barley Hops, Friday May 17, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 8 pm. This year's event is well on its way to again provide you the opportunity to find a new flavor just in time for the summer months ahead.

Vendors participating include: East Grove Farms (Salem, Iowa), Exile Brewing (Des Moines, IA), IaBev Distribution (former Fleck Sales), Iowa Brewing Company (Cedar Rapids), Front Street Brewing Company (Davenport, Iowa), Golden Eagle Distributing (Mt Pleasant), Iowa Brewing Company (Davenport, IA), Keg Creek Brewing (Glenwood, Iowa), V's Brew Pub (Keokuk, Iowa), Wilson's Orchard (Iowa City)

"We will head to a new location this year due to the past weather-related issues, not to mention the flood

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH "JOE" RYAN NELSON

Joseph "Joe" Ryan Nelson, 24, of Keokuk died on Monday, May 6, 2019 at his home. He was born on July 6, 1994 in Orlando, FL the son of Joseph Ryan Sr. and Laura Ann Smith Nelson.



NELSON

Joe graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 2012. He most recently worked at Silgan in Ft. Madison, IA and previously worked at Roquette in Keokuk, IA, Siemens in Ft. Madison, IA, Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Mt. Pleasant, IA, Methode Electronics, Inc. in Carthage, IL, and the Iowa Fertilizer Company in Weaver, IA.

Joe enjoyed playing disc golf in Rand Park, going fishing with his friends and video games. He was known for his fun personality, free spirit and sense of humor. Joe's smile was contagious and his bear hugs will always be remembered. He created memories with everyone he met. He was generous and kind and will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

Joe is survived by his father Joseph Nelson of Keokuk, IA, his mother Laura Nelson of Mesa, AZ, his sister Amanda Cantwell of Billerica, MA, his brother Kenneth Gregerson of Iowa City, two nephews, Caden Cantwell and Jack Cantwell of Billerica, MA, two grandmothers, Judith Krug of Keokuk and Virginia Wright of Winchester, VA, aunts, uncles, lots of cousins, and many friends.

Joe left us too soon and will be sorely missed.

A Gathering of Remembrance for family and friends will be held from 12-3 p.m., Saturday, at the Vigen Memorial Home, 1328 Concert St. in Keokuk, IA.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

05/13/19 – 1:58 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Christina Sue Barnes, 37, of Fort Madison in the 600 block of 21st Street on a charge of domestic abuse assault and public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/14/19 – 2:37 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Adam James Huss, 30, of Fort Madison, at Aztec Trailer Park on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/13/19 – 2:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue C. 05/13/19 – 2:48 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report

of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G. 05/13/19 – 3:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 05/13/19 – 3:23 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of 48th Street. 05/14/19 – 4:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Denmark Hilltop.

Lee County Sheriff's report

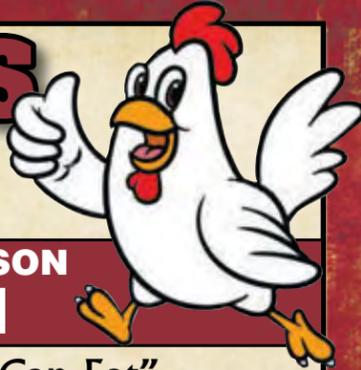
05/14/19 – 12:58 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Seth Thomas Wright, 26, of Donnellson, no location given, on charges of possession

of drug paraphernalia, and manufacture/deliver/possession of a controlled substance. He was released upon citation. 05/14/19 – 1:01 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Braden Daniel Glasscock, 24, of Keokuk, no location given, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and manufacture/deliver/possession of a controlled substance. He was released upon citation. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

05/13/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one burn complaint and one lift assist.

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From the Front/Sports

WP users could see sewer rates jump by as much as 63%

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and then an inflationary increase thereafter,” Squires said.

But Mayor Paul Walker said he would rather see a one-time increase to cover to the costs of the improvements.

“I don’t have a vote in this, but I would recommend we do a one-time increase,” Walker said.

The 63% increase would take the current \$11 minimum charge billed monthly and increase that to \$17.60. The sewer rate per 1,000 gallons would go from \$5.70 to \$9.12/1000 gallons over the 20 years of bond payments.

Squires said the upgrades are projected at a current cost of \$1,885,000.

New Iowa Department of Natural Resources requirements are pushing the need for the upgrades to deal with nitrogen levels in treated water being put back into the area’s water table, which were over allowable DNR limits. The new system will also stem e.coli presence, which was still below acceptable limits.

The city agreed with Garden and Associates Engineering more than a year ago to add a Submerged Attached Growth Reactor, of SAGR, to the current lagoon to increase the amount of filtration taking place at the site.

It needs to be operational by December of this year, according to DNR mandates.

Squires said the city needs to keep an eye to upcoming mandates, which could include reducing nitrates in the water, which could require additional upgrades to the lagoon.

“That’s kind of why I didn’t figure this on a 30-year loan because I wouldn’t want to have that in place and then 20 years into when you still have half the principal left to pay on this loan, be hit with another mandated upgrade,” he said.

Lady Hounds strike down Davenport North

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON – For the third time in a four game stretch, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds shut out an opponent and came away with the win, this time taking down Davenport North 3-0 Tuesday.

Midway through the first half, lightning bolts filled the backdrop, forcing both teams from the field and into the friendly indoor confines of Baxter Sport Complex.

Davenport North nearly put the first points on the board in the 16th minute. With the ball inside of the box, Fort Madison goalie Josie Pumphrey came out of the goal to help play defense and attempted to send the ball sailing back to the Bloodhounds’ offensive half of the field. But as Pumphrey kicked the ball, it hit a Davenport defender, lining the Wildcats up for a wide open goal.

Fortunately for the Hounds, the goal sailed wide left and went out of bounds, as both teams went into the half tied at zero.

Less than ten minutes into the second half, Walker found herself with another goal-scoring opportunity. Junior Anna Kester



Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

sent a pass into the open field for Brandy Walker, but she was tripped up by a Davenport defender before she was able to attempt the shot.

The ball looked as if it was going to go out of bounds, but playing good off-the-ball offense and following Walker’s shot, Maddy McVey was there for the rebound. McVey then positioned herself perfectly to send the ball past the goalie and into the right corner of the net for the 1-0 lead.

“We were not doing so well in the first half, so I knew we had to pick it up

in the second,” McVey said. “I saw Brandy was struggling and she got knocked down.”

“I followed the shot because we have trouble doing that. I saw the goalie coming up and I heard her slide so I knew if I went around her I could get a better shot.”

In the 25th minute Sarah Bernhardt sent a high kick over the top of the Davenport defense. It looked like the keeper was going to have an easy stop, but with it just having rained, the goalie slipped on her back.

Alana Simpson didn’t give up on the play despite

what looked like an easy save for the keeper, sprinting after the ball and beating the Davenport defense for the wide open goal, the first of her career.

“Alana is a freshman and is one of those sleepers,” Seifert said. “We knew it was just going to be a matter of time waiting on her to score.”

“It was exciting,” Simpson said about giving the Bloodhounds the 2-0 lead on her first career goal.

In the 13th minute, Fort Madison controlled the ball on its offensive half of

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Sports/Weather

Fort Madison bounced at girls regional tennis

PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison girls tennis team competed at team regionals Monday at Fort Madison High School.

The Bloodhounds were able to collect an opening round victory over Southeast conference foe Keokuk, but Davenport Assumption took the team title with the final of 5-1 over Fort Madison in the championship round.

Davenport Assumption and Burlington Notre Dame started the tournament, as Assumption went on to blank BND 5-0.

Much like Assumption, Fort Madison swept its opening match 5-0 against the Chiefs.

Every Bloodhound won in straight sets Monday. At No. 1, Larissa Ferrill downed Keokuk's Keleigh Hall 6-4, 6-2. Lanie Kuntz at No. 2 for Fort Madison

breezed through her set even faster, sweeping Keokuk's Emma Evans 6-0, 6-0.

Zoe Ramatowski allowed a single game to her opponent, picking up the 6-1, 6-0 win over Keokuk's Kierra Huddleston, putting Fort Madison up 3-0. Kirklynn Nafziger had no issue with Julia de Gala, blanking the Chief's No. 4 for a 6-0, 6-0 win. Lily Cadwallader followed suit at No. 5, shutting out Delayne Billings to give the Bloodhounds the 5-0 first round sweep.

Fort Madison met Assumption in the finals. Ferrill and Lauren Dililio were very evenly matched, taking the No. 1 singles into a tiebreaker. Ferrill was the lone Bloodhound to collect a win in the team finals, downing Dililio 10-8 win in the extra court time.

Caroline Bush got the best of Kuntz at No. 2 singles, dropping Kuntz in straight sets 6-0, 6-0.

Zoe Ramatowski was able to put points on the

board at No. 3, but was overpowered by Assumption's Julia Thomas 6-1, 6-1. Kirklynn Nafziger was able to come up with six points in her two sets, but Davenport's Ellie Molyneuz was too much, coming away with the 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Lily Cadwallader was close to giving Fort Madison its second win in the championship round, forcing Davenport's Audrey Jestel into a tiebreaker. Jestel got the better of Cadwallader however, taking the tiebreaker 10-8.

Alyse Schmidt had the final match for Fort Madison, but much like her teammates, she drew a difficult matchup. Davenport's Faith Resnick downed Schmidt 6-0, 6-0, giving Assumption the 5-1 team win and the team regional crown.

The Bloodhounds next take the court Saturday, May 18, at the girls tennis varsity regional meet.

Crusaders take 2nd at SEISC tourney

PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON – The Holy Trinity boys soccer squad gave West Burlington/Notre Dame all they could handle, but dropped the fourth contest of the year to the Nikes 2-1 in the Southeast Iowa Superconference soccer tournament this weekend.

The Crusaders jumped out in front the Nikes 1-0 in the first half, but Notre Dame's senior Sturgis Thornton popped two past keeper Blake Crabtree in the second half, the go-ahead coming with less than four minutes to play. Holy Trinity's Mitchell Pothitakis was tripped up outside the box and the ball squirted into the path of Thornton, who converted the game winning shot.

If the Crusaders performance against the Nikes all season is any indication, they seem to be positioning themselves for a decent run in the post season. The Nikes knocked off HTC 4-0 in the Fort Madison Invitational at Baxter Sports Complex to open the season, and then Notre Dame shut out the Crusaders 2-0 on April 15 in West Point, before posting another shut out

again on April 30 in Burlington, 3-0.

The 15-1 Nikes are tied for the 2nd highest winning percentage in the state behind Waukee (15-0), Marion (13-0). The Crusaders are fielding just 12 players this year and have been dealing with injuries throughout, playing one game with just the starters.

In the preliminary conference matches this weekend, HTC opened with a 2-0 shutout over Mediapolis at Iowa Mennonite. Crabtree had five saves in the shutout with both goals coming from Audrae Vincent. Senior Adam Rauenbuehler had four shots on goal to lead HTC. Pothitakis had two SOGs and an assist in the game.

With the win, HTC moved to the Saturday bracket to face Danville at Burlington Notre Dame. Crabtree wrangled 12 saves against two goals in the 7-2 Crusader win.

Ryder Brune scored the hattrick as did Vincent. Pothitakis got the seventh goal of the game. The Crusaders peppered the Bears with 10 shots on goal converting seven.

Both the Holy Trinity girls and boys will be in action Thursday in a tussle with cross-town rival Fort Madison. It will be spring sports senior night for HTC with all spring sports athletes being recognized between games.

Bredemeyer 7th, Robu 9th in post season golf

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic's Ali Robu shot a 113 around Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course in the Class 1A girls regional Monday afternoon, while HTC's senior Kyle Bredemeyer finished 7th in boys Class 1A sectional action Friday.

At the 9-hole Deerwood Golf Course, Bredemeyer shot bogey golf on his first trip around for a 45, but shot a 51 on the last nine, despite a par 3 on the 2nd (11th) hole for a 96 on the day.

Sigourney's Dustin Haines shot a sparkling 1-over 73, recording four birdies on the day for medalist honors. New London's Clayton Phillips was runner up with an 8-over 80.

The Crusaders' Mason Holvoet carded a 105 and Josh Barr shot a 109 to go with Trevor Mohrfeld's 114 to round out the scoring players for Holy Trinity. The Crusaders finished with a 424 team score for sixth place overall in the eight-team field. Sigourney won the team title with 346 with Winfield runners-up at 353.

Colby Bredemeyer shot a 124 and Brant Holtkamp shot a 155 for HTC.

In the Girls regional tournament held at Sheaffer Memorial in Fort Madison, Robu's 113 was good enough for 9th place.

Robu shot a 52 on the front nine including a birdie on the dog-leg right par 4 9th hole, but pulled triple bogied holes 3, 5, 6. On the back nine a 61 knocked her out of contention.

Addie Pry of New London shot an 89 to lead the field, followed by Columbus' Aubrey Duncan with a 91, and Highland's Charlie Aicher who carded a 98 as the only three girls under 100 for the day.

FMMS Red, Black win

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Middle School Red team won 10-1 on the road at Keokuk in the Little Hounds final game of the season.

Xander Wellman, and Nathen Bowen both recorded hat tricks, while Carson Rashid, Leif Boeding, Camille Kruse and Tate Settles all scored one goal apiece. Bowen, Wellman and Boeding had and assist apiece

Tate Settles and Hayden Segoviano shared time as the goal keeper. Ben Thele, Teague Smith and Raymond Sutton played well at defense. Nathaniel Swigart, Henry Morris, Oliver Santiago, and Xander Lumsden played well at midfield.

FM Black tied won 1-0 with Collin Campbell scoring the lone goal on a penalty kick and Trevor Luke played in the goal recording the shutout. Salena Stotts, Ellanore Wright, and Gracie Paetyn Wiegand played well midfield. Daniel Sokolik, Reid Bell, Ivy Arnold, and Conner Gelsthorpe played well at defense.

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

WED 15 May



Scattered Clouds
High– 72.6° F | Low – 60.5° F

THU 16 May



Light Rain
High– 81.4° F | Low – 70.2° F

FRI 17 May



Moderate Rain
High– 79.3° F | Low – 66.8° F

SAT 18 May



Heavy Intensity Rain
High– 78.0° F | Low – 66.9° F

SUN 19 May



Light Rain
High– 80.9° F | Low – 58.9° F

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Sports

Keltner gets first win at LC Speedway

Racing action resumes after last weeks cancellation

BY BRIAN NEAL
Lee County Speedway

DONNELLSON – After having a week off due to the saturated grounds, the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa returned to action on Friday, May 10th.

Even though mother nature tried early in the week to put a damper on this weeks action, with enough sun and wind the grounds dried out enough for the track crew to get on it to worked it in. After the night's action that was sponsored by Darkside Tint & Graphix and Driftwood 13, three drivers claimed their first win of the season at the track, one of those scoring his first career in his class, while three others picked up multiple wins.

The first feature to take to the track was the 18 lap Robert's Tire Center IMCA SportMods, with Kyle Hamelton and Brian Bergheger scheduled to start on the front row. But when Hamelton was a scratch, this would move Ron Kibbe to the pole for the event.

Despite starting in the seventh spot, Daniel Fellows shot to the front to lead lap 1 over Kibbe and Austen Becerra. The action up front was slowed on lap 2, when Bergheger spun in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Fellows jumped back out front, with Becerra and Brandon Dale, who started 12th, close behind. While Becerra and Dale raced for the runner-up spot, Fellows would start to pull away.

Just as it looked like Fellows would cruise to an easy win, the second caution of the race appeared on lap 14 to bring the field back to his back bumper. Becerra, who was running 2nd, slowed in turn 4 to bring out the yellow.

Fellows once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Dale and Sean Wyett, who started 8th, battling for the runner up spot. As they battled for second, Fellows would go on to pick up his third win in a row at the track. Dale won the battle for 2nd, Wyett was 3rd, Kibbe was 4th, with Tom Lathrop coming

home in 5th.

Up next was the 18 lap 305 Sprint feature, with Dan Keltner and Harold Pohren drawing the front row. Keltner would take advantage of his draw to jump out into the lead on lap 1 over Tanner Gebhardt and Pohren. The fast pace Keltner was setting would allow him to build up a straight-away lead by lap 10. But with 5 laps to go Gebhardt was staring to cut into the gap. And with two laps to go Gebhardt was within two car lengths of Keltner.

Despite Gebhardt's late charge, Keltner was able to hold on to claim his first win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Gebhardt settled for a close 2nd, Jeff Wilke was 3rd, Pohren was 4th, with Joe Laue finishing 5th.

Derrick Agee and Beau Taylor led the field to green in the 18 lap Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Car feature, with Agee grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Jeremy Pundt and Abe Huls. While Agee paced the field out front, David Brandies, who started 5th, was working his way towards the front.

On lap 3 Brandies got past Pundt for the runner up spot, and then went to work on Agee for the top spot. Agee, who was working the top, and Brandies, who was on the bottom, raced laps 5 thru 8 side-by-side, with Agee maintaining the lead at the strip each lap. Then coming off turn 4 Brandies was able to edge Agee out at the line to take over the top spot. Agee would stay in Brandies tire tracks over the final laps, but wasn't able to mount a challenge, as Brandies went on to score his first win of the season at the track. Agee was 2nd, Pundt was 3rd, Huls was 4th, with Taylor holding on for 5th.

The 15 lap Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts was next, with Dylan Schantz and David Prim making up the front row. But it was fifth place starter Josh Barnes who quickly shot to the front to lead lap 1 over Schantz and Alyssa Steele.

The action up front was slowed on lap 4, when Barry Taft, who was running 4th, slowed in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Barnes jumped back out front, with Jacob Houston, who started 9th, and Brandon Ruffcorn,



who started 10th, close behind. Barnes would have to work to hold off Houston and Ruffcorn for the top spot. When the action was slowed for the second time of the race on lap 7, as Larry Miller stopped in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. Barnes once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Houston and Ruffcorn staying close behind.

Ruffcorn's run up front came to an end on lap 11, as he slowed in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Barnes moved back out front, with Houston and Brandon Reu, who started 8th, following. Houston tried to work under Barnes over the final laps, but Barnes would hold him off to claim his second win of the season at the track. Houston was 2nd, Reu was 3rd, Schantz was 4th, with Taft recovering from his yellow on lap 4 to come back up to finish in 5th.

Levi Smith and Dakota Simmons led the field to green in the Budweiser IMCA Modified feature, with Simmons grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Bill Roberts Jr. and Smith. Simmons then started to pull away from the rest of the field, when the first and only caution appeared on lap 8.

A cone was clipped onto the track in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Simmons jumped back out front, with Roberts Jr. and John Oliver Jr., who started 6th, close behind. Oliver Jr. would get past Roberts Jr. on lap 10, but by then Simmons had built up a straight-away lead.

Coming to the white flag, Oliver Jr. had cut Simmons lead down to about three car lengths. But that was as close as he could get, as Simmons went on to claim his first career Modified win. Oliver Jr. was 2nd, Dennis LaVeine was 3rd, Roberts Jr. was 4th, with Jeff Waterman completing the top 5.

The final feature to take to the track was the 20 lap I-Smile Silver IMCA Late Models, with Stacy Griffis and Tommy

Elston drawing the front row. But when Griffis was a scratch this would move Darin Weisinger Jr. to the pole. Elston took advantage of his draw to jump out front on lap 1 over Ray Raker and Brandon Queen. Brian Harris, who started 6th, took the runner up spot on lap 2, but by then Elston had pulled out to a big lead.

It looked like Elston would cruise to an easy win, when the first and only caution of the race came out on lap 15. Queen spun in turn 4 to bring out the yellow, and also brought the field back to Elston's back bumper. On the restart Elston moved back out front, with Harris and Ron Boyse, who started 7th, close behind. Harris would stay in Elston's tire tracks over the final laps, but wasn't able to mount a challenge, as Elston picked up his third win of the season. Harris was 2nd, Boyse was 3rd, Sam Halstead finished 4th after starting in 8th, with Jay Johnson coming from 10th to finish in 5th.

Don't forget the Pepsi Lee County Speedway will be off next weekend, Friday, May 17th. But will be back in action on Friday, May 24th, as Buford Dozing & Excavating and Bix Basement Services helps to bring the first of two stops to the track by the Sprint Invaders. The Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars, Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMods, and Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts will continue their season long points battles.

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

Bloodhounds spikers at .500 on the year

BY PCC STAFF

DANVILLE – Austin Sexton and Brody Rung each scored goals Monday night as Fort Madison edged Danville on the road 2-1 to move the Bloodhounds back to even play on the year.

On Friday night, the Hounds dropped their home finale to Burlington in a tough 1-0 game. The Hounds had six shots on goal against the Grayhounds, two from both Sexton and Rung, but couldn't find the cords.

Keeper Javier Trejo had seven saves against the one goal, including a first-half shut-out, with Burlington scoring the game winner at the 13-minute mark of the second half.

At Danville Monday night Sexton scored at the 29:30 mark on a dual assist from Rung and Reuben Eid. Danville countered with 6:30 gone in the second period when the Bears' Bryce Carr found the net off a pass from Roberto Carillo.

The Bloodhounds' Will Larson would then slide a pass to Rung at the 18-minute mark for the game winner.

Fort Madison had 10 shots on goal on the night, five coming from Sexton.

Fort Madison travels to Holy Trinity Catholic's South Park in West Point on Thursday for a boys/girls doubleheader.

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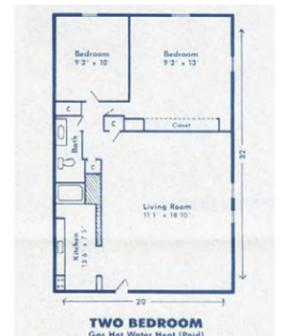
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From the Front

This year's event moved to Baxter's Sports Complex

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waters standing where we would normally be set up", said Tim Gobble, Executive Director Fort Madison Partners.

"The event will be held at the Baxter Sports Complex, 909 48th Street, where there is plenty of parking, covered space in case of inclement weather for both patrons and vendors and all the amenities that go along with the complex".

Get your commemorative tasting pilsner glass at the Fort Madison Partners office during regular business hours or the day of event for \$15.00.

"We are setting the event up the same as last year, having all the vendors in one location providing the ability for people to enjoy the event while they mingle from one vendor to the other," Gobble said. "This way the participants will be able to try all the flavors within the time frame".

For more information about the event and selections, check out the website: <http://fortmadison.com/mainstreet/events/fort-madison-barley-hops/>.

The Fort Madison Barley Hops will make for a perfect night out with friends. This is a 21+ event and we request you plan ahead to have a designated driver.

All proceeds benefit Fort Madison beautification projects. If you have questions, call the Fort Madison Partners office at 319-372-5471.

Blossom bred for beef, but fondness remains

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insisted that I rent the metal detector again and give it one more try. I found it! Unbelievable. I put the ring on immediately, not caring about the detritus. My marriage was saved.

Blossom was an escape artist. She had the longest tongue, and could work loose any latch, even unscrew a nut off a bolt. Her most famous escape took place when Ginnie and I were at a political rally in Iowa City. I think Blossom knew when we were gone—maybe because we drove by her pen to see how she was doing before we left. Anywho, we started getting these wild calls and texts from people driving by on the highway. "Hey, did you know your cow is out?" We panicked. What could we do fifty miles away?! Fortunately, a farm boy we knew drove by, saw her out, and was able to get her corralled. After that, I padlocked the gate, then watched her work and work, trying to get that lock loose with her tongue. If we'd kept her longer, I'm sure she would have succeeded.

The cruelest April Fool's joke ever played on us came from my son. He was paying me back, I think, for all the April Fool's jokes I've played on him. He deceptively waited until about 8:30 on the night of April Fool's,

knowing full well that I would be half asleep. He texted me saying Blossom was out. Here I was in my PJ's and slippers. Ginnie and I went tearing out only to find Blossom curled up in her little barn, calmly chewing her cud. Grrr. I hate paybacks.

If it's any consolation, one quarter of the beef is a donation to the Christian School in Mt. Pleasant in the form of hamburger. The Christian School holds a "Taco Tuesday" weekly for the public, and this will save them from having to buy hamburger. The other three quarters are going, one each, to my two kids and their families, and one to us. There is nothing like home raised beef.

This officially leaves the Empty Nest Farm without livestock, since the minks got our hens, and Blossom fulfilled her life's mission. But we have Barney the Barn Cat (always complaining) and Buddy the buddy dog (always fawning). Life is still better on the farm, our happy place.

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.

FMHS controls fate in Southeast Conference

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the field and had possession inside the box. The Hounds nearly had an open shot at the goal, but Davenport stole the ball away.

Bernhardt, who was again playing heads up off-the-ball offense, was in perfect position and stole the ball back. Bernhardt raced past the two

Davenport defenders she stole the pass from and sent the ball to the top right corner for the 3-0 win.

"We've asked her lately to push up on the wing a little bit and today she had the space to do that and it worked," Seifert said.

"I've been wanting that since the

beginning of the season," Bernhardt said with a grin.

The Bloodhounds move to 8-5 on the season with the win and currently sit at No. 2 in the Southeast Conference. Fort Madison is still in control of its own destiny and a potential share of the conference crown with two more conference games left on the slate.



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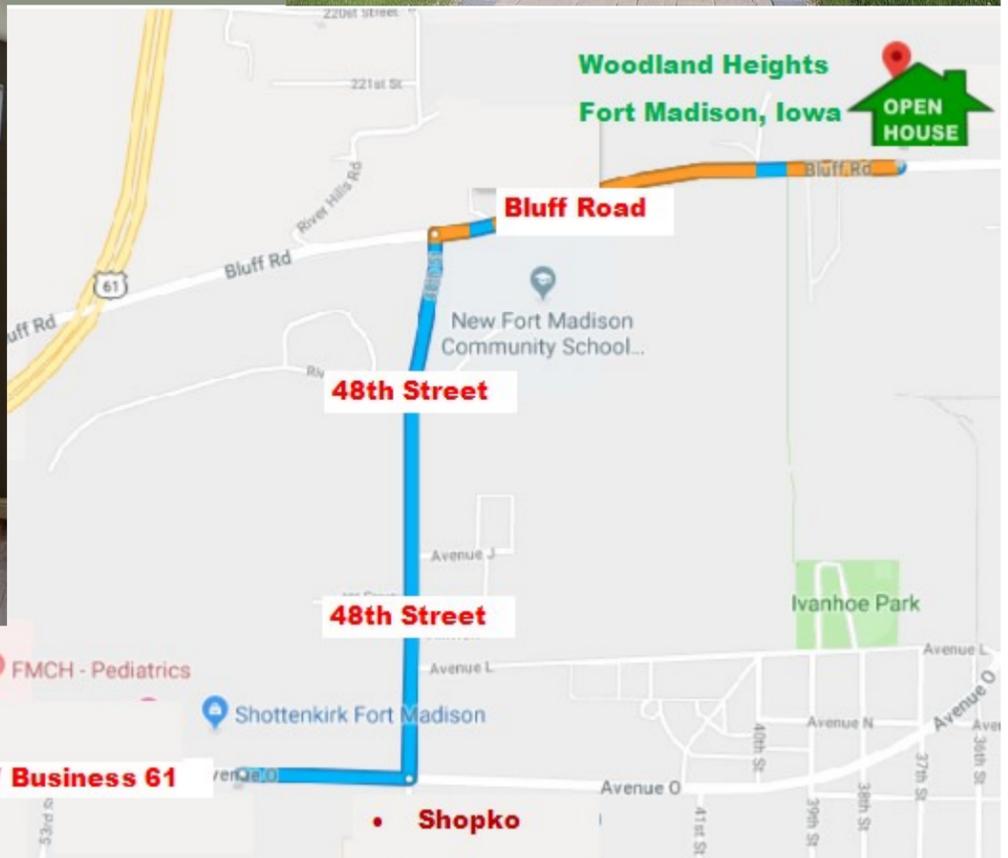
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