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County liking shingled road surface program

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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LEE COUNTY - A new road surfacing program using disposed shingles has some rural Lee County residents shouting from the rooftops.

The program, which was brought to the Lee County Board of Supervisors by Great River Regional Waste Authority Director Wade Hamm, is proving to be a dust-free alternative to the typical gravel or sealant programs.

Supervisor Gary Folluo commended the Lee County Secondary Roads Department on Tuesday for the work that has been done at the intersections of Valley and Hilton roads, and Valley and Johnson Street roads, both just west of Keokuk city limits.

The intersections are now a mix of ground up shingles and gravel

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-Wade Hamm
Director, GRRWA

at about a 2 to 1 ratio. Hamm, who was down at the Valley and Hilton road intersection, pointed to a dump truck coming down the road on the Valley Road headed south kicking up a bunch of dust, but when it hit the new shingle gravel mix, the dust dissipated.

“That’s what this program does,” Hamm said. “You saw that dust just go away once the truck hit that new surface.”

To date, the county has applied about 900 tons of the mixture on the two intersections which total just over a mile combined. The cost to the city for

the mixture is about \$20/ton or about \$18,000 so far. But Lee County’s Assistant Engineer, Ben Hull, said the county has been gleaning information from other counties, including Scott County, and the new mixture in that county has lasted five years or better with little to no maintenance.

The mixture is grated in with existing gravel and county crews don’t need to roll the surface during application. Hamm said vehicle travel will compress the surface because the shingles are made of asphalt which warms and becomes the binder of the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Great River Regional Waste Authority Director Wade Hamm shows a stretch of Valley Road at the Hilton Road intersection where a new test program using a shingle and gravel mixture is yielding durable and dust free surfaces. The dust in the distance is where the test surface ends.

surface.

Hull also said the surface doesn’t “wash-board”, which is when cars experience rapid bumping when approaching an intersection, nor are they showing potholes.

Hull said the county wants to watch the prog-

ress of the two intersections through the winter and, then in the spring, make decisions on how to move forward, including doing other intersections.

County resident Mary Van Pelt suggested the intersection at Airport and Middle roads where

Central Lee students who are open-enrolled from other districts are transferred onto buses would be a good place to start. Supervisor Matt Pflug agreed.

“We want to watch

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Walker to take over Bloodhound baseball team

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - Inheriting a program that has won just nine games in the past four years combined screams you have nowhere to go but up.

Fort Madison’s Ron Walker, who helped put together the Southeast Iowa Baseball Training Academy, was announced Monday as the new Fort Madison High School head baseball coach. He replaces Ken Steeples who was let go after this spring’s season.

Walker said he’s got a roster of players from last year and every one of the players is as good as the other at this point.

“I think we’ll be in fine shape. Moving forward, the kids have to believe in what they’re doing and trust the



WALKER

system,” Walker said. “The big thing is the kids trust in me and I trust in them. But when the kids start trusting their teammates, that’s when this will go a long ways.”

Walker comes from a steeped background in baseball including volunteering with several area high schools and then spent many years with Justin Schulte, the current head baseball coach at Southeastern Community College. Schulte and Walker organized the baseball academy. He played high school, college, and semi-pro levels baseball during his playing days.

“Coach Schulte was the pitching coach at SCC when I was there in 1997-98. He came back to be the head coach in 2006 and we’ve stayed in touch since then. I was around the SCC program a day here and a day there and

then I started being there for drills and part of the recruiting process and made calls on behalf of the program to potential recruits,” Walker said.

He then modeled a traveling youth baseball squad off the SCC program called the Junior Blackhawks. Walker enjoyed working with the younger players and passed on a couple offers to coach at the high school level, because his job and family requirements made the timing poor. Walker is the general manager for Great River Plumbing in Fort Madison and said the flexibility in his schedule now allows him the time to devote to a high school team.

He said, despite the last few years’ struggles, people in Fort Madison need to remember that the team will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Bloodhounds’ state

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Obituaries/Weather

WANDA M. GAYLORD

Wanda M. Gaylord, 79, of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 8:48 PM at the Great River Hospice House.



GAYLORD

She was born on January 5, 1939 in Keokuk to Leon and Helen Bengé Smith. On January 14, 1960 she married Dean Gaylord in Quincy, IL. She was a graduate of Southeastern Community College Registered Nurse Program. Wanda was a surgical nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital, a certified nurse aide instructor for the Iowa Board of Nursing, a nursing instructor at Southeastern Community College in Keokuk and a nurse for the Ft. Madison School District at Jefferson School.

She was a member of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church and the Houghton euchre card club. She was also a certified testing Instructor for the Iowa Board of Nursing. Wanda enjoyed playing the piano and traveling. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her great grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Gaylord of Ft. Madison; one son, Sam (Linda) Gaylord of Ft. Madison; one grandson, Zachary (Brianna) Gaylord of Fort Madison; two great grandchildren, Neely Page Gaylord and Knox Dean Gaylord of Ft. Madison and one sister, Glenda (Marvin) Moeller of Houghton; two step grandchildren, Colton Richard Thompson and Megan Ann Thompson all of Ft. Madison; three step great grandchildren, Beau Michael Berry, Pierson Michael Berry and Addilynn Ann Berry all of Ft. Madison and daughter-in-law, Charlotte (Dan) Catlin of Mt. Pleasant, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family will meet with friends on Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 1-3 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The memorial service will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating. Per her wishes, her body has been cremated and burial will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established for the Great River Hospice House and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

STEVE BUSARD

Steve Busard, 66 years, of West Point, Iowa passed away unexpectedly Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital, Fort Madison, Iowa. He was born December 4, 1951 in Fort Madison, a son of John Francis and Dorcas (Haney) Busard. On October 16, 1971, he married Jane Wooldridge. She survives.

Steve was a 1970 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He owned and operated Steve's Cycle Shop and later Import Restorations for more than 30 years. He loved motorcycles, collecting and selling cars, and drag racing. He had a need for speed but also loved being outdoors landscaping his home. He built and sold homes. He was a jack of all trades. Steve enjoyed traveling to Bozeman, Montana for fly fishing.

He is survived by his wife Jane Busard, of West Point; three daughters: Jennifer Busard of Burlington, Iowa; Stacey Alvarez of Fort Madison; and Kara (Damon) Dalton of Kahoka, Missouri; two brothers, Rodney (Kelly) Busard of Donnellson, Iowa and Jim Busard of Washington; three sisters: Barbara (Raymond) Judy of Texas; Melody Huffman of Burlington; and Chris (Randy) Crowner of Burlington; four grandchildren, one great grandson on the way; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His family will greet friends from 5:00 - 6:30 pm Friday, August 24, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. A memorial service will follow and begin at 6:30 pm Friday at the funeral home, with Pastor Dean Graber officiating. A memorial has been established and contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Busard family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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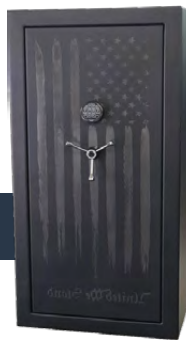
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Moderate Rain

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Fort Madison Police Report

8/6/2018 - 7:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of Ave. E.
 8/6/2018 - 4:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny theft in the 1200 block of 25th St.
 8/6/2018 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Ave.
 08/13/18 - 8:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in Hawkeye Village
 08/14/18 - no reports listed
 08/15/18 - 5:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 35th Street.
 08/15/18 - 6:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 08/15/18 - 1:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Antwan Lawrence Brewster, 18, of Fort Madison in the 900 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.
 08/15/18 - 6:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Hunter Joseph Sorenson, 22, of Fort Madison in the 600 block of 23rd Street on a charge of simple domestic

abuse. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/15/18 - 11:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jesse Winslow McGee, 46, of Keokuk in the 1500 block of 18th Street on a warrant for domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/16/18 - 8:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2100 block Peavine Lane.
 08/16/18 - 12:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue N.
 08/16/18 - 4:32 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L.
 08/16/18 - 4:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue E.
 08/16/18 - 9:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue I.
 08/16/18 - 10:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Wyatt Lee WcWhorter, 24, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue I, on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/16/18 - 10:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Heaven Brooke Stacy, 24,

of New London at the Fort Madison Police station on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/17/18 - 6:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block 33rd Street.
 08/17/18 - 6:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of S. 20th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/6/18 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Elizabeth Alarcon, 38, of Cedar Rapids on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 08/6/18 - 10:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Wayne Burgess, 34, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of N 7th St., on a warrant for judgement holding. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 08/6/18 - 4:05 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Elizabeth Alarcon, 38, of Cedar Rapids, at the Sheriff's office, on a charge of a temporary hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 08/6/18 - 4:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cynthia Renee Pullinger, 26, of West Burlington, at the Sher-

iff's office, on a charge of a temporary hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 08/13/18 - 8:25 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Mitchell Lee, 33, of West Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for assault with injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/13/18 - 4:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Old Denmark Road. A vehicle driven by David Lawrence Hoenig, 44, of Revere, Mo., struck the back end of a vehicle driven by Carolyn Ann Maclearn, 69, of Fort Madison. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene.
 08/14/18 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Ray Raszler, 27, of Fort Madison in the 300 block of 7th Street in Fort Madison, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/14/18 - 11:48 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Michael Schiedel, 30, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Hwy. 61 on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.
 08/14/18 - 7:19 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Marly Mae-Jean

Jones, 18, of Keokuk, at Deer Meadow Apartments on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/15/18 - 2:13 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rebecca Sue Billing, 32, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 10th Street and Avenue G, on charges of interference with official acts and failure to provide a valid driver's license, and on warrants for contempt of court and voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/15/18 - 11:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to one-vehicle accident on Valley Road where a vehicle driven by Phillip Dean Weisheit, 31, of Keokuk lost control on a grave road and rolled over onto its top. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene.
 08/15/18 - 4:38 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Douglas McNitt, Jr., 54, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/15/18 - 4:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited a 17-year-old juvenile male from Keokuk on a charge of fifth-degree theft <\$200. He was released pending a

juvenile court appearance.
 08/16/18 - 6:28 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2700 block of Hwy. 16 where a vehicle driven by Demetrius Ernest Alexander, 19, of Denmark lost control while passing a vehicle in foggy conditions and entered a ditch in a field. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene.
 08/16/18 - 9:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Howard Green Burgess II, 36, of Keokuk on a temporary hold at the sheriff's office. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/17/18 - 2:29 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lorisa Lynn Templeton, 42, of Keokuk, in the 3400 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/17/18 - 6:51 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Troy Allen Gasaway, 53, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office on three warrants for failure to appear and a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
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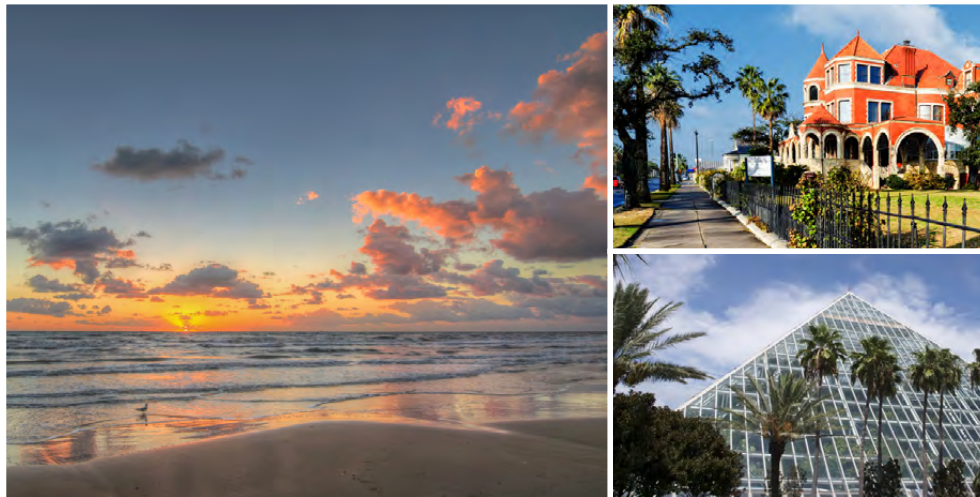


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From the Front

County amends bid policy to expedite emergency repairs

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what happens with those surfaces that we're testing," Hull said. "We're hearing great things out of Scott County, and the other good thing is we're starting where they are and they've been researching for about three years now."

Scott County has used mixtures ranging from 1-to-1 ratios all the way to 3-to-1 ratios in shingle to gravel.

Hamm said the benefit to GRWWA is that it keeps shingles out of the landfill which extends the life of the landfills. Currently, GRWWA accepts all shingles at no charge as long as foreign materials, outside of the nails, are removed.

"The shingles can have nails in them because they just get ground up and become part of the mixture but other materials need to be separated. As long as they've

done that, there is no charge for dumping the shingles," he said.

He said he's sent about 1,500 tons of shingles to Gray for grinding and has about another 400 tons on hand. Considering it takes about 900 tons to do just over a mile at the current mix ratio, the county would be hard pressed to find enough to cover all its rural roads.

"The supply will never be enough that we will ever be able to do all the miles of gravel road in the county. It's going to be something where we selectively choose locations to use this material on," Hull told the board.

The shingles are picked up and hauled to Gray Quarries in Hamilton where they are ground up and then sold back at the per ton charge.

Folluo said he wanted to give Hamm credit for bring-

ing the idea to the attention of the board.

"He put the bug in our ear about doing this project and I think it's worked out real good so far."

In other action, the board:

- voted 4-0 to approve an amendment to the county's bid policy regarding emergency repairs purchases in which the chairman of the supervisors can authorize purchases or contractors for emergency repairs for any public improvements. The chairman would make a finding of necessity and obtain a certificate from a licensed engineer that the repair is immediately necessary and then either take action or call a telephonic or in-person meeting of the board to address any issues without holding a public hearing or advertising for bids.

- voted 4-0 to approve a final change order for tuck pointing on the South Lee County Courthouse which resulted in a decrease in the final bill of approximately \$4,000.

- voted 4-0 to approve the replacement of a part-time correctional officer who left the jail staff for a position in Henry County.

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From the Front/Empty Nest

Walker brings pitch-by-pitch mentality to Hounds

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championship in 2000.

"We need to put baseball back on the map in Fort Madison," Walker said.

"Not just three months of the year, but 12 months of the year. We've got a lot of great athletes that can bring people back out to the ballpark."

He said his first goal out of the gate is to spruce up the school's facilities. He wants to schedule a fall clean up at the park where students, parents, and volunteers can help brighten up the field and create a sense of pride in the team again. He said he doesn't have a date set, but will try to work that out with school officials once school is back in session.

Walker said that not being a teacher-coach will present some hurdles that some other coaches don't have to deal with and he won't have the five-day-a-week access to players and potential players that teacher-coaches have.

"I want to start talking to the kids early and getting them to think about baseball and buying into the program," he said. "We need to take pride in wearing that Bloodhound jersey. It's an honor in wearing it and not just not going through the motions."

He said baseball is a game of pitches and the team needs to learn that they should win one pitch at a time.

"You can win that pitch as a pitcher or a hitter. You focus on the first pitch and then you start to win some at bats as a pitcher and a hitter," Walker said. "Before you know it you've won a

game and then you start stringing games together. But at this point, with only seeing a roster, we're gonna focus on winning that pitch."

He said he brings a full team concept to the field and wants to handle the duties between the lines and have a good support team to take care of the dugout.

"We're only as good as our last player in the dugout," Walker said. "Team chemistry is very important and baseball isn't an individual sport by any means. They need to trust in each other."

Over the past four years the Hounds have one nine of 129 games and with Burlington looking to join the Southeast Conference next year, Fort Madison will have a greater chance of putting up more wins without as much travel.

Walker said he isn't coming to the team with any preconceived notions about what the program will look like.

"I want to develop my own opinion, based on kids and their desire to play the game. We're starting fresh here and every kid is on an even playing field as far as I'm concerned," Walker said.

He said the community just needs to look about 90 miles down the road to Centerville, which just won a state championship.

"They won with young kids. The program is what's solid."

Walker is joining a group of new coaches in the 2018 season including Todd McGhghy taking over the

girls high school basketball program from Charlie Knipe, who resigned last year but will coach middle school girls this year. Mike Schneider and Chad Hannum are splitting the head coaching duties for the boys high school track program after Erin Brenner resigned last fall.

He said one of the other things he wants to do out of the gate is meet with the other coaches about programming.

"The last thing I want to do is step on other programs," Walker said. "I want to work with them all. I definitely want to get with Derek (Doherty) and talk about the athletic enhancement program and how the baseball program can benefit from what they are doing."

He said the first time he can practice with the team isn't until April 29, 2019, but he said he wants to set up some meetings and get with the kids and new FMHS Activities Director Jeremy Swink and start building relationships. He also welcomed parents and other interested parties to reach out to him at ron.greatriver@gmail.com.

Swink said four candidates applied for the position.

"We had four candidates," Swink said. "It was a very tough choice as all four candidates were quality and brought a great level of energy and passion to the baseball program and its future. Ron comes to us with tremendous knowledge and experience with baseball at a variety of levels."

Nine lives put to the test by family farm's cat

Dr. Joel Ryon was headed for Mt. Pleasant's swimming pool for a workout. He is a triathlete having competed in Ironman triathlons and also the Boston Marathon. It was his day off from his busy hospital schedule and he was looking forward to a little water therapy and a good mile-long swim.

He passed a dead animal in the road and thought it was a rabbit. However, as he passed the dead animal, he saw a few tummy stripes and thought it might be a kitty. The Ryons had been missing one of their cats, Tonks, for about a week. "Uh, oh," Joel thought. "I wonder if that's Tonks?"

The Ryons have four cats, two of them named after Harry Potter characters, Tonks and Lupin. George and Shadow, Joel's work-out-room cat, round out the foursome. Tonks, Lupin and George are 100% outdoor cats.

Joel turned his car around and went back for a look-see. Sure enough, it was a cat and there was a tan-colored spot on its head like Tonks. Joel felt bad for Tonks, but at least they would now know what happened to her. Joel returned home and got a pair of gloves and a sack. He scooped up Tonks and took her home.

He summoned his wife, Heidi, and their two kids, Abby and Luke, and informed them that he had found Tonks. It was a sad event, but there was only one thing to do. They buried poor Tonks. They dug a hole at the bottom of the hill south of their house and laid Tonks to rest. Heidi reached forward and touched Tonk's tummy. Both she and Abby had a little cry fest, but it was over.

All four of the Ryons' cats are stray cats that followed them home from the nearby Old Thresher's grounds. They take good care of the strays, have them spayed and neutered, and feed them daily.

A few days later, at 10:00 o'clock at night, Heidi went outdoors to bring in the cat food. If they don't bring the cat food in at night, raccoons get into it. She called, "Kitty kitty!" Out of the corner of her eye, she saw a gray cat slinking toward the house, like a thief in the night. "Another stray," she thought. As the cat got closer, it looked awfully familiar. There was that tan spot in the center of its head. The cat meowed a hello. It was Tonks! Heidi let out a scream, scooped Tonks up and hollered for Joel. Joel appeared and said, "Well, I'll be darned. We must've buried someone else's cat."

Heidi hurriedly text her daughter, Abby, who was at cross-country camp. Abby, like her father, is an athlete and state champion cross-country contender. Abby was in her bunk and wondered why in the world her mother was texting her at 10:00 o'clock at night. When she saw the good news, she let out a scream to the other girls. "Tonks is alive!"

The news of Tonk's "resurrection" went out over social media. One tongue-in-cheek suggestion was that they should dig up the dead cat, put it back out on the road, so that the rightful owners might see it and know what happened to it.

Not!

If anyone on the south side of Mt. Pleasant is missing a gray tiger cat with a tan spot on its head, contact the Ryons.

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