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FM Partners finds more FM partners in first Paint-A-Thon



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Three ISP offenders help Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble paint on Friday as part of the Partner's Paint-A-thon that resulted in two Fort Madison homes getting an exterior makeover.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The inaugural effort to help beautify Fort Madison's neighborhoods got off to a rocky start, but the city now has two freshly painted and landscaped homes as a result of the work of volunteers spearheaded by Fort Madison Partners.

Last week work started on two homes, one on the east side in the 500 block of Avenue D and the other on the city's south side on 26th Street, with scraping and prepping sessions prior to painting that took place toward the end of the week.

More than 70 volunteers worked at different, and sometimes multiple, times using equipment and supplies purchased with donations from area businesses, including a donation of close to 30 cans of paint from Kempker's True Value Rental.

Fort Madison Partner's Executive Director Tim Gobble said the project had a few hiccups out of the gate, but working through the first year has shown where things can be done better next year.

"We had a few trips but in the end we were able to do two really nice projects," Gobble said. "Now that we've got the first one out of the way, there's some things I'd like to do different next year including having a committee of five or six people that are experienced in different aspects of the project like landscaping, or construction to help guide the projects."

When the project was first initiated, Gobble said the goal was to get five homes' exteriors rehabbed.

"We just didn't get the volunteers we needed to do that many so we cut it back to two, but in the end we had a lot of help."

He said groups like the Iowa Fertilizer Plant and the Fort Madison Community Hospital provided a lot of volunteers and those two volunteer groups tackled the home on 26th Street.

Groups from State Farm, Fraise Auction and Real Estate, International Eye Care, Climax Molybdenum, Sunnybrook Assisted Living, FMHS students and FM Partners, and other community volunteers descended on the home on Avenue D.

An unexpected contribution came from the Iowa State Penitentiary who had been following the project in local media.

Rebecca Bowker, an executive officer with ISP, came out to assist on Friday and brought three ISP minimum security offenders to the site on Avenue D Friday morning to help finish scraping and painting the trim on the home.

Ricky Rummels, Steve Blaise, and Frank Tanke all spent about four hours on the house. Tanke took over

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Barnes spins discus for a personal best at state meet

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

DES MOINES - Fort Madison's Elijah Barnes, who's been setting personal bests like changing his shoes this year, set another personal best in the discus to highlight local action at the IAHSAA/IGHSAU State Track meet Thursday.

Barnes competed in the discus throw in Thursday's afternoon session on the north side of Drake Stadium, while almost simultaneously, Matthew Hellige was running in the 3200 meter run. Hellige was scheduled to run at 3:50 and Barnes' competition was set for 4:30, but technical delays and restarts had the track events running about an hour behind schedule.



BARNES

"I didn't really plan on making it to state in this," Barnes said after the event. "But I don't know - you make it up here and if you're a competitor, you want to compete. I did throw a personal record by five feet so I guess there's that. But we're represented pretty well from southeast Iowa. There are two in there

from our area so they'll show well for us,. My event is tomorrow so I'll get my chance then."

Barnes was in the second flight of 12 and just missed medaling with a throw of 153'-5" which was good enough for ninth place overall. Barnes only threw the discus in a few meets as a junior, his first year in the event.

"For him to come in here and throw a personal record, I'm not sure you can ask for much more than that," said FMHS Head Coach Erin Benner.

Mt. Pleasant's Zach Beason threw a 160'-4" to finish in 5th place and West Burlington-Notre Dame's Niles Siefken threw 156'-6" to take the 8th place medal.

Hellige finished 22nd in the 3200 with a time of 10:36.34 a full 19 seconds off his district time of 10:17. He said the large grouping of runners was a little problematic as the race progressed. The 3200-meter run isn't flighted, so all 24 runners take off from staggered lines and then jockey for position as they all move to the inside. "There were a lot of runners and that's a little different," Hellige said. "You're not in control of the

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BRIAN LEE BELL

Brian Lee Bell, 28 of Lima, IL died Monday, May 14, 2018 at his home. He was born June 12, 1989 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Stacy Lee Bell and Kathryn

Louise Woodsmall Wylie. On September 9, 2010 he was united in marriage to Amber Tadlock in Hamilton, IL. She survives.



Other survivors include three sons, Christian Bell, Conner Bell and Kayden Bell, one daughter, Brooke Bell, all of Lima, IL, his parents, Kathryn Wylie of Lake City, FL and Stacy Lee Bell of Keokuk, one brother, Michael Bell of Keokuk and three sisters, Regina Wylie, Nicole Bell and Stacie Bell all of Lake City, FL, his mother and father-inlaw, Carl and Jan Weisinger of Tioga, IL and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Brian had been a volunteer firefighter with the Lima Volunteer Fire Department. He had been employed at Walmart TLE for several years.

Brian enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He was an avid New England Patriots fan. Most of all, Brian loved spending time with family and friends and especially enjoyed having cookouts with them.

There will be no services.

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

ROGER FEATHERINGILL

Roger Featheringill, age 66 of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 8:30 AM at The Madison.



He was born on January 30, 1952 in Ft. Madison to Bert and Mary Pomberg Featheringill. On September 29, 1984 he married Brenda Heidbreder in Ft. Madison. Roger worked at Scott's Company and retired in 2015 after forty four years of service. He was of the Catholic faith. Roger was an Iowa Hawkeye and Dallas Cowboy fan and loved his grand dog, Mars. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his FEATHERINGILL family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Featheringill of Ft. Madison; two daughters, Emily (Sean) Featheringill-Graham of Mansfield, TX and Erica Featheringill of Iowa City, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, May 21, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 5-7 PM. A graveside service will be held at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Sacred Heart Cemetery with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating.

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

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City planning May 22 water outage

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - The City of Fort Madison has determined that to prepare for the upcoming reservoir rehabilitation, a new valve will need to be installed. This project is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 22 - weather permitting. From 8 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. water will be shut off in the following areas:

- Old Denmark Hill Top
- Old Denmark Road
- Old Denmark Hill
- 100 Block of 8th Street
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- Louis Street
- Ridgewood Drive
- Timberlane Drive
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Sports/From the Front

Schneider, Johnson on tap for Friday



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bloodhound Matt Hellige tries to put some distance between himself and Charles City's Gavin Connell Thursday in the 3200-meter run at the state track meet at Drake University.

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pace and when there's a bunch of people in front of you it can get a little tough."

The Holy Trinity Catholic sophomore isn't used to running behind too many runners, but typically when running against Mt. Pleasant he's looking ahead at Cody Mertens. Mertens finished fourth, getting nipped at the finish by a hard-charging Andrew Kephart of Decorah, who caught Mertens with less than 10 meters left in the race.

Hellige said the track was also a little hotter than he expected, but he said now it's time to take a little time off before he starts gearing up for cross country season and a possible return trip to the state cross country meet.

"It'll be good to eat what I want for awhile and then I'm just gonna take a little time off and get ready for cross," Hellige said.

He said he's been working with Jiro Scruggs during the indoor and outdoor season on some different techniques.

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"He's really helped me on my running form this year. Eyesocket to backpocket and a lot on running form and pacing," he said.

Benner, who had to run back and forth between the two events said she was happy with Hellige's performances.

"I'm proud of Matt and the work he put in this year. He's got two more years and I have no doubt he's going to come back here both of those years. He's a hard worker and committed to the sport," she said.

Central Lee's Class 2A Shuttle hurdle relay team of Zoe Eschman, Wendolyn Hannum, Hailey Tweedy, and Abby Wellman will compete in preliminaries for the last event of the day on Thursday.

On tap for Friday, HTC senior Brett Schneider will run for the Hounds in the 400-meter hurdles at approximately 5:20 p.m. FMHS senior Leigh Johnson will compete in the 3A girls shotput at approximately 2 p.m., while Central Lee's Emily Fuller will compete in the Class 2A girls discus at the same time.



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Larson/Shirai advance to girls state tennis meet

FAIRFIELD - Fort Madison's top girls double tennis team breezed through the bracket at Fairfield Middle School Wednesday to advance to the girls state tennis meet on May 30th and 31st in Waterloo.

Larson and Shirai faced a familiar foe in Burlington Notre Dames' Lydia Becker and Claire Hackenmiller in the championship and had little trouble dispatching the Nikes 6-2, 6-1 for the right to go to state. Becker and Hackenmiller will also advance as the runner-up in the

Larson, a senior, and Shirai, a sophomore exchange student from Japan, started the day with a shutout of Davis County's Avery Thompson and Isabella Tranquil-

Then Notre Dame's No. 2 doubles team of Riley Brueck and MacKenzie Fry came into the picture and FMHS ended the Nikes' season with a 6-3, 6-1 win.

Becker and Hackenmiller came off a three-set tiebreaker win over Davenport Assumption with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 win to advance to the finals with Larson and Shirai.

The Fort Madison duo stopped Keokuk's Jakala Hall and Daniella Lozano 6-3, 6-2 to set up the title match.

Fort Madison's No. 2 doubles team of Kearstyn Johnson and Larissa Ferrill won their first match of the day with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Mt. Pleasant's Sierra Barton and Breeana Runyon, but then had their season come to an end at the hands of Becker and Hackenmiller 6-3, 6-2.

In singles action, Mercedee Doty who played at No. 5 singles all year for the Hounds, got out of the first round with a win over Katie Conner in a long 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 three-set match. But then ran up against one of the best players in the state in Anatta Charoenkul who only gave up one game in a 6-1, 6-0 win over the Bloodhound.

Lanie Kuntz, who played at No. 6 singles for the Bloodhounds this year also won her first match with a 6-1, 7-5 over Centerville's Sarah Sheets. Kuntz then faced Davenport Assumption's Lauren DiJulio falling 6-2, 6-1 to end Kuntz' season.

The state tournament will be played at Waterloo's Byrnes Park with play starting at 9 a.m.



Katie Larson, foreground, and Miho Shirai, at baseline, work for a point against Burlington Notre Dame earlier this season. The FMHS duo faced the Nikes again and won advancing to the 2018 girls IGHSAU tennis tournament on May 30-31 in Waterloo.



Health News

2018 Live Healthy Food Guide a map to nutrition

LEE COUNTY - The 2018 Live Healthy Lee County Local Food Guide is ready to assist you and your family on where to find fresh, locally grown produce; restaurants that use fresh, local foods; grocery stores that sell fresh, local foods; food pantries who accept locally grown food donations; senior meal sites; and farmers markets where they can buy from local growers.

This is the fourth year for the guide which continues to grow.

"Every year we have a new producer or a new restaurant to add to the guide which is exciting to see," said Emily Biddenstadt, Lee County Health Department Community Outreach Coordinator. "Plus this year we have a new Produce Box Project for those local growers who might have extra to donate."

The Produce Box Project has a focus on providing access to fresh produce to seniors. The yellow boxes are located at seven locations around the county: Southview Housing (Donnellson), Heritage Center (Keokuk), Hillview Village (Fort Madison), Mississippi Terrace (Keokuk), Newberry Center (Fort Madison), Park View Apartments (West Point), and River Terrace (Keokuk). Produce donations can be left in the community rooms of these locations. "We still encourage everyone to donate extra produce to the food pantries," adds Biddenstadt. "We are all working together to try to increase the access of fresh produce."

The guide also provides a "Quick List" which is a graph of who sells what along with each producer's address, contact information, and hours. The restaurants listed make dishes and specials using locally grown food when in season. Along with the days and times of the farmer's markets it is also indicates which ones have stands that accept WIC and Senior FMNP.

LHLC would like to thank Fort Madison and Keokuk Hy-Vee stores, Pilot Grove Savings Bank, The Scotts Miracle Grow Company, and the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for sponsoring the LHLC Local Food Guide.

Lee County Local Food Guides can be found all over the county. Copies are located at all the businesses in the guide plus Fort Madison Partners Office, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce, ISU Extension and Outreach, Fort Madison Community Hospital, UnityPoint Health - Keokuk, and Lee County Health Department. A downloadable version can be found on the Live Healthy Lee County website, www.livehealthyleecounty.org. Or if you would like a copy mailed to you please



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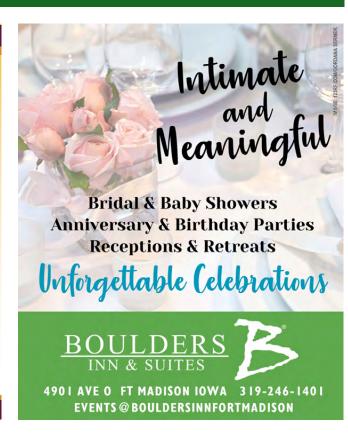
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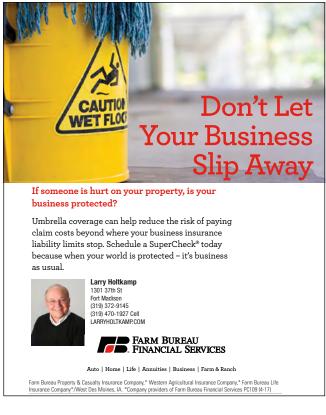












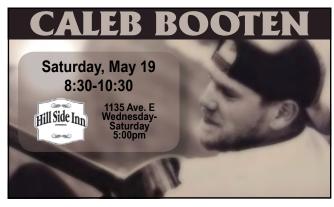












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landscaping duties on Friday after some slithery inhabitants were discovered while pulling overgrown shrubbery.

All three of the offenders said they were impressed with the community getting behind projects like this.

"The businesses in the community donated to this project and people volunteered their time. I think that's really cool and I'm glad we could help with it," Rummels said.

Financial contributions for the project came from the community, IEC, Hope Associates Real Estate, Fraise Auction & Real Estate, KLM Realty, Connection Bank, Lee County Bank, and MidWestOne Bank, and Matt LaFrenz's Country Financial. Partner sponsors: IFC, FMCH and Scotts. The project's premiere sponsor was Kempker's True Value & Rental, Inc. Assistance from Community Action was provided to both houses with new siding in areas for both houses, a storage trailer, a new door on the home on Avenue D, and a new ramp into the 26th Street home.

Hy-Vee also provided a lunch for volunteers on Saturday and the Moose Lodge provided meeting spaces for the project.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

ISP offender Ricky Rummels helps Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble remove an AC guard while working on a home in the 500 block of Avenue D during the first-ever Fort Madison Paint-A-Thon that wrapped up Saturday.

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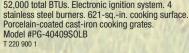
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