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# Some FMHS seniors graduation at risk

Slater says about 40 students are missing requirement

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With less than two weeks before graduation ceremonies, approximately 40 seniors at FMHS have yet to meet their community volunteer service hours.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison

School Board, board president Timm Lamb said FMHS Principal Greg Smith had indicated that there were some issues with seniors getting the hours complete. All students are required to perform 10 hours of community service during their time at FMHS. Starting with next year's incoming freshmen, that requirement will be bumped to 20 hours of service.

" I just spoke with Greg today and he said there are still quite a few people who have not completed their service requirements...a lot," said Board President Timm Lamb. "They're going to hold to the fact and they aren't going to graduate." They've had a lot of opportunities and they just aren't taking advantage of them. I think some of them think it's not going to happen."

Board member Gayla Young asked what the contingency was for the students that didn't get the hours completed. Lamb said they won't go across the stage at graduation on May 27th. He said as soon as the students complete their volunteer service hours they will get their diploma, but they won't be able to go across the stage with their classmates. But he reiterated that

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New owner gives Super 8 a facelift

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The inviting smell of a warm waffle grilling and hot coffee brewing welcomed the Fort Madison Ambassador Club at the Fort Madison Super 8 Friday morning.

Victor Kumar, owner and operator of the franchised hotel, said a lot of changes have been made and now he's looking forward to serving the people of Fort Madison from his spot on the west end of town on Hwy 61.

Kumar, a California native, has been in Fort Madison since September and has spent the past four months completing the ownership transition and renovating the interior of the facility.

He said all the rooms have been upgraded and the lobby/breakfast area has also been remodeled.

He said the path to Fort Madison was a quick one for him, but a path he's happy he took.

"I'm from California where I was working hourly as a cashier and then I decided I wanted to try and get a



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador Club visited Super 8 owner Victor Kumar on Friday. Kumar has recently refurbished a good portion of the hotel's exterior and interior and is looking forward to re-establishing the hotel in Fort Madison. Below is one of the renovated rooms at the hotel.



Boost kids graduate Monday

> BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -The inaugural year of the Bloodhound Boost program was a rousing success as more than 15 fourth and fifth grade students graduated Monday evening at the Elliott Test Kitchen.

Spurred by the success of the Test Kitchen's high school programming aimed at increasing ACT performance among local students, Fort Madison school officials put together a group to create a curriculum based on food and study to gauge interest from a younger group of students. "I think any time you can couple food and learning you get a good result," said Fort Madison Middle School Assistant Principal, Brent Zirkel. "I went to a conference about five years ago, a brain research conference See BOOST, page 10

business," Kumar said.

Since moving to the area last fall, he said he's been so busy he hasn't really had a chance to experience the people of Fort Madison.

"I do good things and I try to be nice with all the people. Everyone is different," he said with his heavy middle east accent. "I want to keep this for a long time and not sell it. But if the business goes well, we won't have any problems."

Kumar has a staff of part-time housekeepers and

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## **Local News/From the Front**

## Kumar spends \$1.6M to take over hotel

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laundry and is currently looking to hire a maintenance person for the facility.

"I've put about \$1.6 million into the purchase and renovations of the hotel," he said. "The front lobby has all new tiles and the breakfast area has all been remodeled. The outside foundation was also all redone last fall."

He said the hotel will still feature a morning breakfast with hot and cold offerings from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. including eggs, sausage, biscuits, and waffles among other things.

Kumar said he's heard a lot about the Tri-State Rodeo and is looking forward to it again this year, but innocently said he just doesn't know much about rodeos, other than he's booked full for this year's event.

"When I came out on Sept. 6, they were getting ready for Rodeo. I couldn't get out there but I want to go. I hear there's a lot of horse riding or something? I'm going to try and go this year and see what that's like." Reservations can be

made via the Super 8 web-

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## **District sets meal policy**

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they won't receive their diploma or graduate until the volunteer service hours requirement is met.

"Greg was telling me today what he and Patrick (Lamb, assistant principal) have put together. They've gone way over board to help get this done," Lamb said.

District Superintendent Erin Slater confirmed after the meeting that Smith had told her it was about 40 students who have yet to complete the service.

In other action, the board passed several policy revisions including a provision that would provide an alternative meal for any student whose lunch account is more than \$10 delinquent. Students would be allowed to pay cash for lunch while in the delinquent stage, but no charges would be allowed until the account is brought current.

The meal would include a choice of fruit, vegetable, and milk.

Slater said the Iowa Association of School Boards is requiring a policy to be on the books by July 1. The district had incurred shortages of close to \$60,000 in the past for unpaid lunch accounts.

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#### Fort Madison Police Report

05/12/17 - 6:31 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Avenue L. 05/12/17 - 6:54 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of Avenue L. 05/12/17 - 8:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 700 block of Avenue G. 05/12/17 - 11:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue G. 05/12/17 - 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 05/12/17 - 11:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the

2000 block of Avenue G. 05/12/17 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue H. 05/12/17 - 3:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of Avenue D. 05/13/17 - 2:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 15th Street. 05/13/17 - 6:18 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue J. 05/13/17 - 10:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of Avenue F. 05/13/17 - 3:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the

4600 block of Avenue J. 05/14/17 - 12:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report a burglary in the 300 block of 12th street. 05/14/17 - 3:34 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 400 block of 11th Street. 05/14/17 - 4:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of property damage accident at U.S. Hwy 61 and Henry Ladyn Drive. 05/14/17 - 7:57 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1000 block of Avenue C. 05/14/17 - 9:50 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue E. 05/14/17 - 2:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1800 block of Avenue F.

05/14/17 - 6:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue I. 05/14/17 - 7:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at U.S. Hwy 61 and Henry Ladyn Drive. 05/15/17 - 5:28 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue E. 05/15/17 - 6:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1800 block of Avenue F. 05/15/17 - 8:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue G.

> Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/12/17 - 10:47 a.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy 61 near milemarker 18. A vehicle driven by Donald LeMoyne Schrader, 81, of Montrose slowed for a turnaround in the median and was allegedly struck from the rear by a vehicle driven by Katherine Lee James, 38 of Argyle. No injuries were reported at the scene and James was cited for failure to maintain control. 05/12/17 - 2:37 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tia Anetera-Lorrain Dumas, 41, of Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant on a judgement entry. She was taken to the Lee County jail and held until her release on 5/13 for time served. 05/12/17 - 3:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Romi Mokihana Jensen, 47, of Keokuk at

the Henry/Lee county line on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/12/17 - 3;36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Levi Lewis Happs, 20, of Revere, Mo., at the Tipton Correctional Facility on two charges of unauthorized use of a credit card \$1,000 to \$10,000. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/13/17 - 4:19 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited and released Zachary James Schulte, 18, of Montrose at Elm Street and N. Main Street for possession of alcohol under the legal age. A 17-year-old minor was also cited at the same location and ordered to appear at juvenile court. 05/13/17 - 6:37 a.m. - Lee

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

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on house and garage.





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

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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

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**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

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**3BR** • **1BA** • **1 car garage 928 sq. ft.** • **1,087 sq. ft. lot** Very nice maintenancefree home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.

Listing #20164148 • \$72,500









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

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3 BR • 2 BA • 1 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

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2 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage 528 sq. ft. • 5,600 sq. ft. lot Super deal on this cream puff home, offering 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new roof, newer windows, siding and REALLY nice garage!

Listing #20164597 • \$29,900



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

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Listing #20162733 • \$269,000







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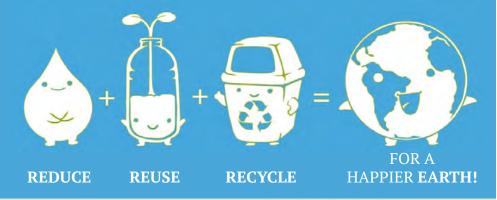
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## **Business News**

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- Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
- Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- •Maintain central files for multiple individuals
- •Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board



\* Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.

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## **Sports**



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FMHS's Larissa Ferrill hits a return Saturday in her No. 4 singles match. Ferrill was the only Bloodhound to win a match on the day downing McKenzie Fry 6-2, 6-1. The Hounds were eliminated from doubles action because of only having one win in singles competition in the team regionals.

## FMHS girls bounced early in regional team tennis

#### BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The FMHS girls tennis team struggled in two-set play on Saturday at the Iowa girls regional team

No. 4 singles conference champion

Katie Larson lost to WB/ND's Lydia Becker 3-6, 2-6 at No. 1 singles, Kearstyn Johnson fell by the same score to Claire Hackenmiller at No. 2, and Hope Gray lost 3-6, 2-6 to Delaney Williams before

Mercedee Doty lost 2-6, 1-6 to WB/

In later rounds, Mount Pleasant ND shut out Mt. Pleasant 5-0.

place on Thursday in Fairfield.



## MP ends FMHS boys season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison boys tennis team was eliminated from any post season play on Monday night as they fell to Mt. Pleasant 5-1 in preliminary substate team play.

The Hounds didn't advance to doubles play in the first-to-five wins format as Mount Pleasant won five of the six singles matches to end the contest. Each singles match was the best 2-of- 3 sets. The Hounds were with out several players including

No. 1 seed Dante Seaney. ny Hernandez who fell in Ben Zihlman 2-6, 1-6. Sam Avery put up a tough fight



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The Hounds' Blake Feuerhammer powers  $\operatorname{Playing at No. 1 was John-}$  a serve in his second set match with Corbin Broeker. Feuerhammer lost the match 6-2, straight sets to the Panther's 6-1, and coupled with four other Hound losses, FMHS was eliminated from team tennis.

against Mt. Pleasant's No. 2 Ethan Weber. Weber won the first set 6-1, but Avery came back to win the second set 6-3. The third set went to a 6-6 ties before Weber put the match away with a 7-3 tiebreaker win.

At No. 3, the Hounds got on the board when Austin Krueger dropped Mt. Pleasant's Joey Holtkamp in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

Conrad Hellman gave Elijah Plooster a run for his money at No. 4 when he took the first set 6-3. The second set went to a tiebreaker and Plooster pulled out a 7-3 win to take the set 7-6. Plooster then ran to quick 6-4 win in the third set to take the match.

The Panthers took the No. 5 and No. 6 singles matches in straight sets when Corbin Broeker downed Blake Feuerhammer 6-1, 6-2 and Nick Sandeen shut out Gage Hind 6-0, 6-0.

Hernandez and Seaney still have tennis action left as they play in the state doubles tournament May 26 - 27 at Burns Park in Waterloo.



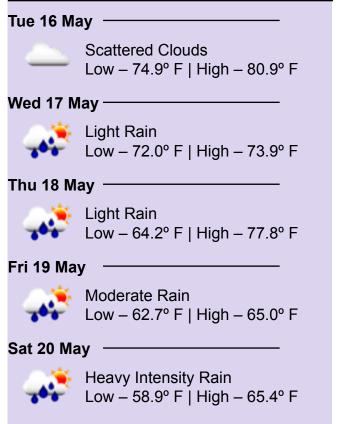
## From the Front/Weather

#### **RECORD** - Continued from Page 3

County Sheriff's deputies cited and released Kolton Mathew Sapp, 18, of Arqyle, at Elm Street and N. Main Street for posession of alcohol under the legal age. 05/13/17 - 8:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Albert James Cresswell, Jr., 28 of Fort Madison at

150th St., and 240th Avenue on a charge of driving while license denied/revoked -OWI. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/13/17 - 7:11 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Hope Catherine Eid, 19, of Wever, on a warrant for violation of probation and two war-

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rants for failure to appear-contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/13/17 - no time given - two juveniles were cited for 2nd-degree criminal mischief and ordered to appear at Juvenile court. 05/14/17 - 4:11 p.m. Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Harmony Kimber Smith, 34, of Farmington at 1100 block of Hwy 2 on a charge of domestic abuse assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 05/14/17 4:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Benjamin Richard Smith, 37, of Farmington in the 1100 block of Hwy 2, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to

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the Lee County Jail and held.

#### **Fort Madison Fire** & Rescue Report

05/12/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one burn complaint. 05/13/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to seven medical calls and one burn complaint 05/14/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burn permit.

## **Boost program created locally**

**BOOST** - Continued from Page 1

in Massachusetts, and they said forget about the strategies and all that stuff you do. The two biggest indicators of success later in life is, one, if you can delay gratification and, two, if you eat as a family in a family style setting.

Zirkel said it's a perfect setting to have Kumar Wickramasingha, the Test Kitchen founder, creating a space for students to study, learn to cook, and have a good meal in the after-school study environment.

"We are so lucky to have Kumar and his expertise, he bring in chefs and he covers that whole food part of it. The relationship you can build with kids across the table versus at a desk is very compelling."

The teachers in the program, including Amy Diewold and Misty Koser from the middle school, and Debora Hentzel from Fort Madison High School, were integral in building the curriculum.

"Our teachers have done an amazing job. They are

- Clara W.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

About 15 students graduated from the inaugural Bloodhound Boost program held at the Elliott Test Kitchen this spring.

all literacy specialists and have master's degrees or higher in that concentration so they really know what they are doing," Zirkel said.

"I'm just very excited. I mean, look at the smiles on their faces, we're not dragging these kids here. They are trying new things. I'm trying new things. Kumar even got me eating brussel sprouts.

Zirkel said the program was also dependent on the district administration and school officials, including Fort Madison Middle School principal Todd Dirth.

"You bring good people together you're gonna get a positive result," Zirkel said. Dirth was also present at

the graduation ceremony, which included dinner and cake, certificates, and some gift bags for the teachers and administrators.

"It's wonderful," Dirth said. "It gave us a chance to experiment. It was a pilot program to see how the middle school reacted, see what kind of commitment we could get and it's just been wonderful."

"We got three teachers on board and we created curriculum. This was all done in-house."



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