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Main St. kitchen treats Main St. supporters

Fundraiser nets \$2,600 for local Main Street group

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FORT MADISON - It was an evening of great food, and wine some music, along with fellowship and fundraising.

The Fort Madison Main Street district held one of their two annual Sensational Chefs events on Saturday at the ever-popular Elliott Test Kitchen at 827 Avenue G.

Around 35 local supporters of Main Street dined on a five-course meal complete with service and select wines and beverages, all sponsored by Hall Towing Inc. of Fort Madison.

As a new flare to annual event, Fred Knoch, who is one of the main volunteer



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A good meal for a good cause

Supporters of the Fort Madison Main Street program dine on specially prepared food as part of the Main Street's Sensational Chefs annual fundraisers at the Elliott Test Kitchen on Avenue G. Fred Knoch, four area students and Kumar Wickramasingha prepared a five-course meal for the program.

chefs at the Test Kitchen worked with students from local schools to prepare and serve those coming to hear about the Main Street program, and see how the students learn

to prepare food as part of the Test Kitchen experience.

Knoch spends every Tuesday cooking with Test Kitchen students and polishing his culinary tal-

ents by working alongside Kumar Wickramasingha, who is a former award-winning chef and restaurateur.

"Elliott Test Kitchen students love to work with

Fred, and they learn how to cook because of his friendly, patient manner," Wickramasingha said.

The first course appetiz-

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SPORTS

FMHS wrestler notches 100th

Steffensmeier takes 3rd at DM invite

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FORT MADISON - FMHS junior Harlan Steffensmeier notched his second 3rd place finish at tournaments with top



ranked wrestlers, and notched the 100th win of his career as well.

"It was an incredible tournament," Head Coach Ryan Smith said. "There were lots of No. 1 and No. 2 state ranked opponents in the finals."

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FMHS musicians show talent at Variety Show



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



FMHS Musicians

At far left, Nakia Ross belts out a solo as part of the Jazz 3 group that performed at Sunday's Variety Show at FMHS. At left, Aniah Ross sings Dolly Parton's "Jolene" and at top Jazz Lab 2 performs.

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Thirty-five get five-course gourmet meal

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ers included Gulf Shrimp on a baguette, homemade guacamole and chips and cheesy quesadillas. Then as a warm up to the main courses, the students, including Alexis Rehm & Ellie Schulte from Fort Madison Middle School, Jayden Fedler from Fort Madison High School and Brett Azinger from Central Lee Middle School, helped prepare and dish chicken curry on Basmati rice and mint chutney.

Then attendees were then treated to a baked Tilapia on Asian coleslaw with a mango salsa before the main dish of lemon glazed pork loin and a brandy mushroom sauce, rosemary red potatoes and a braized cabbage.

The whole meal was topped of with apple cobbler and cinnamon ice cream.

Main Street director Cassie Gilbert, who worked the room while refilling wines and talking with guests, said there were 35 patrons to the event at \$75 per person.

The funds will go directly to help Main Street programming throughout the year.



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A 5-courser

Saturday night's Main Street fundraiser at the Elliott Test Kitchen brought out culinary specialties like the brandy mushroom sauce Alexis Rehm is stirring at top left, and the lemon-glazed pork loin at top right. The event was prepared and served by Jayden Fedler, Ellie Schulte, Brett Azinger, Alexis Rehm and Fred Knoc and sponsored by Hall Towing Inc.



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Sports

Two FM grapplers place at Ed Winger Invitational

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Steffensmeier (32-3) got caught in a cradle by Colin Lewis of North School at the 2:49 mark to send him to the consolation round for 3rd place. The FMHS junior had beaten Lewis by decision at the Lancer Duals in North School two weeks ago.

Steffensmeier pinned Trevor Stanley of Greenwood 1:18 into the match to get his first win of the day. Then in the quarter-finals he scored a major decision over Zach Fisher of Indianola 11-0 for his 100th win in his high school career. In the consolation round he scored a technical fall over Zach Oldham of West Des Moines 16-0. He then scored a major decision over Skyler Noftsgar of Ballard 12-1 to get the third-place medal. Noftsgar was 31-3 going into the match and rated 6th

in the state in Class 2A.

Aaron Steffensmeier (132) took 7th place at the event winning four of five matches. He lost in the first round to Will Jefferson of Bettendorf 10-0 to put him in the consolation bracket where he went on to pin his next two opponents, Todd Robinson of W. Des Moines and Luke Stuart of Urbandale. He then took a decision from Ames' Humberto Alvarado, 5-1 setting up the 7th place match with Cade Moss. Steffensmeier pinned Moss at 2:48.

Ryan Steffensmeier (113) lost in the 7th place match to Jackson Lukehart of West Des Moines Valley. He won his first match of the day over Keaton Speicher of Iowa City West with a 12-4 decision. Then was pinned by Kobey Pritchard of Indianola at the 4:50 mark,



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

One of the 100

FMHS' Harlan Steffensmeier has an opponent tied up in this file photo from December. Steffensmeier won his 100th match on Saturday and several other Hound wrestlers either placed or showed well at the Ed Winger Invitational in Urbandale.

which sent him into the 7th place bracket. There he met Cade Pahl of Des Moines Roosevelt and pinned him at the 2:49 mark to set up the match

with Lukehart. Nathan Steffensmeier lost his first two matches of the day by pin at 120 lbs. in 1:25 and 3:05. At 126, Skylar Schau

lost his first match of the day in a 10-1 decision to Ethan Wagner of Centerville. Schau then got two byes in a row to set up a match with Voyan Ad-

amson of Bettendorf who scored a technical fall at 16-0 to end Schau's day.

At 182 lbs. Diego Lozano (13-14) was pinned in his first two matches of the day, the first at the hands of Ben Lee of Ballard and the second by Tristan Richardson of North School.

Danen Settles, wrestling at 195 lbs. for the Hounds, lost in the first round by pin to Isaac Bales in :52. But Settles battled back and won two decisions in the consolation bracket over Jacob Martin of Waukee 12-6 and Kaden Sutton of Adel-DeSoto-Minburn, 5-0. Settles was on his way to the 7th place match but was stopped quickly by Reece Bowlin of Indianola by pin at :42.

On Tuesday the Hounds travel to Kirksville, Missouri for a 6 p.m. match.

WEEKEND BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Hound boys squander first-half lead in Quincy

PEN CITY STAFF

QUINCY - A second-half let down gave the Fort Madison Bloodhounds their second loss in two games against Illinois opponents this year.

Unity of Quincy shut down the Hounds in the second half en route to a 58-50 win in a make-up game from Dec. 17.

The Hounds, who had won 6 of the last 7 games going into Saturday's game, relied on junior Caleb Cresswell and senior CJ Richardson for 26 of the teams 28 first-half points including 19 from Cresswell.

Lorenzo Riles had the only other points for the Hounds in the first half with a bucket in the second quarter. but the Hounds had an eight point lead 28-20 at the end of the half.

Unity's Corey Miller got hot in the second half for Unity and almost single-handedly pulled the game out for Unity as the Hounds had no answer for him in the fourth quarter. Miller threw up 14 points in the final period and had 21 in the second half.

FMHS was outscored 21 to 12 in the final period dashing the Hounds hope for winning 7 of 8.

Cresswell finished with 22 points followed by Richardson's 12. Austin Rose had 5 and Logan Rashid added four. Treavor Kokjohn had 3 points and Riles and Landon Bentley each added a bucket.

The Hounds travel to Kahoka for a battle with Missouri foe Clark County on Tuesday and then host 4th ranked Mt. Pleasant in a conference rematch on Friday at home. The Panther's are 12-2 on the year and undefeated in the loop. Their only losses have come to Cedar Rapids Xavier and Muscatine. The Panthers handed the Bloodhounds a 64-38 defeat on Jan. 10.

Lady Hounds lose 10th straight at Quincy

BY PEN CITY STAFF

QUINCY - The Fort Madison Lady Bloodhounds played a strong defensive effort, but couldn't put the points on the board to get a win.

Quincy downed the FMHS 39-29 in a physical non-conference make up game that was rescheduled after bad weather in December.

"They were a very physical Quincy team and held us to just 10 field goals," said Head Coach Charlie Knipe.

The Hounds also played good defense allowing only 17 field goals in the game for the Mustangs, but four of those were 3-pointers, two from Jada Humphrey who led Quincy with 14 points.

The Hounds were paced by Amber Dilsaver who had 12 points. Mercedes and Mariah Trimble each had six for FMHS. Anna Kester added three points and Emily Mitchell had 2.

When Fort Madison did get the free throw line they made all five attempts.

The Lady Hounds fall to 3-12 in the loop and play host to non-conference Danville on Tuesday.

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FMMS 8th graders drop two to Edward Stone

PEN CITY STAFF

BURLINGTON - Fort Madison Junior High's 8th grade boys basketball team dropped two games at Edward Stone in Burlington on Thursday.

In the "A" game, Gage Crank had 8 points, Levi Lowney had 7 points followed by Seth Mendez and Kyndon Boatman with 5. Anthony Barnes had 4 and Lane Herriman had two. Barnes led FM with 9 boards in the game followed by Crank and Mendez with 6 each. Mendez also had six steals.

In the "B" game, Barnes led the way for the Hounds with 12 points followed by Jake Perry and Ethan Deacon each with six points. Crank and Herriman had 4 and 3 points. Dylan Folks rounded out the scoring with two points. Perry led the way with four boards.

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