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Benton ends Hounds' season

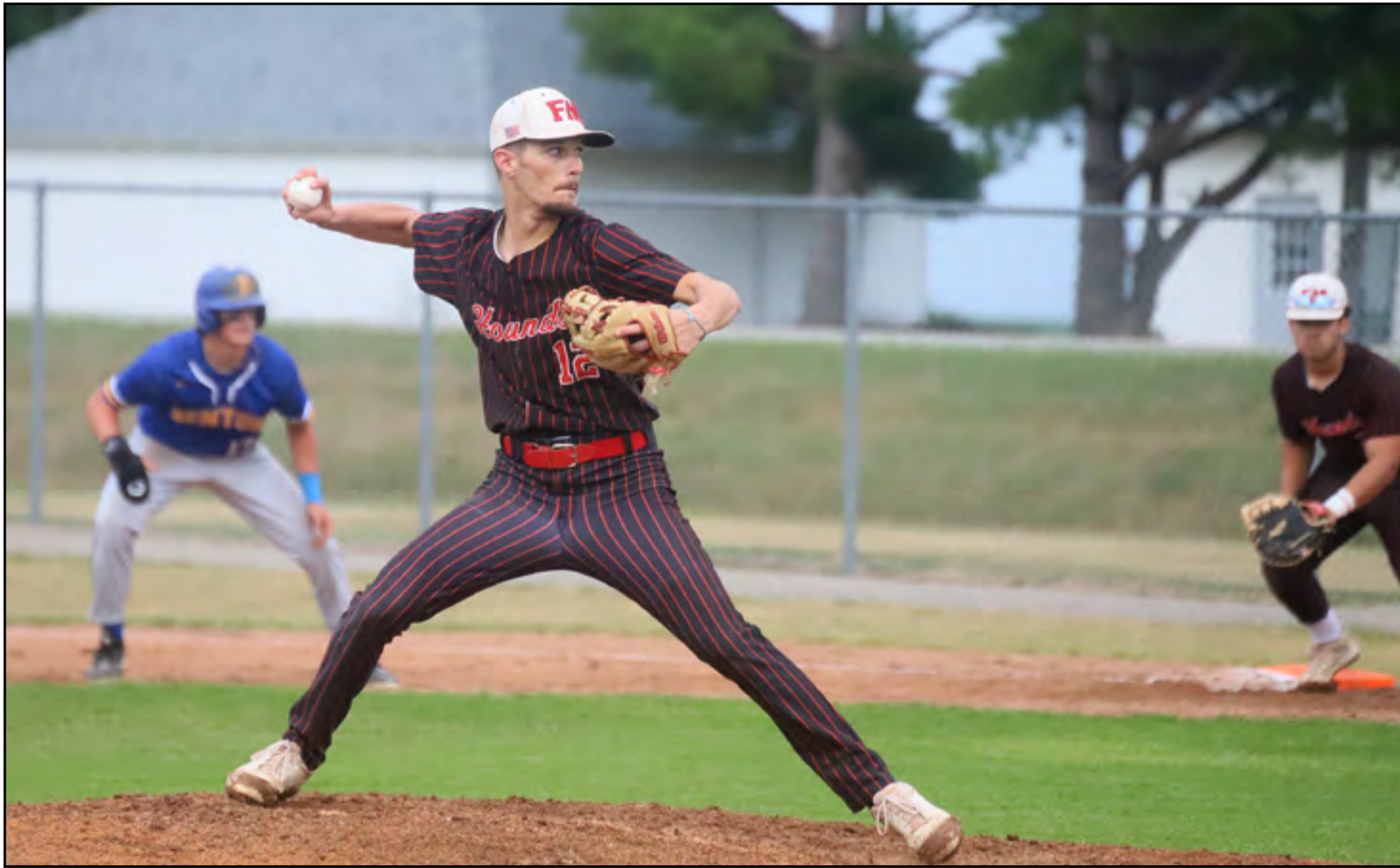


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Senior Aidan Pennock lets one go from the stretch with a runner leading off first in the second inning Friday in Van Horne. Pennock would go the distance for the Hounds but suffered the loss 6-0. See page 6 for the full story and more photos.



A big Bee joins the hive

There's a Bee in my brother's house. It's a big Bee.

About 6'3 and 190 lbs., this Bee came to stay with my brother's family in June as a favor to friends of ours from Waukee.

He's actually a McGee Bee.

And he plays for the Burlington Bees.

The prospect wood bat league has been growing a bit in popularity this year. Actually, I think baseball in general has prospered a bit with the new rules that speed up the game.

Times between pitches, times to throw over to first, eliminating some heavy shifting and other rules have brought games down about 40 minutes on average.

I'm enjoying baseball again, too.

I've gone to two Bees games this year, but have yet to see the McGee Bee pitch. He's a closer at Minnesota State, but in an effort to stretch his muscles and mental game, they moved him to a starting role this summer in Burlington.

Our conversations touch upon the experience of traveling baseball and playing at a level comparable to college, but a bit more provincial.

He's enjoying the time in West Burlington, I think. He always seems to have a smile on his face and is fitting in nicely with some kids that don't always fit nicely, if you know what I mean.

I think John enjoys having another kid in the house, and some free-Bee baseball. As a host family, they get into the games for free. We go on Thirsty Thursday. I'm always thirsty on Thursday it seems.

Chad Ward, of Lee County Bank fame, bought one of the McGee Bee's jerseys in a charity auction and walked over and gave it to me for the family.

I think I'll keep it. For when he's play-

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ILLINOIS NEWS: Hamilton woman charged in connection with crash fatality

CARTHAGE - Sheriff Travis Duffy reports that a crash occurred on July 6, 2023 at approximately 5:57 PM just west of 98 Buchanan Street in Carthage, IL which led to one fatality.

A 2001 black Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Karinsa K. Washburn, age 52 of Hamilton, IL, crossed the center lane and struck a 2005 maroon Chevrolet Malibu driven by Nancy J. Bentley, age 73 of Elvaston, IL, head on.

Carthage Fire Department was dispatched for extrication and both drivers were treated by Hancock County EMS.

The Sheriff's Office was later notified that Nancy Bentley succumbed to her injuries from the crash and passed away.

Karinsa Washburn was seen at Carthage Memorial Hospital where deputies continued their investigation. Washburn was subsequently charged with Illegal Transportation of Alcohol by a Driver and Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. Washburn was treated overnight at the hospital and then transported to the Hancock County Jail upon her release from the hospital. Additional charges are anticipated to be filed later.

TRI-STATE RODEO 2023

Little Miss Rodeo/All-Around Cowboy entries sought

FORT MADISON - Contestants are being sought for the annual Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy contest.

This year's event is to be held on Monday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-State Rodeo Arena.

Contest is open to children ages 5-7. Contestants must be age 5 by Aug. 1, and no older than age 7 at the time of the contest.



An entry form is available on the Tri-State Rodeo website at www.tristaterodeo.org under the "Ready to Rodeo Week Events" tab.

Entry forms and contestant photos MUST be postmarked by July 28th and can be mailed to Trish

Eaves-Fedler, 1930 303rd Avenue Fort Madison, IA 52627. For more information, contact Trish at (319) 470-8030 or Lisa Frederick at (815) 343-0911. Please do not mail entries to the Rodeo Ticket Office.

Canisters, with each child's photo and name, will once again be placed in area businesses for family and

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WEATHER

MON 10 Jul.....Sunny and warm, 85° F/ 64° F
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WED 12 Jul.....Showers and thunderstorms likely, 81° F/ 63° F

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For the Record/From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/03/23 - 9:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5800 block of Avenue O.

07/03/23 - 3:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of 34th Street.

07/03/23 - 9:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Miranda Elizabeth Meyers, 27, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue P, on a charge of driving while barred.

07/04/23 - 12:14 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Brandon Warron Traman, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 27th Street, on a charge of driving while barred.

07/04/23 - 11:31 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

07/04/23 - 1:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Donald James Hillman, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for failure to appear - failure to provide proof of insurance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/04/23 - 2:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested April Love Cline, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for failure to appear - 5th degree theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/04/23 - 7:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.

07/04/23 - 9:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue H.

07/05/23 - 6:53 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to

a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue F.

07/05/23 - 11:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of Shaqwanza Aviance Trotter, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on charges of assault w/bodily injury and 1st degree burglary.

07/06/23 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jayme Thomasa Jenkins, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on a charge of 1st offense trespassing. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/06/23 - 3:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dillon Jacob Rasch, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for parole violation for 1st degree theft, 3 counts of 2nd degree theft, 3rd degree burglary, 2 counts of eluding, 1st offense possession of a controlled substance,

2 counts of operating vehicle without owner's consent, and unauthorized use of credit card. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/06/23 - 3:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Levi Joseph Rogers, 34, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 17th Street and Avenue H, on a charge of driving while barred.

07/06/23 - 5:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff Report

07/02/23 - 11:05 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brian Lee Andersen, 45, of Keokuk, in the 3100 block of 260th Avenue, Montrose, on charges of 1st degree theft greater than \$10,000, 3rd de-

gree theft, possession of burglary tools. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/02/23 - 8:40 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jason Michael Dye, 44, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/03/23 - 2:46 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Allen Michael Penrod, 29, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/04/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

07/05/23 - 11:19 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Justin Wayne Trout, 44, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Jail, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/05/23 - 5:16 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested

Brian Lee Andersen, 45, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on an arrest of affidavit. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/06/23 - 3:38 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested William Thomas Slack, 29, of Argyle, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

07/06/23 - 8:55 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Lee Davis, 36, of Burlington, in the 600 block of Hwy. 61 Bypass, Fort Madison, on charges of driving under suspension and speeding. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Kids event part of TSR history

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friends to cast a vote by dropping their "spare change" into the canister.

The night of the event, contestants will be interviewed and have a chance to showcase their talent. Judges will score the children on personality, attire, interview and talent. Judges have no knowledge of how much money each contestant has collected in their canister. In the event of a tie, the amount in the canister will help determine the winner.

A portion of the money collected in the canisters goes to Miss Rodeo Iowa to help defray traveling expenses as she competes for the coveted title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas this coming December.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MISTY J. HALLMAN

Misty Janay Hallman, 50, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

She was born on August 11, 1972, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the daughter of Pat Hugh and Linda (Schaerrer) Hallman. She Married Brian Stamey, they later divorced.

Survivors include her parents: Pat and Ramona Hallman; Siblings: Crystal Gibbs, Chanda Bentley, Philip Hallman, Melanie McClure, Isaac Hallman, Eli Hallman, Jack Hallman, Angelique Bodine, Chantelle Harrison, Hyrum Hallman, Nathan Bevins, Sarah Bevins and Andrea Bevins. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; mother: Linda and sister: Pamela Bevins.

Misty was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed playing darts and competed all over the country and China. She also enjoyed cooking and teaching/spending time with children.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home for cremation.

A Memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2023 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nauvoo.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneralhome.com.

EVONNE K. TEESELINK

Evonne Karen Teeselink, 82 years, of Burlington, Iowa and formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa, died at 11:20 am Saturday, July 8, 2023 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. She was born May 13, 1941 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, a daughter of James H and Jeanetta (Navis) TeBeest. She married Kenneth Teeselink. He preceded her in death.

She worked in retail at JC Penny for 15 years. After formal retirement, she worked 7 years at the Phoenix Zoo, helping check children in for tours. She enjoyed traveling, playing cards and going out to eat.

She is survived by one son, Michael Teeselink of Tempe, Arizona; five step-children: Jackie (Eugene) McLeod of Chilton, Wisconsin; Tracy Michaud of Chandler, Arizona; Karen Cross of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Kyle (Sarah) Teeselink of Ankeny, Iowa and Trevor Teeselink of Newport News, Virginia; three siblings: Carol (Alan) Leystra of Fox Lake, Wisconsin; Melody (Harley) Coehoorn of Waupun, Wisconsin; and James L (Cheri) TeBeest of Waupun, Wisconsin; two grandsons, MJ and Tyler; ten step-grandchildren: Rochelle, Gail, Julie, Carrie, Trista, Jason, Luke, Lance, Kylie, and Jenna; one aunt Rachel Navis, and her special friend, John Scott Sr. of Fort Madison. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Kenneth.

Per her wishes, her body has been cremated. No formal public services are planned at this time. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Teeselink family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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SCOTT W. HOBBS

Scott Wynn Hobbs, 69, of Ft. Madison, IA, died Thursday, July 6, 2023 at the Klein Center in West Burlington, IA.

He was born January 17, 1954 in Ft. Madison, IA the son of Gerald and Elenora Baxter Hobbs. He graduated from Ft. Madison High School with the class of 1972.



HOBBS

On June 14, 1986 Scott was united in marriage to Melissa Steffen. She preceded him in death on December 18, 2022.

Scott had been employed by Santa Fe Railroad for thirty-seven years, until his retirement in 2014.

Scott was a member of The Boy Scouts of America and had served as a scout leader.

Scott had a witty sense of humor and was known to his friends as the king of one liners. He enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing and canoeing. He was an animal lover and loved all types of animals.

He is survived by two daughters, Andrea Hobbs Nixon (Pete) of Columbia Station, OH and Sarah Hobbs Wagner (Jeremy) of Ozark, MO, one son, Matt Hobbs of Mediapolis, IA and two granddaughters, Maddilynn Hobbs and Audrey Nixon. He is also survived by one brother, Steve Hobbs (Kim) of Ft. Madison, IA.

Besides his wife Melissa, he was also preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Joyce Campbell.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12 noon, August 12, 2023 at Charleston Board of Trade in Donnellson, IA.

Memorials may be made to the Lee County Conservation Board or to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Tuesday, July 11

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Wednesday, July 12

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Thursday, July 13

Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, July 14

Lunch on the Sidewalk

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From the Front/Classifieds

New rules, friendly face bring baseball back

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ing for the Reds.

That's right, I said the Reds dammit.

They're 10 games over .500 and two games in front of the NL Central as of this posting.

I have Sirius XM in the Pen City Current truckmobile and I occasionally catch the game. I'm back to posting Vott-OOOHHH on social media when he earns his ridiculously high salary with a couple hits in a game, or a walk-off.

But we got more. Elly De La Cruz could be the real thing. This kid's built like an NFL safety and is self-proclaiming himself to be the fastest man in baseball. He could be. But he hits for power despite the little motion sensor he keeps on the knob of his bat. WTH?

His bat was ruled ineligible in one at bat, but then ruled eligible in the same game. Just get up there and make contact. You don't need all those sabermetrics.

Pete Rose never did and punched 4,200-plus baseballs for hits in his career. Be compact and watch the ball all the way in. Don't swing for fences, swing for grass.

The McGee Bee hasn't seen a lot of strikeouts, but his body is built for short appearances and challenging hitters. This starting thing is a whole different ballgame.

We talk a lot about baseball. His father is Canadian and his mother is a native of West Burlington. We tweak the dad about Canada and why Trudeau is letting fires burn. We tweak mom about why dad is from Canada where they let fires burn.

We like to get the McGee Bee out to play golf. This kid is a naturally athletic kid who gets profanity-laced tirades from me when he outdrives me with his 3-iron. He used a wedge on Sheaffer's No. 5 and stuck it pin-high just off to the right.

I told him he should make baseball his hobby and turn golf into the career. One year with a Jacob Goldstick and this kid could do something.

Mom said no because she could never be a golf

mom. "It's too boring!"

Whatever. That's 'cuz she's never seen a 12-foot putt to win \$5 million.

For now, it's baseball. It's watching the Cards suck and the Cubs chase. I may have to make a road trip this year to Cincy, but last time I got pretty torked off at the seats they sold mom and me. That won't happen again.

And if you're a true baseball fan, these kids in Burlington are having a lot of fun and playing some good baseball honing their skills for the upcoming college season, and hoping on hope for something a bit more special.

In the meantime, we'll spend time with the McGee Bee this summer and try to keep up with him on the golf course. Hey - drive for show, putt for dough - But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current. He can be reached at Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda	DATE: Monday, July 10, 2023 MEETING CONVENING TIME:	10:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H Fort Madison, IA	---AGENDA--- Board of Supervisors	Jul 10, 2023, 10:00 -11:30 AM (America/Chicago) Please join my meeting	from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://meet.goto.com/114533581
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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Consider Authorization to Spend Up to \$10,000 for Periodic Material Testing, Outside of Normal Contract for Services with Carl A. Nelson

Iowa Land Records Annual Report-Nancy Booten, Lee County Recorder

Consider Authorization of Work by Meller Excavating and Asphalt for Asphalt Milling of 180th

Street
Consider Approval of Purchase of Case IH Tractor and Schulte Mower from JJ Nichting

Consider Approval of Federal-Aid Agreement for County HBP Project to Replace Bridge #89 on 265th Avenue

Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Sale of Property Located Near Wilson Lake and Managed by Lee County Conservation

Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understandings with Sheriffs and Administrative Unions Regarding Leave Time Usage

Consent Agenda
• Monday, July 3, 2023
Board Minutes
• Claims for Payment Reports:
A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected
Commission or Committee Reports
Department Head Report- Nikki Sugars- VA Administrator
Adjourn

Possible Workshop to Follow
PUBLIC MEETING
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6:00 P.M.
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AGENDA

ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
BUSINESS:
1. Emergency Grant Status
2. Federal Grant Status
3. Grounds Clean Up
4. Chesnut – Commission Status
AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT
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PUBLIC NOTICE CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DONNELLSON, IOWA 52625

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TENTATIVE AGENDA
JULY 11, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 A.M.

- Roll Call
- Approve agenda (Motion)
- Receive Visitors:
a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
- Superintendent's Report:
a) Summer Projects Update
b) August Board Meeting Date - 8/8/2023 - 7 a.m.
c) Online School Registration - Available now!
d) Back to School Board Sponsored Luncheon - 8/16/2023 - 12 p.m.
- IASB Annual Convention: 11/15/2023 - 11/17/2023
- Finance Update
- Vacancies
- CONSENT AGENDA: Motion (Exhibit I)
a) Approve minutes
b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse Funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account

c) Approve prepaid bills
d) Approve monthly bills
e) Overnight Trip Request:

1. FFA Officer Retreat - 7/30/2023 - 8/1/2023 to Wisconsin Dells area
6. Name Bank Depositories (Motion)

a) Pilot Grove Savings Bank \$12,000,000
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Appoint Board Secretary - Sandra Meierotto (Motion)

Administer Oath of Office by Board President
2. Appoint Board Treasurers - Leslie Edens (Connection Bank) and Ashley Rickelman (Pilot Grove Savings Bank) (Motion)

3. Approve Hot Lunch Guidelines (Motion) (Exhibit II)

4. Approve Second Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit III)
a) 200.04 - NEW! Board Member Social Media Engagement
b) 210.05 - Meeting Notice

c) 401.05R1 - Employee Records Regulation
d) 401.10 - Credit and Procurement Cards
e) 407.02 - Licensed Employee Contract Release

f) 501.02 - Nonresident Students
g) 604.06 - Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution
h) 701.02 - Transfer of Funds

i) 708 - Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Record

5. Approve First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit IV)
a) 104 - Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Policy
b) 104.R1 - Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Investigation Procedures

c) 213 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
d) 402.02 - Child Abuse Reporting
e) NEW! 402.05 - Required Professional Development for Employees
f) 408.01 - Licensed

Employee Professional Development

6. Approve First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit V)

a) NEW! 503.07 - Student Disclosure of Identity
b) NEW! 503.07E1 - Report of Student Disclosure of Identity
c) NEW! 50307E2 - Request to Update Student Identity

d) 505.04 - Testing Program
e) 505.05 - Graduation Requirements
f) 507.02 - Administration of Medication to Students

g) 507.02E1 - Authorization-Asthma, Airway Constricting, or Respiratory Distress Medication Self-Administration Consent Form
h) 507.02E2 - Parental Authorization and Release for the Administration of Medication or Special Health Services to Students

i) NEW! 507.02E3 - Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Independent Self Carry and Administration of Prescribed Medication or Independent Delivery of Health Services by the Student
j) NEW! 507.02E4 - Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of Voluntary School Stock Over-The-Counter Medication to Students

7. Approve First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
a) 601.01 - School Calendar
b) 603.05 - Health Education
c) 60501 - Instructional Materials Selection

d) 605.01R1 - Selection of Instructional Materials
e) 605.02 - Instructional and Library Materials Inspection and Display
f) 605.03 - Objection to Instructional and Library Materials
g) 605.03R1 - Reconsideration of Instructional

and Library Materials Regulation
h) NEW! 605.03E5 - Request to Prohibit a Student from Accessing Specific Instructional and Library Materials
i) 605.05 - School Library
j) 605.07R1 - Use of Information Resources Regulation
k) 607.02 - Student Health Services
l) 607.02R1 - Student Health Services Regulation
m) 804.05 - Stock Prescription Medication Supply
n) NEW! 804.05E1 - Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of a Voluntary School Supply of Stock Medication for Life Threatening Incidents

8. Give approval for Superintendent and Board Secretary to pay Activity bills upon proper documentation and approval of the Building principal and sponsor with listing approved by the Board at their next regular meeting as a prepaid listing (Motion)

9. Approve Appointment of Superintendent as Title I Contact and Title I Application (Motion)

10. Approve 2024 Legislative Priorities (Motion) (Exhibit VII)

11. Volunteer Coach Approvals: (Motion)
a) Kyler Barnes - High School Football
b) Todd Herdrich - High School Football
c) Jesse Day - High School Football
d) Maggie Jones - High School Volleyball

12. Contract Approval: (Motion)
a) Tony Johnson - Physical Education Teacher
13. Board Reports
14. Closed Session – Evaluation of the Superintendent - Per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i)
15. Adjourn (Motion)

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Bloodhounds show strong in substate loss at Benton



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Hound senior Kane Williams puts the tag on Benton's Lane Kaestner in the bottom of the third inning Friday night. The Hounds caught both Bobcat stolen base attempts on the night despite losing 6-0 to bring their season to a close.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

VAN HORNE – The defense was solid. Aidan Pennock was dealing, but a four-run sixth inning put an upset bid out of reach for the Bloodhounds in Class 3A Substate 5 action Friday night.

Fort Madison ended their season at 10-19 in Head Coach Albert Schinstock's first year at the helm with a 6-0 loss in Van Horne.

The Hounds hung around with the 26-10 Bobcats trailing just 2-0 after five innings, with the senior Pennock keeping Benton hitters off balance outside of a leadoff home run to deep right field by Wyatt Rinderknecht in the rain.

The rain started almost immediately with the first pitch and lasted about two innings before giving way to a cool summer evening nestled in the farmfields of Benton County.

Pennock would give up another run in the bottom of the second after surrendering a leadoff walk and back-to-back singles.

A infield fielder's choice scored sophomore Casey Gessner, but Pennock would coax a couple infield popups to shortstop Kane Williams to end the inning.

The two teams would play scoreless through the next three innings Benton started the bottom of the third when Cael Kaestner reached on a fielding error, but two consecutive flyouts and the Hounds' Ames Schinstock throwing out a runner trying to swipe second ended the inning. Schinstock threw out two Bobcats on the night.

Williams would then stroke a one-out double to center to put a runner in scoring position in the top of the fourth, but Hunter Cresswell would pop out in foul territory and Luke Hellige would fan to strand Williams.

The Hounds would leave four runners on the base paths on the night.

Still trailing 2-0, Tateum Schelich would single to center to open the top of the fifth. After a strikeout and a flyout to center, Aiden Mitchell would single to center moving Schelich into scoring position, but a groundout to first stopped the momentum and stranded two.

In the bottom half, Winderknecht wore a pitch from Pennock with two outs, but Schinstock again would clean things up throwing out Winderknecht again trying to steal.

The Bloodhounds' best shot catching the Bobcats came in the top of the sixth. Brody Cashman doubled down the left field line just inside over the 3rd base bag to open the top half. Williams hit a hard shot into the gap between short and third that was bobbled by Benton shortstop Lane Kaestner putting two on with no outs. Cresswell would fan for the first out, but Luke Hellige took one in the back to load the bases with just one out, bringing Schelich to the plate.

Schelich hit an 0-2 pitch to the right side of the infield that was scooped up for a 4-6-3 double play to wipe out the rally.

Benton would put up four runs in the bottom half of the inning. Pennock would

give up a leadoff walk and then, on a sacrifice bunt attempt from Benton's Evan Daugherty, Pennock thought he could catch the lead runner at 2nd, but the throw was late leaving both runners safe.

Another sacrifice bunt resulted in an out, but put runners at 2nd and 3rd with one out. FM Head Coach Albert Schinstock put Cale Kaestner on intentionally to load the bases and hope for a force at the plate or, better yet, a double play ball.

With the infield in to prevent a Bobcat run, Eli Patterson hit a ball to the right side that jumped off the infield seam over the head of Schelich at second into right field. The throw from right was to home to try and get Daugherty, but was high and went to the fence allowing a second run to score.

The Hounds would get snakebit again when Drew Fillenworth's hit down the first base line clipped the bag and popped up over Caden Barnes to allow another run to score.

Fort Madison would get the next two hitters to end the inning, but would go down in order in the top of the seventh for the loss.

Albert Schinstock said Pennock put together his best outing of the year.

"Aidan pitched great. This was the best he's looked all year," Schinstock said.

"And we got the defense playing behind him. He had six pitches left so we had Kane ready. We told Aidan he was on a short leash. If he walked one or two he was going to be done and he did not. He looked great."

Schinstock looked back at the sixth inning as the pressure point in the game.

"A couple of those were really unfortunate breaks. But I couldn't have asked for a better effort tonight. We had our chances," he said.

"Had the bases loaded with one out and then there's that double play. I mean, if we get one or two there, we can put pressure on them and then you come in in the next inning playing with house money."

The Hounds will lose Kane Williams and Aidan Pennock out of the starting rotation, but will also lose role players Mateo Lozano and Aidan Boyer.

"Pennock and Kane, I've been with them for five years. We'll sorely miss them. Great kids, not just baseball. Mateo and Boyer, to come out for the first year, they knew their role. They made their impact and they were really good in the dugout and kept things interesting - made it fun," Schinstock said.

He said the Hounds were up and down all year, but they have good stock in underclassmen and another good group coming in.

"We have five sophomores and a freshman that started tonight. We got players coming back," he said. "I think we have a lot coming back and a lot coming into the program. The future is bright for years to come."

Pennock gave up just five hits for six runs, four earned while striking out three and walking two.

Fort Madison managed four hits, one each from Cashman, Williams, Schelich, and Mitchell, but suffered nine strikeouts at the hands of Benton senior Jordan Thys.



Fort Madison first baseman Caden Barnes tries to rein in a grounder at first base in the bottom of the third inning Friday in Van Horne.

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