

A hero in her eyes

RESCUED: PAW hand finds Beagle that was wandering FM for more than 10 mos.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – He disqualifies himself as a hero, but the brown eyes that looked up to Sean Brown Wednesday at PAW Animal shelter told a different story.

A nine-year-old tan and white beagle mix tucked herself around the feet of Brown, a veteran employee at the P.A.W. no-kill animal shelter in Fort Madison.

Vixie, the beagle who had her tail tucked as she sat on the floor next to Brown was in the safe confines of the no-kill shelter for the first time in more than 10 months.

The dog had escaped from its adopted home for no reason other than a loud train horn and too-loose collar. From there she ran, and ran, and ran, until earlier this week

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

P.A.W. Animal Shelter employee Sean Brown holds a nine-year-old Beagle “Vixie” who he was able to recover after she had been on the lam for close to 11 months. The dog is healthy and ready for adoption to a good home. Brown got help in the search from several local residents, including the previous owner.

FMCSO NEWS

School board narrows list of candidates for superintendent

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The application window for the next Superintendent of Fort Madison Community School District officially closed Monday with a total of 16 applicants.

School Board President Josh Wykert said the district is pleased with the strong interest in the position and the diversity of the candidate pool, which includes educational leaders from both within Iowa and out-of-state, representing Arizona, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

“The candidates bring a wide range of experience and qualifications, including varying backgrounds in school and district leadership, and hold advanced degrees in educational leadership,” Wykert wrote in an email Tuesday morning.

“Seven candidates have at least five years or more of district-level leadership experience. Six candidates hold a doctoral degree. The applicant group includes 11 male candidates and five female candidates.

On Monday, the board reviewed all the applications forwarded by Grundmeyer Leader Services out of Huxley, Iowa, and selected a list of semi-finalists for the position. Wykert didn’t elaborate on the number of semi-finalists that were selected to move on in the hiring process.

On Tuesday, April 22, the semi-finalists scheduled to participate in screening interviews that will be conducted virtually. Then Wednesday, April 30, finalists will be invited to Fort Madison for formal interviews and opportunities to meet with stakeholder groups and tour the district.

Wykert said the finalist interviews will be conducted in open session.

“The Board remains committed to a thorough and thoughtful selection process and looks forward to identifying a candidate who will support the district’s continued growth and success,” Wykert wrote.

Stakeholders will receive additional updates as the process progresses.

AREA NEWS

Hancock County rollover claims life of Keokuk woman Sunday

• One-vehicle rollover kills Sherry Crowell of Keokuk, injures three

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CARTHAGE - On April 13, 2025, at approximately 12:01 AM, Hancock County 911 dispatch received a call reporting a motor vehicle accident.

Deputies responded to the scene at 1798 East County Road 1500 in rural Carthage.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2016 Toyota sedan was traveling eastbound on County Road 1500 North when it left the roadway on the right side. The vehicle struck a tree and rolled several times.

The driver, Riley Cramsey, 18, of Carthage, and a male juvenile passenger in the front seat sustained serious injuries and were transported by Air Evac to a

hospital in Iowa City.

Another passenger, Desiree Houston, 18, of Hamilton, Illinois, was transported by ambulance to Carthage Memorial Hospital, where she was treated and later released.

Tragically, a fourth occupant, Sherry Lynn Sue Crowell, 22, of Keokuk, Iowa, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

An accident reconstructionist from the Illinois State Police was called in to assist with the ongoing investigation. Charges are currently pending.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JESSE M. KARPAWICZ

Jessie Mae Karpawicz, 91, of Nauvoo, passed away at 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at the Montrose Care Center.

She was born on April 22, 1933 in Anderson County, South Carolina the daughter of Abner Turner and Beulah (Knight) Cooley. On January 11, 1954, she married Richard “Dick” John Karpawicz in Chester, England. He preceded her in death August 19, 1997.

Survivors include her daughters: Cheryl (Jeff) McCarty of Nauvoo, Illinois and Janet Chrzan of Elk Grove Villiage, Illinois; son Rick (Kelly) Karpawicz of Morton, Illinois; four grandchildren: Ashley Chrzan, Nicole McCarty, Jessica (Ralph) Vasquez, Abby (Nick) Mitchell; and two great grandchildren: Ira and Sonny Mitchell.

Jessie grew up in Williamston, South Carolina and enlisted in the United States Air Force. She worked as a teachers aide at Nauvoo-Colusa School, and did seasonal work at the wineries in Nauvoo. She enjoyed a simple life. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and helped with church dinners.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2025 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2025 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home with Father Tony Trosley as celebrant. Burial will be in the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory for Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church or PAW Animal Shelter.

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



OBITUARIES

DEWEY R. McLERRAN

Dewey R. McLerran, 92, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 4:55 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at the Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua, Iowa.

He was born on October 12, 1932, in Harper, Missouri, the son of Cull B. and Myrtle (Harper) McLerran. On December 28, 1951, he married Lois E. Hahn in Richland, Iowa. She preceded him in death on April 2, 2000.

He is survived by his daughter: Jeanne (Pat) Doyle of Donnellson, Iowa; two sons: Scott McLerran of Stuart, Florida, Michael (Mary) McLerran of New London, Iowa; grandchildren: Andy McLerran, Ryan McLerran, Zachary (Chance Morgan) Doyle and Evan (Kenzie Northup) Doyle. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Lois; siblings: Inez Corbin, Ivan McLerran, Ira McLerran, Clester McLerran and Carolena Anderson.

Dewey served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked at Contel Telephone for thirty-six years, where he held a manager position. He also was a lawn mower and bicycle mechanic. Dewey was a member of the Donnellson City Council and served as Mayor for many years. He was also a member of the Donnellson Lion’s Club and was an avid Kansas City Chiefs and Royals fan. Dewey especially loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Evangelical Cemetery in Donnellson with a flag presentation by the Donnellson American Legion.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life to be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2025, at the Lee County Fairgrounds Learning Center.

A memorial has been established in his memory for PAW Animal Shelter in honor of his dog “Princess”.Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.



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Local News/For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
04/14/25 – 4:56 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jacob Daniel Williams, 43, of West Burlington, in the 1900 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.
04/14/25 – 5:56 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Clinton Allen Keenan, Jr., 19, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, in a charge of driving under suspension.
04/14/25 – 6:39 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
04/15/25 – 9:59 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
04/15/25 – 7:57 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2700 block of Avenue J.

Keokuk Police Report
04/14/25 – 3:31 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Bank Street.
04/14/25 – 4:38 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Keokuk area.
04/14/25 – 4:43 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Main Street.
04/15/25 – 3:48 a.m. – Keokuk police cited Joshua Lee Kite, 34, of Keokuk, at 14th Street and Main Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.
04/15/25 – 7:06 a.m. – Keokuk police arrested Hailey Michele Matous, 18, of Keokuk, in the 1000 block of Exchange Street, on a charge of domestic assault. He was held in Lee County Jail.
04/15/25 – 12:33 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of Morgan Street.
04/15/25 – 2:05 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested a 17-year-old female in the 2200 block of Middle Road on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was released to a parent.
04/15/25 – 9:07 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Cassandra Ann Cizek, 35, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of Concert Street, on charge of OWI, child endangerment, interference with official acts, open container and driving under suspension. She was held in Lee County Jail.
04/16/25 – 3:23 a.m. - Keokuk police cited Carlos Colon Maldonado, 40, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Main Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.
04/16/25 – 8:00 a.m. – Keokuk police arrested Kenneth Earl William Stroup, 46, of Keokuk, in the 1500 block of Johnson Street, on an active arrest warrant. He was held in Lee County Jail.

Reception set for new FM fire chief

FORT MADISON - The City of Fort Madison is hosting a reception for Chad Hannum, who has recently been announced as the next fire chief.
The reception will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Fort Madison City Hall’s Council Chambers from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Hannum will be sworn into his position as fire chief by Mayor Matt Mohrfeld during the reception.
Hannum has worked since 2008 at the Fort Madison Fire Department. In 2017, he took the role as Lieutenant of the Department. Mr. Hannum’s experiences in fire protection and emergency management will lead the Fort Madison Fire Department into the future with the construction of the new fire station, fire safety and emergency management, and other services provided to our community.

Passion led employee to Beagle

VIXIE - Continued from Page 1

when Brown staked out a home that had reported seeing her and, after several attempts to catch up to the animal, made one final stakeout of a home where barriers had been put up to channel Vixie to a food bowl.
Other attempts had been derailed by shouting neighbors or insecure barriers. Live traps didn’t work as the skiddish beagle was too smart for the tech.
This last time, with a phone call to the owner of a home who had posted pictures of the dog on social media, food was put out at the right time. Brown waited in the dark and Vixie came up for a meal and was reunited with a man who had been passionately hunting for her for the full 10 months.
Vixie had been adopted to a Fort Madison man with a home near the tracks and, on a walk, she wriggled free of her collar when a train came by and had to signal at a crossing. The wailing scared the dog and she was off.
“Last week a lady posted online about a beagle in her yard. I kept my expectations down, but I was pretty hopeful it was Vixie,” Brown said.
“Then it was just go to the house at 8:15 p.m. and sit and watch and try to learn her routine and how she came in. Some nights she’d show up at 9 o’clock and some nights it would be 10 and it was just build a plan to get her caught.”
He said they had a good routine of her just walking down the driveway at the home and he had a plan, and one night the neighbors were out and a gentleman noticed her and hollered at her, throwing her out of her routine.
Brown said Vixie then created a new pattern for getting to the food and he had to set up a new plan.
“We just fenced off the back so she had to come in the front and this wonderful lady worked with us very well and enabled us to catch her.”
The dog is known for getting out on her own. She had been originally adopted to a home in Burlington and escaped there and was gone for six months before the shelter was alerted that she had been seen.
Des Moines County’s shelter called PAW and said they had the dog and it was returned. About three weeks later, Vixie was again adopted to the man in Fort Madison.
Sandy Brown, the Director at PAW, said for the first two weeks she was reported missing, they had seen her around the area.
“We kinda knew where she was and then she would disappear and be gone for a couple weeks and someone would spot her,” Brown said.
“Really, up until this lady called and posted the

picture, we hadn’t seen her for about four months. Sean saw the picture and came up asking, “Is this her?! Is this her?!”
Brown said the lady who called feeds feral cats and Vixie had been helping herself to some of the food. She said Sean and the woman worked together to get Vixie back in a safe environment.
“She was awesome. She helped us every step of the way,” Sean Brown said.
Sean Brown said Vixie was in surprisingly good shape when she was caught.
“She’s been eating cat food, and her weight is pretty good. She had a few ticks that we took care of but, for almost 11 months of being on her own, she’s in pretty good shape,” he said. “We’ll have to get her rabies vaccination caught up.”
Brown said he has grown attached to the dog, but is more of a big dog guy. He said he considers all the dogs at the facility part of his family, until they are part of another family. And sometimes... even after that.
The man who adopted Vixie locally was also helpful at getting her back and didn’t just write her off.
“It was hard on him. It wasn’t like she got lost and he just forgot about her. He had been on the lookout for her, too, and it was a big relief that she has been caught,” Brown said.
“Our talks with him were that he thinks she needs a better setting with a more shored-up fence. Our plan for her is someone with a good fenced-in yard and an understanding she will need some extra time to bond. But when she bonds with that person, she will stay because she knows its safe.
“I’m just so relieved she’s safe and sound. I don’t know about a hero by any means. It’s just, these dogs are family.”

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Sports

Lady Hounds 3rd at Timm Lamb Pen City Relays

HAWKS 5th: Ladies battle tough winds at Tuesday night relays in Fort Madison

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Lady Hounds captured third place in the A Division at the annual Timm Lamb Pen City Relays on a breezy Tuesday night at Richmond Stadium in Fort Madison.

The Hounds finished with 95 points behind Mt. Pleasant’s 126 and winner Washington’s 151. Central Lee finished 5th in Class B with 72 points.

Junior Avery Rump won the 3000-meter run going away with an 11:06.68 against some pretty stiff westerly winds. She led the pack, including perennial rival and friend Iris Dahl from Washington, by more than a minute. Dahl won the 1500 with a 5:16.25, two spots in front of the Hounds’ Addison Rump at 5:24.19.

Avery Rump also ran the 800 leg of the champion Distance Medley team with Lillian Gelsthorpe (200), Mara Smith (200), Esther Gnann (400) at 4:42.22 beating Mt. Pleasant by four seconds.

“The wind really does a number on everyone. That was atrocious,” she said. “But it’s good to run in meets like this. It’s good training and you need to know how to run in all the elements, because you don’t know what the weather will be like at district or state meets,” Rump said.

“I’m feeling pretty good, especially considering a lot of the meets we’ve been to have been smaller without many big schools and lots of runners.”



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee’s Macy Anderson makes turn three in the 3000-meter run Tuesday night at the Timm Lamb Relays in Fort Madison. Anderson finished second in the B Division with a 13:07.92.

To qualify for Drake this month, Rump will need to get that time down to 10:14, which could be doable, she said, in calmer weather.

“I know it has to be fast. Well under 11. I’ve been under 11 once this year so, honestly, I feel pretty good about where I am,” she said.

The Lady Hounds’ 4x800 team of McKayla Schinstock, Smith, Jordyn Marshall, and Addison Rump also captured first with a 10:28.80, a full 24 seconds ahead of the pack.

In the field events, senior Brylie Lorence took 3rd in the shot with a 41’4.75” and fourth in the discuss with a spin of 104’1”.

Other top five finishes for the Lady Hounds included Olivia Buckner in the 100 at 13.35; Smith took 4th in the 200 with a 28.20 just .01 out of the top three; Schinstock had a nice finish in the 800 meters with a 2:32.41 and a 5th-place spot in the open 400 at 1:06.00. Addison Rump claimed 3rd in the 1500 at 5:24.18 and Jordyn Marshall was 5th at 5:31.89; the 4x400 of Alaina Schwerin, Avery Rump, Smith, and Esther Gnann captured 4th. And the shuttle hurdle team of Jordyn Grisham, Alexa Walz, Schwerin, and Lyla Smith finished 5th at 1:15.64.

For Central Lee, Kamryn Cox had the top finish for the Hawks, winning the 400-meter hurdles at 1:19.65. Macy Anderson captured 2nd in the 3000-meter run with a 13:07.92. She also had a 3rd in the 1500-meter run at 5:59.16 followed by Afton Maynes in 4th at 6:34.73. Allison Gruntmeir captured 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles at 18.11.

The 4x200 team of Ava Washburn, Cox, Kaylie Peterson, and Gruntmeir captured 5th in the B Division with a 2:07.65. The Shuttle hurdle squad of Julia Fraise, Cox, Washburn, and Gruntmeir took 4th with a 1:20.69. Kylie Fortune and Gruntmeir finished 3rd in the high jump clearing 4’6”.

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Hounds lack urgency in loss to BND

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - The warning had gone out less than 24 hours earlier.

Fort Madison boys’ soccer coach Kevin Wellman told his team after Monday’s win over Fairfield that Notre Dame-West Burlington, the Bloodhounds’ opponent the next night, was a team that liked to start fast and get an early lead.

Then the Nikes proved Wellman right, scoring two goals in the first 14 ½ minutes on the way to a 6-1 win over Fort Madison at the Baxter Sports Complex.

“They just played better soccer,” Wellman said. “They played more urgently than we did, and that’s something we got to work on at practice, something we’ve got to work on when we watch film. We need to have a little bit more urgency when we play everywhere in the field, urgency getting back to play defense when we’re in midfield, urgency to get the ball off our foot, especially in the backfield, urgency to send the ball to the forwards.

“Urgency. That’s the biggest thing.”

The Bloodhounds are still trying to get into a rhythm after not playing for 13 days after their season-opening tie with Williamsburg. They got off to a slow start in the 4-0 win over Fairfield on Monday, and Wellman told them they couldn’t have a similar performance against the Nikes.

“That long layoff with no game was tough,” Wellman said. “We started slow last night, but I think it’s still a little bit of that tonight. of just not having any games, not having very many games.”

The Nikes (4-1) were always at least one step, and maybe a couple more, ahead of the Bloodhounds (1-1-1), and it showed from the beginning, as most of the

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday
March 24th, 2025
6:30PM
City Hall

The special meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Newton, Weber, Wagner & Marshall present. City staff were City Clerk Rebecca Schau, Librarian Sunny Robbins. Others in attendance were Nadine Allen & Janet Haeffner.

Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to approve the agenda: all ayes.
Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy – No written or oral comments.
Motion by Weber second by Moeller to approve Resolution No 2025-03 A Resolution approving the Proposed Property Tax Levy FY26: RCV all ayes.
Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to adjourn the meeting: all ayes
Dave Ellingboe, Mayor
Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Special Meeting Minutes
Monday,
March 24th 2025
6:30PM
City Hall

The second special meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Newton, Weber, Wagner & Marshall present. City staff were City Clerk Rebecca Schau, Librarian Sunny Robbins. Other in attendance were Nadine Allen, & Janet Haeffner.

Motion by Marshall, second by Wagner to approve the agenda, all ayes.
Set Public Hearing to Amend FY25 Budget for April 14th 2025 @ 6:30pm, Donnellson City Hall 802 Pershing Ave Donnellson.
Budget Discussion was held.
Set Public Hearing regarding the FY26 Budget for April 14th 2025 @ 6:30pm, Donnellson City Hall 802 Pershing Ave Donnellson.
Dave Ellingboe and Selissa Weber both

submitted their letters of resignations due to moving outside of city limits. The council thanked both for their time and commitment to the City of Donnellson.
Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to adjourn the meeting: all ayes.
Dave Ellingboe, Mayor
Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
Fort Madison
Community School
District
Public Hearing

04/02/2025 - 06:00 PM
Boardroom at
Central Office
1930 Avenue M
Fort Madison, Iowa
52627

Attendees
Voting Members
Amy Thacher, Director
Josh Wykert, Board President
Brad Menke, Director
Mio Santiago, Vice President
Paul Wilkerson, Director
Keith Hehr, Director
Kelly Nelton, Director
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services
Chris Schelich, Director of Curriculum and Student Services
I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
The Public Hearing was called to order by President Wykert at 6:02 p.m.
II. Consider approval of agenda
Motion made by: Mio Santiago
Motion seconded by: Keith Hehr
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
III. Proposed Property Tax Notice Fiscal Year 2025-2026
IV. Receive oral com-

ments
The Board received oral comments.
V. Receive written comments
There were none.
VI. Adjourn
The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.
Motion made by: Amy Thacher
Motion seconded by: Brad Menke
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
Fort Madison
Community School
District Work Session/
Special Meeting
04/02/2025 - 06:00 PM

Attendees
Voting Members
Amy Thacher, Director
Josh Wykert, Board President
Brad Menke, Director
Mio Santiago, Vice President
Paul Wilkerson, Director
Keith Hehr, Director
Kelly Nelton, Director
Non-Voting Members
Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent
Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services
Chris Schelich, Director of Curriculum and Student Services
I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
The meeting was called to order by President

Wykert at 6:10 p.m.
II. Consider approval of agenda
Motion made by: Amy Thacher
Motion seconded by: Kelly Nelton
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
III. Certified Budget FY2025-2026
The Board participated in a discussion session regarding the Certified Budget for FY2025-2026.
IV. Discuss the 2025-2026 GPAEA Service Agreement
The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025-2026 GPAEA Service Agreement.
V. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 GPAEA

Service Agreement
Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson
Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
VI. Announcements
i. Public Hearing - Certified Budget FY2025-2026, Wednesday April 23, 6:00 PM at Central Office
ii. Board Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 PM at Central Office
iii. Board Work Session, Wednesday, May 7, 6:00 PM at Central Office
VII. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.
Motion made by: Mio Santiago

Motion seconded by: Amy Thacher
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

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Sports/From the Front

Bloodhound boys trying to find right gear early on

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first half was played in front of the Fort Madison goal.

Alessandro Markomichelakis got the Nikes going with a goal 10 minutes into the match, a shot that bounced off Fort Madison goalkeeper Karson Dixon. Tatum Warner scored 4 ½ minutes later, and the Nikes were in control.

Ashton West scored at the 19:21 mark for a 3-0 lead, then Fort Madison got its lone goal, a shot by Connor Horn with 3:45 to play in the half.

Whatever momentum the Bloodhounds had, though, was erased 50 seconds later on a goal from ND-WB's Jordan Edgington.

Jayden Nanthan gave the Nikes a 5-1 lead with a goal with 16:37 to play, then Markomichelakis closed the scoring with his second goal with 27 seconds left.

The Nikes' defense kept Fort Madison's Henry Graham scoreless. Graham had just two shots in the first half.

"Same thing that Washington did to Henry last year," Wellman said. "Every time Henry was on the ball, he had three guys around him. I mean, they're watching the scouting report. They see that Henry was our leading goal scorer. So they swarmed him."

Wellman liked the way Horn tried to pick up the slack.

"He got some freedom out there," Wellman said. "He made some good plays, scored a goal, pressured the goalkeeper a couple times, pressured their defense because they were really concerned about Henry, so that was good to see."

Still, Wellman knows that there is a lot of season left, particularly in the Southeast Conference. He agreed with the assessment that assistant coach Matt Rump had of the match.

"Coach Rump said that is a good kick in the pants to try to help us refocus," Wellman said. "Losing another to a nonconference team ... we don't want to lose, of course, but we definitely want to be playing good in the conference, and you've got a lot of those games still in front of us, so hopefully we can learn from it."

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Bloodhounds finish second at Trojan Relays

TUESDAY SPORTS WRAP: Hawks move to 6-0 on the year; Larson medalist at New London dual; HTC boys nip BND; and Hounds boys fall on pitch

PCC Staff

FAIRFIELD – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds finished second at the Trojan Relays Tuesday night in the bowl at Fairfield.

The Hounds finished with 122 points behind host Fairfield's 161. Central Lee also ran at the event and finished with 29 points for 9th place.

Julian Dear won the 100-meter dash in windy conditions with an 11.07 and anchored the 4x100 relay team which garnered 4th place with a 45.75. Kenden Bowie returned in the high jump clearing 6'6" for second place behind Fairfield's Eli Zillman. Fort Madison's Hunter Smrt was 3rd in the high jump clearing 6'0".

Mason McLey won the open 400 with a 52.61. Riley Tripp was 4th at 55.03. Tripp won the 1600 meter run with a 4:47.44. Calvin Johnson was 5th at 5:12.79. Gavin Callahan was third in the 110 hurdles at 16.03.

Dayton Lamar won the long jump clearing 21' for the first time all season. He jumped 21'0.5". Nolan Guzman was sixth with an 18'11". Caden Barnes broke 50' again in the shotput with a strong 52'4". Urijah Brooks was second with one of his best throws of the year at 48'1". Brayton Schneider continues to have a strong season in the discus with a 143'1" to win that event. Noah Krogmeier was second in the 800 meters with a 1:59.68

For Central Lee, the 4x200 relay team of Brett Cook, Blake Davis, Luke Kruse, and Brayden Wyrick raced to a 3rd place finish with a 1:37.30. Cook had a 4th-place finish in the open 800 with a 2:09.25, just half a second out of the top three. Central Lee's 4x100 team of Kruse, Evan Fogarty, Davis, and Brayden Wyrick at 46.95 took 5th. The Hawks set 17 personal records on the evening.

Holy Trinity boys down Notre Dame

BURLINGTON – Luke Hellige and Max Kruse both shot 43s to co-medal at Flint Hills Tuesday. The Crusaders downed the Nikes 179-184 in boys' action.

Adalyn Kruse shot a 51 to lead the HTC girls in a tight 220-218 loss to the Nikes. Kruse was runner-up medalist to Notre Dame's Emerson Hopkins who shot a 47.

HTC got a 53 from Teagan Snaadt, 55 from Elizabeth Griffin, and a 61 from Eva Denning for the 120. Emma Mohrfeld and Calli Kruse each carded 65s.

For the boys, Blake Mohrfeld shot a 45 and Jameson Denning came in with a 48 for the Crusaders' 179. Nathan Box shot a 49 and Brock

Scheetz shot a 51. Sam Yanker led Notre Dame with a 44. CJ Davis carded a 45.

The Crusaders host Danville today at Sheaffer Memorial.

Larson shoots even par at Deerwood

NEW LONDON – Central Lee's Caleb Larson continues his strong season with an even par 36 at Deerwood Golf Course in New London.

Kaden Swan and Carter Jones both shot a 40, while Carson Morrison and Bo Herdrich each came in with 41s to round out the Hawks' scoring with a 157. There was no girls' play on Tuesday for Central Lee.

Central Lee boys move to 6-0

DANVILLE – The Central Lee Hawks stayed perfect on the year with a close 3-2 win over Danville Tuesday night on the road.

The Hawks got three goals in the first half after being down 1-0 early. Danville scored in the first five minutes, but then Mason Sanders responded unassisted about four minutes later. Peter Seyb scored on a double assist from Jaedin Oglesby and Colton Taft at 16:32 for a 2-1 lead. Three minutes before the half, Zach Estrada would put one in the net on a ball from Taft for a 3-1 lead.

Danville would score three minutes into the second half to set the final score. Max Jones had three saves in the keep for the Hawks.

Central Lee is 6-0 overall and 2-0 in SEI Super Conference action. They are off until next Tuesday when they host Wapello.

The Lady Hawks are 1-4-1 after going 1-2 last week with a win over Keokuk and shutout losses to Mid-Prairie and Washington. They also host Washington in a 5 p.m. game next Tuesday.

FM boys shut out by Burlington

FORT MADISON – The Hound boys' tennis team dropped all nine matches, two by forfeit, in a 0-9 loss to Burlington Tuesday in Fort Madison.

At No. 1 singles, Rowan Benda lost a close 6-8 match to the Grayhounds' Patrick Morgan, and Peyton Howard fell 5-8 at No. 3. James Janic lost 3-8 at No. 2 singles and Holden Fraise fell 2-8 to BHS' Jack Drew. Elijah Broadhurst was shut out 0-8 at No. 5. The Hounds forfeited at No. 6 singles.

In doubles play, Benda and Howard lost 4-8 to Morgan and Will Woodard. Janic and Fraise lost 2-8 to Tomas Rascon and Drew. The No. 3 doubles was also forfeited by the Bloodhounds.

The Bloodhounds host Fairfield in a 4:30 match Monday.

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