FM Partners entities hand out annual awards

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Partners and the Fort Madison Daily Democrat honored six deserving local community members who've donated time and resources for the betterment of Fort Madison on Friday night.

At the Fort Madison Partners annual dinner entitled “Celebrating Milestone,” Partners Director Tim Gobble addressed a full room of local people representing businesses, service groups, government and industries in and around Fort Madison.

Gobble said there are good things on the horizon for Fort Madison, but the community needs to stay active and integrate with each other to keep the wheels turning.

Rusty Andrews, Chairman of Fort Madison Main Street, honored Kelly Peters for her work on the Main Street Farmers’ Market. Brenda Derr was also nominated.

Angie Budnik, the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce chair, honored Angela King from Team Staffing in a new category called “Ambassador in Action.” Budnik also honored Rachel Benda as Ambassador of the Year.

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Steffensmeiers earn medals at Wells Fargo

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DES MOINES - They’ll both tell you it’s not the results they wanted, and in the same breath with little emotion, they’re proud of what they’ve accomplished.

Harlan and Ryan Steffensmeier, cousins born within a day of each other, will each take a podium spot Saturday night at the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament held in Des Moines’ Wells Fargo Arena Thursday through Saturday.

Harlan took 3rd place in a physical match against Gabe Kjeldgaard of Council Bluffs. Steffensmeier had the match under control most of the way until midway through the 2nd period Kjeldgaard wrenched Steffensmeier’s knee. The hold was broken up by the referees and Steffensmeier shook it off and got back into the match at 6-0. “It’s a little sore right now,” he said. “I had my legs in and he would take my leg and pull it different directions. It doesn’t feel injured its just a little sore right now. It hurts a bit.”

Starting the third period, Steffensmeier again had the upper hand and was moving his opponent around the mat and seemed moments away from being able to pull Kjeldgaard in and lock his hands for a possible cradle, but Kjeldgaard was able to escape and roll on top of Steffensmeier, who found himself on his back. Kjeldgaard then created a wide base, with his back laying on top of Steffensmeier and had him almost pinned down sliding his feet and trying to keep Steffensmeier from escaping.

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Bloodhound medalists

Harlan Steffensmeier, left, placed 3rd in the 138 lb division, and Ryan, right, placed 8th in the 113 lb division of the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament held Thursday-Saturday in Des Moines at Wells Fargo Arena.

LET’S MAKE A DEAL

Maggie Guzman, center, presents Tony Baxter with his “Zonk” prize of a box of potato chips at the Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner Friday night. At left is Fort Madison Chamber Chair and ad hoc game show host Angie Budnik.

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Burn ban issued for Lee County

PROCLAMATION OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED
On February 17, 2017, the office of the state fire marshal received a request pursuant to Iowa Code 100.40(1) (1995) from Steve Cirinna, representing each fire department having all or part of their fire district within Lee County, that the state fire marshal prohibit open burning in Lee County. Upon investigation the fire marshal finds that conditions in Lee County are such that open burning constitutes a danger to life or property. It is therefore ordered that no person shall engage in open burning in Lee County, effective February 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., except as specifically permitted by Iowa Code 100.40(3) until such time as Steve Cirinna, notifies the state fire marshal that such conditions dangerous to life or property no longer exists.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Iowa Code 100.40(3) any violation of this proclamation order is a simple misdemeanor.
From the Front/Local News

Andrews get Democrat’s Citizen of the Year award

Sandy Hollkamp and Matt Lafrenz were also nominated for that honor.

Gobble, on behalf of Fort Madison Economic Development Group, then gave the first-ever Community Development Award to Tony Baxter of Baxter Construction. Baxter encouraged those in attendance to keep giving of what they could because even the smallest efforts can make huge benefits. Jenny Steffensmeier, Michael Mohrfield, and Bob Huffman, Jr. were also nominated for this award.

As is the tradition, the Daily Democrat presented the Citizen of the Year at the end of the evening prior to the silent auction winner announcements.

Co-Publisher Bill Helfert presented the award to Rusty Andrews citing his work on the Fort Madison City Council, Fort Madison Main Street, the Tri-State Bodee, his work with the Charlie Kornschen Kiddie Parade and a multitude of other ventures. Linda Marshall and Lisa Nadigier were also considered for the honor.

Live auction items including a John Deere Classic Package, a St. Louis Cardinals package, a “Get Your Grill On” grilling package and a “Building Your Image” package were available at the event. Those items were donated by Mid American Energy/Spirit, SCC, Shoethank’s The GM Giant/Air Choice One/Enterprise, Allied Coating Systems/Fareway/Hope Real Estate/Kempker’s True Value/Pinnacle Foods, and Devan Marie Photography/Atlas.

Attendees also were able to bid on over 30 silent auction items as well.

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Volunteer of the year

Kelly Peters is congratulated by Fort Madison Chamber President Tony Baxter after being named the Fort Madison Main Street Volunteer of the Year.

Ambassador in action

Angela King and Angie Budnik pose for a photo after King was awarded the Ambassador in Action award Friday.

Ambassador of the year

Rachel Benda is awarded the Ambassador of the Year by Fort Madison Chamber Chair Angie Budnik.

Community developer

Tony Baxter of Baxter Construction speaks to guests at the Fort Madison Partners annual dinner Friday after receiving the Community Development Award from Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble.

Citizen of the year

Rusty Andrews goes to the microphone to speak after being presented the Daily Democrat Citizen of the Year Award Friday at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Fort Madison.

Celebrating two decades

The Fort Madison Chamber Ambassador Club visited Griffin Muffler and Brake Center Friday morning to congratulate them on celebrating 20 years in business. Nannette and Clark Griffin owners, are pictured with their employees and members of the Chamber Ambassador Club.

Cover Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

GLORIA J. LAMPE

Gloria J. Lampe, 76, of Donnellson, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 9:55 PM at her home.

She was born on January 5, 1941 in Ft. Madison, IA to Herbert and Margorita Seltzer. On November 8, 1968 she married Eugene H. Lampe at Sacred Heart Church in Ft. Madison.

Gloria worked several clerical jobs for various businesses in Ft. Madison. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Altar and Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella. She also started the Chapel of Divine Mercy where the rosary is recited in the afternoons.

Gloria enjoyed painting, ceramics and quilting. She also made a detailed nativity scene for her home and also made nativities for her family members.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Lampe of Donnellson; a son, Gene (Cindy) Lampe of Donnellson; 1 daughter, Duane Grondziak Jr, Amber Grondziak, 1 grandson; 1 great grandson; 2 brothers, Danny Senf & Jim Cooper, 1 sister, DeeAnne Davolt of Ft. Madison, 4 nephews & 9 nieces.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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### Beautiful Period Home
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**3 BR • 2.50 BA • 2 car garage • 2,400 sq. ft. • 10,150 sq. ft. lot**

Lovely tri-level home on a quiet cul de sac, offering numerous upgrades. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths, a large living room, dining room and open kitchen with newer stainless steel appliances and a breakfast bar. Newer windows, HVAC, new floor coverings on main and lower level and freshly painted throughout. The large backyard is completely fenced and has a 24 x 16 patterned concrete patio. Don't miss out on this wonderful family home.

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**3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage • 1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres**

Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don't miss out on this beauty.

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  - 1 car garage
  - 3 BR • 1 BA
  - 1,144 sq. ft.
  - 7,250 sq. ft. lot
  - Move-in ready with eat-in kitchen, living room and attached garage!
  - Large fenced yard, perfect for pets and children.
  - Listing #20162154
  - $49,900

- **3BR • 1BA**
  - 1 car garage
  - 3 BR • 1 BA
  - 1,144 sq. ft.
  - 7,250 sq. ft. lot
  - Multi-family Duplex
  - 2672 sq. ft.
  - 2 BR • 2 BA
  - 1,144 sq. ft.
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  - Income property. Potential for 87%+month income or more. Side-by-side duplex with 2 - 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. West side has a long term renter and east side is vacant. Large garage with full 2nd floor. The home is clean as a whistle and ready to move in!
  - Listing #20161431
  - $42,500

- **3BR • 1.75BA**
  - 2 car garage
  - 3 BR • 1.75 BA
  - 888 sq. ft.
  - 9,110 sq. ft. lot
  - RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage!
  - Updated dining room, kitchen that includes all appliances, dining room and kitchen have original fireplace, basement and a 1 car garage.
  - Listing #20162543
  - $53,000

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  - 1 car garage
  - 3 BR • 1.75 BA
  - 9,110 sq. ft. lot
  - Multi-family Duplex
  - 2672 sq. ft.
  - 2 BR • 2 BA
  - 1,144 sq. ft.
  - 7,250 sq. ft. lot
  - Move-in ready with many updates including kitchen WETTE appliances, fresh paint, new electric (100 AMP breaker), new water lines at street and more!
  - The home is clean as a whistle and ready to move in!
  - Listing #20161431
  - $42,500

- **3BR • 1.50BA**
  - 1 car garage
  - 3 BR • 1.5 BA
  - 888 sq. ft.
  - 1,087 sq. ft. lot
  - Very nice maintenance-free 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, new hardboard flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carpert area on the front deck!
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  - 1,199 sq. ft. lot
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  - 2 car garage
  - 3 BR • 1.75 BA
  - 1,460 sq. ft.
  - 2,213,719 sq. ft. lot
  - Large fenced lot includes 30' X 150' barn, 36' X 120' pole barn.
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  - Excellent condition.
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  - $59,020

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  - 50.82 acres
  - 2,213,719 sq. ft.
  - Ideal 30 ac for horse barn
  - Listing #20164279
  - $38,500

- **Land**
  - 14.65 acres
  - 638,514 sq. ft.
  - 14.65 acres
  - 7,250 sq. ft. lot
  - Listing #20163053
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**2017 State Wrestling**

**STATE WRESTLING – ROUND 3 (SEMIFINALS) – SATURDAY MORNING**

**Harlan Steffensmeier advances to 3rd-place match**

**Saturday morning match has same result**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**

**STATE WRESTLING – ROUND 3 (SEMIFINALS) – SATURDAY MORNING**

**Des Moines - Fort Madison’s Harlan Steffensmeier advances to the third-place match in Class 3A 185 lb. semi-final action at the State Wrestling tournament at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines Saturday morning.**

Steffensmeier, now 6-5 on the year, found himself in a rematch with Bryce Murano of Dallas Center-Grimes, who was 39-9 going into the match. Steffensmeier had beaten Murano on Thursday’s first round in a 19-4 technical fall.

In a fairly evenly matched opening period, Murano got on the board first with take down, which Steffensmeier escaped quickly to put the match 2-1. With about 45 seconds left in the first period, Steffensmeier started to gain momentum keeping Murano on his back for the rest of the period. Steffensmeier had the upper position to start the 2nd period and quickly pulled Murano to the mat and got his legs around him and had Murano under control before the pin was slapped at 38 seconds into the 2nd period.

Steffensmeier will now face Gabe Kidgell, a junior out of Council Bluffs who is 14-8 through the tournament for 3rd place in the 138 weight class.

Steffensmeier beat Mason Morris by a 6-0 decision in round 2 during the Friday morning session, before losing to No. 1 ranked Tristan Irania in a major decision 10-2 during the Friday afternoon session.

**Junior gets Sat. morning pin**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**

FM’s Harlan Steffensmeier pushes Bryce Murano around in a 3rd round consolation match Saturday morning at the Wells Fargo Arena. Steffensmeier won by fall at 2:38 to advance to the 3rd-place match to be held before 2:15 today.

**Different day, same result**

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**Ryan Steffensmeier moves on in 113 lb. consolation bracket**

**I thought my effort was there. He’s a tough kid. I versed him before and he got the pin. I thought I wrestled ok, but here you gotta work for it.**

- Ryan Steffensmeier

**FMHS wrestler**

Ryan’s mother Diane Steffensmeier said it was a relief.

"We’re just so proud of him,” she said. “It was such a heartbreaker for him last year not making state and finishing 3rd at district.

“I knew I was a little nervous in the first matching losing but that kid’s a tough kid, but Ryan obviously came back and got the win and we couldn’t be happier.”

Ryan scored Harlan’s only points in the 113 lb. semi-final action in the 2-0 session against Matias Lara, the No. 1 ranked 113 lb. wrestler at 138 lbs.

**Along for the ride**

Steffensmeier positioned himself to get a handle on Carter Logue in the first two cradles during Friday’s consolation matches in the morning session. Steffensmeier won by fall with his second cradle at 1:03.

**In a pinch**

Ryan Steffensmeier pulls Carter Logue into the first of two cradles during Friday's consolation matches in the morning session. Steffensmeier won by fall with his second cradle at 1:03.
STATE WRESTLING – ROUND 2 (QUARTERFINALS) – FRIDAY MORNING

Steffensmeiers battle No. 1s at state tourney

BY CHUCK VANDEMBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES - FMHS’ Ryan and Harlan Steffensmeier have both found themselves matched up against the No. 1 wrestlers in their weight classes...and both from Fort Dodge.

In the first matches of the day Friday, Ryan found himself up against Drew Bennett of Fort Dodge at 113 lbs. Steffensmeier came into the match 28-11 and Bennett was 30-3 on the year. Bennett lived up to the hill with quickness and good mechanics, but Steffensmeier battled all three periods finally succumbing to a technical fall at 16-1 with just 33 seconds left in the match. Steffensmeier rolled and pitched several times being close to a pin but fought out of the position to avoid the fall.

Harlan, who won his quarterfinal match over Mason Morris of Bettendorf, will now go up against Tristen Lara, also of Fort Dodge, in the semifinals. Lara comes into the match with a 42-1 record compared to Steffensmeier’s 45-3. Lara has one of his matches at the tournament by technical fall 16-1 and 19-2. Steffensmeier won his first match by 19-4 technical fall.

Steffensmeier’s match with Morris was a tangling and entangling with very few moments of the match on their feet. But Steffensmeier managed to keep position and hold Morris in clinches for most of the match and finally being able to stay in a top position for the last 60 seconds of the win.

Ryan will face Carter Logue, a sophomore from Carlisle in the 2nd round consolation to be played yet this morning.

The semifinal matches in IA start at 2:30 this afternoon.

Looking for an angle
FMHS’ Harlan Steffensmeier gets the upper position on Morris later in the match.

Hip grip
Harlan Steffensmeier gets a hip grip on Mason Morris in action Friday morning. Steffensmeier won 6-0 to advance to face No. 1 ranked Tristen Lara in the semifinals at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Moving on
In Friday State Wrestling action, FMHS’ Harlan Steffensmeier (138) works Mason Morris of Dallas Center-Grimes to a 6-0 decision. Steffensmeier faced No. 1 ranked Tristen Lara of Fort Dodge in the semifinals.
Almost pinned
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STATE WRESTLING – ROUND 1 – THURSDAY MORNING

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Cousins conquer Wells Fargo: Harlan takes 3rd, Ryan 8th

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caping. With Head Coach Ryan Smith shouting “Get out of there, Harlan!” almost on command the junior rolled over on his belly and rode out the next 20 seconds for the win.

“There are defensive flaws. He was getting too close for my comfort,” Smith said. “But he’s good at that position and he knew what he was doing. But you don’t take a chance when you’re up by 8. So bail out.

“It was a solid match. He was a tough kid. That was a tough bracket for him and to finish 3rd after losing is a good sign for him. So he goes 7th as a freshman, 5th last year. 3rd this year so the plan is No. 1 next year. Yeah...so we knew each other from that.”

As far as following the pattern and shooting for the top spot next year...

“That’s the plan,” he said.

For the tournament, Steffensmeier defeated Bryce Murano, in a 19-4 technical fall at 4:24 in the first round on Thursday. Then on Friday beat Mason Morris 6-0 in the quarterfinals in the morning session.

He then ran up against No. 1 Triston Lara of Fort Dodge who scored a 10-2 major decision over Steffensmeier sending him to the third round consolation bracket where, again he beat Murano with a fall at 2:38 setting up the 3rd-place match with both wrestlers getting to their feet quickly.

After a bit of a slap match, Steffensmeier moved Penrith around the mat and shot at him and was able to get on top, but Penrith lifted Steffensmeier off the ground and was able to spin him back to the mat and regain position and ride it out until the match ended.

“I thought it was a good match. It definitely didn’t end the way I wanted it to. I think I worked hard and gave it everything I had,” Steffensmeier said.

“He’s beat me before, but by more than he did here. I thought...I mean he’s a tough kid, good opponent and I respect him. But I’m gonna come back next year and get him.”

Ready for a roll
FMHS junior Ryan Steffensmeier works for a take down in Saturday’s 7th place match. Steffensmeier lost the match to Jakey Penrith of Cedar Falls 6-1 and finished in 8th place in 113 lbs. at the IHSAA tourney in Des Moines.

In control
Harlan Steffensmeier wraps ups Gabe Kjeldgaard in the 3rd place match with for the 138 lb. weight class. Steffensmeier won the match 10-2.

Smith agreed and said Steffensmeier now has an opportunity to move forward.

“He closed the gap from where he wrestled him about a month ago in Urbandale,” Smith said. “He’s on the podium and he’ll get a chance now to climb the ladder as well. Great end to his season. He’s come a long way through hard work.”

Ryan said although he was upset with the finish, he has more to do.

“I thought it was a good tournament. My goal was just to get to state, but now I placed, so I reached past my goals so next year I can look to getting better and moving on,” he said.

For the tournament,