Some FMHS seniors graduation at risk

Slater says about 40 students are missing requirement

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

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

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

“I just spoke with Greg today and he said there are still quite a few people who have not completed their service requirements...a lot,” said Board President Timm Lamb. “They’re going to hold to the fact and they aren’t going to graduate.”

They’ve had a lot of opportunities and they just aren’t taking advantage of them. I think some of them think it’s not going to happen.”

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

“Some seniors graduate at risk. They won’t have any problems. ”

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

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New owner gives Super 8 a facelift

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

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

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

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

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

“I’m from California where I was working hourly as a cashier and then I decided I wanted to try and get a business,” Kumar said.

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

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

Kumar has a staff of part-time housekeepers and

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Boost kids graduate Monday

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

Spurred by the success of the Test Kitchen’s high school programming aimed at increasing ACT performance among local students, Fort Madison school officials put together a group to create a curriculum based on food and study to gauge interest from a younger group of students.

“I think any time you can couple food and learning you get a good result,” said Fort Madison Middle School Assistant Principal, Brent Zirkel.

“I went to a conference about five years ago, a brain research conference

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Kumar spends $1.6M to take over hotel

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

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

Reservations can be made via the Super 8 website:

www.super8.com

or by calling locally at 319-372-8500.

The lobby of the Super 8 has new tile and a fresh new look, and the breakfast area has also been remodeled.

District sets meal policy

they won’t receive their diploma or graduate until the volunteer service hours requirement is met. “Greg was telling me today what he and Patrick (Lamb, assistant principal) have put together. They’ve gone way over board to help get this done,” Lamb said.

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

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

**Fort Madison Police Report**

- 05/12/17 - 6:31 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of Avenue G.
- 05/12/17 - 3:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3000 block of Avenue H.
- 05/12/17 - 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 700 block of Avenue G.
- 05/12/17 - 11:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of Avenue G.
- 05/12/17 - 8:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue G.
- 05/12/17 - 6:31 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Avenue F.
- 05/13/17 - 6:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 900 block of 15th Street.
- 05/13/17 - 2:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at U.S. Hwy 61 and Henry Ladyn Drive.
- 05/14/17 - 3:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1300 block of Avenue E.
- 05/14/17 - 6:17 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of 12th street.
- 05/15/17 - 8:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue G.
- 05/15/17 - 6:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at U.S. Hwy 61 and Henry Ladyn Drive.

**Lee County Sheriff’s Report**

- 05/12/17 - 2:37 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Tia Anetera-Lorrain Schulte, 18, of Montrose at Elm Street and N. Main Street for possession of alcohol under the legal age. A 17-year-old minor was also cited at the same location and ordered to appear at juvenile court.
- 05/13/17 - 9:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Donald LeMoyne Schrader, 81, of Montrose for failure to maintain control. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
- 05/13/17 - 7:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Levi Lewis Happs, 20, of Revere, Mo., at the Tipton Correctional Facility on two charges of unauthorized use of a credit card $1,000 to $10,000. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
- 05/14/17 - 2:04 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies cited and released Zachary James Jensen, 47, of Keokuk at the Henry/Lee county line on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
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### IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

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5BR • 3BA
3,119 sq. ft.
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2BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage
679 sq. ft. • 6,500 sq. ft. lot
Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.
Listing #20164161 • $62,500

2 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage
528 sq. ft. • 5,600 sq. ft. lot
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3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage
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3 BR • 2.50 BA
2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft. • 10,400 sq. ft. lot
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FMHS’s Larissa Ferrill hits a return Saturday in her No. 4 singles match. Ferrill was the only Bloodhound to win a match on the day downing McKenzie Fry 6-2, 6-1. The Hounds were eliminated from doubles action because of only having one win in singles competition in the team regionals.

FMHS girls bounced early in regional team tennis

BY PCC STAFF

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

No. 4 singles conference champion Larissa Ferrill got the only win in singles competition for the Lady Hounds when she knocked off West Burlington/Notre Dame’s McKenzie Fry 6-2, 6-1. Because FM lost five singles matches all lost by identical 3-6, 2-6 scores.

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

Mercedee Doty lost 2-6, 1-6 to WB/ND’s Kennedy Rhensnmidt and Chassena Smith fell to Riley Brueck 2-6, 2-6 to end the day for Fort Madison.

In later rounds, Mount Pleasant knocked off Keokuk 5-3 and then WB/ND shut out Mt. Pleasant 5-0.

The girls individual regionals take place on Thursday in Fairfield.
5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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From the Front/Weather

Boost program created locally

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

“They bring good people together you’re gonna get a positive result,” Zirkel said. Dirth was also present at the graduation ceremony, which included dinner and cake, certificates, and some gift bags for the teachers and administrators.

“It’s wonderful,” Dirth said. “It gave us a chance to experiment. It was a pilot program to see how the middle school reacted, see what kind of commitment we could get and it’s just been wonderful. “We got three teachers on board and we created curriculum. This was all done in-house.”

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