FMHS waves goodbye to 134 Crimson and Black

Dignitaries tell students to expect the unexpected

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With a nod to memories of the past four years, a few short addresses, and some moving of tassels, 134 of Fort Madison's best and brightest said goodbye to the safe and familiar halls of Fort Madison High School.

At Saturday's Bloodhound graduation held at the Fort Madison gymnasium, school dignitaries quipped, and seniors, with decorated mortarboards with saying such as "The Best is Yet to Come" spoke to the future and what is in store for each student to cross the stage.

FMHS Principal Greg Smith gave the seniors one last bit of instruction and had them make eye contact with their families and applaud their parents for their hard work and support in getting the seniors to where they are today.

"You never know what's going to happen because that's exactly what happened to me," said Smith, who told attendees that when he graduated in the '70s he told himself he was never coming back.

"God has a funny sense of humor." Superintendnet Erin Slater said she now has an idea what parents go through on graduation day.

"One year ago I sat just like you today as my twins graduated from high school," she said.

She told the seniors they have reached a milestone and should always reflect on what it took to get where they are.

"You have reached a huge milestone. Each one of you has shown perseverance, focus, and effort in order to be sitting here today. Please remember this is just the beginning. Your next step is up to you. One of my favorite quotes is from AA Milne, the creator of Winnie the Pooh, and it says, 'Promise me you'll always remember, you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.'"

Emily Mitchell, the class See CEREMONY, page 10

FMHS graduate Adam Wilson gets hugs amidst a few tears after the graduation ceremony Saturday at FMHS. Wilson is joining the U.S. Army after graduation.

It was 5:30 in the morning and Ginnie had just left for work. I settled back in the recliner for a little siesta, the eastern sky barely light on a drizzly morning. A text message buzzed. It was Ginnie. She had just hit a deer on the edge of Mt. Pleasant. Fortunately, she was okay, just a little shaken. Her car had some minor damage. She recomposed herself on the side of the road before proceeding to work. I should have recognized the omen.

Later in the afternoon, I watched the weather radar turn from bad to ugly. A tornado warning came in over my phone. Ginnie was making a run for home. We talked to each other on the phones, and it looked like she was going to make it. I breathed a sigh of relief when she pulled into the garage, sporting fresh deer hair on the grill. I estimated the damage at a thousand dollars. (It was $3,600.)

The rain started coming down in bucket fulls, driven by a ferocious wind. Then the pinging started, which soon turned to pounding. We heard glass breaking. I looked outside and saw golf balls bouncing in the yard like popcorn. It sounded like the west side of our house was going to explode. We were about ready to grab Buddy and head for the basement, but it was over as quick as it started. We tiptoed outside to survey the damage. There were driffs of hail up against the side of the house and holes the size of my fist in the vinyl siding. Whoever said "vinyl was final?" I checked the baby chicks real quick. They were fine, but full of speculation about what had just happened. The pounding on their chicken house (which the hail shredded) had to have been deafening! Our garden was stripped, with holes punched in the black soil like Swiss cheese. But the good news, we were all okay.

Ginnie called our insurance company to report the deer accident and, oh, by the way, hail just hit our house. The insurance adjuster was out the next day (can you believe it?) and calculated the damage at $32,000! We're thinking about steel for our roof.

The next day was my first book signing at the Ft. Madison Art Center. When Ginnie and I got in the car to go, we noticed candy on the floor with mice teeth marks. (***) A year ago I'd had mice problems, not just any ole mice, but those big deer mice. Here we go again!

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Great River Regional Waste Authority reminds you to use the 3 R’s!

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Here are some helpful tips:

REDUCE
* Reduce the amount of waste produced in society
  The best way to manage waste is not to produce it. This can be done by shopping carefully and being aware of a few guidelines.
  • Buy durable goods & products in bulk
  • Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
  • Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
  • Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
  • Maintain central files for multiple individuals
  • Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

REUSE
* Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose
  It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.
  • Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
  • Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap
  • Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

RECYCLE
* Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material
  Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and processes, re-manufactures and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and work.
  • Recycle all acceptable products at our recycling bins, stations & trailers (see www.grrwa.com for a complete list of locations)
  • Check for curbside recycling acceptable items & schedules on your local city websites
  • Purchase and use recycled materials for the home & office
  • Implement a composting process for your lawn & garden

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Please place all electronic waste in their appropriate bins, some electronic items are free to dispose. Please call for fees on TV’s, Monitors, Laptops & Tablets.

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For the Record

IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

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The Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.

The Pen City Current - Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Meditation found at old thrift shop

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actually a positive sign. It’s when I’m too relaxed that I blow it. Curt’s 55 year old Science Fair medal found in a junk shop The book signing went fine. One of the attendees presented me with a gift. While rummaging through a junk shop in Iowa City, she had come across a medal with my name on it. It was for a second place finish in our high school science fair 55 years ago.

As a freshman, I had made a ripple tank—a shallow tank of water, with a light overhead and a simple, motor driven vibrator that caused ripples. Place an object in the tank, and you could see ripples forming around it like wind in a wind tunnel. The lady couldn’t resist picking up this old medal for me. Holy cow, what a surprise! How my medal wound up in an Iowa City junk shop, I have no idea. But the amalgamation of memories formed around my brain like ripples in a pond. It was amazing!

Then, one fellow, an old classmate of mine, bought 15 of my books for his high school senior Sunday School class. Cool. Maybe my book will make a ripple. We drove home on a high, ever watchful for roaming deer. Pulling into the Empty Nest farm yard, I drove straight to the chicken house to check on the chicks. I tapped the horn of the farm truck and the eggs started running down the hen house. I left the horn on as I drove home on a high, ever watchful for roaming deer.

A gala science fair 55 years ago.

Robert "Bobby" Whitmer


Born April 21, 1950 in South Carolina he was the adopted son of C.R. "Cap" and Regina Oloboy Wather. Survivors include his sister Donna (Jim) Snead of Keosauqua, Iowa. He is also survived by several cousins living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Monticello, Iowa and Kentucky and aunts living in Milwaukee and Monticello. He was preceded by his parents. Bobby enjoyed riding his bicycle around Farmington. He loved animals especially dogs. He was always smiling.

His body has been entrusted to the Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A graveside service will be at a later date in the Greenglade Cemetery at Farmington. A memorial has been established in his memory. Contributions may be mailed to the Schmitz Funeral Home PO Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.
By Chuck Vandenbeng
PCC Editor

Des Moines - "Man that kid's fast. He should be running the 100 or something." Those were the words from Ballard High's Mark Moser as he left the court at Saturday's Iowa high school state tennis meet in Waterloo, after downing Fort Madison's Johnny Hernandez and Dante Seaney 6-1, 6-4.

Seaney had just jumped about six feet up the back fence to get to an overhead smash from Moser that ended the match. The Hounds were down 2-4 in the second set of this second set, a 15-stroke rally was stretched when Hernan-
dez went to the fence to get to slam and kept the ball in play in a point won by the Hounds to get some momentum going. After pushing the set to 4-5 the Ballard duo of Moser and Brody Eicher proved to be too much from the service line and won the last game to send the Bloodhound duo back to Fort Madison. The first set was over quickly at 6-1 with Seaney and Hernandez not being able to find their usual energy and momentum, the same combination that allowed them to blow through the district doubles tourna-
ment with out losing a match. Hernandez said he and Seaney weren't on the same page at times during the matches. "Maybe one of the things we could have done better was communica-
tion," Hernandez said. "And a lot of my volleys weren't on point today." Seaney said the compe-
tition was beyond anything they had seen this year. "This is very different," Seaney said. "There's a lot more people. It's different. We don't have this kind of competition in southeast Iowa. Out conference is a smaller conference that allows us to blow through the district doubles tournament with out losing a match. We have enjoyed the tourna-
ment. "It's the experience itself. Being the only two boys in school out here facing these boys that have had a lot more expe-
ience then our kids. And they came back - another game and they may have had the opportunity to win that last set," he said. "The set their goals high because I asked them to and they expect-
ed more of themselves. They think they didn't play as well as they could have, but it's the nerves and emotion of this and they aren't used to that level. They should be proud of what they did up here." Both Seaney and Hernandez have been going into the military after high school. Seaney, an Holy Trinity grad will be joining the U.S. Marine Corp in two weeks and Her-
andez, who graduates from FMHS Saturday will be joining the national guard at the end of June.

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-Dante Seaney, State qualifier

FMHS’ Dante Seaney gets ready to flip a ball at the net back to Bal-
lard in their second match of the day at the state tennis tournament in Waterloo.

Speed, flat shots aren’t enough for duo at state meet

FMHS’ Seaney, Hernandez bow out at state
Fort Madison Police Department
05/25/17 - 3:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of 22nd Street.
05/25/17 - 4:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of Avenue G.
05/25/17 - 12:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue E.
05/26/17 - 6:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
05/26/17 - 6:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue E.
05/26/17 - 6:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
05/26/17 - 6:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue M.

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Lee County Sheriff’s Department report
05/25/17 - no time given - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Tiffany Reneae Afterberg, 42 of Nauvoo, at the Hancock County Jail on warrants for probation violation and failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Jr., 41, of Fort Madison, was arrested by the Lee County Sheriff’s Office on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
05/25/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls.
05/26/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters respond to three medical calls and one assist.
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<td>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 mechanics and a newer roof; 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don't miss out on this beauty.</td>
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<td>Amazing family home on a large corner lot in Farmington, IA. 2 fireplaces, beautiful woodwork, a beautiful open front porch, a large yard and an oversized garage!!</td>
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<td>A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hard-wood in formal dining room/ living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitch- en including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.</td>
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<td>Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsman woodwork and built-ins. 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.</td>
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<td>This spacious home has it all, the character of a turn of the century home; beautiful woodwork, beamed ceilings, window seat, columns, and large covered front porch, yet also includes MANY updates. Call today for your private viewing!</td>
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<td>Great family home with LOTS OF NEW! New kitchen, bathroom, windows, most flooring, wrap around deck, ceiling fans, light fixtures, furnace and central air! Beautiful neutral decor and window treatments make this a must see! All this and a 2 car heated garage.</td>
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<td>Has been owned by this seller since 1960!!! Large eat-in kitchen with newly tiled floor includes stove, microwave, washer and dryer, main floor laundry (in bedroom), formal dining room with built-in hutch, and spacious living room. The house sits on a HUGE lot and has a nice 2 car garage in back. Home has Gas Heat and central air with maintenance-free siding on house and garage.</td>
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679 sq. ft. • 6,500 sq. ft. lot  
Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.  
Listing #20164161 • $62,500

3BR • 3BA  
2,754 sq. ft.  
3,550 sq. ft. lot  
Gorgeous, turn-key home with large patio minimum maintenance. UPDATES GALORE!!! Practically perfect in every way, this 1841 home includes the latest improvements while keeping its Victorian charm.  
Listing #23006122 • $99,999

2BR • 2BA • 3 car garage  
1,404 sq. ft. • 1.42 acres  
Upgrades, improvements, updates...call it what you like, this home has had MANY in the last 2 plus years. This seller has completely refurbished the hill to the north of the home with new landscaping finishes. This is a must see property!!! It has enough room for your family and then some!!!  
Listing #20164991 • $129,900

3BR • 1BA  
1,432 sq. ft. • 5,500 sq. ft. lot  
This UPDATED, MOVE-IN READY, CHARMING 3 bedroom home will make an awesome family home!! This gem has all new windows throughout, exterior doors, deck, plumbing, & NEW roof on house & garage. So come check it out! This is a MUST SEE!!!  
Listing #20165237 • $92,500

3BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage  
14.65 acres • 638,514 sq. ft.  
Just outside city limits, perfect for housing development or small farm for horses or small livestock, over half tillable. City water is available, 30' X 60' building is totally insulated, heated and air conditioned with 200 amp service.  
Listing #20162574 • $249,000

Land  
14.65 acres • 638,514 sq. ft.  
Just outside city limits, perfect for housing development or small farm for horses or small livestock, over half tillable. City water is available, 30' X 60' building is totally insulated, heated and air conditioned with 200 amp service.  
Listing #20164531 • $114,900

4 BR • 1.75 BA  
3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft.  
8,700 sq. ft. lot  
Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24' X 36' insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.  
Listing #20163776 • $129,500

2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft.  
UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deer mower and new snow blower!!  
Listing #20162733 • $269,000

3 BR • 2.50 BA  
2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft.  
10,400 sq. ft. lot  
Great family home is move-in ready. Nice-sized kitchen with all appliances, dining area, and nice living room all on the upper level. Completely re-modeled family room with a wood burning fireplace on lower level. Many updates include newer flooring, roof, and HVAC system.  
Listing #20164234 • $119,900

Land  
50.82 acres • 2,213,719 sq. ft.  
Ideal 50 acre m/l parcel to develop. Close to new 4-8 Middle School and Baxter Rec Plex. TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY.  
Listing #20162779 • $559,020
James William “Bill” Lamborn, 75, of Donnellson, passed away at 4:13 P.M. Saturday, May 27, 2017 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.


He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Alice and one sister Linda Jacobmeier.

Bill was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington, was a member and Past Commander of the Farmington American Legion Post #231. He served as District Legion Vice Commander. He was a member of the Houghton Knights of Columbus Council #3905. He served in the United States Army.

Bill graduated from Farmington High School in 1959 and the Gade Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In his early years, he worked with his father in construction. He later owned and operated Home Town Lumber in Donnellson and the Houghton Ready Mix Concrete. Bill worked for Ideal Ready Mix until his retirement, he continued working part-time as an estimator for Jones Contracting up until the time of his death. He loved traveling, especially cruising to Alaska and the Panama Canal, visiting his sister and brother-in-law in Florida each Winter and driving his step granddaughter to New York City. He enjoyed going to Hawkeye Football Games and hosting picnics for family and friends each summer at the farm.

Friends may call after noon on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will meet with friends from 4-7:00 P.M. that evening. There will be a Christian Wake Service Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington with Father Dennis Hoffman as Celebrant.

Burial will be in the Greengleade Cemetery in Farmington with full military rites by the Farmington American Legion Post #231. Memorials may be made to the Donnellson Fire and Rescue, Farmington Fire Department and the Farmington EMT’s.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.