Walk-A-Thon nets $20,000 for FM parent-teacher groups

Students helping schools

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - There was cheering and walking, some running and even some dancing as elementary students from Fort Madison schools held a Walk-A-Thon Wednesday at Richmond Stadium.

The event was part of an annual charitable effort to raise money for the Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Group and the Richardson Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. According to Matt Rump, who emceed the event and is a physical education instructor at both schools, each school raised more than $10,000 this year. Students raised funds individually for the walk through pledges, sponsorships and an elementary Relay For Life committee t-shirt sale.

Of the $20,000 raised, the schools donated $819 to the Richardson and Lincoln Elementary Parent-teacher groups.

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Central Lee stuns No. 3 Crusaders on Senior Night

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FORT MADISON - What started out with flowers and laughter ended with frustration and disbelief as Holy Trinity suffered its first home loss in more than a year Tuesday night.

Central Lee sophomore Mya Merschman and the Lady Hawks ruined senior night for Class 1A No.3 HTC, knocking off the Crusaders in five sets 24-26, 25-8, 25-14, 23-25, 12-15 in front of a full Shottenkirk Gymnasium.

The two teams battled through the first set exchanging leads several times with momentum going one way and then the other throughout the match. HTC senior Emily Box, who surpassed the 1,500 kill mark for her career at Holy Trinity, was kept off balance by a double block from Merschman and a rotation of Hawks that included senior McKenna Hall, freshman Meghan Hopp and junior Kaylynn Sommers.

Several of the points saw rallies of 12 to 15 sides before a point was scored.

Box said after the loss the girls were excited about the conference title.

“We came out and it was our senior night and we had a home senior night and that may have been a distraction.”

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SPORTS:

Stone talks work culture to industry group

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - A brand marketing specialist told a group of local industrial leaders over lunch that creating a culture where employees are bragging about their jobs is a key part of filling positions.

The Lee County Economic Development Group held its annual Salute to Industry Summit Wednesday afternoon at Quality Inn and Suites in Fort Madison and brought along Souligna Stone, an entrepreneur who helps corporations overcome brand and diversity issues.

Stone told the group that the way they are doing business now will not be the same in 25-30 years and company leaders need to re-evaluate how they are branding their business to future employees.

“Growing up in the Midwest, looking at the jobs and landscape, it’s quickly changing because of digital technology,” Stone told the group.

She said technology is changing the way employers hire, recruit, and
National historian Michael Luick-Thrams spoke to high school students at the Fort Madison Media Center on Wednesday about the history of the Ku Klux Klan and the prevalence not just in the southern U.S., but right here in Iowa as well. Luick-Thrams also talked about the Klans motivations toward the Catholic Church.

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Walk-A-Thon brings $20,000 to FM parent-teacher groups

Effort is remarkable and helps teachers.

“This is a little different related to a school event than what I’m accustomed to in the past,” McKay said. “This is supercool. Walk-A-Thon is one of the two largest fundraisers we do that focuses on the PTO and PTO.”

McKay said due to budgetary constraints for the district, the PTO and PTO can serve as a linchpin for the schools’ teachers.

“These funds are critical to what we do internally as two buildings. A small portion goes to classroom budgets for our teachers and that’s a great help to get our teachers resources,” he said. “The majority of the funds go to resources for our kids. One example is that’s how we get our kids to field trips.”

He said he hopes the event continues to be ongoing.

“It’s an amazing event to get everyone outdoors and have some fun while raising much needed funds. It’s been an amazing event,” he said.

Superintendent Erin Slater said the annual event, “he said.

Slater said the success of the program is shown in the fact that the Walk-A-Thon is in its fifth year.

“This is a really great event where the kids can get involved and help raise money. The fact that they are able to get out of the classrooms and be outside and the weather held out makes it even better.”

King said the money is instrumental in helping the schools provide for equipment in the classrooms, as well as helping fund off-site activities like field trips.

After a large group picture was taken and instructions were given, several students were recognized. Students and teachers filed onto the track where they could either walk around the track until lunchtime or they could even use the four inside lanes to run or jog around the track. A video of the start of the walk can be found by clicking here: https://youtu.be/W4D0faKX6sM

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Trojans for conference title

Late-season loss to Fairfield gives Fort Madison a tie with Trojans for conference title

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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WASHINGTON - The Lady Bloodhound volleyball team secured a share of the Southeast Conference title Tuesday night with a three-set sweep of the Washing-

ton Demons on the road.

The Hounds move to 18-10 overall and 7-1 in the conference with their only loss to Fairfield, giving the two a tie for the loop's best team.

Sophomore Lauren Bailey was a perfect 14-14 from the service line with an ace, eight digs and 34 assists to lead the Hounds to a 25-11, 25-11, 25-13 win.

Junior Jillian Wiseman and senior Jassmine Bass had two a tie for the loop's best team.

Senior Josie Pumphrey was 11-11 at the line with six aces and had 11 digs to keep the ball in play from the back row.

Junior Kaeli Wiseman and senior Jassmine Bass paced Fort Madison at the net going a combined 30-32 in attacks with 22 kills. Bass had three blocks at the net and Wiseman had two.

Senior Kaeli Hutson was 17-18 hitting with eight kills and went 6-6 serving with nine digs. Gracie Pumphrey was also 14-14 serving with an ace and five digs.

“Our kids played well and with focus last night. It’s a good night when you only miss one serve and it’s in the 23rd point of game 3. Josie, Kaeli, Olivia, and Gracie led our defense in the back row not letting many balls hit the floor,” said FMHS Head Coach Kent Bailey.

“Lauren was able to take passes in system and feed the ball to our hitters who had a good night. This should give us some confidence going into tomorrow night at the Mediapolis Quadrangular.”

Fort Madison will start at Mediapolis with the hosts at 5 p.m. and then will take on Holy Trinity for the first time this year and then Eddyville.

The junior varsity finished second the conference with a 6-2 mark winning 22-25, 25-13, 15-9 and the freshman team went unbeaten with a 8-0 conference mark winning Tuesday night 25-16, 25-13.
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Loss doesn’t change Crusaders’ outlook on post-season

were really excited,” Box said. “I think we took that excitement a bit too far and didn’t do the little things we could have done to win.”

With the first lost set of the year in non-tournament action, the Crusaders seem to have put things back on the right track in the second set, when Box had five kills in the first seven points and Holy Trinity had kept a 15-17 point cushion. Central Lee kept up the pressure, but couldn't make up enough ground to get back in the game forcing a minimum of four sets.

Holy Trinity kept the gas on in the third set and everything seemed to be back to normal as the Crusaders created some space and hoped to shore things up in the fourth set.

The two teams again played with two points of each other the whole fourth set until Central Lee went up 20-23. Holy Trinity was able to tie up the match at 23 but Central Lee would get back-to-back points to send it to a tie breaker.

Both teams suffered points in the tie breaker where a ball would fall between two and three girls but most of the action took place at the net with Holy Trinity trying to block with junior Avery Hopper, Box and Senior Eryn Anderson. Very few points were scored with solid kills, but defensive errors and a lot of balls crawling across the tape where girls were sliding trying to recover.

The Hawks benefited from two Kaylynn Sommers serves that hit the tape and crept over the net causing problems for the Crusaders.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the Crusaders were out of sync most of the night.

“We were never really able to get into our tempo aside from that second game,” she said. “We were dealing with some sets that were going higher than we're used to, but this is the adversity we're going to face in the post-season and we have to be ready for that.”

She said the Crusaders need to take the loss as an opportunity going forward and not dwell on the emotion of the match.

“We're gonna bring this with us to practice tomorrow. We've got a tough match again on Thursday,” she said.

She said she didn't think the loss would change much for the post season.

“Sometimes I think people forget they are supposed to beat us. They’re a Class 3A school and they came to play,” Freesmeier said.

Box said the loss should prove as motivation going forward.

“This loss should only make us stronger,” she said. “In the end it only matters how the post-season goes. These are the tough games that we have to play to get to state and this only makes us stronger.”

Box, senior Taylor Boeding and Anderson led the Crusaders at the net combining for 51 kills on and going 114-131 attacking. Sophomore Bailey Hellweg and freshman Kassi Randolph combined for 50 assists on the night. Seniors Mya Lawlor and Elyse Pothitakis combined for 30 digs. Box had four blocks.

Merschman was 50-54 attacking with 15 kills to lead Central Lee. She also had six blocks and was 15-16 serving with an ace. Zoe Eschman had 31 assists for the Lady Hawks and Hall had 34 digs. Central Lee improves to 22-9 on the year, while the Class 1A 3rd ranked Crusaders fall to 29-3 on the season.

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Complete Flu Clinic Schedule:
- Oct. 11, 8:30 am – 10:00 am  – River Terrace, 128 Bank St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 11, noon – 4:30 pm  – Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 15, 8:00 am – 11:00 am  – Montrose Public Library, 200 Main St., Montrose, IA; Oct. 16, 8:30 am – 10:00 am  – Hoerner YMCA, 2126 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 17, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  – Donnellson Public Library, 411 S. Main St., Donnellson, IA; Oct. 18, 8:30 am – 9:30 am  – Hotel Iowa, 401 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 10:00 am – noon  – Heritage Center, 508 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 9:00 am – 10:00 am  – Eagle Bluff Apartments, 2803 Ave. A, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 8:30 am – 10:00 am  – Rose Michael Gardens, 4516 Ave. L, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 10:30 am – noon  – Parkview Apartments, 507 Iowa Joe St, West Point, IA; Oct. 25, noon – 5:30 pm  – Lee County Health Department, #3 John Bennett Dr., Fort Madison, IA. Visit Lee County Health Department’s website here to learn more: http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/.

Pack in Pink

The October 12th home Bloodhound football game will be a Pack In Pink night. T-shirts can be ordered as part of the FMHS National Honor Society through Tracy Madsen at FMHS.

Denmark UCC God’s Portion Day

Denmark UCC is celebrating its 71st God’s Portion Day October 13th. Opening ceremony, 9 AM. Baked goods & craft booths open at 9:30 AM; parade at 10:30 AM along Academy Avenue; 11:15 chicken noodle dinner in the church. Walking tacos and karaoke at the firehouse. Auction begins at 12:30 PM.

Lee County Conservation Scary Hike

Come on a family friendly hike through the woods on the evening of Oct. 13 and see humorous skits about the wild outdoors. Groups will leave every 15 minutes from the large shelter at Wilson Lake. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is $2 per person (ages 3+). Call Lee County Conservation at 319-463-7673 to reserve your time. Reservations are required.

Veteran’s Breakfast at Sunnybrook

Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran’s Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

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Area News/From the Front

Specialist says employers need to look at future employees

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retain. "You all know this workforce is quickly
fracturing. And one thing you should write down
and remember is that these are people and
people matter. It's not just a product or not just your
service, process is very important - and it's your
people," she said.

She said there are children right now that
have tremendous ideas and a lot of creativity that
are bursting at the seams to show everybody what they
know. She said those children are the wave of the
future and who will replace the workforce.

"The way you are
running your business
now will change in the
next 25-30 years," Stone
said. "These jobs that
are right now open and
vacated, that you haven't
been able to fill, there's
a different mindset with
these children. More
technology, more freed-
dom, and they want autonomy."

Stone encouraged the industrial people in
the room to start thinking differently about work-
force and combating the challenge of getting posi-
tions filled. Children are being told that the jobs
they will have don't exist now, so why would they
train to fill these jobs.

She said preventative maintenance or having
a strategy in place that utilizes communication
such as quarterly meet-

ings and employee feed-
back will help address the
challenges of the future.

Another key factor
will be finding out what
employees want from
their employers and
get feedback to create a
culture where people are
talking to friends and
family about how much
they love their job.

Stone said only about
30% of employees are
engaged at work.

"That's a pretty low number. As managers, it's
everyone's job to make sure we are engaging and
having communication and we're treating each
other with respect," Stone said.

She said data shows that 80% of millen-
ials want development opportunities and 82%
want recognition for their
work.

"Look at the pro-
grams in your company
and how are you training
and developing these
employees so they can
 grow with you. Everyone
knows it's much more
expensive to hire and
retain someone than it is
to keep somebody in
your company."

Stone said most com-
panies have engagement
issues with their em-
ployees and don't have
open, transparent com-
munication with their
shift workers. Budget and
time management is also
a hurdle, and absence of
true leadership.

"Are you present and
walking the warehouse
and asking about their
families?"

LCEDG CEO Joe Steil
welcomed the group and
said with the large num-
ber of manufacturing
jobs in the area, industry
is the defining character-
istic of Lee County.

"Industry is us and
we are industry, each and
every one of us. Simply
put, without industry we
don't prosper here," Steil
said. "This is about hon-
oring and appreciating
our industries and what
that means to us, and
to say thank you."

Dana Millard, LCEDG's
marketing and commu-
nication manager, said
industrial jobs in Lee
County pump a quarter
of a billion dollars into
the county annually.

"$250 million in
wages means not only
are citizens able to buy
a house, but make Lee
County and southeast
Iowa a home. It means
people are able to support
our local economy by
eating at our restaurants,
depositing in our banks,
visiting our hospitals,
giving back to our com-
munities, and helping
them grow," she said.

"4,000 manufactur-
ing jobs isn't just a num-
ber we throw around. It's
our community, it's our
commitment to keep and
grow those jobs. Not just
in the number, but in the
skills and wages, as well."

Millard said one in four
jobs are manufacturing
jobs which means a very
large group of people in
Lee County are hard-
working, problem-solv-
ing individuals working
in state-of-the-art facil-
ities making products
used every day and that
are shipped around the
world.

"How cool is that?"

Millard said. "Our em-
ployees encourage things
like a robotics club or sci-
ence fairs and other ac-

tivities. They are opening
their doors and speaking
to our communities. That
engagement is helping
us grow and we want to
thank you for that."

Denmark
UCC plans GPD Saturday

Submitted article
DENMARK - Denmark
UCC is celebrating its
71st God's Portion Day
October 13th. Opening
ceremony, 9 a.m.

Baked goods & craft
booths open at 9:30 a.m.;
parade at 10:30 a.m.
along Academy Avenue;
11:15 a.m. chicken noodle
dinner in the church.

Walking tacos and
karaoke at the firehouse.
Auction begins at 12:30
p.m.

State license cen-
ters to be closed
Wednesday

ANKENY – All Iowa
driver's license service
centers and county trea-
urer's driver's license isu-
ance sites will be closed
Wednesday, Oct. 17 for
employee training.

Many locations will
also be closing at 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 16 to allow
for employee travel time.

As always, online
services are available
24/7 at www.iowadot.
gov. Self-service kiosks
are also available in
convenient locations like
libraries and retail shops.
You can find an interac-
tive map of all locations
at https://iowadot.gov/mdv/
iowa-dot-locations.

Household
Hazardous
Waste

Eye Glasses

General
Paper
Recycling

Appliances
& e-Waste
(Electronics)

NEW THIS YEAR

Great River Regional Waste Authority

2092 303rd Avenue, Fort Madison

GRWWA’s 3rd Annual pReserve Day

Recycling Event
Wednesday, October 24, 7am-4pm
Open to all residents of Lee, Van Buren, & rural Henry Counties
Commercial & Business

Food/Batteries, herbicides, house-
hold & Auto cleaning products,

Accepting – glass, plastic, tin cans,
aluminum cans, office & shredded

All household appliances will be ac-
cepted. Electronics is anything that
plugs into a wall or takes batteries.
There is a fee for Appliances and
any screened electronics (computer
monitor, TV, laptop, tables, etc.)
During this event, GRWWA will
accept any combination of four (4)
shredded paper, 15 used cell

Goodwill of the Heartland will be on-
site from 7am-2pm to collect gently
used clothing.

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