Two killed in Sunday morning tragedy

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON – An early morning accident near Donnellson has claimed the lives of two area men and left another hospitalized.

According to Iowa State Patrol reports, at about 1:17 a.m. Sunday morning a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Robert LeRoy Boyd, 28, of Kahoka failed to negotiate a curve in the road on Highway 2 at 140th Avenue west of Donnellson. Investigators believe that Boyd overcorrected the center line and struck a 2005 GMC Yukon driven by Laverne Mark Faulkner, 63, of Farmington nearly head-on.

Faulkner, and a passenger in the vehicle, Michael Paul Faulkner, 39, also of Farmington, were transported to area hospitals by Lee County EMS where they were pronounced dead.

Boyd was taken to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by Lee County EMS and his condition is unknown.

According to the ISP crash investigation report, none of the three were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the accident.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Department and Donnellson Fire & Rescue assisted at the scene.

EMPT Y NEST

By Curt Swarm

Empty Nest empty without Barney the cat

Barney has disappeared. It happened on Mother’s Day (wouldn’t you know). Barney has always been my cat, because I’m the one who found and fed him. Cats remember. Barney was a great cat. He would crawl up on my lap and purr and knead to his heart’s content, like he was the happiest cat in the world, which he was. We thought.

He was a young cat, and we only had him (or he had us) for about six months. With Ginnie, he was a little standoffish, breaking her heart because she loved him so much. He was the kind of cat you just wanted to pick up and cuddle.

So, on Mother’s Day, when Barney finally gave in and crawled up on Ginnie’s lap, it was a first. Ginnie had her cat. We had found a couple of ticks on Bar-ney’s pet bed, so we got a tick collar for him, which he didn’t care for one bit and kept trying to get out of. After a day of wearing the tick collar, I noticed he was acting lethargic. I took the tick collar off and could feel some tick dust on his fur.

After church on Mother’s Day, we gave him a bath. He didn’t like that either. But he curled up on his freshly washed pet bed and took a nice long cat nap.

It was after the nap, that he crawled up on Ginnie’s lap. We never saw him again. Was he saying goodbye? Barney always wanted out at night. If we didn’t let him out, he prowled the house yowling. We accom-

 Rotary short of goal in $100K campaign

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A plan to raise $100,000 in 100 days has about two weeks left and has surpassed the $20,000 mark.

The Rotary club oversees the park’s maintenance and upkeep program outside of lawn mowing and was hoping to upgrade the city’s lights and park benches as well.

The city, conducting some routine inspections on the band shell, identified termite damage in the foundation timbers of the structure. City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said drilling the timbers out and reinforcing them with metal inserts would be a cheaper solution than replacing the the foundation.

Current funding needs for the park include $6,000 to $8,000 for new lights in the park, and at least $12,000 to refurbish the Statue of Liberty replica, as well as other upkeep. With Rotary celebrating its 100th birthday in 2020, the committee decided to try to raise $100,000 for all the repairs and put it in the park’s maintenance fund.

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BY RYAN NELSON
PEPSI LEE COUNTY SPEEDWAY

DONELSON- Final mother nature provided the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa with some beautiful weather for a night of racing. The Morrow Brothers Ford Midwest Open Wheel Association (MOWA) 410 Sprint Cars made a return trip to the track for the first time since 2012, with Midwest Performance & Power helping to bring the action.

The 18-lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMod feature took to the track first, with Jim Powell and Bobby Six leading the field to green. Six would take advantage of his starting spot to jump out into the lead on lap one over Adam Birck and Ron Kibbe.

While Six paced the field out front, Kibbe, Austin Becerra, who started 6th, Birck, Blaine Webster, who started 8th, and Brandon Dale, who started 7th, raced two and three wide for the runner up spot. On lap five Becerra emerged from that battle to claim the second spot, and then went on to win the feature. Becerra took to the track first, with Jim Powell and Blaine Webster, who started 18th, with Six, Birck, Daniel Fellows, who started ninth, close behind. Oliver Jr. would follow.

Then as the lap was scored complete Harold Pohren spun in turn one to bring out a yellow. Belong jumped back out on the track, with 17 laps to go to bring out the yellow. On the restart of lap 5 Nienhiser got under Balog to lead the lap, but Pohren would get back by him on lap six. Mason Daniel slipped under Balog on lap 10 to grab the lead, but Belong used the top side of the track coming down turn four through lapped traffic to take the top spot back.

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Ler O'Brien and Kimball Boles led the field to the drop of the green flag in the 18-lap Budweiser IMCA Modified feature, with Boles grabbing the lead on the start over Smith and Jeff Waterman, who started 6th. Boles would hold the top spot until lap three when Waterman got under him to take the lead. Chad Gibson spun in turn four on lap eight to bring out the yellow.

On the restart Smith would spin in turn one to bring the yellow light back on. The following restart saw Waterman jump back out front, with John Oliver Jr., who started eighth, and Brandon Lannon, who started ninth, close behind. Oliver Jr. would follow.

While Waterman took command of the field on the restart, with both Oliver Jr. and Orwig close behind.

For more information about the Pepsi Lee County Speedway you can visit their website at www.leecounty speedway.com, like them on Facebook, or call Brian Gaylord at 319-371-6744.

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OBITUARIES

BARBARA J. LOZANO

Barbara J. Lozano, 74, of Ft. Madison passed away on Sunday, June 09, 2019 at 2:30 AM at her home.

She was born on April 11, 1945 in Keokuk, IA to Roy and Ruth Ihrer Campbell. On May 6, 1978 she married Carlos “Joe” Lozano and he passed away on October 12, 2002. Barb worked at IAAP, she was an Avon representative, a security guard for Pinkerton’s at DuPont and retired from Celestica in Mt. Pleasant. She was an avid reader, enjoyed sewing and loved her TV shows on IPTV.

Survivors include one son, Charlie Lozano of Ft. Madison; three daughters, Christina Happs of MO, Barbara Aucker of Clarinda, IA and Vanessa Barr-Wagner of Salem, IA; two brothers, Charles Ihrer and Terry Campbell. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Mike.

The family will meet with friends on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 10-11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will follow at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for IPTV and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.
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WED 12 June

Rain
High– 62.0º F | Low – 48.6º F

THU 13 June

Clear
High– 66.6º F | Low – 56.8º F

FRI 14 June

Light Rain
High– 64.1º F | Low – 59.8º F

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Farm just not the same without barn cat

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was ready to come back in and spend the day sleeping.

Did something get him during the night? Could it have been one of those minks that killed our chickens? I saw a YouTube video of a mink taking down a full grown groundhog, so it’s possible that a mink could have gotten him. Barney was such a fast tree climber that I thought he could escape most anything.

Did he get run over? We live on busy Highway 34, and looked in all the ditches around the house. No Barney. Or did he just run off? I talked to our veterinarian and he said that cats can disappear for months at a time and then return. There’s hope he will come back, and we keep looking for him.

We had Barney neutered, so he wasn’t out looking for a mate. Was he mad at us for the tick collar and bath? Was he sick from the tick collar and crawled off in a culvert to die? We don’t know. We just want our Barney back! He was a skilled hunter, even snaring full-grown rabbits. He was in the process of eradicating our lawn of moles, chipmunks and any other creepy-crawly thing. He patrolled our barn and garage relentlessly, sometimes leaving his prey on our doorstep as proof of his hard work, like the cleaning lady who leaves the seat up on the toilet and cleanser in the bowl.

We named him Barney because he was going to be our barn cat, but he quickly wormed his way into the big house and our hearts. He’s a gray tiger with a pure white chest, like a nun. If you see him, please send him home. We promise—no more tick collars! We miss our muse, I mean mews cat. Even Buddy misses him! It’s sad, the Empty Nest Farm is down to just Buddy.

We don’t know where he came from, or where he went. Was he sent? Don’t get any ideas people! Barney come home!

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

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Great River Regional Waste Authority

Fort Madison Rotarian Larry Smith smooths out some mulch that was donated by Matt Mohrfeld at Matt’s Greenhouse in front of the stone monument at Central Park last week. The Rotary is toward the end of a fundraising effort to raise $100,000 by June 23.

Rotary campaign short of its goal

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some money into the maintenance fund for further park improvements in years to come.

FM Rotarian Larry Smith works on spreading mulch around the stone park sign earlier this week. Matt’s Greenhouse donated 25 bags of mulch for the upkeep. Rotarians are in the midst of a $100,000 fundraiser that wraps up June 23. Courtesy photo.

The Picnic in the Park scheduled for June 23 will be the final wrap up the the 100-day campaign.