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HTC stymied again by Janesville

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR RAPIDS - Coaches say it's tough to lose to the same team three times, but the Holy Trinity Crusaders can't seem to find the answer to getting past Janesville in the state volleyball tournament.

Holy Trinity has been bounced the last three years by the Wildcats, including a three-set loss Thursday night in the semifinals of the 2017 State Volleyball Tournament in Cedar Rapids, 25-17, 25-20, 25-19.

HTC looked to make a run of it in the third set when junior Emily Box found her groove. The Crusaders knotted the score at 17 and then the two teams went back and forth as Box and Janesville's Bree Thompson exchanged kills and kept the teams tied at 18 and

19, before the Wildcats got back-to-back blocks by Julia Meister to put Janesville just two points away from a return trip the state championship.

The Crusaders got called for a double hit to make it 24-19 and Thompson sent the Wildcats to the title game with a kill to close it out.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the girls will learn from the loss.

"It's a life lesson. These girls worked hard all year, but we won't let it define who we are," Freesmeier said. "These are great kids, but they gotta go on. The sun will come up tomorrow."

The Wildcats went to Thompson often in the first set with four kills just painting the lines. Thompson worked tight angles and kept the Crusaders on the floor with some hard hits. Janesville's Kennedy Meister had a kill and a block in back-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior Emily Box attacks at the net against Janesville on Thursday night. The Wildcats downed HTC in three sets to end the Crusaders' state tournament run.

to-back points to take a 12-8 lead in the first set. HTC gave up an 8-4 run featuring four kills by Thompson and were down 12-20.

Janesville got the yips at 21, sensing the win, and hit two past the line as the Crusaders closed the gap to six 15-21, but couldn't

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New FMCS D reporting program goes live Nov. 20

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FORT MADISON - A new anonymous reporting app for Fort Madison Community School district residents will go live on Nov. 20.

Fort Madison High School Assistant Principal Patrick Lamb made a presentation to about 12 people Tuesday night at the Fort Madison Middle School.

Another presentation will take place at the Fort Madison High School tonight (Wednesday Nov. 8) beginning at 6 p.m.



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Lamb said the reporting app is a valuable tool for students, parents, and anyone else in the district who would like to have district staff aware of threats, disturbing behavior, concerning behavior. He said most of those issues don't get reported to the school, but they do typically get bullying complaints.

"One of the things I like most about this system is that you are totally anonymous unless you indicate that you want your information known. It is entirely anonymous.

We will have administrators, a threat assessment team, counselors, police - all those individuals have been folded into this process," Lamb said.

He said the system is user-friendly and responsive. People using the system to report issues from threatening behavior, adult abuse, planned parties, bullying, sexual abuse, and any other issues, will get a response and an access code. The information then goes to Lamb and/or Superintendent Erin Slater. After examining the information, the complaints can then be handled by them or by sending to specific school administration for followup or response.

He said the most common reporting time is around 9 p.m. and our response if it is after school hours, is that we will investigate but if they think it's an emergency they should call 9-1-1.

Some of the most common problems with students reporting is being a tattle-tail, being the only one that knows so identification is possible, it may not be that big of a deal, don't want to get friends in trouble with the law and others.

Lamb said not all reports will be sent to the local law enforcement if it's not immediately necessary. He said

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Welding program not in 'flux' with King

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - This guy just can't retire. He's tried and it just doesn't work. He's in too much demand.

Fort Madison High School's Jim King seems to be the go-to-guy for regional welding instruction, and he was honored for those efforts with this year's Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor Membership Award.

The award was presented to him at a lunch this week at McCormick Place Convention Center as part of the 2017 FABTECH convention in Chicago, by the American Welding Society.

King has been a part-time welding instructor at the high school for the past five years and has been instrumental in creating a program at the high school that

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

11/08/17 - 1:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue G.
 11/08/17 - 6:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of 2005 Avenue H.
 11/08/17 - 8:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue I.
 11/08/17 - 9:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Adam James Huss, 29, of Fort Madison, at 30th Street and Avenue N on

a charge of driving while suspended. He was released with a court date.

Lee County Sheriff's report

No issues were reported for 11/08/17. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

11/08/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one grass fire.



Photo by Shawna Ross/PCC

The Fort Madison High School Key Club inducted 15 new members at their weekly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8th. New members pictured are: Front Left to Right: Emma Menke, Maycee Featheringill and Kaitlyn Moyers. Back Left to Right: Rachel Hellman, Kearstin Mason, Gracie Gobble, Kaleb Cresswell and Dakota Mixer. New members not pictured are: Abby Camp, Shyanna Hoenig, Brendan Jarvis, Gayla Mallory, Hailey McManus, Mih Shirai and Jyliyah Smutney.

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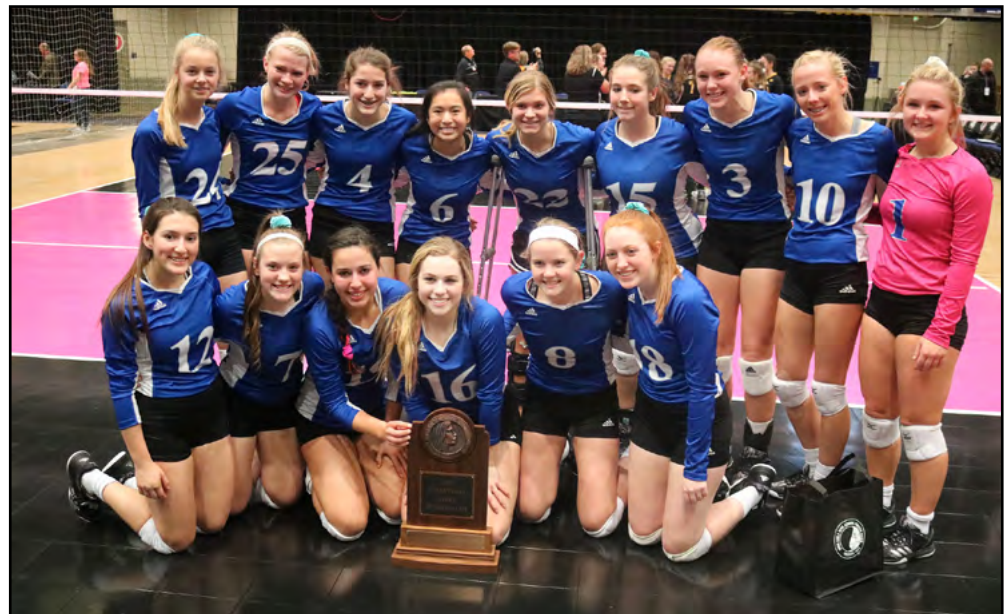


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From the Front/Lottery Numbers

Threat-assessment team put together to monitor program

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it would be the school's intention to not notify police unless the issue requires that type of initial reaction.

He said the system is a two-way response and those who report will have a way to continue to have access to the report.

"When somebody reports a tip, they do get a receipt from us," Lamb said. "They are also given an access code so they can go back into the original complaint and amend it, so to speak. So if they want to add a screenshot, or photo or video they can do that. They will have an open dialogue with the system. Without pulling the student in we have prompts that we can use that will allow the reporting person to have access to amend the complaint."

The district has created a threat assessment team consisting of more than 20 individuals and will be pairing with community agencies when the law permits. Social workers, law enforcement, mental health, school board, and others make up the widespread team reacting to the system on a regular basis.

"Obviously we have to maintain that anonymity. But one of the real nice things is that it will allow tracking of addresses, key words, students who are being identified. That information is stored so as long as we subscribe to this app and system, we will be able to track those kinds of reports.

The program, which costs the district about \$2,200 per year, was first pitched to the district at a National School Safety Conference that was attended by Slater, Lamb, FMMS Middle School Assistant Principal Brent Zirkel, and a school resource officer.

"We learned about this at the NSSC in July. We decided in December that we wanted to implement it. On Oct. 16 we informed the board of our intention to use the system, and community meetings are tonight and tomorrow," Lamb said.

"Next week we have assemblies and then on the 20th we will begin receiving reports and acting on them.

Residents can get the app from the Google Play or the AppStore or they can access the system at www.p3campus.com.

School assemblies are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Fort Madison Middle School and on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Fort Madison High School. The district will not be presenting to the elementary schools, but parents and family members do have access to the site and the app.

"The idea being we're going to empower students," he said. "Right now we operate on the 'see-something-say-something' premise, but on a daily basis 60 to 70% of the things seen don't get reported."

He said many states mandate some kind of reporting system, but Iowa does not at this point require schools to have an anonymous reporting system.

One parent asked what would happen over the holidays and summer.

"They can continue to report but at times we wouldn't be able to respond. If school officials aren't available we prompt them to call 9-1-1, but we will be reviewing the reports," Lamb said.

Slater said it's a subscription-based program that can be evaluated for effectiveness on a year-by-year basis.

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Sports

Third time isn't the charm for HTC

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get any closer as the Wildcats pulled away with a 25-17 win. Box wasn't able to get on track throughout the set with just one kill. Taylor Boeding had three to lead HTC in the first set.

The second game went pretty much the same way as the first with Janesville rushing out to a 10-5 lead, again behind the swing of Thompson. They kept the 5-point margin all the way to 14-18 when the Wildcats got called for a rotation violation. Julie Meister had a kill and a block on the next two points to push the lead to six. Senior Maya Rashid served three straight points for the Crusaders, highlighted by a Eryn Anderson kill, to close the gap to three 19-22 and forcing a Janesville timeout.

But a double hit call and a kill by Madison Stanhope put the game one point away and then Stanhope ended the game with a kill.

It looked as though Janesville's history of putting away matches in the third set easily would continue as they rushed to an 8-1 lead. HTC's Mya Lawlor then served for three straight points as Box came alive with back-to-back kills and a long shot by Thompson. HTC found themselves in a 5-10 hole but then outscored the Wildcats 9-4 to pull within one 14-15 and setting up the back and forth with Box and Thompson.

Box said after facing Starmont, who didn't contest her at the net, Janesville's

block was troublesome. Box finished with 14 kills on 42 attacks.

"They put up a huge block and I tried to get around it but they were really tough," Box said after the game. "I had trouble with it in the first and second set and it started to come around in the third. I just tried my hardest to get through."

She said Janesville will bring most of their team back as will the Crusaders and she's looking forward to seeing them again next year.

"We'll know them even better next year and we're just going to have come back and play tougher."

Rashid, who led HTC again in assists with 26, said, despite it being her senior year, she couldn't be more proud with the way her team played.

"We showed who we are and what we can do here. A lot of these girls are coming back and they'll definitely be tough next year," she said.

She said the difference in Starmont and Janesville was part of the problem in the loss.

"Coming from Starmont, who didn't put up a big block, to facing a very solid block from Janesville - that's a tough transition but I thought we handled it pretty well. Janesville is just a very good team," Rashid said.

Freesmeier said Janesville is a very precise, well-coached volleyball team. The Wildcats repeatedly had balls on all three



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

At left, senior Maya Rashid keeps a ball in play with a pass from the right side, while, at right junior Taylor Boeding tries to dump an attack over Julia Meister in the first game of the match Thursday night.

lines.

"That's a very impressive ball club. We didn't stay disciplined in guarding lines and that hurt us," she said.

She also said the block kept Box out of her game in the early going.

"That's what happened at New London, too. She was pushing early on, but she did eventually settle in to the match."

Boeding said the Wildcats were everything they were billed.

"I definitely won't take anything away

from them. They are a very good team and they do everything well. To beat that team we would have had to play just about perfect volleyball and we didn't do that tonight," Boeding said.

Eryn Anderson finished with 4 kills on 10 attacks and Madison Mohrfeld had a kill on four attacks. Box and Mohrfeld had the only two blocks for HTC, who finished the season 38-6 with their second semifinal appearance in the past three years.

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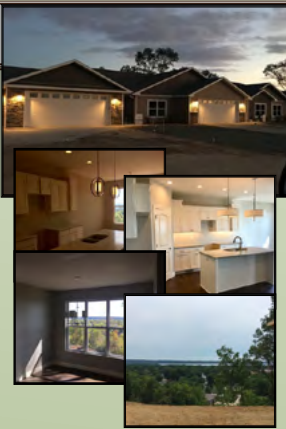
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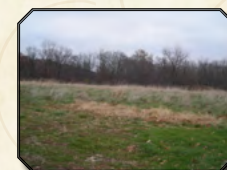


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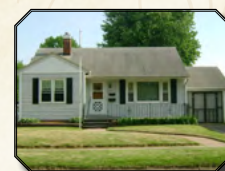
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King wins National welding instructor award

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is aimed at one of the skills gaps in Lee County. But he didn't start teaching...it found him.

A five-year veteran of the U.S. Army, King started a career in the armed forces and was guided into a career in military intelligence, but he said the Army wouldn't let him stay in one area very long and it became difficult on his family. So he came back to Fort Madison and went to work for his father-in-law at Hitch Heating and Sheet Metal working out at Dial Foods (now Pinnacle).

"I was going to make a career out of it, but you don't tell the Army what you're going to do," he said.

King was sent to California, Baltimore, and Fort Bragg for training in military intelligence, which was a different career path than he had envisioned.

"I then spent six months getting my lieutenant's bar, and two weeks before that was over they sent me to Baltimore and then on to Fort Bragg for 60 days to learn the language and then they sent me to Vietnam. In six months I completed my tour over there and 24 hours after I got back to the states I was a civilian."

While working at Dial, King was sent on an errand to Hy-Vee where he met the Iowa State Penitentiary Deputy Warden Jim Helling.

"He asked me what I was doing and I told him that I was just getting my feet back on the ground after Vietnam. He said they had a welding instructor position with SCC open and 24 hours later I was working inside the walls at the prison in a shared facility with Southeastern Community College."

Less than 60 days into the new position, King said he walked onto the job on one particular day and the lead instructor was on the ground shaking after having a nervous breakdown and the next day he was the lead instructor.

He said he went right to work on building the program.

"We got a blue-ribbon grant and completely rebuilt the program," King said. "I went to St. Louis and Topeka, Kan., looking for a curriculum with Hobart Individualized Training Programs."

He stayed with the SCC, ISP partnerships for more than a decade before an administrator, Charlie Schultz, handed him a new opportunity.

"So here comes Charlie Schultz. He had a manila envelope and told me to sign on the bottom line and I said, 'What is this?'. He said it was for a position at Burlington High School and 24 hours later I was a welding instructor at BHS."

Again he went to work increasing the programming



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS welding students work on projects as part of their curriculum in Jim King's class at the high school. King was given a Teacher of the Year award by the American Welding Society on Tuesday.

and curriculum at the school, doubling the facility and equipment and instructed three basic classes for juniors and seniors and one morning vocational program.

King stayed at BHS for 18 years and then decided to retire.

"I had enough for IPERS retirement and I wanted to do something different. My wife, daughter and granddaughter were into horses and when I came back from Vietnam my father-in-law and wife had bought a place out by Wever and I told her then that I wanted to go raise some horses and hell out there."

But an offer came up again that was too tempting to turn down and he became a salesperson for Dodge Rodeo as a sales rep at rodeo events. He told them he wanted to do it part-time, so he did 15 or 16 rodeos a year the first couple years, but he said his position expanded and the last two years he did 32 rodeos in three weeks in Las Vegas.

"It just wore me and my wife out," he said. "So here I am retired from Burlington and retired from Dodge, and my daughter, Tracy, who was an associate principal in Burlington had a meeting at the administration building and was asked how the Dodge stuff was going. She told them I was home doing nothing and 48 hours later they were asking me to fill in for a teacher at SCC who had to have emergency surgery."

In January, the start of the 2nd semester, they wanted to know if I would work with an engineering firm and help design a new \$3.2 million welding facility that had been approved. King said he would help with the project and in March when the building was being quickly finished, the dean of the program brought him a check for \$200,000 to equip it. The contract he had was for a one-year diploma program, but the college then wanted to move to a two-year Associate of Applied Sciences program.

Again King went back to the Hobart curriculum and designed the program for the college and he said that program is still working very well for the college and the students in the program.

In 2012 after the SCC program was up and running, King said he was approached again by educators to come back to teaching.

"In 2012, five years later, here I am flunking at retirement, and I told my wife Susie we'd head to Florida. The day before we're ready to leave, Dr. Marang and Curriculum Director (now Principal) Greg Smith asked me to come and talk about building a program in Fort Madison. We met for a couple hours and I told them if I was going to do this, they didn't have an option, that I was going to write a Hobart curriculum."

When he returned in March they went into a large storage area, which is now the welding building, and King said it was so full of clutter that you could hardly move.

"I get here the next day and there was a bus with 25 inmates from ISP and within three days it was clean enough to eat off the floors," King said. "Then Dr. Marang and Smith asked me to fill the facility with equipment."

King said he went to Huffman Welding for stainless tables and Seither and Cherry rewired the whole building. All that was needed was someone to teach the program.

"They came to me with a tear in their eye and said they couldn't find anyone to teach and I took it. For me it's always been about the kids," King said.

Then when SCC realized he was teaching in Fort Madison, they approached him about a dual-credit program in welding and now King has students who are graduating from FMHS and graduating from SCC with a one-year diploma at the same time.

"That program has saved those kids and parents more than \$6,600 in tuition and 95% of the kids that go onto SCC for that second year of the Applied Science Degree qualified for scholarships and some have come out of that program with \$0 debt," he said.

He said one of the "good" problems is that area industries wanted to come in and talk with the students about employment opportunities.

"Well those kids, if they were to meet with those industries who are ready to offer them jobs, they wouldn't be students anymore, they'd be gone. So I don't let them come in until May anymore, to make sure the students complete the programs."

Smith said King is an example of the teaching expertise that exists at Fort Madison.

"If you were able to walk next to me any day of the week, you would be astounded by the expertise of teachers in this building. I'm not talking about their expertise in their content area, I'm talking about the art of teaching; their ability to connect with students on an individual basis and help them learn in a way in which they can be successful," Smith said.

Jim King is a prime example of this type of expertise. He has worked with students for over 40 years, not only imparting his prowess in the field of welding, but helping students understand who they are and how they learn. Every day he mentors students about what it is to be a productive adult; responsible, respectful, and self-aware. Mr. King is an expert at 'kids.' He has mastered the art of teaching and his students learn because of it."

Technology has made the curriculum even better with video instruction that goes hand-in-hand with the books.

"It's HD, a DVD in color, oh, it's beautiful stuff," he said. "And if they are still having trouble that's when the old man puts on the helmet and jacket and gets in the booth to watch what they are doing."

Students who excel in the class and get through the curriculum then take on larger projects such as a stainless steel boat, large scale grills and smokers, truck additions, etc.

King has a wall with all the projects he and the students have worked on together and even after retiring five or six times, King still is going strong as students keep peeking in during the interview to see if they can catch a moment with this newest national teaching award winner.

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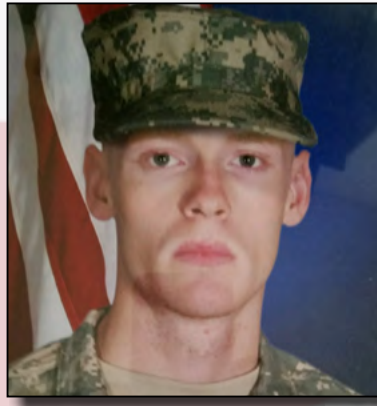


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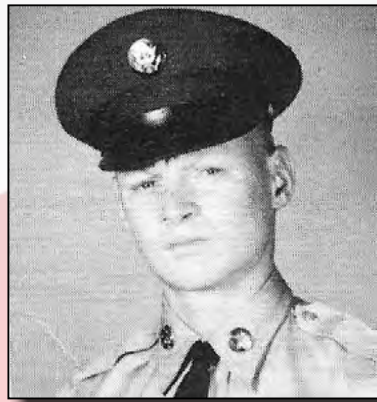
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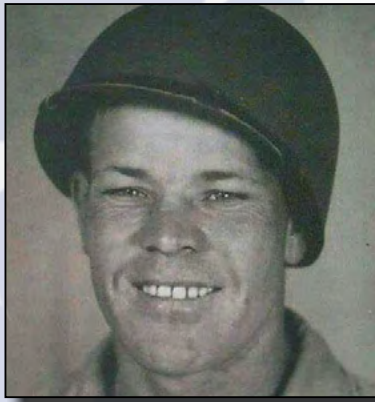
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