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Science kids get practical at superconference fair

Central Lee, HTC students get awards at SEISC fair at SCC's John Witte building



Above, Lee County Conservation District Director Nathan Unsworth judges Kayla Livesay's senior biological project. Livesay won Grand Champion with the project on accelerating plant growth. At right Rosie Strickland, left, and Jayde Watznauer explain their survey on e-cigarette usage in high schools.

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BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – High school science students took over most of the health science wing on the campus of Southeastern Community College Thursday morning.

It was a full day of biofuels, worms, bats, nitrogen, spit and whatever else these creative students came up with over six months of preparing for the morning of judging. Forty judges reviewed more than 110 projects by 146 students.

Students from schools around the Southeast Iowa Superconference brought their science projects into the John Witte Health Sciences Building for three and half hours of judging by area teachers, naturalists, and professors with winners announced in the afternoon.

Teachers from Central Lee High School and Middle School, Danville, Holy Trinity Catholic, New London, Van Buren, Winfield-Mt. Union and West Burlington, were on hand to assist with the fair.

Mallory Wills, a teacher in her first year at Holy Trinity Catholic said with the country highly focused on STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, its important students get hands-on with their



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-Mallory Wills,
HTC Science Teacher

learning. Holy Trinity had close to 30 entrants in the fair with junior high and high school combined.

“You can always teach from a book, and show students the scientific formula, but this is the practical application for these students. It's important for them to put what they are learning to work on projects like this,” Wills said.

Wills said she has seen a lot of really investigative work for the past six months the students have been putting the projects to work, but one that stands out

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Glo Run 2019 set for April 6 at BSC

Proceeds from event go to support Elliott Test Kitchen's educational, ACT programs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – Four city service groups in Fort Madison are cooking up something again for the Elliott Test Kitchen.

On April 6, beginning at 8 p.m., the second annual Glo 5K Crazy for Education at the Baxter Sports Complex will be hosted by the Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Fort Madison High School's Key Club.

Last year's event raised close to \$3,700 for educational programs at the Test Kitchen, located in downtown Fort Madison.

The Elliott Test Kitchen is an innovative student-driven program in downtown Fort Madison.

Director Kumar Wickramasingha, provides a environment for learning with up-to-date technology and support from teachers in the Fort Madison public and private school systems.

Programs center around ACT exam prep, robotics labs, STEM projects and homework assistance. During sessions at the Test Kitchen, students also learn to prepare and serve full meals under the direction of Kumar, who is a renowned chef and former restaurateur.

The 2018 run was the first year for the combined service group effort to put the event on. Close to 150 runners came out for the run that starts at the sports complex and running along the P.O.R.T. trails east to Ivanhoe Park where runners loop around the park and then head north to Bluff Road, turning west to 48th Street down to a loop at Fort Madison Middle School and back to the sports complex property.

The path and finish line are illuminated with lights in bags and LED lights. This year a new lit finish line is being constructed for even more flare as runners make their way across the finish line.

Medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each division.

Those interested in the run can register at www.pencitycurrent.com/2019glorun/ or visit the event's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Glocrazyforeducation/> for a printable registration form.



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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

LARRY GEORGE ROUNDS

Larry George Rounds, 77, of Fort Madison, IA, died the evening of March 4, 2019 at Unity Point Health in Keokuk, IA.

Friends may greet the family from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 929 Main Street, Montrose, Ia. A brief memorial service will follow at 4 p.m.

CHARLES EDWARD ROBINSON

Charles Edward Robinson was pronounced dead due to natural causes at 1:39 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in a hospice room of the Iowa State Penitentiary where he had been housed due to terminal illness. Robinson was 71 years old at the time of his death.

Robinson had been serving a life sentence for the crime of Murder 1st Degree from Polk County. His incarceration began on September 26, 1979.

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03/06/19 – 2:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

03/06/19 – 3:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jacqueline Shayler, 26, of Fort Madison at the police department on a charge of 4th-degree theft. She was released upon citation.

03/07/19 – 3:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Christian Cheyenne Dunn, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue I, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

03/07/19 – 5:50 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Cole Stephen Salazar, 27, of Fort Madison in the

2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.

03/07/19 – 6:08 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue G.

03/07/19 – 7:11 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1900 block of 48th Street.

03/06/19 – 4:46 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Lee Hicks, 47, if Ham-

ilton, Ill., in Hancock County, Ill., on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held in custody.

03/06/19 – 4:52 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident. A vehicle driven by Brandyn Ozwin Barker, 17, of Donnellson, was headed eastbound on 194th Avenue when it lost control on gravel and left the roadway overturning in the ditch. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued at the scene. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report
03/06/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one false alarm.



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FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Community Blood Drives

A blood drive will be held at the Fort Madison Public Library from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday March 8. Lincoln Elementary will be the site of a blood drive on Thursday, March 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Call the blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281 to donate.

YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer

Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season, which runs March 26 – May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. From March 11-17th participants can register but fees are \$10 higher. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

United Way Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region is hosting its 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Hawkeye Restaurant on March 11. Carry out or dine-in options available. Serving times are from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Director Karen Thie at 319-524-4504.

St. Patrick's Day celebration

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

Fort Madison YMCA's Shamrocked 2019

The 2nd annual Shamrocked will be held on March 16 starting at 8 a.m. with a free-will donation pancake breakfast, followed by a Bike & Brew after the St. Patrick's Holiday Parade. For more information, contact the YMCA at 372-2403.

ISU Extension Estate Planning

Iowa State University Outreach and Extension will hold an estate planning session on March 19th at 6

p.m. at the extension office in Donnellson. The session is \$20 per person and registration can be done by contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116. Deadline is March 15..

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting its annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

Step into Iowa History

A presentation on prisoner of war camps in Iowa during World War 11 will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public

Library. Linda McCann will be presenting.

Senior BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Effective Jan. 1, 2019 non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo.

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FMHS boys open track season at UNI's loaded Dickinson Relays

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR FALLS – The 2019 version of the Bloodhound boys' track season got underway Tuesday at a loaded A.D. Dickinson Relays where the top runners in the state gathered to shake off the winter blues.

First year co-head Coach Chad Hannum said practice officially started February 19th and with those two weeks of practice under their belts the boys were eager to compete.

"The guys turned in some great times for their first races of the season. For some, this was their first meet at the varsity level. We saw a lot of good things at this meet," Hannum said. "Good starts out of the blocks, good hand-offs (to name a few) and most of all effort! The team has a great attitude and is willing to put in the work in practice. It's going to be a fun track and field season.

HTC junior Matt Hellige, running in the Bloodhound's shared program, competed in the 3200 meter invitational run. Only the top 32 make the cut to run and Matt Hellige qualified and had the top finish of the day for Fort Madison finishing in 10:51.15 (28th of 60).

The 4x200 foursome was made up of three freshmen Jacob McGowan, Tate Johnson, and Gavin Wiseman, and one Junior Quinton Ross, all seeing first-time varsity action. Starting the race for the Hounds was McGowan who had a 26.17 split before handing to Johnson who ran a 26.54 second leg. Next was Wiseman at

28.54 who handed off to Ross 26.63 to run the final leg for a time of 1:48.43 (66th).

The 4 x 800 was next with Hayden Wolfe (freshman), Garrett Hannum (sophomore), Chay Smith (sophomore), and Miguel Trejo (Senior). Wolfe (2:36) ran the first leg followed by Hannum with a 2:16. Smith (2:48) ran the third leg with Trejo (2:48) running 4th. The team's time was 10:28.04 – 62nd overall

Two seniors Dom Frantz and Trey Kuntz competed in 60-meter dash along with sophomore Calem MacLearn. Kuntz and MacLearn both finished in a time of 8.06 with Frantz running an 8.37.

Hellige again made the cut to run in the 1600-meter finishing with a time of 5:05.98 (36th).

Junior Quentin Schneider raced to a time of 55.77 (44th) in the 400 meter was up next. Freshman Andrew Schaefer turned in a solid 56.93 and Ross, running his first ever 400 finished with a time of 57.7.

For the open 200 meter, sophomore Brock Califf motored to a 25.23. Junior Michael Mosena ran a fast 25.62, and junior Gage Fullenkamp finished with a 27.25.

Hannum and Wolfe competed in their second 800 of the night. Hannum finished in 2:20.93 and Wolfe in 2:34.90.

The 4 x 400 team capped off the meet for the Hounds. The team consisted of Schneider (55), Mosena (56.34), and sophomore Bryce Britton ran a split of 65.8 with freshman Isaiah Miller brought it home in a time of 66.81 for a total time of 4:05.68 (51st).

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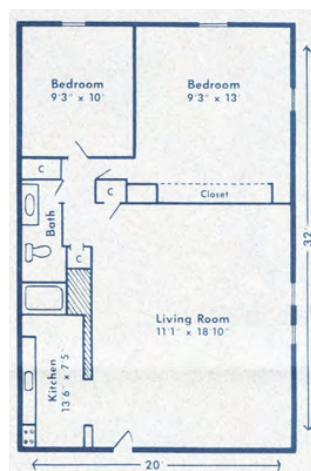
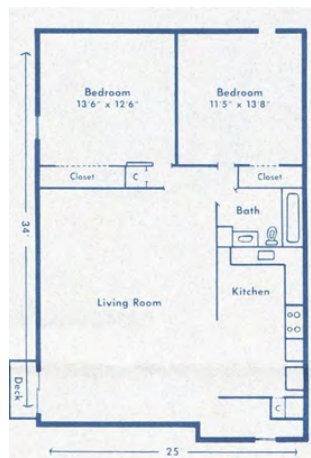
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From the front /Weather

Central Lee sweeps Division I ratings at science fair

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was a survey done but two HTC high school students looking at the use of e-cigarettes among area high schools.

“They have this very detailed survey, in my opinion, its FDA quality, and they surveyed more than 300 students at FM, HTC and CL. So they have a lot of surprising data and some really good stuff in that,” Wills said.

Jayde Watznauer, one of the HTC students involved in the e-cigarette survey told Iowa Wesleyan University judge Will Hansen, that they would like to expand the survey to bigger more metropolitan cities. She said the survey revealed that a lot of the students didn't realize what they were

ingesting.

Wills said students can spend up to six months perfecting their projects and then start the year with just having to finish up the boards. But she said some other students don't have an idea until they come to school, and for the most part, that's the toughest part of the projects

“Some start in the summer and then have the research finished by the start of the year, and then they have to just put their boards together,” she said “But the hardest part of science fair is coming up with the idea. Once you've got the idea and you figure out a good way to do it, you're good. If you can get past that point, most

kids will be excited and stay with it, but coming up with that initial idea is the hardest part.”

She said most of the work is done on the student's own time and doesn't take place of any classroom curriculum.

“This year we went over the scientific method, but it's mostly on their own outside of school. We're around if they need help with anything, but mostly it's on their own,” she said.

Following the Super-conference Fair, typically students will also participate in the Eastern Iowa Science Fair which takes place in Cedar Rapids, and then a state competition. Top-placers at those fairs will be invited to an international competition, which this year is in Arizona.

Central Lee's Everlee Harvey won a Division I in the junior high biological category with her “Does Feeding Time Effect Birthing Time for a Ewe”. Jenna Hellman of Holy Trinity, and Kate Azinger and Halle Lampe of Central Lee took a Division II in the same category.

In the junior high physical science category, Central Lee's Grant Anderson took a Division I



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Judge Vicki Stephenson talks with Holy Trinity Catholic's Kayla Box, right, and Brooke Mueller, who did a project entitled Worms and Waste, at Thursday's SEISC Science Fair at SCC.

Central Lee's Jacob Hohl talks with a judge about his project on the Effects of Colored LED lights on the Growth of Eruca Sativa (Arugula).



rating for his project, “The Effects of Wavelength on Solar Efficiency”, while Holy Trinity's Ellie Lake and Laura Mehmert each scored a Division II rating.

At the senior level, Claire Willis of Central

Lee won a Division I rating, while Faith Diephuis and Kaylynn Summers of Central Lee took a Division II ranking. In the biological category, Brooklyn Pardell of Central Lee took a Division I rating, while Brianna Gruntmier of Central Lee took a Division II rating.

In the special awards Pardell earned a \$100 Schiller award for 2nd

place in the Top Biological Science Project. Pardell also earned a \$50 Tull Pollinator Award. Holy Trinity Catholic's Mary Kate Bendlage took a \$50 prize for the Tull Honey Award.

Holy Trinity's Daltin Boeding took home a \$20 Inspiring Excellence Award as did Josephine Newton and Hannah Leech of Central Lee.

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

FRI 08 Mar

Light Snow
High- 35.7° F | Low - 35.5° F

SAT 09 Mar

Light Snow
High- 39.1° F | Low - 32.2° F

SUN 10 Mar

Light Snow
High- 38.7° F | Low - 29.8° F

MON 11 Mar

Clear
High- 31.6° F | Low - 18.6° F

TUE 12 Mar

Light Rain
High- 42.4° F | Low - 36.5° F

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