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Bloodhounds at State

Hounds set PRs at state meet

*Wet Saturday
doesn't dampen
Hounds spirits*

**BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES - Falling rain and quite a few Bloodhound personal records highlighted action Saturday at the Iowa High School state track meet in Des Moines

Brett Schneider scored the first team point for the Hounds girls' team when she took eighth place in the Class 3A 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.29 in the second heat.

The race sets up on two lines at state with half in front on the outside lanes and half in back on the inside lanes. At the gun Schneider shared a bump with Davenport Assumption's Julie Schumacher causing a glitch out of the gate.

"It was a rough race, I got bumped right away," she said.

"When we hit the 400-meter mark everyone just started knocking into each other, but you know - that's racing," she said. "I'm used to running with this many people, just not so many in front of me."

Junior Sierra Howardson finished 13th in the 1500-meter run and said it was a great race and her goal was to finish ahead of everyone in her conference and set a personal best, which is what she did.

"It was quite a bit bigger



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's Brett Schneider, 7, running for the Fort Madison Bloodhounds, gets bunched up with several other runners Saturday morning in the 800-meter run. She finished the race in 8th place overall.

than conference, but I just needed to perform. My coach told me to just beat my conference and I did that and I wanted to make him proud and I think I did that," Howardson said.

Howardson, like Schneider, typically runs in the front of the pack, but at Des Moines she found herself in the middle most of the way around.

"I'm not used to running from behind either, but you know, we use that to motivate us to PR (personal record) and that's what we did. We had some really good times today," she said.

Caleb Gehle had six attempts in the wheelchair shot put with his longest throw being 14'5.25" good enough for third place. It was Gehle's third trip to the state meet. He had finished fifth as a freshman and fourth as a



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS's Caleb Gehle flies by a flag man enroute to his 6th place finish at the state meet Saturday afternoon.

sophomore. He, too, said the weather made things a bit more difficult.

"For the last couple years it was good weather, 70 degrees, nice and sunny. And this year it's been cold and rainy," Gehle said.

"I wish I could have been second, but next

year I'm gonna lift a lot more and work on my form. Next year we're gonna jump right to first."

Gehle also raced in the wheelchair 100- and 200-meter races, placing 6th in both events for a combined six points. Gehle garnered 12 points

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EMPTY NEST

Old friend's view seems just about right

BY CURT SWARM
Featured Columnist

On the way to Sid's farm near Leon, Ginnie and I saw lots of turkeys, deer, and one coyote. Sid calls'm "yotes." South Central Iowa is mostly rolling hills and timber, ideal for pasture and cattle, hay and hunting. Which is why Sid bought this pristine little farm. He calls it "Hen Field Farm" because of the abundance of hen turkeys.



SWARM

Sid Vander Ploeg (pronounced "Vander Plew") is an old high school buddy from Monroe. I ran across him on Facebook, his typos and misspellings requiring extra deciphering. (He says he has fat fingers.) After graduation Sid spent most of his life in Ankeny, but did a lot of hunting in Southern Iowa, like he did as a kid. This spring he bought a 60 acre farm outside of Leon, replete with a two-story farm house, two ponds, two creeks (Vander Ploeg slough), a pole barn, and lots of hay. When I heard his plan was to turn the farm into a hunting and wildlife preserve, I knew I had to pay him a visit.

I picked a rainy Sunday because I knew Sid would not be turkey hunting or planting food plots. Holed up in his farm house, over coffee, Sid explained the purchase. He almost died three years ago from complications of heart, respiratory and circulation problems. He spent three months in the hospital and 11 days on a respirator. On the 12th day, they took him off the respirator. He continued to breathe on his own.

Almost dying changes a person's perspective. What legacy did he want to leave his twin grandsons? What could he do for God, nature and future generations? He talked it over with his wife, Diane. His plans were to buy some land in southern Iowa, build a pole barn with living quarters, and start with that. It would be a weekend retreat and hunting lodge, something to do with his grandsons. But then he drove by this little farmstead that was for sale and things fell into place.

Now the work begins. Sid's plans are to convert the hay ground into soybeans for one year, to fixate nitrogen. Then, with advice from the DNR, he will sow hay, native grass and food plots. This will preserve the ground and provide wildlife habitat. Hopefully, an arrangement can be struck with a farmer to exchange hay for planting the native grass and food plots so he won't have to buy equipment.

Sid sips his coffee and looks out the window at rolling

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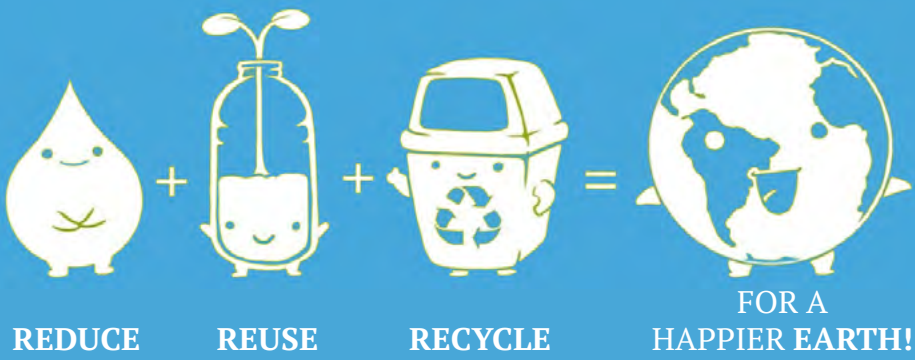
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- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- Maintain central files for multiple individuals
- Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

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**

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OBITUARIES

Tyrone J. Lozano

Tyrone J. Lozano, 45, of Ft. Madison passed away at 1:29 AM on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the West Point Care Center.



LOZANO

He was born on September 15, 1971 in Ft. Madison to Rito and Paula Porrez Lozano. Ty was a 1989 graduate of Ft. Madison High School.

On September 20, 1997 he married Shanon Brown and they later divorced. Ty was a correctional officer at Iowa State Penitentiary for almost 26 years. He was an avid Cubs, Cowboys and Hawkeye fan. Ty also enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, playing cards, shooting pool and barbequing. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include a son, Quinlan Lozano of Ft. Madison; his parents, Rito and Paula Lozano of Ft. Madison; three brothers including his twin Travis Lozano, Sam (Laura) Lozano and G.J.

(Lisa) Lozano all of Ft. Madison; six sisters, Rita (Joe) Cangas of Des Moines, "Lali (Rick) Leach of Oklahoma, Sherri (Donnie) Dobbs of Cedar Rapids, Pam Lozano, Renay (Memo) Dominguez of Guerrero Chihuahua, Mexico and Betsi Lozano all of Ft. Madison; numerous nieces and nephews and his special friend, Angela Kruse of Peoria, AZ. He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

The family will meet with friends from 1-4 PM on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church. Following the visitation cremation will be entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, May 22, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.king-lynk.com.

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5/19
1 4 5 24 30
Mega Ball: 1
Megaplier: 3



5/20
5 22 45 47 54
Powerball: 3
Power Play: 2

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Game	Draw Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time
Lucky for Life®	Mon & Thu	8:30 pm	9:38 pm
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All or Nothing™ - Evening	Daily	8:00 pm	8:45 pm
Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:50 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	8:00 pm	8:50 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:50 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	8:00 pm	8:50 pm



5/20
13 14 19 34 38
Hot Ball: 13
Sizzler: 3



5/19 MID-DAY
3 4 5 6 7 9
12 13 15 17 18 22

5/19 EVENING
2 4 5 7 12 14
15 16 17 18 20 22



5/20 MID-DAY
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5/20 EVENING
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14 15 16 17 19 21



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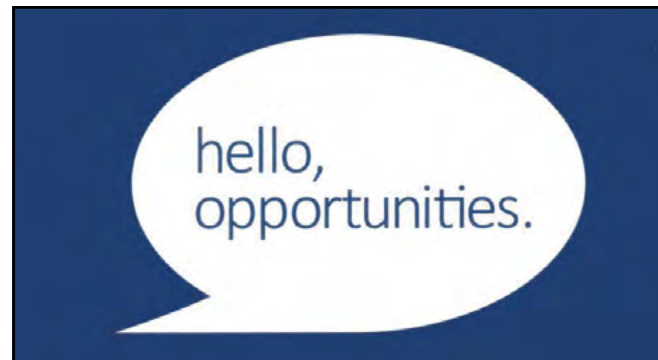
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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON CITY
COUNCIL
May 16, 2017**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided. Council Members Greenwood, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Seidel and Lair were present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 5/1/2017; New Liquor License: Taco, Taco, Takos!, 622 Avenue G,

effective 6/1/2017 – Special Class C Liquor; New Liquor License: sip, LLC, 622 – 7th Street, effective 6/1/2017 – Special Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service (sidewalk Café); New Liquor License: Harvestville Farm, 618 – 7th Street, effective 6/1/2017 – Class B Native Wine and Class C Beer; Liquor License Renewal: Hill Side Inn, 1135 Avenue E, effective 6/1/2017 – Special Class C Liquor, Class B Native Wine, Living Quarters, Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales; April Financial Report; & Payment of Claims.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:33 P.M. concerning PIP 201-06, 27th Street & Avenue L Im-

provements. There being no oral or written comments, on motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2017-30, adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and awarding construction contract to Jones Contracting Corp., of West Point, Iowa, in the amount of \$530,777. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-31, approving contact and bonds of Jones Contracting Corp., pending receipt of the documents.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:35 P.M. concerning the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Amendments. There being no oral or written comments, on motion, Council closed

the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2017-32, amending the 2016-17 budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017.

On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 7, Parking, Section 18, Handicap Parking to reflect updated terminology, naming the Police Chief and City Manager as the City authority to designate persons with disabilities parking spaces and describing how the parking spaces are to be marked. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-33, setting public hearing for 6/6/2017 at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property at 1301 Avenue I to James R. Andrews. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-34, ordering construction, bidding letting and setting public hearing for PIP 2017-03, PORT Trail Phase II, from 48th Street to PORT Trail Phase I. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-35, waiving subdivision requirements for Barbara and Brian Meierotto. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-36, setting dates of a consultation and a public hearing on a proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Fort Madison Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Fort Madison, State of Iowa.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a contract for services with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for the administration of the City's SRF (State Revolving Loan Fund) for the Blackhawk Heights and High Point Sewer Project. At 6:03 P.M., on motion, Council adjourned until Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES
General..... \$ 52,158.38
Sp. Rev. Funds 257,060.31
Road Use..... 27,852.48
Capital..... 21,824.17
Water..... 42,213.46
Sewer..... 1,158,731.15
Solid Waste 19,503.29
Storm Water Util. 146.00
..... \$1,579,489.24

REVENUES
5/1- 5/15/2017
General..... \$ 118,709.55
Special Rev..... 239,077.39
Road Use..... 1,082.18
Debt..... 36,337.11
Capital..... 1,000.00
Water..... 393.14
Sewer..... 27,207.85
Solid Waste 99.56
Storm Water Util. 231.48
..... \$424,138.26

PAYROLL 5/12/2017
General..... \$ 175,182.78
Special Revenues 4,620.85
Road Use..... 20,416.14
Water..... 26,255.54
Sewer..... 38,950.35

Solid Waste 15,249.08
Storm Water 2,684.36
..... \$283,359.10

MANUALS - 4/2017
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF IOWA, LODGING FOR TRAINING 248.00
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 37,738.68
EASYPERMIT POSTAGE, POSTAGE METER RE-FILL-BULK MAIL 2,481.02
GREGORY MANUFACTURING, 1ST QTR 2017 TARGET JOBS 7,349.74
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES; TRAINING 123.64
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 TOTAL 298,801.13
 GENERAL 11,742.08
 SPECIAL REVENUES 243,256.85
 ROAD USE 15,965.59
 CAPITAL PROJECTS 429.94
 WATER 24,489.88
 WASTEWATER 1,981.37
 SOLID WASTE 935.42
 TOTAL 298,801.13

CLAIMS - 5/16/2017

AIRGAS USA, LLC, ACETYLENE 115.30
 ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, MAINT AERIAL 1,492.32
 ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 1,337.27
 ALTORFER MACHINERY CO., SERVICE ON MACHINE 1,982.52
 ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORMS 706.72
 BAIER FORD, REPAIR 453.45
 BARBARA GRABOWSKI, CLEANING SUPPLIES 77.31
 BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL 800.00
 BEACH & ENKE TRUCKING, ROADSTONE 10,045.36
 BJ 'S PERFORMANCE, UNLOCK UNIT #5 ... 55.00
 BRAILEE SIEMENS, REFUND RODEO ENCLOSED 32.50 X
 BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BUILDING SUPPLIES 1,653.70
 BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLES 255.00
 C.U.R.E. SOLUTIONS, DUAL MONITOR 4,834.94
 CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLY, PVA COOLING TOWEL 101.40
 CAROL MINER, REIMB BIST TRAINING 223.34
 CHEMSEARCH, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 1,015.47
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 FASTENAL COMPANY, BOLTS 20.12
 FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, RUBBISH REMOVAL 424.10
 FORT MADISON CITY TREAS., LEACHATE TREATMENT 1,707.16
 FORT MADISON COMM. HOSPITAL, ANNUAL FIRE PHYSICALS 13,096.90
 FRANK MILLARD & CO. INC, BROKEN FLOW PREVENTER 1,033.21
 GEM ELECTRONICS, MONTHLY FEE 358.85
 GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, LANDFILL FEES 11,676.39
 GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 115.10
 HACH CHEMICAL CO., CHEMICALS 1,395.91
 HAMILTON CONCRETE PRODUCTS, MANHOLE RISERS & CONES 2,900.00
 HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, PARTS 189.79
 HORN, DANIEL, SAFETY SHOE REIMB 150.00
 HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, 35TH STREET SEWER 1,541.02
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 K&H CONSTRUCTION LLC, SEEDING & FERTILIZING 2,996.00
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 LEANDER CONSTRUCTION INC., PAY EST #8 - WWTP PY EST #8 1,099,115.40
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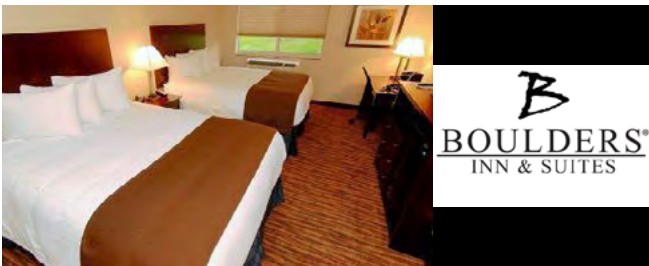


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From the Front/Weather

Sids' outdoors is a place of sanctuary

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hills dotted with timber. "Isn't that a beautiful sight," he says. Ginnie and I agree.

Because of a disability Sid hunts with a crossbow. He spends hours in a heated and insulated blind, often with his two grandkids. To pass the time, he takes pictures from the windows of his blind, and puts them on Facebook. When he wonders why turkeys aren't flocking around, I tell him that they can hear him punching the keys on his smartphone. He keeps pecking away anyway, like the birds he can't see.

It's been a cold, wet spring. Many of the turkey nests have been abandoned, which means the hens are re-nesting—good news for Sid.

He drives his four-wheeler to the blind before sunrise. He can see a rural cemetery nearby. He wonders if ghosts come out and shoo the "turks" away. Sid vows to move the blind. But then a white-tail buck wanders within spitting distance, looking bewildered in its denuded head. Sid reconsiders the positioning of the blind. Maybe it's in a pretty good spot after all. But will that buck be this close during deer season? Sid doubts it.

In the distance, Sid hears a gobble echoing across



the valley. He puts down his smartphone and chirps coyly on his turkey call. Maybe he can entice the tom to visit his hen decoys. Sid has placed one jake decoy with three hens to make the tom jealous. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't.

Sid Vander Ploeg, living the dream.

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LCHD reminds vendors of licensing regs

BY PCC STAFF

As the weather gets warmer, the season for temporary events will be in full swing. Lee County Health Department wants to make sure all food vendors who require a license get one prior to operating for the season to avoid

penalties and closure.

The fee for a temporary license is \$33.50. Applications must be submitted with payment at least three business days before the event. A license is valid for 14 days in conjunction with a single event. Those granted a license

will be subject to inspection from LCHD.

You need a license if: you sell cold or frozen items such as ice cream; you sell cooked food such as hotdogs or burgers; you sell unpacked items like popcorn, bulk nuts, or beverages by glass; you

sell unpackaged, exposed bake goods.

Temporary licenses are available on the LCHD website, www.leecountyhd.org, in the Environmental section. If you have questions about regulations or applying please call (319)372-5225.

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Mendez gets honor at meet for 25 years

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in all the events, good for fourth place in team rankings for the wheelchair division.

Rains came down heavy at about 12:10, in the middle of the boys 1A shuttle hurdle relays, sending half of the spectators looking for cover, but short of lightning, the events continue at the state meet.

Head girls coach Brian Mendez was honored at mid-field during the state meet for 25 years in the FMHS track program.

"You know what - if you had told me when I was in college I would be coaching girls track for 25 years I would have laughed at ya," Mendez said.

"I was just having a conversation about this program and you know it's all about Timm Lamb, Keith Allen, and Paul Walker - they were kind of my mentors and have given me my passion for this sport and I just love it. Just love it.

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State Track

FRIDAY'S ACTION

Bloodhounds gain valuable experience on blue oval

Harris was only senior state qualifier this year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES - A cold, misty day didn't stop the Fort Madison track teams from putting up some lofty numbers at the state track meet in Des Moines Friday afternoon

After a Thursday afternoon that saw Sierra Howardson put up a personal best in the 3000, the Hounds took off again on Friday, starting with se-

at 35:05", her third best throw on the year. Harris, who's still entertaining offers from Kirkwood and Iowa Lakes community colleges to play basketball and possibly volleyball, said she was a little more apprehensive in her first appearance at state.

"I was really nervous, a little bit more than districts," Harris said.

Junior Elijah Barnes competed in the shot put for boys. Barnes

regrouped and threw 41'6" on his second toss and 44'9.5" on his third attempt.

The girls distance medley team of Kamryn Bailey, Maddy McVey, Sierra Howardson and Brett Schneider finished 7th in their heat with a time of 4:29.72, which placed the team in 22nd in the state in that event.

Schneider said the splits were good on that run, the competition was just fierce.

"I thought our splits we're really good, our sprinters did really good to start," Schneider said.

Head Coach Brian Mendez agreed.

"You know 4:29's a pretty good time. There's just some really fast teams up here," he said.

Schneider also ran in the 400-meter hurdles for just the sixth time and qualified for state on her fifth attempt at the event. On Friday she posted at 1:08.76 which was just outside the top 15 by .03 seconds.

"She was just really passionate about running that event. She wanted to compete in that because her mom did and she really ran well," Mendez said.

"Everyone says their event is the toughest, but that 400 hurdle is a tough event."

Schneider said she felt good off the gun.

"I thought my form was really good at the start, but then...I just got tired," she said with a chuckle catching her breath. She said her mom ran the event at about 1:05 so she was about three seconds off.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS's Alex Gully, with baton, hands off to Joseph Grabowski in the boys distance medley relay. Gully ran the first 200 and Grabowski ran the second 200-leg of the 1600-meter event.

She said running at Drake is a bit different due to the environment and surface.

"The track's a little different but really there's just a lot of noise and that's unusual. But it really kind of helps keep you going," she said.

In the final event of the afternoon for the Hounds, the boys distance medley team finished at 3:52.71 in 23rd place overall.

The team of Alex Gully, Joseph Grabowski, Quentin Schneider, and Aaron Steffensmeier ran in the first heat of the Class 3A.

Gully said he felt good about the race and the day.

"I felt really good and had good energy," he said about the race. But he said he was more excited about gaining the experience.

"I was really happy when we made it. This has given me the experience and energy to come back

next year," the junior said.

Schneider, just a freshman, said he was really happy the team was able to come up. Schneider is Brett's brother and neither of the two is ever short of a smile after a race and said track is generational for them.

"My mom and dad both ran track. Both of my

sisters run and it's just a lot of fun for our family," he said.

Steffensmeier said it was exciting to race at the state meet. He said the surface is a bit different running on it.

"I ran up here last year and this track has a rail on the inside and that was different for me."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior Elijah Barnes lets fly with his 3rd attempt in the boys Class 3A shotput at Drake Friday. Barnes threw 44'9.5" for 23rd place.

nior Brittiney Harris, who aside from a remarkable 37'9" heave in district's shot put, threw two of her highest throws all season.

The conditions were a stark comparison to the balmy districts in Mt. Pleasant. With a constant mist to slow rain and temps in the 50s were a bit different for the senior.

"It was cold and windy and it was harder to get warmed up," she said after the event.

Harris' first throw sailed just a bit to her right and landed at 33.1 which is right in the area where she had been throwing for most of the year. But her second throw sailed 35'3, a throw that earned her a 14th place finish. Her third attempt landed

had to use a borrowed shot because the state wouldn't allow his regular shot due to some slight dings. Barnes scratched on his first attempt. Then



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

At left, Kamryn Bailey hands to Maddy McVey on the 2nd leg of the girls distance medley at the state meet in Des Moines. Above, Brittiney Harris throws up the shot in afternoon action on Friday. The medley team finished 7th in their heat. Harris threw 35.3 good enough for 14th place and her second best throw of the year.