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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison Chamber's Ambassador Club paid visits to Chuck and Dawn Kempker on Friday to see the new Kempker office space, TruColor paint station, and new wedding reception hall. Below, ambassadors were welcomed by Eric Frietag, owner of the new Turbo Car and Dog Wash on the city's west side.



Photo courtesy of Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce

## Early voting for primary election starts May 7

BY PCC STAFF

**LEE COUNTY** - Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor, announces that early voting for the Primary Election to be held Tuesday, June 5, 2018 will begin Monday, May 7, 2018.

Voting will take place

in the Auditor's Office, located in the North Lee County Office Building at 933 Avenue H in Fort Madison from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday and in the South Lee County Courthouse at 25 N 7th Street in Keokuk at the window in the

west hallway (across from the Assessor's Office) from 8:30am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Eligible voters wishing to vote early may complete THE IOWA OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

FORM available from the Lee County Auditor or by downloading the form at <http://sos.iowa.gov>. The request for an absentee ballot may be hand delivered to the Auditor's office in Fort Madison or mailed

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## Kearns says new tax bill favors wealthy Iowans

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES - Retiring State Rep. Jerry Kearns (D-Keokuk) said the agreement reached on the state's largest ever income tax relief bill leans too heavily in favor of the state's richest people.

Gov. Kim Reynolds and Iowa House and Senate leadership announced an agreement on the largest tax relief and reform package in state history Friday afternoon.

The bill, which could be up for debate as soon as Tuesday according to some reports, would cut Iowa income tax bills by close to \$400 million next year alone. The total reduction over five years could total in excess of \$1.5 billion through 2023.



KEARNS

"This bill is heavily favored toward the richest of Iowans and doesn't do enough for the middle and lower income residents of the state," Kearns said on Saturday.

"The percentages look good on paper, but I think, from what I've heard, about 80% of the total dollar savings of this tax relief bill go to the wealthiest of Iowans."

Kearns said there is some transferring to sales tax to help compensate for the lost revenue, but he said taxing online sales, which is a part of the bill, will be tough to do as an individual state because of where sales originate. He said he thinks that will probably need to be a federal effort.

"That's going to be hard to do without other states involved and it may have to be a federal program," Kearns said. "I don't think it can be done at the state level."

According to Reynolds' office, Iowa has the fourth highest individual income tax rate and the highest corporate tax rate in the country. Iowa is ranked 40th in business tax climate by the nonpartisan Tax Foundation. U.S. News and World Report, while ranking Iowa first overall, ranked Iowa's business environment 46th. If nothing is done to reform the tax code, Iowans' state taxes will increase as a result of federal tax reform because of federal deductibility.

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## Area News/Sports

# FM runners get eight firsts at WACO meet

BY PCC STAFF

WAYLAND - The Fort Madison boys and girls high school track team picked up a meet in Wayland on Thursday night, and picked up eight first place finishes for their efforts.

On the girls side, freshman Reyna Lampe picked up a first-place finish out of six schools with a 17:54 in the 100-meter hurdles. Leigh Johnson took second in the shotput with a throw of 33'-0.5". Nadia Boeding took second in the 400-meter dash at 1:09.54, and the girls 4x100 team took second at 55:35.

For the boys, Caleb Gehle claimed four first-place finishes in the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter wheelchair dashes, as well as the wheelchair shotput with a throw of 17'-02". The distance medley team also took first place with a time of 4:01.92. Matthew Hellige took first place in the 1600-meter run at 4:54.70 and Elijah Barnes threw the shot 49'-6.5" for another first place finish for the Hounds.

Quentin Schneider

earned a second-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:01.98.

Complete results are listed below

Girls results  
 Girls Sprint Medley  
 FMHS - 2:08.12 (4th)  
 3000-meter run - Claire Mendez 12:09.41 (3rd)  
 4x100-meter relay - FMHS 1:18.54 (3rd)  
 100-meter dash - Brett Schneider 14.35 (3rd), Olivia Williams 14.72 (5th)  
 Distance Medley - FMHS - 5:05.00 (4th)  
 400-meter dash - Nadia Boeding 1:09.54 (2nd)  
 4x200-meter relay - FMHS 2:08.96 (3rd)  
 100-meter hurdles - Reyna Lampe 17:54 (1st)  
 800-meter run - Lauren King 2:53.13 (7th)  
 200-meter dash - Brett Schneider 29.66 (4th), Anna Schroeder 39.13 (11th)  
 400-meter hurdles - Raigan Munson 1:17.16 (4th), Madelyn Swigart 1:27.28 (7th)  
 1500-meter run - Claire Mendez 5:47.21 (3rd), Kamryn Bailey 5:57.98 (5th)  
 4x100-meter - FMHS 55:35 (2nd)  
 4x400-meter relay - FMHS 4:49.98 (3rd)  
 Long Jump - Olivia Williams 13'-7.75" (4th)  
 Shot put - Leigh Johnson 33'-0.5" (2nd)  
 Boys results  
 4x800-meter relay 9:12.75 (3rd)  
 100-meter dash - Alex Gully 12.19 (3rd)  
 100-meter wheelchair - Caleb Gehle 27.92 (1st)  
 Distance Medley - FMHS 4:01.92 (1st)  
 100-meter dash - Shakir McClelland 58.14 (4th)  
 400-meter dash wheelchair - Caleb Gehle 1:54.58 (1st)  
 4x200 meter relay - FMHS - 1:40.90 (4th)  
 800-meter run - Dayne Cordray 2:18.75 (7th)  
 200-meter dash - Trey Kuntz 26.24 (9th), Dominic Frantz 26.98 (10th)  
 200-meter dash wheelchair - Caleb Gehle 54.55 (1st)  
 400-meter hurdles - Quentin Schneider 1:01.98 (2nd)  
 1600-meter run - Matthew Hellige 4:54.70 (1st)  
 4x100 meter relay - FMHS 48.68 (4th)  
 4x400-meter relay - FMHS 3:58.38 (5th)  
 Discus - Heath Hoenig - 108'-0" (9th), Ethan Deacon 77'-5" (11th)  
 Long Jump - Bryce Britton 13'-8.5" (10th), Shay Smith 13'-6" (11th)  
 Shot Put - Elijah Barnes 49'-6.5" (1st), Alec Craft 35'-3" (10th)  
 Wheelchair shotput - Caleb Gehle 17'-2" (1st)

# Early primary ballots need to be postmarked by June 4

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to the Lee County Auditor, P.O. Box 190, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

A voter may also request a ballot on paper no smaller than 3 inches by 5 inches and must contain the voter's name, mailing address, date of birth, signature, party affiliation (for the Primary only), the name of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot and one of the following: Iowa driver's license number, Iowa non-operator's ID number or 4-digit PIN number for voters that do not have an Iowa DOT issued number. Requests must be received by 5:00 P.M., Friday, May 25th.

Requests may be faxed to 319-372-7033 or emailed to [auditor@leecounty.org](mailto:auditor@leecounty.org). However, the original request document must be received by the Auditor's Office. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Friday, May 25, 2018.

The original request can also be hand delivered to the Auditor's Office no later than 9:00 P.M. on Election Day in order for the ballot to be counted.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail, but must be postmarked no later than Monday, June 4, 2018 and received by 12:00 Noon on Monday, June 11, 2018. Prepaid postage is affixed to all ballot return envelopes. The voter's ballot may be hand delivered to the County Auditor's Office before 9:00 P.M., Election Day, June 5, 2018, by the voter or any person the voter designates.

For the Primary Election Only-You must declare a Political Party Affiliation on the Absentee Ballot Request Form. A registered voter can change party affiliation on the Absentee Ballot Request Form.

For further information, contact the Lee County Auditor's office at 319-372-3705.

# Keokuk gets \$200K for Carbide site

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - Keokuk city officials were notified on Friday that they had received \$200,000 to assess the former Elkem Carbide site, which is reported to have contamination issues.

Congressman Dave Loebsack applauded the city on receiving a Brownfields Program grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The funding will be used to help assess the site, which has evidence that it has been contaminated by a toxic release. The city hopes to use the location for future economic development opportunities.

The EPA's Brownfields Program provides grants and technical assistance to communities, states, tribes and

others to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated properties.

"I am pleased that the City of Keokuk has been awarded this competitive funding from the EPA to help clean up and rejuvenate the Elkem Carbide site," Loebsack said.

"The Brownfields program has allowed towns across Iowa and the nation redevelop old industrial land and land that was contaminated to use to further economic development in the region. I look forward to seeing the development that this investment will create."

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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**Sports**



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FMHS senior Brett Schneider takes her mark at the state meet at Drake last year as a junior in the 400-meter hurdles. Schneider ran the event for the first time at the Drake Relays this year with a time of 1:09.98. It was Schneider's third time running at the relays.

**FM comes up short vs Liberty**

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison boys soccer team fell to Iowa City Liberty Friday at home 2-1.

The Hounds gave up two goals in the first half as they fell to the Lightning and drop to 3-6 on the year (2-3 in the Southeast Conference).

The Lightning scored at the 19:00 mark of the first half and then five minutes later to take a 2-0 lead at the half.

The Hounds didn't get on the board until there were only three minutes left in the game when Brody Rung scored on an assist from David Goebel.

Goalie Javier Trejo recorded nine saves in the game.

The junior varsity squad won 2-1 with goals by Will Larson on an assist from Miguel Trejo and Diego Lozano. Lozano scored unassisted at the 23:00 mark to break the tie.

The Hounds play host to Mt. Pleasant on Friday.

**Schneider runs at Drake for 3rd time as FMHS Bloodhound**

*Senior finishes 8th in heat on the blue oval in final year at Drake Relays*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity Catholic's Brett Schneider runs track for Fort Madison High School. Next year she'll run for UNI, but on Saturday, she ran at Drake University in the Drake Relays for the final time as high schooler.

Schneider, a senior on the FMHS squad, is a prolific middle distance runner helping on 4x800 relays, typically finishing in the top 3 at most events in the 800-meter run, if not winning it outright.

But on Saturday she didn't be using batons and won't be running two laps. She ran at 1:09.92 and finished 16th overall in the same event her mother Carrie qualified for state in high school.

Schneider was hampered in the early track season with an ankle injury she sustained during basketball, as well as her senior class trip to Washington D.C. that started her season a bit late.

"Honestly at the beginning of the season I was hurt from basketball with an ankle sprain," she said. "We ended up going to Steindler (Clinic) and they said I was ok, that it wasn't hurt that bad and I should just take it easy. So that's what I did, but I thought Drake was out of the picture."

Schneider qualified at Washington last week with a time that was 16th best in the state. Drake only takes the top 16 runners in the event.

Head Coach Brian Mendez said it's not only remarkable that Schneider has qualified, but she didn't even start running the 400-hurdles until last year as a junior about five meets into the season.

"She had never run the 400 before last year at Van Buren," Mendez said. "There's really not much she can't do. She's qualified and this Saturday she'll be ranked 16th out of 16 so she has nothing to lose and everything to gain. We don't go very far to find good competition down here. Fairfield has a really fast girl and Mt. Pleasant has some legit talent."

Schneider said she was a bit skiddish working the hurdles at the beginning of the season.

"The first meet I didn't want to try hurdles, but once we got the season going I said, 'Ok I'll work hurdles to get my form down.' Our first meet in Washington was my first time and I didn't run them very well but I just told myself to keep practicing. Then I ran a really good time at Mt. Pleasant and after a couple more meets I was able to get my time down. And then at our meet in Washington last week I barely made it to Drake."

Schneider is not unfamiliar with the blue oval. She ran several events last year at state and also qualified for Drake as a freshman and sophomore in the 4x800. She didn't qualify in an event as junior, but made it to state in Fort Dodge in cross country.

"If I have my 'A' game, I could place higher than I'm ranked and that's what I'm after. Just go out and run a PR (personal record) and hopefully not be last," she said Friday.

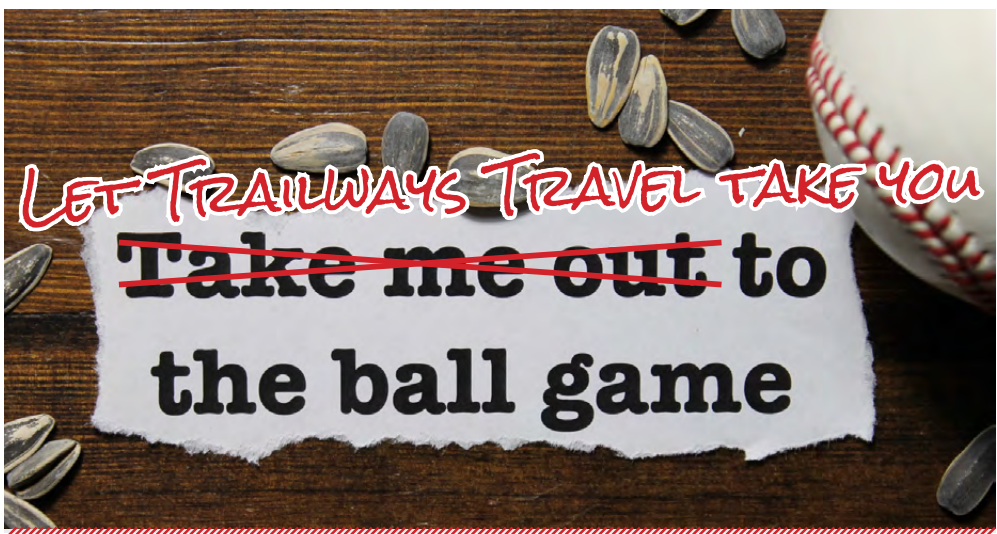
The Relays will run two heats of the event with the faster heat running second. The race is set for 12:45 p.m.

After this season, Schneider will run for the University of Northern Iowa as a preferred walk-on.

"With that status you're a full team member with all the exposure to the track team, but you just don't get any money. I just have to prove myself there and hopefully get on scholarship at some point"

She wasn't sure what she wanted to do after school and was considering a two-year program and a four-year program.

"I've always wanted to run at the next level. I didn't know where to go and I didn't know what I wanted to do to be honest. I was kind of waiting for offers and then UNI contacted me to come visit to be a preferred walk-on. UNI was in the back of my mind because I wanted to be teacher. I really liked the campus, the school is amazing, and the athletics are awesome," she said.



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## Sports

# Lady Hounds execute second match sweep of season

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhound girls swept Mt. Pleasant Friday night for the second sweep of the season for the tennis team.

The Hounds also went 9-0 against Davis County back on April 10.

Senior Katie Larson won 8-6 over Quinn Whaley at No. 1 singles to get things going for FMHS. But seeds 2-4 with Miho Shirai, Kearstyn Johnson, and Larissa Ferrill all registered shutouts against the Panthers.

At No. 5, Mercedee Doty downed Sierra Barton 8-6 to seal the win for Fort Madison. Lanie Kuntz added an 8-1 win at No. 6 to give the Hounds all five singles wins.

Larson and Shirai took the No. 1 doubles match against Whaley and Erin Zihlman, 8-2. Johnson and Ferrill went 8-1 against Hallie Sandeen and Shaleen Thiengmany, and then Doty and Kuntz shout out Barton and Breanna Runyon 8-1 for the sweep.

In junior varsity action, Zoe Ramatowski and Alyse Schmidt won 4-0, Lily Cadwallader and Lauren Bailey won 4-1, Deanna Warner and Abbee Kelly went 4-0. Taylor Ann McGee and Aniah Ross won 4-1, and Jamie Folks and Kirklynn Nafziger won 4-0. Kelsey Penrod and Shyanna Hoenig lost their doubles match 0-4.

The Hounds moved to 7-2 on the season and played in the Burlington Invitational today at Dankwardt Park.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, FMHS Senior Katie Larson gets ready to work the net during Saturday's doubles action at Dankwardt Park in Burlington as part of the Burlington Invitational. Larson and sophomore Miho Shirai downed Notre Dame's Lydia Becker and Claire Hackenmiller 8-5 to face top-seeded Fairfield. At left, Mercedee Doty competes in No. 3 doubles action. Complete results will be in Monday's Pen City Current.

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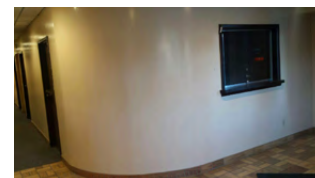
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## From the Front/Sports

# Bill has top corporate rate set at 9.8%

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- Dramatically simplifies Iowa's overly complicated tax code
- Ensures fairness for Main Street businesses in the modern economy
- Protects budget sustainability in future years

Iowa families and small business owners will receive \$398 million in income tax relief in 2019. The tax plan immediately provides an average tax reduction of nearly 10 percent and continues to provide tax relief beyond 2019. When fully implemented as soon as 2023, the plan will reduce the number of individual income brackets to four, with a top rate of 6.5 percent. The top corporate rate will be lowered to 9.8

percent.

At full implementation in 2023;

- A single taxpayer with no children making \$25,000 will see a 22.3% tax reduction
- A single taxpayer with one child making \$48,000 will see a 25.8% tax reduction
- A couple with two children making \$75,000 will see a 25.7% tax reduction

This agreement simplifies Iowa tax law by eventually eliminating federal deductibility, reducing the number of individual income tax brackets, automatically coupling with most federal tax laws and providing a comprehensive review of tax credits. The tax plan utilizes a

trigger to protect budget sustainability in future years, ensures full repayment of the Cash Reserve Fund this year and does not reduce the property tax backfill. It maintains large ending balances in both Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020, according to estimates from the REC, and protects key budget commitments made to education, health care, and public safety. It also modernizes the sales tax code to treat online businesses the same as Main Street businesses.

The agreement also provides relief to farmers and small business owners by increasing the Section 179 and Qualified Business Income (QBI) deductions: "The 2018 legisla-

tive session was one of accomplishments aimed at unleashing opportunities for all Iowans," Gov. Kim Reynolds said. "This historic state-level tax reform - coupled with tax reform at the federal level - will bring significant relief to working-class Iowans in a fiscally responsible fashion that will allow the state to meet its budget responsibilities in the future. These tax cuts are meaningful to Iowans making tough decisions about what they can and cannot afford. I commend the Iowa House and Senate for sharing in my priority of putting Iowans first."

# Panthers knock off FMHS

BY PCC STAFF

MT. PLEASANT - The Fort Madison boys tennis team fell in a tight match that came down to the No. 3 doubles match.

Blake Feuerhammer and Gage Hind, who play at Nos. 4 and 6 singles, teamed up at No. 3 doubles against Mt. Pleasant's Elijah Plooster and Donny Arledge. The set wound up in an 8-8 tie, but the Plooster and Arledge duo took the win with a 7-2 tiebreaker, which gave the Panthers a 5-4 win on the night.

The Panthers, with home field advantage, elected to play first-to-eight matches in lieu of the regular two-set match play.

At No. 1 singles, the Hounds' Sam Avery fell 2-8 to Ethan Weber. Corbin Broeker downed Austin Krueger 8-3 at No. 2. Jason Thurman, who's 7-2 as a freshman at No. 3 singles downed Jaxon Hoyle 8-3. Plooster beat Feuerhammer 8-6. The Hounds got their 2nd win of the day when Vasin Thurman beat Jack Schimmelpfennig at No. 5 and then David Nguyen took out Gage Hind 8-4.

In the Nos. 1 and 2 doubles matches, Avery and Krueger beat Broeker and Hoyle 8-3, but Weber and Schimmelpfennig took the No. 2 doubles from the Thurmans 8-4.

In junior varsity action, Bryce Workman fell 3-8 and 5-8 in singles action.

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