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# Cabaret hits 45 as city's Irish Pub

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -Stories of goats running through the bar, drop ceilings falling, and Sharon Horan taking a tumble off a ladder speckle the colorful past 45 years of Horan's Cabaret.

The local pub, famous for its St. Patrick's Day corned beef feed and Taco Night, hit 45 years in business in Fort Madison on May 7th. Horan said there will be a four-hour celebration on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with food and drink specials. Horan is asking people who have Cabaret t-shirts to wear them to the celebration. Anyone wearing a Cabaret shirt will get a free drink.

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People would come in and say what they wanted and I would say, 'How do you make it, and how much does it cost'."

> -Sharon Horan, owner, Horan's Cabaret

Mike Horan bought the business located at 1337 Avenue G back in 1973. According to Sharon, Rosemary Durham offered Mike the option of purchasing either the Cabaret turn-key including the property or the Olde English Inn tavern which was just the business and not the property. So he bought the Cabaret on May 7, 1943

"I was just at that time dating him," Sharon said.

"And at that time I didn't really hang out in bars and didn't know there was different times of vodka or whiskeys," she said. "And this is really how when we first got going he said I had to work when they got busy. People would come in and say what they wanted and I would say, 'How do you make it, and how much does it cost."

She said any customers that have been around since that time would confirm that story true. Sharon said Mike had

told her that when she turned 50 she could sell the business.

"I think I misunder-

"I think I misunderstood him and what he really meant is when I had the business 50 years I could sell it," she laughed.

The famous St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage feed began around 1985 after the Horans took over the bar. Sharon said Mike brought in Irish music, which wasn't received very well.

"I know when my husband and Todd Edwards brought in the Irish music and were playing it. People would come in and say, "if you're gonna play that .... we're not staying and Mike told

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bobbie Jo Horan Willis and mom, Sharon, pose with a picture of Sharon's husband, Mike, who bought a bar from Rosemary Durham back in 1973 and changed the name to Horan's Cabaret. The Irish pub will celebrate its 45th anniversary Saturday with a party from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

FMHS senior Leigh Johnson works out Tuesday under the watchful eye of throwing coach Andrew Troxel. Johnson is making her first trip to state for track and field. Johnson joins seniors Elijah Barnes, Brett Schneider, and Caleb Gehle, along with sophomore Matthew Hellige at the state track meet which begins today in Des Moines.

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# Five Hounds at state track meet

Three seniors returning to try to improve on 2017 marks

# BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON Three of five of the Fort
Madison Bloodhounds
participating in the Iowa
girls and boys high school
state track meet are looking to improve on last
year's performance.

Seniors Elijah Barnes, Caleb Gehle, and Brett Schneider will all be looking to land in the medals for the Bloodhounds this year in the meet that starts today.

Barnes qualified for state this year in the discus as well as the shotput where he threw 44'-9" last year, 24th of 25 in a performance that he said was frustrating for him.

"Last year they disqualified my shot," Barnes said on Tuesday during an after school workout.

But this year, with the help of first-year throw-

ing coach Andrew Troxel, he said his timing is a bit better and he's having more success. That could be the understatement of the year as Barnes has found an extra eight feet in throws this year over

"Switching up what I did like my form and my technique and I went to a rotation and that helped me gain some feet just off that because you gain more momentum through it. That's what a lot of olympians are doing now," Barnes said.

I was hesitant at first

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# **Obituaries/Local News**

### **OBITUARIES**

# ROY A. CULLEN

Roy A. Cullen, age 64 of Ft. Madison passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.



He was born on April 4, 1954 in Ft. Madison to Robert and Elda Holtkamp Cullen. Roy was a mechanic and a painter. He loved motorcycles and not only enjoyed riding them; he could fix them as

Survivors include his son, Jared Cullen of Ft. Madison; a daughter, Gabrielle Cullen; three brothers, Mike Cullen of Windsor Heights, IA, Robert Cullen of Ft. Madison and Mark Cullen of West Des Moines; two sisters, Connie Sorensen of Maryland and Karen Moore of Austin, TX; his companion, Char Arthur of Ft. Madison and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Maureen.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be a Celebration of Life for Roy from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at The Eagle's Club in Ft. Madison. A family burial will take place at a later date at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ft. Madison.

Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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# Partners still has glasses for Friday's Barley Hops

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON -Southeast Iowa is gearing up for the Premier Craft Beer Tasting Event- Fort Madison Barley Hops, Friday May 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

2018 is well on its way to again providing you the opportunity to find a new flavor. Vendors participating include: Back Pocket Brewing (Coralville, IA) Bent River Brewing Co (Burlington/Rock Island), Clock House Brewing (Cedar Rapids), East Grove Farms (Salem, Iowa), Fire Trucker Brewing Company (Ankeny, IA), Fleck Sales Distribution, Front Street Brewing Company (Davenport, Iowa), Golden Eagle Distributing, Iowa Brewing Company (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Johnson Brothers Distributing, Kalona Brewing Company (Kalona, Iowa), Keg Creek Brewing (Glenwood, Iowa), Lost Duck Brewing Company (Fort Madison, Iowa), Parkside Brewing Co (Burlington, Iowa), Peace Tree Brewing Co (Knoxville, IA), V's Brew Pub (Keokuk,

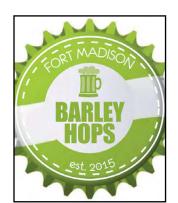
We will return to the designated area in Riverview Park alongside the pavilion for you to experience the event in one location, making sure you get the full experience. There will be plenty of parking, a flat surface for vendors to set up and wide open space to enjoy the most beautiful view in Iowa!

"There may be a bit of standing water due to the higher levels of the river", said Tim Gobble, Executive Director for the Partners. "We have kept our eye on the weather and it's supposed to be clear and sunny and the water levels are looking to go down about 6-9 inches- out of the way of the area we are using."

Food options for purchase at the Barley Hops include selections from a couple new options: Twisted River Food Truck & Orange Ember Food Truck.

Get your commemorative tasting pilsner glass at the Fort Madison Partners office (during regular business hours) or the day of event for \$15.00. "We are setting the event up the same as last year, having all the vendors in one location providing the ability for people to enjoy the event while they mingle from one vendor to the other," Gobble said.

"This way the participants will be able to try



all the flavors within the time frame and enjoy food options on site".

Atlas will again be hosting all the breweries back at their place to talk about their brewery and their beers after 8:00 pm.

For more information about the event and selections, check out the website: <a href="http://fortmad-">http://fortmad-</a> ison.com/mainstreet/ events/fort-madison-barlev-hops/.

The Fort Madison Barley Hops will make for a perfect night out with friends. This is a 21+ event and we request you plan ahead to have a designated driver. See you Friday, May 18th from 5:00-8:00 pm in Riverview Park.

All proceeds benefit Fort Madison beautification projects. If you have questions, please call the Fort Madison Partners office at 319-372-5471. We hope everyone continues to have a great time and participate responsibly.

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**5/16** 24 25 29 38 50 Star Ball: 9 All Star Bonus: 3



**5/16 MID-DAY** 1 0 6 6 **5/16 EVENING** 6 5 2 9

Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.

# For the Record

### Fort Madison Police report

05/14/18 - 8:40 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street. 05/14/18 - 11:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 23rd Street. 05/14/18 - 3:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of 8th Street. 05/14/18 - 5:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 3200 block of Avenue L. 05/14/18 - 6:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Richard McCutcheon, 32, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue D on a charge of serious domestic abuse. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/15/18 - 1:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Cory Jacob Porter, 24, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 18th and Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released with a court date. 05/15/18 - 5:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jason Thomas Woolever, 45, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue L on a three counts of violation of a no contact order and one count of trespassing. 05/15/18 - 11:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in

the 1500 block of Avenue M. 05/15/18 - 5:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 05/15/18 - 5:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 2200 block of Avenue L. 05/15/18 - 6:46 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 05/16/18 - 1:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue J.

# Lee County

Sheriff's report 05/14/18 - 10:09 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Howard Green Burgess, II, 36, of Burlington in the 5400 block of Avenue O in Fort Madison, on charges of escape from custody and theft in the 3rd degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/14/18 - 12:37 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Maureen Elaine Benedict, 64, of Fort Madison, on Alta Drive, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was released on bond. 05/14/18 - 1:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charlene Lorena Jones, 24, of Donnellson in the 500 block of Dewey Street in Donnellson, on a warrant for 5th degree theft less than \$200. She was taken

to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/14/18 - 5:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Angela Nicole Nelson, 40, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on two warrants for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/14/18 - 8:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Angelic Leshae Nelson, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue N in Fort Madison on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$200. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a \$200 bond. 05/14/18 - 9:32 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Austin Dean Greer, 37, of Keokuk at the intersection of 7th and Main in Keokuk on warrant for 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/15/18 - 7:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jonathan Michael Jones, 43, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for violation of parole. He was held in custody. 05/15/18 - 3:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Burnett Gilbert, Jr., 64, of Keokuk, in the 3100 block of Belfast Road on a charge of criminal trespass. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



# **Sports**

# Thurman twins get shot at state as freshman

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -They were born on July 30, 2003...both of them and 15 years later they're headed to the Iowa High School boys state tennis tournament on May 25 in Waterloo.

Jason and Vasin Thurman, who just started getting serious about tennis over the past year, qualified with a wonderful run through districts knocking off the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds at Fairfield Maharishi in doubles competition Wednesday.

The two boys from Holy Trinity Catholic play in a shared program agreement with Fort Madison High School under head coach Dean Hogan and went 9-16 during a better-than-expected regular season.

At Wednesday's district action the two were seed-

ed 15th out of 16 doubles teams and quickly knocked off Abbott and Gavin Haner of Keokuk, the No. 2 seed in the district tournament 6-4, 6-4. That win put them up against the No. 3 seed from Fairfield in Dante Cingari and Logan Williams and the Thurmans took that match in two sets 6-4, 6-2.

After winning in the top half of the bracket, the next match was against Fairfield Maharishi's 8th seeded doubles squad of Kartik Venpate and Bhavani Allison. Jason and Vasin won the first set in a close 7-5 score then dropped the 2nd set 6-7 with a 3-7 tiebreaker, but came back to win the third tiebreaker set 6-1 to advance to the top doubles team in the district in Maharishi's Kai Vessay and Devan Burke who ended the Thurmans' day with a 6-1, 6-0 loss.

When the two enter the state tournament they will be the only underclassmen who made it out of districts in doubles play. All the other competition will be from juniors and seniors.

The two have set a conservative goal for the tournament considering they knocked off the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds at districts.

Just to win a match.

"I think a good tournament for us would be getting at least one win. That would be nice. To win a match," Vasin said.

The two are clearly on the same page.

"Maybe winning a match...," Jason said.
"We'll be playing against some really good competition. So yeah..if we could win a match I think I would be happy with that."

Hogan said it's hard to tell how the tournament



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Vasin Thurman, foreground, and Jason Thurman go through workouts Tuesday evening at the Fort Madison High School tennis courts. The two will be playing in the state doubles tournament in Waterloo beginning Friday, May 25.

will shake out because the Thurmans have beaten good competition this year.

"It's kind of hard to say," Hogan said. They've been playing really well. They upset the number one players from Keokuk and two seniors from Fairfield that were their Nos. 1 and 2 players at both schools. They played some pretty powerful kids including the Maharishi team which is a top quality team. They've got their work cut out and depends on the luck of the draw and where you're going to be placed. Maharishi will

be in the opposite bracket. They will probably be seeded No. 1, that's my thought. The only way we would meet up with them is in the finals."

He gave a lot of credit for the twins' success to Sam Avery and Austin Krueger, the team's No. 1 doubles unit and No. 1 and No. 2 singles players.

"I got to give credit to Sam and Austin," Hogan said. "Those are the two guys that have been my go-to team members that have helped them along in becoming better players. And Jason and Vasin's mom said they often go over to the courts at HTC to work by themselves. Sam has been with them and Austin has been with them so that's been a good peer situation with them through the season."

He said for freshmen, the two play a very controlled, slower pace and look for gaps on the court.

"They play their game, they don't play an uptempo game like a lot of the older players that have played several years. They play their pace and that throws off the opposi-

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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at Fort Madison
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Minutes of the
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Work Session

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:05 p.m. Directors Wondra, DiPrima, Ross, Young, Hope and Troxel

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were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater and Director of Curriculum, Student Services Kim Harmon. Director Hotop was absent.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance.

III. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

IV. Guiding Coalition Discussion – High School. Greg Smith presented an overview of building PLC integration process. Discussion followed.

V. Guiding Coalition
Discussion – Middle School.
Todd Dirth and representatives from Middle School
Guiding Coalition shared
information related to their
PLC integration process
this school year. Discussion
followed.

Break: 7:36 p.m.
End Break: 7:45 p.m.
VI. Bond debrief session.
VII. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.
Tim Wondra, President
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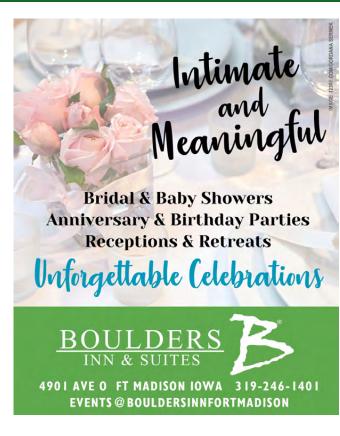
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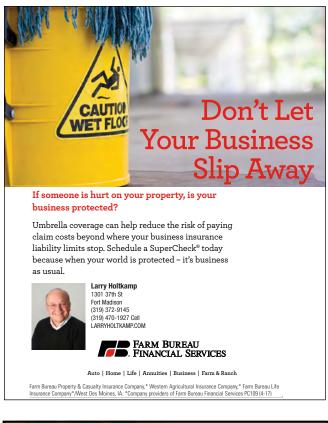






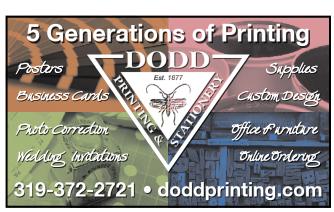








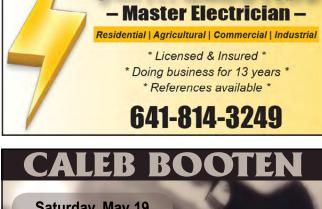


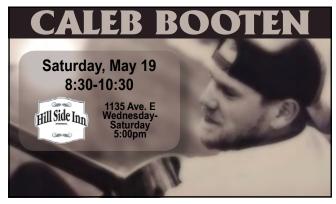




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# HTC freshmen knocked off Pub to hold 45th anniversary Nos. 2 and 3 at districts

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tion. Most kids like to play power with power and these fine Thurman brothers are patient, deliberate, and take time within reason. They analyze and try to focus on the game plan of playing one player at a time in doubles and not two. You select one and you play that player the best you can and wear them down."

The two started playing tennis just going over to city courts and hitting the ball around.

"We weren't very serious...and we weren't very good," Vasin said. "But then we started playing with Sam Avery for a while and he got us excited about it and then we started working with coach Hogan."

Avery, also from HTC, was the team's No. 1 singles player for the year and also anchored the No. 1 doubles team with Austin Krueger.

Jason said the obvious chemistry that exists between the two after growing up and playing different sports with each other their whole lives is helping the on-court performance.

"A lot of it's our chemistry. We kind of just know where each other is at on the court. But coach also put in a new formation when we're serving. We didn't really do it during the season because we wanted to save it for conference and districts. The guy in the net is in a different spot than he usually is and they're having trouble reacting to it," Jason said.

Vasin said the new formation helped a lot in the district tournament.

"It makes it harder for the people to return. They don't see that formation very often and when we bring it out they don't know to react to it. It's usually hit right at the poacher or the poacher will eventually get a shot at it," he said.

The two also played singles with Jason in the No. 3 spot and Vasin in the No. 5 hole.

Through April, Jason had a game record of 123-65, with an 8-2 match record and 16-5 set record. Vasin was 8-1 in matches at No. 5 with a 16-4 set record and 116-65 in total games.

The two were 9-7 in doubles matches through April.

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them Goodbye. Now we have customers who wouldn't have it any other way."

Sharon's daughter Bobbie Jo Horan Willis has been handling most of the business now, after being a part of the business for more than 30 years.

She said Taco Night started about 10 years after they bought the place and it quickly became one of the pubs most popular nights.

"It started out with two people. When we first started out a lady down in the village would make the shells for us," Bobbi Jo said.

Sharon said the Cabaret would go through about 13 dozen shells every Thursday night. She said the employees at DuPont suggested it could be a popular draw.

As far as the Cabaret itself, the family has installed new flooring, a new metal roof and rehabbed the tin ceiling and made that part of the atmosphere.

"Mike and Greg Smith were installing insulation in the attic and they had been working a few weekends and we kept

hearing a screech-screech and they were walking on the beams," she said. "Then all of a sudden we started seeing the nails start dropping and the whole drop ceiling started falling from one end to the other."

Bobbie Jo said they looked up and saw the original tin ceiling.

"We said hey, that's a pretty nice ceiling up there and then we just painted it. It was in pretty good shape and now it looks great."

Some of the memories of the business that were conjured up in the conversation included a street fair, the Rodeo Parades when it was legal to serve beer outside for the parade goers.

Bobbie Jo also brought up a incident where Sharon climbed a rickety ladder because Mike was insisting on a light being changed.

"She busted up her wrist, her knee, and was pretty banged up. It was real close to St. Patrick's Day and it was one of those years that we just kind of winged it," she said.

Sharon said she tried to help with the holiday celebration that year, but ended up going home because she couldn't really help with anything.

"The running joke was that I jumped off that ladder and got hurt so I didn't have to help with St. Patrick's Day," she said.

The two both agreed that the future of the bar, or the next 45 years, is up in the air.

Bobbie Jo said she wasn't sure if she would take over full ownership or if the family will sell it.

"It's like the old saying goes, everything has a price. If someone came in and wanted to make an offer for it, we'd probably listen to that," Sharon said. "Other than that, the future is up in the air. I've had 45 years of great friends, great family. A lot of my friends have become my family," Sharon said. "And some days you wonder if was worth it all, but yes, definitely it was worth it all."

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# **2018 State Track Preview**

# Hellige looking to break top 15 in 3200

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because it's tough to learn. There's a lot of points you have to hit. I'm just hoping to go in there and place in the top 9. I'm sitting ranked 9th now. Up there it doesn't matter about distances prior to that meet. I'm hoping the adrenaline helps me place."

He said he didn't spend much time with discus, but once he started getting his form down the distances started to come. He said Troxel pushed him hard to compete in discus, too.

"He was a glider last year and there were some flaws with his mechanics. We started in February and worked on a lot of the little things and, once we perfected those, we started putting things together, Troxel said. "Once those things clicked, that's where he's getting the extra distance.

Barnes will be throwing discus on Thursday at 4:30 and then the shotput event will be held at Friday at 4:30.

# **Brett Schneider**

Brett Schneider is returning to state for two events again this year. She will be running the 400-hurdles, which she ran last year, and will also be running the 800-meter run. In 2017 she ran as part of the Bloodhounds Distance Medley team. She finished 16th last year in the 400-hurdles with a time of 1:08.76 but said she's had very good times this year.

"I've had both PRs going into state this year and I look better than I did last year," she said. "I'm ranked 10th in the 400-hurdles right now

HTC senior Brett Schneider won't have to contend with these two Davenport Assumption speedsters at this year's state track meet. Schneider will be running in the 400-meter hurdles and the 800-meter run.

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so that will put me in the second fastest heat, but I will get a good lane assignment so that will

Schneider got off to a slow start to the year and had to delay indoor running due to an ankle injury sustained during basketball season. She qualified for Drake for the third time during high school and competed in the state cross country meet last fall.

She'll run the 400 hurdles at 5:20 p.m. on Friday and then at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday she'll compete in the 800-meter run. She's currently ranked No. 4 in the state in girls 800 and will run in the fastest heat of the event. She said she's hoping for a bit cooler temps, but the forecast calls for heat and thunderstorms.

"I like a little bit of rain when I'm running, but it sucks when it's really cold. My freshman year it was freezing and last year it was wet and cool, and compared to what we've been running lately...that works."

# Caleb Gehle

Caleb Gehle is competing in four different events including three wheelchair races, the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter dashes as well as the wheelchair shotput. This is his fourth year at state.

Gehle threw 14'-5.25" last year for third place in the wheelchair shotput and has been throwing over 17' in meets this year. He placed sixth in the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 2017.

"Throwing-wise I'm not where I want to be, but I've made progress either



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Caleb Gehle will be competing for his fourth year at the state track meet in Des Moines on Saturday.

way. I've cut down quite a bit of time off my racing. I've cut nine seconds off the 400. People at clinics have told me to drive from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock if you think of the wheel like a clock. and that should give me a bit more distance on each turn," Gehle said.

He said some adjustments have been made to his racing chair that should permit tighter steering and lane control. Gehle said he's just trying to show personal growth as he heads toward a trip to Spain later this year to compete in the Cerebral Palsy World Games in Barcelona.

"As weird as this is to say, I just want to show personal growth and know that I did the best I could," Gehle said.

He also said he's put in more time in the gym this year building his upper body and creating strength for the throws and wheelchair races. All Gehle's events take place

on Saturday kicked off by the wheelchair shotput at 10 a.m.

### **Matthew Hellige**

The HTC sophomore is making his first trip to the state track meet as a full participant. In 2017 he went as a runner up on the boys distance medley team as a freshman.

Hellige also ran as a sophomore at the state cross country meet in Fort Dodge this fall.

He said he wanted to try to get a personal record on the blue oval.

"I'd like to try to place in the top 15 if I can. I think that would be a good goal," Hellige said. "My personal record before districts was a 10:27 and then at district's I ran a 10:17 so I beat it by ten seconds.

He said this year with the addition of Hyrum Scruggs, as well as Mike Schneider and Chad Hannum, there's been more of a chance to get individual instruction.

"Last year it was just coach (Erin) Benner and she couldn't do everything and this year we've had the help of the others. Last year I was running with the middle distance runners but this year I was able to focus on the longer runs."

Hellige will take to the oval at 3:50 p.m. on Thursday.

# **Leigh Johnson**

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> -Matthew Hellige Sophomore

compete, has turned into a banner year for senior Leigh Johnson throwing for the Bloodhound girls team. Johnson, a top-notch setter with the Hounds volleyball team this fall, decided in the first week of track season that she wanted to throw again. She threw in her freshman and sophomore

Johnson will compete in the girls shotput at 2 p.m. on Friday.

"Leigh came out the first week and just wanted to throw," Troxel said. "She threw as a freshman and sophomore. She has tremendous strength. A lot of that is attributed to Coach (Derek) Doherty's Athletic Enhancement program. She was throwing low 30s in the beginning of the season, but once it got nice in the outdoor season she started putting one thing together after another and now these throws are

coming out of nowhere. The last two weeks have just been tremendous for her," Troxel said.

Johnson said this is her first year throwing the shot as she focused on discus her freshman and sophomore years and then played soccer as a junior as she worked through volleyball clubs in the same season.

"Well it's my first year throwing shotput. My freshman and sophomore year I threw disc. I didn't think I was going to go to state. I just came out and worked hard. I needed something to do. I decided halfway through the season, I wanted it so I just came out and worked hard."

She's currently ranked 17th out of 24 and said she hopes to place in the top 10.

"I'm hoping to maybe get top 10. That may be a little unrealistic, but I'm going to try," she said.



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Senior Elijah Barnes is currently ranked 7th in the state in Class 3A in the shotput going into this week's state tournament at Drake University.

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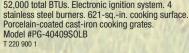
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