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Holy Trinity Volleyball Preview

Box, seniors to lead HTC spikers

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The Holy Trinity Catholic girls volleyball will be looking to return to the state volleyball tournament this year after falling in the semifinals last year. Five seniors, including First-Team All Stater Emily Box, return.

FORT MADISON - They say it's good to think outside the box, but Holy Trinity Catholic will keep the Box right where it is thank you very much.

Senior Emily Box is anchoring a core group of five seniors on this year's HTC volleyball team that already has it's sights set on a return trip to Cedar Rapids and the state tournament.

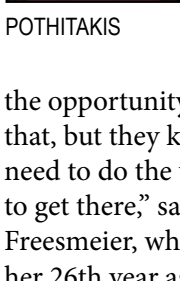
The Crusaders start the season as the No. 4 ranked squad in Class 1A behind perennial nemesis



BOX

Janesville, as well as LeMars Gehlen Catholic and Starmont, a team HTC bounced from the tournament in the quarterfinals last year.

"The big goal for them is to meet Janesville in the championship game. That's the elephant in the room and they want



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the opportunity to do that, but they know they need to do the work here to get there," said Melissa Freesmeier, who's entering her 26th year as a head

coach.

"We have to take care of business in order to get to that level, but that's there ultimate goal."

The Wildcats sent HTC home in the semifinals last year in three straight sets 25-17, 25-20, 25-19.

Box, who was first-team all-state in Class 1A last year and led all classes in the state with 663 kills as a junior, took last year's loss to Janesville hard, and has been putting in the hours to secure a return trip.

"Box is Box. She's a stud," Freesmeier quipped of the 5'-11" hitter. "As a whole, this senior class hates to lose, and Box wears that on her sleeve. She's worked hard this summer. She played for an Iowa High Performance Team in Tulsa, Oklahoma and got to work with kids of her talent level. She's

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-Melissa Freesmeier,
HTC head coach

built herself as a player, and emotionally she's getting stronger. She's going to be the glue to this team. We've got a good senior nucleus, but she's going to carry us and I think she's ready for that"

Freesmeier said she'll run with five seniors, two sophomores and freshman in a 6-2 set.

The other four seniors who'll see the majority of the playing time include Eryn Anderson, Mya Lawlor, Elyse Pothitakis

and Taylor Boeding.

Boeding injured her ankle in camps in Nebraska prior to the start of school practice, but should be cleared this week, Freesmeier said. Lawlor is back after a knee injury sidelined her for most of the season last year prior to the postseason.

Freesmeier said Lawlor will move to an outside hitter this year and Elyse Pothitakis will handle the

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Agents of Hope battle cancer Sept. 14

North Lee County Relay for Life looking for superheroes

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - Superheros will be descending on Richmond Stadium on Sept. 14, for the six-hour 21st annual North Lee County Relay for Life.

Agents of Hope is this year's theme for the relay, which will take place from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Fort Madison High School track at Richmond Stadium.

Relay Chair Angie Budnik said this year's goal is to raise \$65,000 and have 25 teams. Right now 16

teams have registered, but Budnik said there is still plenty of time to get a team signed up for the event. Those interested in forming a team can do so by visiting the event website at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/NorthLeeCountyIA> and clicking on "Join a Relay" and then select North Lee County Relay For Life.

The event is a community event, and Budnik said you don't have to be on a team to participate.

"You don't have to be part of a team, you don't have to come and set up a site on the field to participate," she said. "We just encourage people to come out and have some dinner and walk a couple laps. We just want to have people come out and spend some time with us and celebrate our survivors."

The Isaac Walton League of Fort Madison will be providing BBQ pulled pork sandwiches on site from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. And pizza from Brad's Pad and Pizza Garden in West Point and Casey's in Fort Madison will be being delivered at around 10 p.m. Kelly's Cakes and Hall's Ice Cream will be providing desserts.

Budnik said a couple of the more notable events at the Relay is the luminaria and survivor receptions.

Luminaries can be purchased by filling out the form below in memory and support of someone who has battled cancer. Individuals can also submit a photo to be a part of slide show presentation during

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

GARY LEE SENF

Gary Lee Senf, 71, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at 2:54 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, IA of liver cancer. Gary retired from work on August 3, 2018, started chemo on August 6th, and passed away August 25th. Gary was born August 15, 1947 at Fort Madison, IA, the son of Howard M. & Helen P. (Diton) Senf.



He was preceded in death by his parents and niece Angela (Orr) O'Donnell. Survivors include his sister, Judi A. Orr (Bob) of Burlington, IA, nephews, Rob Orr of St. Louis, MO, Jeff Orr of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, Lawrence O'Donnell (Angela), grand nephews, Derrick (Sara), Brandon & Ryan O'Donnell of Madison, WI, Cameron & Dyton Orr of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, and many other relatives and friends.

Gary spent most of his adult life as a food salesman calling on restaurants and schools, the last 15 years for Kohl Wholesale Co., a broadline foodservice distributor of Quincy, IL. He was a favorite of many of his customers because he was always helpful and willing to deliver food supplies, many times driving to Quincy from his home to his customers in Iowa & Missouri. He was also very witty and enjoyed making his customers and friends laugh. Gary was an Iowa Hawkeye 40 year season ticket holder, even through the lean years. He could also recall many of the past games including who played in a particular year and the result of the game.

Gary attended the University of Iowa and Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO, majoring in history. He was a reader of many historical, and religious books and had a wide range of reading interests as well as music interests. He also took a great amount of interest in current events and politics.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2018 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at St. John's United Church of Christ. A luncheon will be held following the funeral service at the church. A memorial has been established for Elliott Test Kitchen or Angie (Orr) O'Donnell Scholarship Fund. Online condolences to the Senf family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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EMMA MARY SCHWARTZ

Emma Mary Schwartz, 98, of St. Paul, Iowa, passed away at 12:25 p.m. Sunday, August 26, 2018, at



SCHWARTZ

the Henry County Health Care Center in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Born March 19, 1920 in St. Paul, Iowa, the daughter of Frank and Anna (Umthun) Bentler. On January 9, 1940, she married Daniel "Fuzzy" Schwartz at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa. He preceded her in death on November 21, 1989.

Survivors include one son: Wayne (Cathy) Schwartz of Houghton, Iowa; ten daughters: Carol (Gary) Merschman of West Point, Iowa, JoAnn (Gene) Brune of Houghton, Iowa, Bonnie (Pat) Hamilton of Sparks, Nevada, Marcia (Larry) Towers of Donahue, Iowa, Nancy (Fred) Laub of Cincinnati, Ohio, Donna (Lester Sielski) Schwartz of Dyer, Indiana, Danette Schwartz of Independence, Iowa, Audrey (Marty) Hamerlinck of Rock Island, Illinois, Karen (Rick) Kuntz of Wever, Iowa and Jan (Paul) Dohman of West Point, Iowa; one daughter-in-law: Rae Ann Schwartz of Marion, Iowa; one son-in-law: Bill Panther of Donnellson, Iowa; thirty-two grandchildren; fifty-nine great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; one sister: Betty (Paul) Wilkens of Burlington, Iowa and one brother: Norbert (RoseAnn) Bentler of Burlington, Iowa; one sister-in-law: Mick Bentler of West Point. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Fuzzy; one son: Gary; one daughter: Cindy Panther and one granddaughter: Jodi Kuntz.

Emma was a member of St. James the Less Catholic Church, the Altar & Rosary Society of the Church, Daughters of Isabella; St. James Quilters and several card clubs; She worked as a cook for Marquette School, the West Point Care Center and Schwartz Tavern. She enjoyed gardening, playing cards, quilting, crocheting, jigsaw puzzles and watching birds.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 30, 2018 at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul with Father Dennis Hoffman officiating.

Burial will be at St. James Cemetery in St. Paul.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to St. Paul Fire Department or West Point Fire and Rescue.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

KENNETH EDWARD RINK

Kenneth Edward Rink died of complications of a stroke on August 21, 2018. He resided for the past 17 years in Clinton, Ohio with his life partner of 17 years, Dr. Linda Sims.



RINK

He was born and raised on a farm in Cresco, Iowa. He was the oldest of 3 children of Edward Rink and Ruth Lewis Rink. Ken served in the army medical corps in Germany in the early 1960s. After returning to Iowa following his military service, he married Judi Harrington with whom he had 3 sons, Kevin, Jason and Kurt.



Ken lived in several locations during his career in trailer sales, finally settling in the Akron, Ohio area. He was in trailer sales in Kent with Ravens-Fontaine from which he retired.

His great joy was his children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. Although they all lived out of state, he visited them often.

He leaves his sons, Kevin (Lea Ann) of Fort Madison, Iowa; Jason (Sally) of Olive Branch, Mississippi; and Kurt (Sandy) of Huntington Beach, California. He also leaves his special friend and life partner, Linda Sims of Clinton, Ohio. Also surviving him are his sister, Kathy of Hawaii and brother, Ed (Ellen) of Decorah, Iowa.

Many thanks to the medical caregivers who provided his care during his many medical issues over the years; Dr. David Sweet, the staff of Summa ICU, Dr. Kate Lee and Dr. Gwen Hughes, and the rehab therapists at Pebble Creek rehab.

Friends may call at Bacher Funeral Home, 3250 Greenwich Rd., Norton, on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Friends may call at Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home, 404 N Elm Street, Cresco, IA, on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will continue Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 at the funeral home. A prayer service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Cresco, Iowa.

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OBITUARIES

ROBIN RENEE PETERSON

Robin Renee Peterson, 56 of Keokuk, IA died August 24, 2018 at Lexington, Square in Keokuk.



PETERSON

She was born February 8, 1962 in Burlington, IA the daughter of Charlotte Peterson.

Robin was an animal lover. She adored her therapy dog, Mariah. She loved life and lived every day on her terms.

She is survived by three daughters, Dawn Peterson Lewis of Keokuk, Melissa Menefee of Billings, Mt. and Marcia Belknap of Burlington, IA, grandchildren, Abygail, Alexander, Ian, Asher, Allyanah, Blaine, Kayden, Brendon, Zoey, Rashad Jr., Jordyn and Brandon, two brothers, Lee Sieser of Carthage, IL and Jerry Akers, Jr., of IL, one sister, Deanna Sullivan of Keokuk, grandmother, Elsie Newlon of Stronghurst, IL, one aunt, Shirley Reynolds, one uncle, Algie Peterson of Carman, IL and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, grandfathers, Raymond Peterson and Jim Newlon, one uncle Lee Reynolds, one aunt, Mary Peterson and one nephew, Derrick Manning.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Algie Peterson officiating.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

CURRENT-LEE

Journaling Workshop

The Fort Madison Public Library will be holding a journaling workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for bullet and art journaling. Bring your own journal or starter journals will be provided.

Fort Madison Depot Farmer's Market

Every Monday local vendors have farmer's market options available at the Old Santa Fe Depot on the Riverfront in Fort Madison. The farmer's market runs every Monday until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot west of the depot.

Veteran's Breakfast at Sunnybrook

Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran's Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison. The next breakfast will be Aug. 21 in the dining room. Call 372-8611 for additional details.

North Lee County Relay for Life

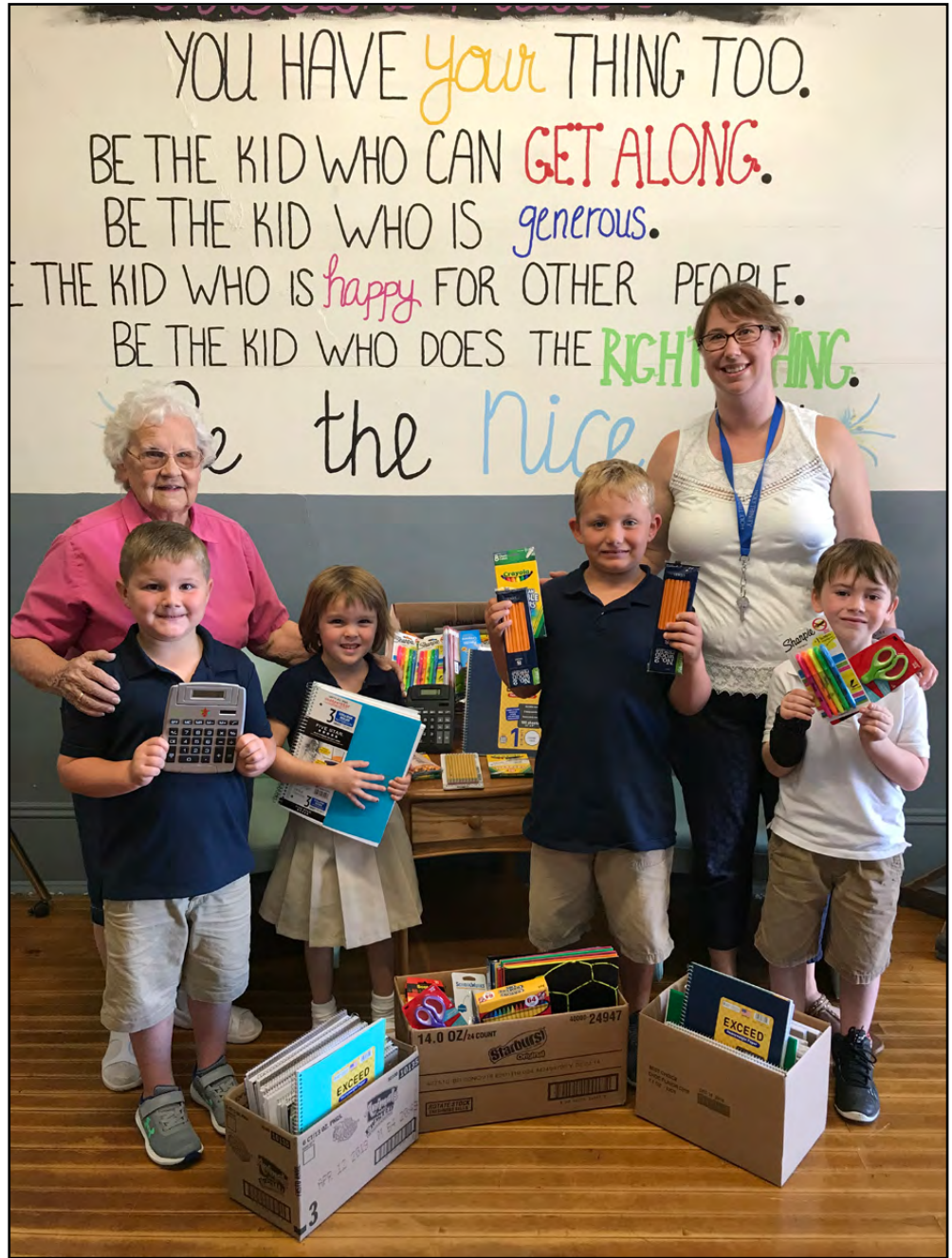
Please note the date change from Sept. 29 to Sept. 14. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison High School track and will conclude with closing ceremonies at 10:30 p.m. Visit the Relay Facebook page here at <https://www.facebook.com/RelayforLifeofNorthLeeCounty/?ref=bookmarks>

Tri-State Rodeo Kick-off Party

The 2018 Tri-State Rodeo kick off party will be held Saturday, Sept. 1 at Kinnick South featuring The Boys from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tri-State Rodeo

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The elementary school for Holy Trinity Catholic received donations of school supplies from the West Point Legion #668 this week. From left to right are: Lorene Fedler (West Point Legion), Jase Wilson, Madison Howard, Chase Ellison, Elijah Fuerman (students) and Judi Dinwiddie (executive assistant at HTC Elementary).

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Sports/Lottery Numbers

Holy Trinity looks to Randolph, Hellweg to fill Rashid's role

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libero duties and call defense, while

Anderson will help anchor hitting and defense at the net.

But the setting duties are falling on younger Crusaders. Freesmeier has put freshman Kassi Randolph and sophomore Bailey Hellweg on the floor to take over for Maya Rashid, another first-team All-State performer from last year who was lost to graduation. Rashid was second in the state last year over all classes with 1,145 assists, and in assists per set at 10.6.



RANDOLPH

"Kassi's been working hard all summer and following in big sister Ali's footsteps," Freesmeier said. "We watched her come up as an 8th grader and knew she had the hands. She just needed to get varsity quickness, which happened over club season, and she's caught on nicely. Other underclassman that will see plenty of action include Katie Denning, Bailey Helweg and Claire Pothitakis, all sophomores.

In addition to Rashid, the Crusaders also lost Madison Mohrfeld who was always in the mix in the middle and Sam Hoenig who led the team in serving last year.

"First of all, you lose that leadership. Maya's been our setter for three years. That's going to be a huge loss for us. Madison was there for us hitting and Sam serving. We think that Claire Pothitakis and Katie Denning will step in nicely and help fill those roles," Freesmeier said.

"Now we have two young setters in Kassi and Bailey. You take two young kids and put them in that spot as a setter and that's going to be a challenge for us. Katie and Claire will help elevate our play up front."

Freesmeier said Fort Madison, Mediapolis, New London and West Burlington will be very competitive during the season locally.

"West Burlington is a team to be reckoned with. (Sophomore Sydney) Marlow is very good and she can jump. I think we can get her to struggle with that big block, but they're ranked 15th in Class 3A this year. Fort Madison is ranked and New London's always good. So there is some good volleyball again in southeast Iowa.

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From the Front/Weather



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Relay for Life welcomes all to the track Sept. 14

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the ceremony. Luminaries will be sold the night of the event until 7 p.m.

The Survivor's Reception is open to any cancer survivors.

"We hold that every year and it's a big piece of this," Budnik said. "We send out invitations to the cancer survivors on our mailing list, but any cancer survivor is welcome to attend. This is just a great opportunity to recognize and celebrate them."

The North Lee County Relay was actually started by the Fort Madison High School students in 1998 when the relays were just getting going. Budnik said that's why the Fort Madison relay is held in the fall.

"When these relays started becoming a thing, the high school student body took it under their wing," Budnik said. "That's why when most people are doing their relays in the summer, we do ours in the fall."

The North Lee County Relay is separate from the South Lee County event and all money's go directly to the American Cancer Society.

Budnik said she hopes to see people in superhero costumes because everyone that comes out is considered a hero.

"We always have one team that dresses up so this will be fun," she said.

For those walking the track at anytime during the evening, there will be raffle baskets with some of the teams, games, and a 50/50 raffle which Budnik said is already up to \$1,134.

"This summer we had a Roving Rally to generate funds for the 50/50 so whoever wins that will get a nice chunk of cash. We'll continue to sell tickets to that drawing that night and we've asked the teams to try and put together a donation basket so people will be able to buy raffle tickets at the registration table for those prizes as well. We'll draw for the winners of those prizes and the 50/50 during the closing ceremony," Budnik said.

She said North Lee County Relay for Life is recognized for the overwhelming corporate support they get for each event.

"One thing that makes our event unique is the corporate support we get," she said. "Compared to other relays or representative says we kind of blow it out of the water from that standpoint."

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

WED 29 Aug



Moderate Rain

High- 73.3° F | Low - 57.7° F

THU 30 Aug



Clear Skies

High- 74.7° F | Low - 66.4° F

FRI 31 Aug



Heavy Intensity Rain

High- 82.6° F | Low - 78.8° F

SAT 01 Sep



Moderate Rain

High- 73.1° F | Low - 57.1° F

SUN 02 Sep



Light Rain

High- 73.1° F | Low - 68.6° F

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