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Keokuk's Ailes is state champ



Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

Keokuk's Miracle Ailes reacts to winning the girls 3A state title in the high jump during Thursday's events at the 2019 Iowa State Track Meet at Drake Stadium in Des Moines. Ailes also qualified in the 100 and 200-meter dash finals on Saturday. She competes in the 3A long jump Friday.

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Keokuk looking for vendors, hosts for RAGBRAI visits

PCC STAFF

KEOKUK – The Keokuk RAGBRAI organizing committees are busy preparing to welcome as many as 20,000 people to the community on Saturday, July 27th. The committees are currently seeking residents, churches, or other community groups who are interested in hosting riders overnight and for vendors interested in selling food, wares, or services at the dip site. Detailed information for both hosts and vendors is available on the website, www.keokukragbrai.com.

Residents, churches, or community groups interested in hosting riders are asked to provide floor space, space for tents, beds, and/or bathroom facilities. Because riders are expected in town on both Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 27 there is a need for hosts for both dates and hosts may select either or both evenings.

Lots of teams and riders would rather have the convenience of hot showers, privacy, and the personal hospitality of Keokuk area residents. The riders should arrive mid to early afternoon and be gone usually by 9 a.m. the next day. Hosts are only expected to provide a place for riders to rest their heads for the night. Local volunteers are not required to entertain guests, provide them with amenities, feed or transport riders.

The Housing Committee will be matching community members only with registered RAGBRAI riders. All riders will need to provide a wristband number as proof of their registration. If a rider is unregis-

Hellige medals in 3200-meter run

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC Editor

DES MOINES – Just moments after taking 5th place in the 3200 meter run, Fort Madison's Matt Hellige was already thinking about what's next.

Hellige, who was running in the top three for the first six laps of eight on a warm Thursday morning at Drake Stadium, finished at 9:54.20, one of his best times of the year.

The Holy Trinity Catholic junior, who runs for Fort Madison High School in the shared program, finished 22nd as a sophomore with a time of 10:36 in 2018. He said he was happy with the time considering the race was different than he sees during the season.

"I just wanted to come up here and run my race and try to place," Hellige said.

"But this was a bit different running in the morning, when we usually run in the evening or later afternoon," he said. "What do you eat for breakfast? You don't want

to eat too much. I had just a couple bagels, something light that's kind of sitting in my stomach during the race to give me energy."

He said he was excited about the improvement over his last year's performance, but immediately shifted to what we wanted to accomplish in his final senior season next year.

"My goal next year is to qualify for Drake Relays and really focus on the mile run. I haven't really thought about that as much this week, but I would like to get that time under 4:25 next year and place here in that as well," Hellige said.

The comments could be a bit premature as Hellige will run in the 1600 on Saturday. Hellige qualified this year for the first time in the event last Friday with a 4:36.95.

After the usual jockeying for position at the start of the race, Hellige was able to find a lane and slip easily into a steady pace for the first six laps with the top three

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

JANET ELLEN KLESNER



KLESNER

Janet Ellen Klesner, 76, of Wever, IA, passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 9:50 a.m. at her home. She was born on March 5, 1943 in Elmer, MO to Claude and Beulah Warren Featheringill. On March 2, 1962 she married Clarence Albert Klesner in West Point, IA.

Janet worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company and she was a homemaker while her kids were young. She later was a CNA for many years. Janet enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially the Iowa Hawkeyes. She was involved in Girl Scouts when her kids were young and enjoyed watching their activities. Janet also enjoyed cooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Klesner of Wever, IA; a daughter, Amy Kettle of Fort Madison, IA; a son, Tim Klesner of Fort Madison, IA; five grandchildren, Korinna and Asya Kettle of Fort Madison, IA, Marlee and Caeden Klesner of Fort Madison, IA and Aivery Klesner of Mt. Pleasant, IA and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Claude Featheringill Jr. & 2-nephews.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The memorial service will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. with Pastors Les Featheringill & Cheryl Simpson officiating. A memorial has been established for the Wever Fire Department. Burial will be held at a later date in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Online condolences to Janet's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



I would like to thank everyone for their support; including Lee County Ambulance, EMTs, Fort Madison Police Department, Fort Madison Fire & Rescue, my coworkers at the City of Fort Madison Water Department, Fort Madison City Hall, Fort Madison Streets Department and the three guys I work with; Tom and Deanna Barr with Barr Memorial Chapel, the Reverend Dan Buck, my friends and especially my family; during the loss of Lauretta Lay. I also would like to thank those who made memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Lauretta would have been touched by the outpouring of sympathy and support.

Thank you,
Don "Pete" Peterson

OBITUARIES

PAMELA JUNE TAYLOR

Pamela June Taylor, 70, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 1:55 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Great River Medical Center, West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born on February 7, 1949, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Harold "Shorty" and Wanda (Ramsey) Herdrich.

She is survived by her two sons: Robby (Darryl Hanneken) Herdrich and Scott (Rick) Taylor; her life partner: Jim Henson; four brothers: Harold "Tony" (Lana) Herdrich, James (Dee) Herdrich, David (Kris) Herdrich, Todd (Nicole) Herdrich; four sisters: Linda (Larry) Bolanos, Carol Herdrich, Monica (Dale) Stecker, Cindy (Bob) Howard; many favorite nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tabitha Lynn Taylor; her parents, Harold "Shorty" and Wanda Herdrich; one sister, Debbie Marsh.

Pamela attended Central Lee High School in Donnellson, Iowa.

She worked as a press welder for Gleasons, was a homemaker and a devoted mother. She also served as a past Madame President of the Eagles Club. She loved playing Bingo, John Wayne, Elvis and her bird, Polly. Pamela also enjoyed fishing with Jim and camping and traveling with her sister, Carol.

Her body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson, Iowa for cremation.

A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Franklin, Iowa.

A Memorial has been established in her memory.

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

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2019 Iowa State Track

Keokuk's Ailes a state champion

Sophomore clears 5'7" on 3rd attempt for school's first state title in a track and field event

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC Sports

DES MOINES – Keokuk's Miracle Ailes is the best Class 3A girls high jumper in the state.

Ailes brushed aside two bumps of the cross bar at 5'7" going head to head with Waverly-Shell Rock's Reagan Dahlquist, the only jumper left after four others dropped out at 5'6".

After missing the second time, Ailes crossed the blue oval to have a chat with her mother and her head coach before attempting the height a third time. Missing would left her deadlocked with Dahlquist.

"Since my mom was a high jumper, she told me I need to get my butt up," Ailes said about the conversation she had with her mother before her state championship winning jump.

"She's like, 'It's you and the bar. Don't even worry about the other jumper. It's you and the bar. You can do this. You got over 5-8, you can do 5-7. I prayed and gave it all to God and was like, 'Thank you Jesus for letting me get over.'"

In addition to her mother, Ailes said she put a lot of faith in herself and God to get over the bar on the final leap. Ailes could have chosen to keep jumping until she missed, but chose to stop at 5'7".

She had to pause the high jump competition midway through to run in the 100-meter preliminaries. She had just finished qualifying in the 100-meter dash with a 12.78 and will run in those finals on Saturday. She will also run in the 200 meter-dash finals on Saturday after she raced to a 26.14 in Heat 2 of the preliminaries Thursday, the fifth fastest time of the day in 3A girls.

"I was just really thanking God for pulling me together to be able to get over that bar," she said. "Having that mindset that you need to get over after you just get done running, it's really hard, but I've been in a lot of sports that teach me to be mentally tough. That's what I had to do. I had to be mentally tough to get over 5-7."

Just a sophomore, Ailes already has a Drake championship to her name and is hoping to build on her early success as her high school days roll on.

"It feels amazing to have this and my Drake championship as a sophomore. I feel really good about it because I never dreamed as a sophomore that I'd be where I'm at today. But I've had this goal for awhile and I finally achieved it. I'm ready to go

get more my next couple of years."

Faced with possibly missing on her third try Ailes said she changed her approach to the jump a little, and focused on speed instead of her normal routine of getting a couple bounds in before running to the bar. She said the change may have made the difference.

"Usually in my previous jumps I do a bound to get me started," Ailes said. "It helped on my lower jumps, but sometimes when I get higher I have to do a straight sprint to get my vertical higher. I didn't do any bounds and straight sprinted it. I think that really works when the bar gets higher."

With her main focus on the high jump out of the way, Ailes now can concentrate on the finals for the 100 and 200 as well as the long jump, which will take place on Friday afternoon.

"It feels really good because coming up here my main focus was high jump," she said. "That's what I'm known for. I'm a high jumper. I jump high. Getting this out of the way feels really good to just be able to focus on the 100, 200 and long jump."

In the 200, Ailes quickly found herself in the middle of the pack, with speedster Davenport Assumption's Carly King racing by in the next lane. Ailes dropped by about six feet coming around the second turn and then closed the gap down the stretch.

"I just knew that I had to stay with Carly," Ailes said.

"She makes me push a lot more. I just tried to stay behind her and not worry about anything else."

"For it being a warm day, I feel like that's pretty good," Ailes said about her finish in the 200-meter dash. "This is only prelims. Hopefully I make it to finals and I can dig down and maybe pick out a 25 or something."

Pen City Current Editor Chuck Vandenberg contributed to this report.

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*-Miracle Ailes
State Track Champion*



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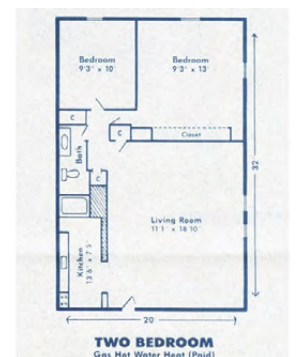
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The Food & Vendor Committee is seeking individuals, businesses, churches, and community groups who are interested in selling food, wares, or services on the day RAGBRAI riders finish their ride, Saturday July 27th. Only vendors based within a 45 mile radius of Keokuk will be considered.

Food safety is vitally important. Those interested in food vending must have or obtain proper licensure from the Lee County Health Department. Specific instructions for obtaining the Temporary Food Service Establishment License are available at www.keokukragbrai.com and leecountyhd.org. The application and required fee should be returned to the health department no later than May 24. The application and all requirements must be met before Lee County Health Department approves your food service.

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Hellige takes fifth place at state

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runners, which included Mt. Pleasant's Cody Mertens, who finished second with a 9:44.07.

After about the midway of the fifth lap, Hellige slipped back to a fourth place spot and then fifth, a position he held the rest of the way around the track.

Algona senior Trey Engen won the race at 9:34.96 coming from six back on the final two laps, and two sophomores took 3rd and 4th. Quinton Orr of Humboldt and Nate Mueller of ADM-Adel finished ahead of Hellige at 9:45.59 and 9:48.41, respectively.

Ethan Lillard contributed to this report.

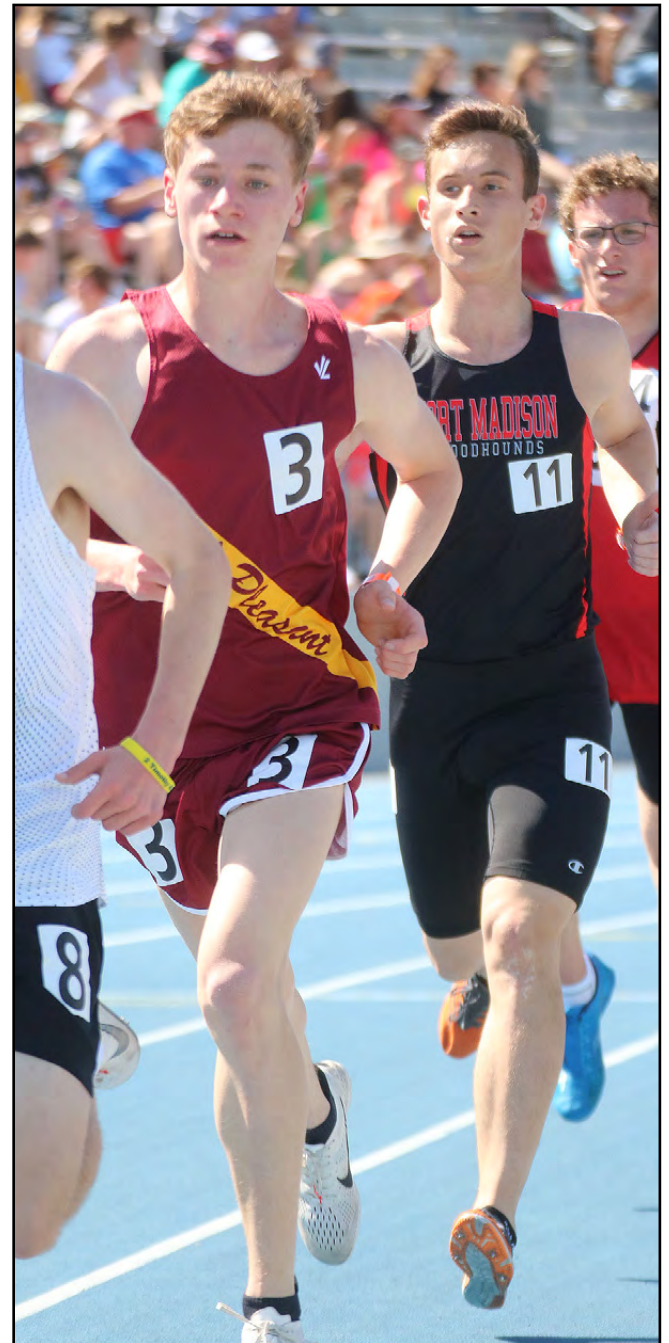


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Hellige (11) trails Mt. Pleasant's Cody Mertens (3) and Nate Mueller (8) of ADM-Adel on the fourth lap of Thursday's 3200-meter run. Mertens finished 2nd overall and Hellige took fifth in the event.



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Heavy Intensity Rain
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WOODLAND HEIGHTS

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FORT MADISON, IOWA



— OPEN HOUSE —
May 18th, 19th, & 20th
11am—3pm
Fort Madison, Iowa



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For Sale Condominiums



River View Condo
Farmhouse Design
3 Bedrooms—3 Full Baths—
2 Car Garage
Finished 9ft Walk-out Basement
2,900 sqft Finished
500 sqft Storage
Price: \$320,000



Pond View Condo
Move in Ready
3 –4 Bedrooms—3 Full Baths—
2 Car Garage
Finished Walk-out Basement
2,900 sqft Finished
500 sqft Storage
Price:\$336,000



Woodland View Condo
Custom Design Inside
3 Bedrooms—3 Full Baths—
2 Car Garage
Finished Walk-out Basement
1,680 sqft Finished
Price: \$340,000



Riverview Condo
Custom Design the Inside
3 Bedrooms—3 Full Baths—
3 Car Garage
Finished 9ft Walk-out Basement
2,800 sqft Finished
500 sqft Storage
Price: \$330,000



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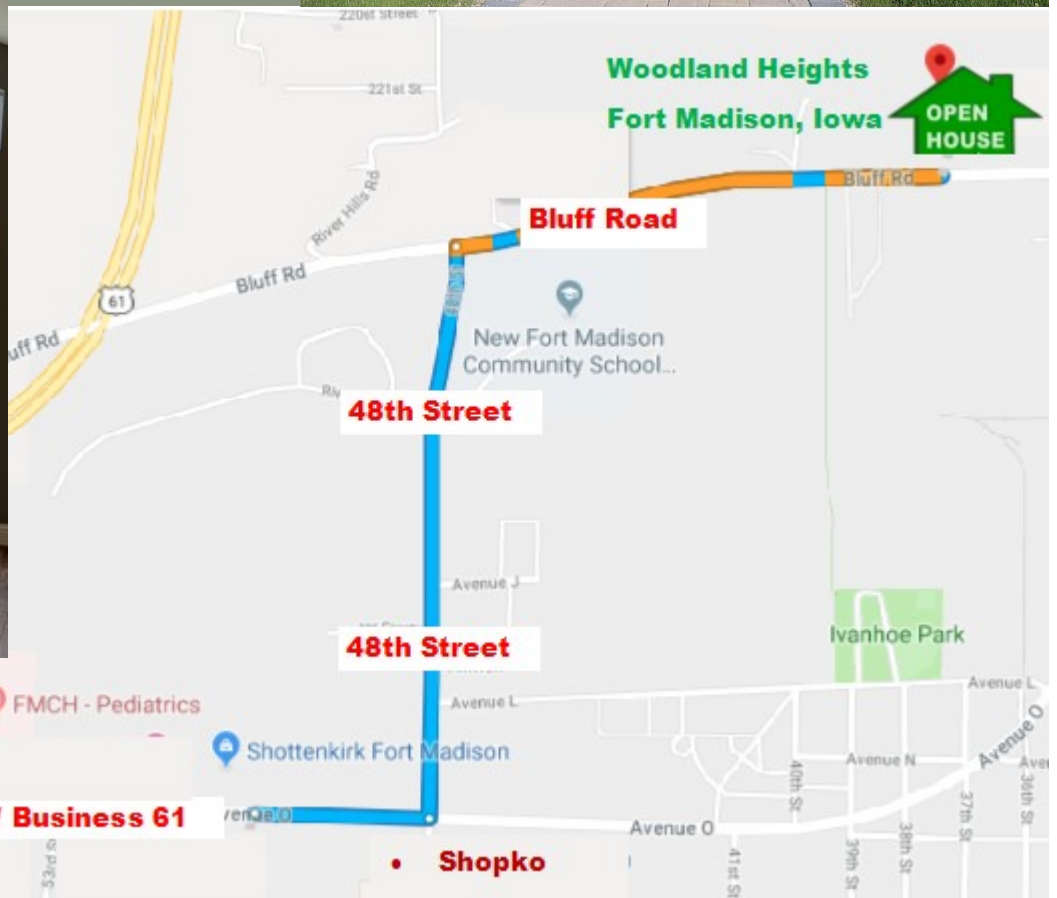
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- Finished Basement & Single Level Condominiums
- Landscape Additions - Pond, Fountain, Fire Pit, Seating Areas
 - 2-4 Bedrooms & 2-3 Car Garage Units
 - River, Forest, & Pond Views
- High-end Finishes—Quartz Counter Tops, Master Suites, Custom Wood Product Cabinetry
- Year Round Landscape & Building Maintenance Provided
- Zero Entry Private Patio & Deck, Large Windows, Energy Efficient



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