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# **Chair returns to FMHS**

Gully scores 5 TDs in FMHS rout of Chiefs

#### BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - Fort Madison Head football Coach Tony Shiffman said on Wednesday he wanted to open up some holes and let senior tailback Alex Gully run at Keokuk

That worked.

Gully, who missed last week's loss to Fairfield on a disciplinary issue, ran wild all over the Chiefs in a 48-24 rout Friday night at Keokuk's Calvert Stadium in front of a good crowd of Bloodhound fans.

Gully rushed 25 times for 354 yards and five touchdowns and had another 44-yard touchdown run called back on a holding penalty in the second period that resulted in a stalled drive.

The Hounds scored quick and often in the first quarter opening up a 20-point lead with less than five minutes gone in the first quarter. Fort Madison took the opening kickoff from the 34 yard line in 10 plays before Gully slashed his way in from 13 yards after quarterback Len-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior Alex Gully holds up the County Chair for Fort Madison fans that traveled to Keokuk for the game Friday night. The chair annually goes to the winner of the Keokuk/Fort Madison football game. Below ,Tyler O'Tool gets a sack on Chiefs quarterback Corey Skinner.

non Barker found his favorite target, Shance Redd-Donald, on a 16yard hookup to set up the scoring run.



# Lee County on SBA list for drought loans

LEE COUNTY - Small nonfarm businesses in fifteen Iowa counties and three neighboring Missouri counties are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought in the following primary counties that began Aug. 1, 2017, announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Primary Iowa counties: Davis, Henry, Keokuk and Van Buren;

Neighboring Iowa counties: Appanoose, Des Moines, Iowa, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, Mahaska, Monroe, Poweshiek, Wapello and Washington;

Neighboring Missouri counties: Clark, Schuyler and Scotland.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Garfield said.

Small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of

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# Reynolds touts new public safety tool

(DES MOINES) – Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg announced Text-to-911, a new public safety tool available to Iowans, Tuesday morning at

The Hounds then forced a quick four and out and started their second drive on a poor punt to the Chiefs' 38. Barker and Lorenzo Riles II couldn't hook up on 1st and 10, but Gully got seven yards on the

next snap, before Barker found Redd-Donald open down the right side for a 31-yard touchdown. The Chiefs couldn't See **HOUNDS**, page 11 their weekly press conference.

Text-to-911 is a statewide system that allows cell phone users to send text messages to 911 in an emergency. Right now, 94 of Iowa's 113 emergency call centers are able to accept text messages from at least one cell phone carrier. The remaining call centers are expected to have the capability by the end of the year. "Text-to-911 is a prime example of how we're using technology to make Iowa a safer place for everyone,"

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# **Obituaries/For the Record**

#### **OBITUARIES**

# WAYNE STANLEY MARTING

Wayne Stanley Marting, 69, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 12:32 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois.



Born July 1, 1948 in Springfield, Illinois, he was the son of Harold and Ruth (Boehney) Marting. On June 14, 1975, he married Vicki Dadant at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hamilton, Illinois. Survivors include his wife, Vicki; two daughters, Ashley (Henry) Wilson of Quincy, Illinois and Sarah Marting of Quincy, Illinois; one granddaughter,

MARTING

Victoria Wilson; one grandson, Michael Stanley Wilson; and one brother, Gary Marting of Raleigh, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Mark Marting.

Wayne was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Keokuk, Iowa. He was also a member of the Nauvoo Lions Club and Delta Sigma Phi. Wayne was a graduate of Eastern Illinois University where he had pitched baseball. He taught history and coached sports at Milford High School in Westville, Illinois. He then moved to Nauvoo where he started Marting Insurance and Real Estate which he and Vicki owned and operated for over 40 years. Wayne coached Sarah all the way through her sports career. He was instrumental in starting the Nauvoo girls softball league and coached the Nauvoo little league. He loved animals and donated to many animal rescue groups. He loved his work and the people he served in Nauvoo and the surrounding areas. Wayne was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He enjoyed horse racing and working in his yard. Wayne especially adored his grandchildren and loved every minute he spent with them.

Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2017 in Friendship Hall at the Nauvoo United Methodist Church. There will be no family visitation.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at the Nauvoo City Cemetery with Pastor Les Dumer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the PAW Fort Madison Animal Shelter in Wayne's name. Memorials may be left at the church on Tuesday or mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 22, West Point, Iowa 52656.

The Schmitz Funeral Homes are assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at <u>www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com</u>.



## For the Record

Fort Madison Police Department Report 10/12/17 - 8:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1300 block of Avenue B. 10/12/17 - 10:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of 24th Street. 10/12/17 - 10:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3300 block of Avenue L. 10/12/17 - 10:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited and

released Julia Ann Smith, 18. of Donnellson, in the 3300 block of Avenue L for following too closely - accident related. 10/12/17 - 12:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2200 block of Avenue E. 10/12/17 - 3:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue J. 10/12/17 - 10:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

10/12/17 - 11:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Khalil Tre'Shon Wise, 22, of Keokuk in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. 10/13/17 - 12:44 a.m. -Fort Madison police cited and released Russell Arlo Young, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while suspended.

Lee County Sheriff's Department Report 10/12/17 - 10:24 a.m. - Lee-County Sheriff's deputies arrested Maxwell John Charles Savage, 26, of Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/12/117 - 2:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon LeRoy Hammel, 23 of Benson, Minn., at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. He was released. Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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# Sports Hound girls, boys take 2nds at conference cross-country meet

# Steffensmeier, Howardson, Schnieder, Cordray in top 5

#### BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON -

The Fort Madison varsity boys cross country team took 2nd behind powerhouse Mt. Pleasant at the Southeast Conference meet Thursday at Rodeo Park.

The Hounds Aaron Steffensmeier took 2nd overall at the meet with a time of 17:05.8 behind Mt. Pleasant's Cody Mertens who ran the 5K course in 16:23.9. Davne Cordray was the second runner to cross the line at 17:17.9 in 4th place overall. Nathan Steffensmeier finished 9th overall at the meet with a time of 17:53.8. The other two scoring runners for the Hounds were Miguel Trejo and Elton Kruse.

Trejo finished 15th at 18:42.7 and Kruse finished 18th overall at 18:52.1 to give the Bloodhounds 48 points to the Mt. Pleasant's 34 points. Other finishers for the Hounds boy was Owen Kruse 19th - 18:55 and Shakir McClellan 23rd -19:21.5.

#### Varsity Girls

In the girls varsity meet, Sierra Howardson and Brett Schneider finished 3rd and 4th overall to lead the Lady Hounds to a second place finish, also behind Mt. Pleasant. Fairfield's Ashley Bloomquist took top honors and Abby Ryon of Mt. Pleasant took 2nd overall.

Howardson finished at 19.37.2 just a half a second behind Ryon's 19:36.6. Schneider finished in 20:31.2.

Elizabeth Miller and Claire Mendez crossed the lines next for the Hounds in 13th and 14th overall at 20:07.5 and 20:20.5. Ashlyn Haas took 19th place at 22:59.9 to round out the scoring runners for FMHS. Other finishers included Anna Kester 22nd -23:44.3 and Miho Shirai 27th- 24:30.4.

In the junior varsity run, Anthony Barnes took first place for the Hounds at 19:36.4. Matt Meierotto and Alex Steffensmeier took 4th and 5th overall with times of 19:45.3 and 19:59.6. Seth Mendez finished in 14th at 21:40.5.

In the girls junior varsity run Maddy McVey took 2nd place overall with a time of 23:11.4. Lauren King took 5th and 24:05.6. Lexi Miller and Paige Munson were 7th and 8th at 24:28.1 and 24:31.7. Brittney Sanford finished 10th at 24:47.1 and Claire Hellman was 12th with a time of 24:56.1. Rachel Hellman wrapped up the runners for Fort Madison with 19th place finish at 29:13.2

In the middle school boys run, Hayden Wolf finished the two-mile run fourth overall at 13:37.5. Austin Miller was 9th overall at 13:44.2. Miles Dear, Dayton Davis and Will Gager finished 12th, 13th and 14th, Emmett Kruse finished 19th. Ben Theile was 29th, Reiburn Turnbull finished 39th, Xander Wellman - 43rd, Collin Greenwald - 58th, Gideon Anderson - 59th., Matt Steffensmeier -64th, Cameron Shutwell - 68th, and Shawn Peters - 75th.

In the girls middle school event, Katelyn Dennis took first place in the run with a time of 14:53.0. Tauren Settles and Emily Steffensmeier took 11th and 12th at the meet at 15:58.6 and 16:03.5. Other finishers include: Mylah Blanchard - 15th, Lauren Otte - 25th, Ellie Schulte - 26th, Jordyn Boyer -33rd, McKenna Cashman - 37th, Breeann Walston - 42nd.

# HTC takes FMHS at Mediapolis Invite

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MEDIAPOLIS - The 7th-ranked Holy Trinity Crusaders got revenge on the Fort Madison Bloodhounds Thursday night at the Mediapolis Invite with a 26-24, 25-23 win.

The Hounds downed HTC at the Holy Trinity Classic on Sep. 18 in a three-set match and won the classic.

"The Holy Trinity match was a great match for the fans in which both teams hammered the ball back and forth," FMHS head coach Kent Bailey said. "Give them credit, they made plays at the end to pull it out."

Thursday night, the Crusaders swept Eddyville-Blakesburg 25-18, 25-17, then downed FMHS before taking a 25-17, 26-24 win over Mediapolis.

For the Crusaders, Emily Box was 76-82 hitting with 44 kills to lead HTC offensively. She also had 29 digs and four blocks on the night. Eryn Anderson was 33 of 40 hitting with 18 kills and had four blocks.

Maya Rashid had 68 assists on the night including 27 against the cross-town Hounds. The senior was also 18 of 18 serving with an ace and 25 digs for the tournament. Madison Mohrfeld was 20 of 22 hitting with five kills. Sam Hoenig was 14 of 15 serving with an ace.

Taylor Boeding went 24-of-28 at the net with eight kills and was 31 of 32 serving with four aces. Elyse Pothitakis was 22 of 23 serving with 22 digs.

The Lady Hounds downed Mediapolis 31-29, 25-17 before falling to HTC and then losing to Eddyville-Blakesburg in three sets 24-26, 25-14, 10-15 in the tiebreaker.

Leigh Johnson served 10-14 with 15 digs and led the Lady Hounds with 74 assists. Amber Dilsaver served

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# Hellige 3rd at Mepo run, HTC takes 5th

BY PCC STAFE

MEDIAPOLIS - The Holy Trinity boys cross country team took fifth place at the Mediapolis Invitational cross country meet Thursday night.

Sophomore Matt Hellige got his usual top five finish with third place run at the meeting finishing at 17:45, :58 off the pace set by Peter Woodward of Iowa City Liberty.

The Crusaders' Jacob Mohrfeld finished in 21st place at 20:04 just :03 ahead of HTC's Ben Abolt. Brant Holtkamp finished 32nd at the meet with a time of 20:43. Sam Avery rounded out the scoring for Holy Trinity at 47th with a time of 21:38. The Crusaders finished with 113 points.

Liberty won the meet with 39 points. Danville-New London finished second with 91 points, West Burlington-Notre Dame took 3rd with 92 points and Mediapolis placed 4th with 105.





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# **Sports/Weather**

# Regionals start next week |8th graders end season with loss

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29-31 with three aces, three blocks, and hit 40 of 51 with 23 kills. Olivia Williams was 30 of 30 serving with two aces and 15 digs. McKenna Fehseke hit 25 of 27 with 10 kills and Courtney Woodley hit 28 of 35 with 13 kills. Sophomore Jillian Wiseman was 39-45 hitting with 29 kills and had five blocks to lead the Hounds in both those categories.

"It was a good tournament for us to see what we need to work on and tune up as we head into regionals," said Bailey. "Each match was tight and came down to who made the error when the game was on the line."

Kamryn Bailey was 34 of 35 at the service line with six aces and 33 digs for Fort Madison. Kaeli Hutson was 11 of 13 serving with 15 digs and 15 kills, and Josie Pumphrey was 23 of 25 serviing with 40 digs.

The Hounds fall to 24-7 on the year and HTC moves to 33-5 on the year including an 11-match win streak.

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FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison 8th grade football team ended the season in a rain-shortened game Tuesday at Keokuk.

The Chiefs scored on the final play of the first half to take a 16-12 lead and the game was called before the 2nd half could resume due to inclement weather. Jakob McGowan scored both the FMMS touchdowns on long runs.

It was the final game of the season for the eighth graders.

Last Tuesday, the Hounds fell 38-16 at Washington.

Landes Williams was the leading rusher for Fort Madison with 56 yds. Jakob McGowan had 37 yards and a score and Tate Johnson had 29 yards including a two-point conversion. Williams also led Fort Madison through the air going 4 of 6 for 15 yards and two-point conversion to Johnson.

Johnson caught three balls for nine yards. Austin Ensminger had one catch for six yards. Ensminger, Anthony Tate, Johnson and Williams shared the load on defense.

Fort Madison wrapped up the season 2-4 on the year.



**Public Library** 11:30am-1:30pm

- **10/19** Eagle Bluff Apts. Ft. Madison 9:00am-10:00am
- **10/19** Heritage Center Keokuk 10:00am-Noon
- **10/19** Rose Michael Gardens Ft. Madison 1:00pm-2:30pm

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# From the Front

# Take the Money & Ride Fall Savings Event!



# Texting 911 to be statewide service

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Gov. Reynolds said. "Iowans are able to send a text to 911 when a voice call would put them in danger or when a medical condition makes it impossible for them to speak."

"For those unable to make a call to 911, the ability to send a text in emergency or life-threatening situations is invaluable," Lt. Gov. Gregg said.

Text-to-911 is a nationwide initiative. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) oversees Iowa's 911 program and has worked with local public safety agencies and wireless carriers to build a statewide network and make Text-to-911 technology possible.

"Most Iowans use smart phones and other communication devices that offer texting capabilities," HSEMD Director Mark Schouten said. "That's why we must be able to utilize this technology to increase the safety of our citizens."

In some areas of the state, not all cell service carriers have the necessary technology in place to send texts to the 911 call centers that are capable of accepting them. The providers are working to make this service available as soon as possible.

Residents in counties currently accepting texts to 911 can check with their carrier to find out about availability in their area. Six wireless carriers currently, or will in the near future, provide their customers with the ability to text 911. The carriers are: AT&T, iWireless, Sprint, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular, and Verizon.

# Loans aid businesses hit by drought

### LOANS - Continued from Page 1

3.305 percent for businesses and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years and are available to small businesses and most private nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Garfield said.

By law, SBA makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared this disaster on Oct. 4, 2017.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance in drought disasters.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. Deadline is June 4, 2018.



Mon - Thurs: 7:30am - 5:30pm Friday: 7:30am - 5:00pm



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# Hounds even season at 4-4 with Washington looming Friday

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get anything going on their next possession and were forced to punt on 4th and 10 from the 20. Redd-Donald took the kick at the Hounds' 34yard line and rushed up the right side all the way back to the Fort Madison 20. Gully took the next handoff on 1st and 10 to the endzone and the Bloodhounds were up 20-0.

After the kickoff, the Bloodhounds' defense stepped up with a sack and a tackle for a loss leaving the Chiefs facing 3rd and 22. An incomplete pass forced a punt that gave the Hounds the ball at the Keokuk 35. A holding penalty at 1st and 10 made it 1st and 24. Gully rushed for four and then Barker and Redd-Donald hooked up on a 40-yard pass play to the Chief's five-yard line. The Hounds tried a quick pass to Riles II, but he was tackled for a loss on the 10. Barker scrambled on 2nd and goal to his right and found Logan Allen in the back of the endzone for a Hounds score.

The song remained the same through the first quarter as the Hounds forced Keokuk into another quick four and out, but the Chiefs punt pinned Fort Madison at their own 5. Shiffman called on Gully on the first play and broke for a 39-yard scamper to the 44. After a penalty and a couple runs for no gain, Gully stretched a run left and gained another 20 yards. Barker found Quentin Estrada for a 13-yard pass and then hit Allen again for a five-yard gain before Gully got his third touch-



down just minutes into the second quarter.

Keokuk got a first down on their next possession but turned the ball back over to Fort Madison at their 47 when freshman Corey Skinner threw incomplete on 4th and 5. Shiffman started mixing in Sheymouhr Redd-Donald in the backfield and he carried twice for for 18 yards, but the second carry was nullified on a holding penalty. The Hounds got the ball to the 24, but turned it over on downs.

The Chiefs threw on first down and Nick Carter picked off Skinner down the right side and the Hounds were back in business. But the Chiefs defense had a rare hold forcing Barker to punt. The Chiefs had two incompletions and a 5-yard sack by Alec Craft forced a punt. The Hounds scored on a seven yard run by Gully on the sixth play of the drive.

The Chiefs would bring the kickoff back to the 25. Two big receptions, one by Keokuk's Matt Wyatt for 19 yards and then a 36-yard strike to Anthony Potratz, cut the Fort Madison lead to 41-8. Potratz escaped a tackle after about 8 yards and then tight-roped the sidelines before outracing Shance Redd-Donald to the pylon on the last play of the half.

Shiffman played his starters for just under a full period in the second half, giving way to some back up players, but not before Gully punched in another score from oneyard out to make it 48-8.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sheymouhr Redd-Donald finds some running room in Friday's game at Keokuk. Fort Madison downed Keokuk for the first time since the 2010-11 season, 48-24. Below, senior Alex Gully breaks free for just some of the 354 yards he had on the ground during the game.



"There's so much history

and so much competition

drive. We haven't had that

chair in like 10 years and I

wanted to get that back for

us," he said after the game.

and even when I didn't see

holes I wanted to make

The Hounds take on

a Washington team that

42 on Friday. Gully said

that will be a test but he's

knocked off Oskaloosa 51-

plays."

ready for it.

"I was seeing huge holes

in this and it made me

Keokuk was able to get some points on the board with the Hounds second team getting some playing time, but the game was firmly in hand.

Barker finished the game 13 of 23 for 145 yards, two TDs, and no interceptions. He now has thrown for 1190 yards and 12 touchdowns on the year.

Shance Redd-Donald had four catches for 95 yards and a touchdown. Allen had three catches for 11 yards and the score. Redd-Donald and Tyler O'Tool each had four

score. "That's going to be a yler tough game, but they're not the team they have ounds been in the past. It can be can be winnable game but it's gonna be a battle," he said." on Shiffman said the of-Fort fense found room to move and if there wasn't room, the Hounds found room.

"Truthfully, we were a little intimidated by their defensive front and we weren't quite sure we'd be able to get those holes. Even when some of their guys went unblocked - Alex just wanted it tonight. If we'd had him last week - you think 'what if'...but you can't live on 'what ifs'.

Shiffman said at 4-4, his Hounds haven't met their goals and have a big game in front of them next week.

"It's a winning season if we win," he said. "4-5

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Shance Redd-Donald (2) runs over Keokuk's Jamin Klose (16) on a punt return in the 2nd quarter Friday night.

tackles to lead the Hounds defensively.

Gully said he was motivated to bring the coveted Keokuk/Fort Madison trophy chair back to Fort Madison. is not what our goal was. This is our superbowl next Friday and we want to come out 5-4 and I want to reach those goals. I want this team to reach their goals."



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