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HTC one match from title

Perennial powerhouse Janesville next up for Crusaders



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior Eryn Anderson shows her emotion after the Holy Trinity Crusaders closed out 2nd-seeded Gehlen Catholic in the Class 1A state volleyball tournament Thursday night in Cedar Rapids. The Crusaders take on top-ranked Janesville on Friday night at 7 p.m.

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LCEDG, SCC need equipment for new tech class

Pieces needed to teach hands-on maintenance analysis

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Have something in the garage that's sitting in the corner taking up space? How about a piece of equipment on the floor that's outdated and you just haven't figured out where to go with it.

The Lee County Economic Development Group is hoping you'll look their way and donate that equipment to a new program that's up and running in conjunction with Southeastern Community College and local industries.



MILLARD

Dana Millard, vice president of marketing and communication with LCEDG, said a curriculum is being developed at the SCC Technology Center in Keokuk for mechanical troubleshooting.

The program is designed to help employees analyze and troubleshoot the causes of problems with industrial and mechanical equipment.

"The equipment we're looking for is stuff like pumps, valves, compressors, small motors, where students can get some hands-on experience with root cause analysis," Millard said.

"Working with these things that are typically in all industries whether it's equipment like you'd see at Roquette, Pinnacle, Huffman Welding, anything like that. A lot of the stuff could be applicable to tinkering around in the garage. We want to help employers by building those troubleshooting skills in order to figure out problems and how to fix those problems without causing more problems."

She said Dave Rector, the SCC/Center for Business Industrial Maintenance instructor has developed a curriculum with the help of Roquette America, Silgan Containers, Independent Can Company, Iowa Fertilizer Company, and Pinnacle Foods.

Silgan and Decker Manufacturing out of Keokuk, have already donated to the program.

Some of the items being sought for the class include

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Guldbert FMAAA's exhibitor for November

BY BRIAN RIGGS
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON - Annie Swarm Guldberg is the feature artist at Ft. Madison Area Arts Association this November bringing "Dreamlands and More" with her. This vibrant world of oil color and texture welcomes you in from the crisp cold, warming you with a style to cozy up to like a warm cup. Reception for Annie occurs November 9th from 5-7pm at 825 Avenue G. Sunnybrook of Ft. Madison is the sponsor for the exhibition. Annie will finalize the Lunch-ala-Art program year with a talk on November 30th at noon.

Annie has returned to her hometown of Mt. Pleasant after 16 years in Milwaukee. She graduated with a BA in Art from Wisconsin Lutheran College and worked in the printing/publishing industry. Like many from small rural towns, she gravitated back to her initial roots to



raise her two sons with husband Nils. She offers art lessons in her studio in Mt. Pleasant. She loves the rich, vibrant color of oil. and Her love of painting, as well as encouragement from a wonderful art teacher, sent her to college for that source in the first place.

Annie has created her own wonderland environ-

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Obituaries/From the Front

Interpretations are part of Guldberg's works

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ments based on Dreamlands, "Those places in our minds, dreams and hearts that are connected to reality or based on a real place, but filled with our interpretation. Adding vibrancy and fantasy with thick paint and bright colors, these are the landscapes we remember when we close our eyes." For Annie the business always begins with the color, than texture, than subject matter. She reflects, "I always simplify shapes...it adds to the mystery, not just as you see it. It leads one to more interpretation.

As for the subject matter, she does use reoccurring symbols such as houses, chairs, and trees. For her the chairs are a little haunting, providing interpretation to thought or a mood, perhaps loneliness. The trees are her "people" and mean different things. "They can start to become their own characters". The style has a whimsical quality that eludes to Dr. Suess- like tendency when you take in her new "Rooms to Think" series. These incorporate Annie's rich color texture style, creating a room inside a box. The boxes are varied vintage style. Annie and her husband enjoy thrift store adventures and the box idea has emanated by an outing. It is a nice incorporation of two-dimensional painting into a three-dimensional environment. Viewing available all month Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-5pm.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN E. MCCOLLUM

John E. McCollum, 91, of Ft. Madison passed away at 10:20 AM on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at his home.

He was born on July 3, 1927 in Brookfield, MO to Leland and Ramah Riddle Mc-



MCCOLLUM

Collum. On August 17, 1984 he married Judy Fenton in Ft. Madison. John was an Engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad and retired in 1985.

John served in the Army during WWII. Music was John's life. He was a songwriter for numerous country singers including John Michael Montgomery, Toby Keith and Barbara Mandrell just to name of few. One of his songs reached the quadruple platinum level. He was inducted into the Iowa CMA Hall of Fame. He also attended Joy Baptist Church and was saved as a young boy.



Survivors include his wife, Judy McCollum of Fort Madison; two sons, Richard "Eddy" (Rose) McCollum of Ft. Madison and Stan McCollum of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Sharon (Mick) West of McAllen, TX; five step children, Donald King of Anamosa, Gregory (Pamela) King of Denmark, Krista (Rich) Weakley of Ft. Madison, Susan (Bryan) Woodley of Ft. Madison and Ritchie King of Hamilton, IL; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and two half brothers in infancy.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 with Rev. Earl Beal officiating at Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard. The family will meet with friends at King-Lynk Funeral Home from 12:30 until the time of the service.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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Main Street Wine Walk glass pre-sale

Wine Walk glass pre-sale at SiP (n) a coffee and wine bistro, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 9

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.

Community Blood Drives

The following are November Fort Madison blood drives; Fort Madison Housing Authority Blood Drive from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Hillview Community Room at 1102 48th Street. Contact Pati Toops to donate. Nov. 13 at the Madison from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Activities center. Contact Janelle Case at 470-4011. Lincoln Elementary gymnasium on Nov. 15 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. - contact LeAnn Cashman at 372-2896; Fort Madison Public Library, 1920 Avenue F- contact Blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281.

Thanksgiving 101

The Fort Madison Public Library will host author Rick Rodgers "Thanksgiving 101", in a discussion Thanksgiving recipes Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP Nutrition Class

RSVP/United Way of the Great River Region is hosting a free-nutrition class at the Resource Center, 3421 Avenue L in Fort Madison on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. To sign up call 319-372-8043 or stop by the center.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2:00 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

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5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kensington 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison, to celebrate the Kensington's 15th year in business in Fort Madison.

Community Thanksgiving

The annual Community Thanksgiving meal in Fort Madison will be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Madison High School on Thursday, Nov. 22 at FMHS. Volunteers and donations are needed. Email the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com for details.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

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Local News/For the Record



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Armour team raises \$20K for United Way

Pictured above are members of the Armour Star United Way Team and United Way Board/Coordinators (left to right) Bottom Row – Deb Hammer, Tammy Hudson (RSVP Director), Amy Graham (United Way Board VP), and Pam Bierwirth (United Way Board Member). Middle Row – Karen Peters, Julie Schilling (United Way Board Member), Tina Garr, Becky Rung, and Karen Thie (United Way Executive Director). Top Row – Greg Hogan, Joni Rothlauf, Dena Mast (United Way Board Member), Shane Tapper (United Way Board Member), Sue Prochazka (United Way Board Member/RSVP Volunteer Coordinator), and Dennis Tippey.

The Armour Star Food Plant United Way Campaign has raised a total of \$19,616 for the 2018-2019 Campaign. This amount was raised due to the generous support of our employees through donations, food and bake sales, raffles, and silent auctions.

New program helps students with tech skills

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piston, vane, impeller, external gear, lobe and Herringbone pumps; plug, globe and parallel gate valves; small single or two-cylinder compressors; and other things like small belt drive and gear train mechanisms, varieties of switches, and bad bearings.

“We’re looking for things that could be broken and the students could figure out why they have a defect or fault. If it’s working great, if not we can still use it,” Millard said.

“We’re excited to see this kind of learning going on and it really fits the needs the employers are looking for.”

Millard said those who have items that could fit the class are encouraged to contact her or Rector at the Keokuk SCC campus.

“Silgan Containers is happy to join SCC and Lee County EDG in their effort, to insure the successful future of area manufacturing” stated Brad Hagmeier with Silgan Containers. “Donating a few parts, or spare equipment, seems a small price to pay in return for a skilled workforce.”

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

11/6/18 - 8:06 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 28th Street.

11/6/18 - 9:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue H.

11/6/18 - 11:21 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue H.

11/6/18 - 11:41 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

11/6/18 - 12:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Lane Drive.

11/6/18 - 3:56 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

11/6/18 - 4:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2700 block of Avenue O.

11/7/18 - 5:41 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1500 block of Avenue E.

11/7/18 - 12:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Brittney Nichole Wylie, 25,

Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue F, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's report

11/6/18 - 6:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jared Richard Altgilbers, 29, of Keokuk, at the Burlington Parole Office in Burlington on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken into custody and then released on bond.

11/6/18 - 7:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shaunna Lynn Ellingson, 24, of Farmington, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold.

11/6/18 - 6:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jamie Lyn Mayes, 42, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Johnson Street Road on a charge of violating a temporary restraining order. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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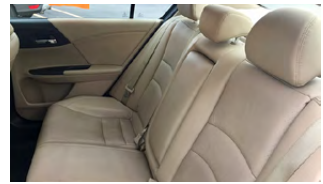
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Sports

Critical Jays' error helps Crusaders in 3rd

BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR RAPIDS - A two-point error in favor of the Holy Trinity girls volleyball team was the catalyst for a return trip to the Class 1A state championship. The Crusaders, coming into the tournament seeded third, knocked off the 2nd-seed LeMar Gehlen Catholic Jays 25-15, 26-28, 25-20, 25-16 to advance to the title match Friday night against top seeded Janesville. That match will take place at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids.



BOX



BOEDING



LAWLOR

With the Crusaders coming off the tough 26-28 loss in the second set after winning the first set 25-16, they found themselves down and with little momentum at 11-14 in the third set. After about a seven minute delay, the scoreboard was changed to 11-12 and the Crusaders took control from there on out.

Senior Emily Box, who finished with a 50% kill efficiency on the night going 22 of 44 attacking, got a block to knot the score at a dozen each, but the Crusaders would commit a defensive error to tie it up again at 13. That would be the last time the Jays would have the lead in the match.

Holy Trinity went on a 5-0 run from there with back-to-back kills from senior Taylor Boeding from the outside hitter spot to give HTC a 19-13 lead. The teams would trade sideouts and points to 24-18 when senior Mya Lawlor got another kill from the outside. The Jays' senior Katelyn Langel got a center kill to make it 24-20 and Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier called a timeout to set up a play with Box on the seat out of the rotation.

Gehlen Catholic senior Brooklyn Heissel served and the Crusaders were able to move the ball to the outside where sophomore Claire Pothitakis shot a kill down the front right side for the match winner and

put HTC one set from a return trip for the title.

HTC rushed to a 6-0 lead in the fourth set with senior Eryn Anderson serving. The Jays' senior Anna Britt attacked in the middle that found the floor in front of the Crusaders' back line to stop the run and then Gehlen Catholic went on a 6-0 run of their own, capped by a bump from Box that went long left. She made up for it with a kill off Ge-

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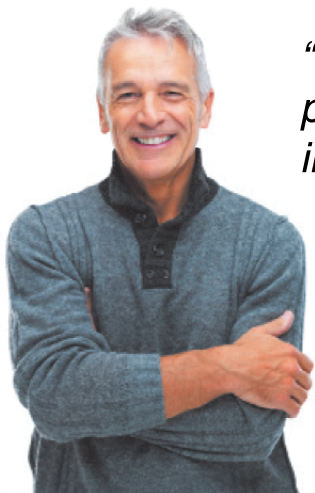
Senior Eryn Anderson (25) drives an attack against the Jays' Katelyn Langel (7) in the 26-28 second set loss Tuesday night. The Crusaders would rebound in the final two sets to get the win.



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Senior Emily Box pushes a shot over Katelyn Langel in the early going of the second set.

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helen's Sydney Livermore's serve to break the tie at 7-6. HTC would run away with the rest of the set to win the match, highlighted by five kills from Box, who again found herself in the chair as HTC tried to cap the game at 24-14. After Gehlen coach Mike Meyer called a timeout at 24-16, the Crusaders got a push over the net on the left side that trickled off a couple Jays and hit the floor for the win.

Box said it was tough for her being on the sidelines at the end of the third and fourth sets.

"I wanna be in there every point of the game, but I can't so I have confidence in the girls. The second set got rocky but with Eryn coming in behind me, I know that she can do great things."

The senior was a 2017 All-Tournament team selection and said she figured the match would be pretty even.

"When we came in I knew we were going to be pretty evenly matched. We have four pretty solid hitters and the semis are never an easy game," she said. "The first set was an amazing feeling and we had the momentum. Losing the second was really close and we tried to finish, but it wasn't there for us," she said. "The next two sets we did an amazing job finishing. The turning point was the rotation error and that worked out for us."

The first set was back and forth through a 3-5 HTC lead. Freshman Kassi Randolph put a four-point string together giving the Crusaders a 13-6 lead before sending a serve deep and right for a sideout. Holy Trinity would stretch the lead to 20-11 on a kill by Boeding again from the left outside forcing a Gehlen timeout. Box was in the rotation trying to finish off the first set and got a kill on a nice set from Randolph to put the set away 25-15.



RANDOLPH

Ties were the theme of the second set with a total of 20 ties in the 26-28 Crusaders loss. Despite eight ties leading to an 11-11 score, the Crusaders never gave up the lead and the serve went back and forth. At 7-7 the two teams played a long rally that was capped when a Jay cleared a ball that seemed long, but landed on the back line. The Jays would take their first lead at 12-11 on an Aubrey Niles ace and a Langel error would push the lead to 15-13. The two squads would then tie at every single point until 26-26 when Box scored a kill to knot it up. After another long rally Livermore got a kill across the front of the net to put Gehlen with one point of tying the match. In the next rally another long shot caught the back line to give the Jays the win.



POTHITAKIS

Leading up to the rotation error that wasn't contested by Meyer, the Jays had all the momentum as senior Katie Peters had three kills to give Gehlen a 5-3 lead. HTC would benefit from a Jays' net viola-

tion to get to 4-5, but the Jays would go 5-0 and steal all the wind from the HTC faithful in the balconies. Holy Trinity would battle back to 10-11 to bring the crowd back in but Peters and Niles would combine for three successful attacks to make it 14-11 when the rotation error was found. The improper rotation was a server who started play at 13 and 14 and both those points were nullified setting the score at 11-12 Gehlen. The Crusaders took over from there.



FREESMEIER

"That just energized them," Freesmeier said. We just said 'here's the break we were looking for, now let's use it'"

She said Box had her best tournament so far.

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Randolph will be going into the title match as a freshman, but was in attendance in 2014 when her sister was on the state championship team in 2014 that featured Nebraska All-American Mikaela Foecke.

"Knowing that my sister was able to win a state championship gives us hope," Randolph said. I mean, I think we're all nervous but once we get on the court we settle in. The seniors really help us and encourage us when we're down."

Senior Taylor Boeding said the rotation error was the turning point of the match, but the girls were able to finish and that was what made the difference.

"It was definitely a momentum stopper for them and we took advantage of that and took back the momentum," Boeding said. "Box is a powerhouse on our team. She's the one we look to when we're lost and in tough situations. Not having her, we had to look inside ourselves and find the will to win and I think we did a great job of that in the third and fourth sets."

The Crusaders bowed out of the 2017 tournament in the semis in straight sets to Janesville. Boeding said the Wildcats will be tough with last year's player of the year Bree Thompson across the net.

"This means everything to me, the other seniors, and the whole team. Our goal was to get back to the



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Sophomore Claire Pothitakis directs a ball for the Crusaders in Thursday's semifinal win at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids.

championship and have the opportunity to win a title. Bree Thompson is a great player, we have to focus on our blocks and seeing where she's gonna hit and just leave it all on the line."

Freesmeier said the seniors have matured in each post-season match and facing the adversity of the second and first half of the third set showed their toughness.

"Our seniors are competitors, no doubt about it, and we had to find a way to take that competitiveness to some of our younger kids and do it in a way they felt comfortable. Our seniors - I saw them step up and I've seen them step up in the post season and just be good leaders. You can be a great hitter and a great passer, but until you see that leadership come out - that was big for us tonight."

Anderson finished with 13 kills on 44 attacks with Box and Anderson being taken care of again by Randolph and sophomore Bailey Hellweg who combined for 45 assists on the night. The Crusaders only had two service errors but converted five aces on the night. Boeding led the way defensively with 22 digs, followed closely by Lawlor and senior Elyse Pothitakis with 18.

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