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Hounds take 3rd at FM Invite

Wrestling program would like next year to be two-day tourney

Steffensmeier, Hayes win individual titles as FMHS hosts 18 teams



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON -With 18 teams in town and some of the finest wrestlers in the area at the Hound Dome, it was Madison Invitational no small feat that the with 236 points, followed Bloodhounds took 3rd by Clinton with 155.

place and two titles. The Bloodhounds were a just a .5 point ahead of Liberty High School out

of Wentzville with 119.5. Cedar Rapids Kennedy won the 56th annual Fort

Fort Madison's Harlan Steffensmeier took the title at 152 pounds when he pinned Burling-

ton's Preston Terry 1:46 into the second period. Steffensmeier came into the match rated 4th in the state according to The Predicament's Dec. 14 website rankings. and Terry was also rated 8th at 160 lbs.

Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Cam Shaver checks the time remaining in period 2 while Fort Madison's Ryan Steffensmeier tries to get an upper

hand in the match. Shaver won the match by a 6-1 decision.

In Steffensmeier's three

matches leading up to the championship match, he spent a grand total of 58 seconds on the mat, recording three pins, including a :10 pin to open his bracket matches.

"That was a quality op-

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Mt. Pleasant takes 7th straight from FMHS boys

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - You have to go back to Feb. 23, 2015 for the last time Fort Madison beat Mt. Pleasant in boys basketball.

That streak tallies up even straight losses including Friday night's 62-38 loss at home in Southeast Conference action.

The pressure of the streak was palpable in the early going. Senior Lorenzo Riles was hit with a technical after being called for a foul inside that prompted him to slam the ball on the court less than five minutes into the game.



WILSON

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RiverFest ready to sign up dragon boat teams

National music lineup to be announced March 10

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - More and more details are being released about this year's third year in the reboot of what is and was RiverFest in Fort Madison,.

Nick Bauswell, the committee chair for the inaugural dragon boat competition which has been added to the lineup of festivities for the 2018 edition, said dragonboat racing is quickly becoming one of the fastest growing sports in America.

He said the American Dragon Boat Association was originally founded in Burlington, Iowa and now holds events throughout the country from Minnesota to Texas and Colorado to Indiana.

Bauswell has been racing dragon boats for 10 years and says it's a great outing for any group, Groups of 20 boaters, including 18 paddlers, a drummer and a flag catcher. The back steering person or sternsman, is provided by the ADA.

"I've been paddling for 10 years and sterning for years. This is just about the hardest 90 seconds of your life, but it's a lot of fun," Bauswell said.

Depending on the level of interest and number of teams for this year's event, Bauswell said the committee will bring either two or four boats to Riverfest and each race will be a dual-heat race.

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OBITUARIES

JUANITA "JOHNNIE" BRITTON **GILPIN**

Juanita "Johnnie" Britton Gilpin, 90, of Ft. Madison passed away at 4:33 PM on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at The Madison.



GILPIN

She was born on June 22, 1927 in Ft. Madison to Frank and Pearl Herrmuth Britton. Johnnie attended Richardson, Grammar and Ft. Madison High School and earned a Bachelor's and Masters degree from Kirksville State Teachers College in Missouri. She did graduate work at the University of California in Riverside, L.A. State College in Los Angeles, LSU in Baton Rouge, LA and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. She taught school at Fontano, CA; Kersey, CO and Gulf Breeze, FL. After retiring she did volunteer teaching at Christian Schools in Alabama and Germany. Her interests in missions took her

to Japan, China, The Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, India, Australia, Africa and Israel. Johnnie returned to Pensacola, FL and became the Director of Health Care Center Ministries and was active in the seniors group at Olive Baptist Church. In July 1994 while in Harrison, TN she contracted Lyme Disease from a tick bite. In October 1994 she returned to Ft. Madison where her health continued to deteriorate due to chronic lyme disease. Johnnie was also an avid reader.

Survivors include one brother, Meredith "Skip" Britton of Crossville, TN and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, including Kelly Peters of Ft. Madison who was her longtime caregiver.

The memorial service will be held on Friday, December 29, 2017 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for First Baptist Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

BARBARA J. SIX

Barbara J. Six, 83, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away at 3:20 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Montebello Health Care Center in Hamilton, Illinois.

Born November 20, 1934 in Bentonsport, Iowa, she was the daughter of Calvin and June (Henry) Corns. On September 22, 1951, she married Albert Six in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on September 9, 1999.

Survivors include two daughters, Becky (Bill) Griffiths of Hamilton, Illinois and Sandy (David) Wagner of Burlington, Iowa; one son, John Six of Nauvoo, Illinois; four grandchildren, Kellie (Scott), Laura (Matt), Paul, and Dustin (Erin); seven great-grandchildren, Ian, Aubree, Dane, Alaina, Maci, William, and Benjamin; two brothers, Butch Corns of Fort Madison, Iowa and Charles (Nancy) Corns of Burlington, Iowa; one sister, Mary Bergmeier of Nauvoo, Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Albert; one sister, Shirley Danley; and one brother, Hank Corns.

Barb was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and the Catholic Women's Club in Nauvoo. She worked for Hotel Nauvoo. Barb enjoyed sewing, embroidering, making wedding cakes, and playing cards. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Family will meet with friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 18, 2017 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 18, 2017 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Thomas Szydlik as the celebrant.

Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Nauvoo.

A memorial has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Schmitz Funeral Homes are assisting the family with arrangements. Online con dolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

12/14/17 - 2:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue I. 12/14/17 - 2:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Timothy Roy Gilbert, 31, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of Avenue G for a simple assault. He was released on recongnizance. 12/14/17 - 3:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft reported at the Fort Madison Police Department. 12/14/17 - 7:30 p.m. -Fort Madison police cited Jacob Michael Oglesby, 26, of Fort Madison on a charge of a dog running at-large. He was released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's report

12/14/17 - 7:52 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1800 block of Hwy. 16. A semi-trailer driven by Paul Douglas Kappmeyer, 56, of Urbana struck a mailbox on a private drive. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene. 12/14/17 - 9:15 a.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Dustan Mills. 31. of Montrose. at the Lee County Sheriff's office, on a warrant for third-degree burglary. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/14/17 - 2:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Nikki Elaine Stark, 30. of Keokuk in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Sports

Hayes gets title with pin in overtime

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ponent - that kid's tough and Harlan put an exclamation point on it," Fort Madison Head Coach Ryan Smith said. "That'll be someone he'll see at districts at the end of the year. So that was great - not just to win, but to beat him on his feet, beat him on top, and beat him on the bottom, and then pin him."

Steffensmeier is 22-1 on the year and is wrestling at two weights heavier this year than in his junior year, where he placed 3rd at the state at 138 pounds. He said the win over Terry tells him he's getting better.

"I've wrestled Preston before and it's good to get this win over him. That tells me I'm improving each year," he said.

Wrestling at the middle weights is something Steffensmeier says fits his style a bit more.

"Over the summer I got a lot bigger and the middle weight is more accustomed to my wrestling style. The lighter weights have more fakes and the matches are quicker

paced. This works better for me."

Sam Hayes, who's now 19-3 on the year, ran up against. No. 9 rated Ethan Berry of Clinton. Hayes and Berry stayed locked up in an upright position for most of the match and it wasn't until an overtime period that Hayes was able to score a fall and get the win.

"We we're doing the same thing most of the time, but I felt him kind of crumble in the third period and I knew in OT I was going to able to get to him," Hayes said.

"Hayes is doing well. He had a quality opponent there and another one in the semifinals," Smith said. "The thing with him is getting his confidence in his leg attacks. He does in practice, but it's one of those triggers and you know you just gotta pull it. He's really good at snapping and pulling the head, but once he pulls the trigger on the leg attacks, he's gonna be very dangerous."



FMHS's Sam Hayes gets a pin in overtime over Ethan Barry of Clinton to win the 195 lb. title and give the Bloodhounds enough points for 3rd place at Saturday's Fort Madison Invitational.

The Hounds got fourthplace finishes from Aaron Steffensmeier at 145 lbs. and Ryan Steffensmeier at 126 pounds. Elton Kruse, wrestling at 106, earned a fifth-place finish and Dayne Cordray took 6th place at 120 lbs.

Smith said he hopes next year the event can be made into a two-day event to help alleviate some of the forfeits that occurred due to the national high school wrestling rule that only allows participants to wrestle five matches per day.

Aaron Steffensmeier had to surrender his 3rd place match because it would have been his sixth match of the day.

"There's those situations where you get to the 3rd and 5th place matches and you have a default. If we went to two days, then you go up to five on Friday and five on Saturday. We wouldn't have that many but we could do pool play on Friday and then run two separate brackets on Saturday and no one would have more than five matches on either day," Smith said.

He said the other benefit is the tournament would be able to place the top 16 at each weight class instead of just the top six, which was done at this year's one-day tournament.

Harlan Steffensmeier said he enjoys the larger team tournaments like Saturday's event.

"I love these tournaments that are bigger because you get more matches and you get more of a variety in your opponents," he said.

Hayes said he hopes next year the tournament will go to two days,

"This year was great coming into your gym and being able to go against all these wrestlers," he said. "But if they go to two days, then we have more time to rest and that always allows you to do a little better."

Fort Madison's Aaron Steffensmeier gets the upper hand in his semifinal match against Calvin Nguyen of Burlington.

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MP's Williamson puts up 24 in Hound loss

BY PCC STAFF

MT. PLEASANT - Mt. Pleasant got 24 points, including 16 in the first half from junior Maddie Williamson, as the Panthers downed Fort Madison 58-27 Friday night in Southeast Conference girls basketball action.

The Hounds were only in it at the beginning when Sara Bernhart scored to tie the game at 2. The Hounds defensive held up through most of the first quarter however, holding the Panthers to just six points in the period. The Hounds didn't score again in the quarter after Bernhart's bucket.

Mt. Pleasant unlocked the secret of the Hounds defense in the second period exploding for 18 points as both teams started a more fast-paced contest. The Hounds, which have been struggling scoring, got on track in the 2nd period as well putting up 13 points, tied for the most in any quarter this year.

Bernhart, who finished with 13 points on the night for the Hounds, accounted for eight of the 2nd quarter

points, but the Hounds were down 26-15 headed into the half. The Hounds kept the game respectable in the third quarter scoring 11 points, but the Panthers put up 17. Then Fort Madison's shooting went ice cold in a fourth quarter where the Hounds scored one point.

Anna Kester and Braxtyn McGhghy each scored five points on the night, Maddie Rashid added three and senior Kamryn Bailey added a point.

The Hounds dropped a 47-22 loss against West Hancock on Tuesday night in Warsaw. Bernhart again led the Hounds with 10 points. Bailey scored four in her return from a 11-day concussion absence. Kester, Dalyn Wondra, Kylie Cashman and Rashid all had two points for the Hounds in the loss. Wondra led FM with five rebounds.

The Hounds travel to Iowa City Liberty on Saturday before going to Quincy to face Illini West in the John Wood Shootout. The Hounds are then on winter break until Jan. 2.





Sports

Turnovers still plague HTC girls

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - A three-minute stretch in the first quarter and a 3-point 3rd quarter was the undoing for the Holy Trinity girls basketball team Friday night in 53-26 loss to visiting Danville in Southeast Iowa Superconference basketball action.

The Crusaders led 4-3 with four minutes gone in the first period before Danville went on a 16-3 tear to end the period including a couple of three pointers from Gracie Grothe and McKenzie Speer.

The only offense the Crusaders could muster was points off the dribble penetration of senior Brett Schneider, who led HTC with 15 points on the night.

The Crusaders were able to better control Danville's outside shooting in the 2nd quarter and outscored the visitors 11-9, but a third period that only saw the Crusaders score three points put the game out of reach as Danville scored 15, with seven different players scoring for the Bears.

"We struggled to get into our offense against their pressure defense," said Head Coach Tony Johnson. "We once again killed ourselves with turnovers and no rebounding on either end of the floor."

The Bears pulled down 34 rebounds on the night.

"We will get back to work tomorrow and get ready for Wapello and hopefully carry some momentum into the Christmas break."

Eryn Anderson had four points for HTC, while Emily Box, Madison Mohrfeld and Avery Hopper each had two points and Mya Lawlor tossed in a

The 3-5 Crusaders will host Wapello in a girls/boys varsity double header beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Last second shots fail Crusaders

BY CHUCK **VANDENBERG**

FORT MADISON - For the second time in less than five days, the Danville Bears have sneaked past a Fort Madison basketball team.

On Tuesday, the Bears won in the last minute over the Fort Madison Bloodhounds at home, and Friday night the Bears escaped with a 60-57 win over Holy Trinity in Southeast Iowa Superconference action.

The Crusaders were down by 1 point in the final minute and committed a foul that the Bears converted to push the lead to three with just seconds remaining. The Crusaders had two chances at tying the game at the end, but couldn't convert.

"We had a couple looks at some open threes near at the buzzer, but we just couldn't get them to go down," Head Coach John Hellige said.

"We've been battling some illness all week and really just played with a six-player rotation and our legs were gone the last four minutes."

Sophomores Reed Fehseke and Matt Hellige led the Crusaders with 16 and 15 points respectively, and the Crusaders had four players in double figures with Quentin Schneider and Brant Holtkamp each putting in 10 on the night. Adam Rauenbuehler and Blake Crabtree each added three points for HTC.

HTC trailed at the end of the first period 18, but came back to outscore the Bears 20-14 in the second period for a four-point lead, 38-34 going into the locker room.

A 11-4 run to close out the third period had the Bears back up by four going into the final period. The Bears held a 7-point lead with just over three minutes left in the game, but the Crusaders came rushing back with a couple of 3-pointers by Fehseke to close the

gap to one point in the final minute.

"The boys played well. They executed the game plan perfectly," Hellige said. "They continue to grow and I couldn't be prouder of them. They played very hard."

Max Wilcox led the Bears with 15 points, the only player in double figures for the Bears. But the visitors had nine different players score in the game.

The Crusaders host Wapello on Tuesday before heading into the winter break.



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Riverfest to donate 50% of dragon boat proceeds to area charity

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er will reach out and pull the flag ending that team's time. Each person will be required to wear appropriate personal flotation devices during the race.

After each race, the teams will paddle back up to the starting dock where they will race a second time.

"If we have four boats then another race will take place while the first race participants paddle back up for their second run.

The event will be bracketed to determine a champion. Bauswell said plans right now are for 50% of the profits to go to charity and 50% to go back into the event to

help fund the next year's race.

Entry fees are \$500 per team before May 1 and \$600 per team after May 1st.

"You divide that by 20 people and that's \$25 per person for an event you'll never forget," Bauswell said.

Racing will take place rain or shine but Bauswell said racing couldn't take place with lightning in the area and heavy winds could also delay racing.

The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 4, 2017 and anyone interested in forming a team should email Bauswell at dragonboats@riverfestfm.

com. More information



Photo courtesy of American Dragon Boat Assocation

on dragon boat racing can be found at <u>americandragonboat.org</u>.

The RiverFest committee also released the names of this year's Beer Tent bands. They include Jive Radio who takes on 70s music on Thursday evening. Friday will feature 80s and 90s best rock with Decade of Decadence to be followed up with the first-ever southeast Iowa appear-

ance of eastern Illinois rockers X-Krush.

Event co-organizer Charles Craft said the main stage lineup will be released at an announcement party March 10 at Kinnick South. He said a list of national bands is sure to excite music lovers in the area.

"RiverFest used to be known as the Hottest Days of Summer and when you hear who we're bringing in, you'll know that the Hottest Days of Summer are back," Craft said.



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From the Front/Sports

Panthers defensive holds FM in check

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quarter and the Hounds down 23 points, senior Kaleb Cresswell, the Hounds leading scorer on the night with 17, was sent to the lockerroom after an exchange with Head Coach Ryan Wilson with about two minutes left in the game.

Mt. Pleasant head coach Paul Rundquist had implemented a two-man trap defense on the wings where Fort Madison typically has success with long-range shooting. The Hounds were able to navigate the trap in the first half and had the game within six points midway through the second half before the wheels came off.

"That is a very good defensive team," Wilson said after the game. "Rundquist is a really good coach and Mt. Pleasant is a notoriously good basketball team right now."

The No. 6 Class 3A Panthers are 4-2 on the year, but their losses came to top-ranked Class 3A Cedar Rapids Xavier and Class 4A's Dubuque Hempstead.

Neither team converted a bucket until Mt. Pleasant scored on a jumper three minutes into the quarter. The Hounds answered on the next possession and then Riles was called for the foul on the next trip down the floor. The Panthers took advantage with a six-point swing including the bucket, the technical and a bucket on the maintain of possession and the score settled at 8-2 after the possession.

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Mt. Pleasant all-state guard Brady Sartorius then converted a 3-pointer after holding Fort Madison on it's next possession to make it 11-2.

The Hounds' Sheymouhr Redd-Donald, who was able to get penetration off the dribble in the first quarter due to Cresswell being double teamed on the wings, scored inside for Fort Madison. Then the teams traded buckets through the rest of the first period with Cresswell hitting a 3, and the Panthers Colin Mulford and Rhett Zeglen each hitting for threes.

The second quarter turned more physical. Eleven personal fouls were called in the quarter and the Panthers didn't convert a bucket until Kieran Kohorst hit inside and was fouled by the Hounds' Treavor James-Kokjohn. Cresswell and Redd-Donald scored for Fort Madison with Redd-Donald's driving bucket cutting the lead to six.

But Kohorst's 3-point play pushed the lead back to nine. James-Kokjohn, who was leading the Hounds in scoring at 19 points per game, scored his first points with less than three minutes left in the half and then added two free throws on the next trip down the floor to make it 26-19, and the Hounds would get no closer the rest of the night.

The Panthers pressured the Hounds on the inbound passes, but stayed out of a press for the most part, choosing to anchor in on their half court defense

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Fort Madison's Kaleb Cresswell (20) tries to get in the way of the Panthers' Brady Sartorius in the second half of the Hounds 38-62 loss Friday in Fort Madison.

where they held the Hounds to just 19 second half points, including an 18-6 third-quarter swing that saw five different Panther's score. The Hounds only got a free throw from Cresswell in the final 5:16 of the

The closest Fort Madison would get would be 17 at the beginning of the fourth when Cresswell scored five unanswered.

"I thought in the first half we played well as a team," Wilson said. "The second half we didn't do very well. But Mt. Pleasant...they make you work for it. We just have to learn to keep our composure, be patient and stay disciplined and we didn't do that. You take that 7-point swing out of the first quarter on the technical play and it's a three-point game at halftime"

The Hounds were without Brandon Keester who's been solid off the bench for the Hounds at the start of the season, averaging around 10 points per game. Keester was battling some inflamation and had to sit. James-Kokjohn finished with eight points, Redd-Donald had six, Rashid had three, while Riles and Jayden Fedler each added a bucket.

The Hounds only got to the free throw line eight times in the game converting just four.

The Hounds take their 3-3 mark on the road with the junior varsity squad Tuesday to Iowa City Liberty for a 6 p.m. tipoff. They host Notre Dame on Thursday just before the winter break.



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