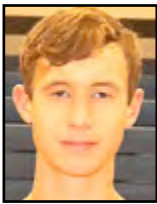


BREAKING

HTC grad shot in Cedar Rapids Thursday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR RAPIDS - A 2020 graduate of Holy Trinity was shot in the forearm Thursday while running to cross country practice at Mt. Mercy University in Cedar Rapids. According to police reports Matt Hellige, 21, was taken to an area hospital after being shot near the intersection of Elmhurst Drive at Hazel Drive Northeast.



HELIGE

"It went clean through his right forearm. He's doing good. He's a tough kid and wants to run on Saturday at the conference meet,"

Hellige's injuries were considered non-life threatening. His father John Hellige said his son is doing well and was hoping to run in Saturday's cross country event.

Hellige wrote in a text to Pen City Current at about 7:15 p.m. Thursday night. A home security video in the area captured video that was run on KCRG of more than 12 shots being fired that struck several homes and buildings in addition to Hellige. According to KCRG's report, police responded the scene at about 4 p.m. Thursday. The university went into a lockdown, but that has since been lifted and Cedar Rapids police say there is no ongoing threat.

Kempker to lead 75th TSR



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Tri-State Rodeo Immediate-Past Chairman Tony Johnson hands a 2023 committee buckle to incoming General Chairman Chuck Kempker, who will preside over the rodeo's 75th anniversary in 2023.

2023 TSR: Kempker takes reigns at 2023 General Chairman

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FFORT MADISON - The Tri-State Rodeo will have a long-standing veteran ushering in the 2023 event, which just happens to be its 75th Anniversary. With Tony Johnson exiting as General Chairman after serving the past four years, including the COVID-cancelled 2021 year, 18-year committee secretary Chuck Kempker has been tapped to usher in the 75th, or diamond jubilee, year.

Kempker was the general chairman when they had two-year rotations from 2000-2001. Johnson said it was a nice fit for Kempker to jump in for a year to oversee the diamond anniversary. It was the perfect opportunity to kind of thank Chuck for all his years of service. He and I talked about him stepping back after 18 years. To sit at that position for that long, he's seen a lot of challenges," Johnson said.

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LADY HOUNDS

Doherty to lead FMHS' first girls' wrestling team

Fort Madison has 20 girls out for first ever female wrestling season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The first season of state-recognized high school girls' wrestling could see a very interesting start for the Bloodhounds. Head Coach Kyle Doherty, who's been around the Fort Madison wrestling culture, and some would say family, for most of his life, was selected last month by the school district to lead the inaugural program. Doherty is a two-time state qualifier for the Hounds. Doherty said he's very impressed with what he's seen so far. And said the Lady Hounds could be a force out of the gate. "Actually, four days in I'm very impressed with how far the action and the physical part of wrestling has come for these girls," he said. "They're starting to learn the dos and don'ts as far as rules and basic moves." One of the girls on this first-year team has a name with a big pedigree on the mat.

Emily Steffensmeier is on the squad and she has multiple state champions in her family, including Uncle Gary Steffensmeier who was a runner up national champion for UNI, and cousin Harlan Steffensmeier. Her brother Ryan also qualified for state. "You can see she already brings something to the mat, even though she's never wrestled competitively," Doherty said, "She will chime in. "But it's slow rolling in what they can and can't do in certain positions. But they are receptive to it and that makes it easier for me." Doherty said wrestlers with some

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Central Lee Junior High releases 1st quarter honor rolls

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8th grade Principal Scholar

Cook, Brett Roger; Doty, Macie Kaye; Morrison, Carson Matthew; Smith, Ivy Victoria

7th grade Principal Scholar

Ashmore, Micah Robert; Kitzman, Kaylee Marie; Newton, Caedon Lane;

Robbins, Henry Roy

6th grade Principal Scholar

Cook, Brylee Nicole; Moeller, Kaylee Ann; Sullivan, Ashton Michael

8th grade A Honor Roll

Barnhardt, Chad W; Benner, Jack Patrick; Boyd, Connor Hunter; Boyer, Nadia Ann; Capps, Ethan B.D.; Craig, Sammy Johnathon; Crozier, Caden Andrew; Day, Jesse Wyatt; Edmondson, Emery John Charles; Estrada, Zachary James; Figge, Andrew W; Fogarty, Austin Steven; Hunold, Summer R; Jones, Carter M; Jones, Max

James; Lampe, Nora Kathleen; Mason, Elizabeth Marie; Moeller, Korben M; Moore, Ethan Daniel; Riley, Sienna K; Rule, Jo-van Michael-Ray; Sanders, Mason D; Simmons, Benjamin William; Stark, Larissa Willow; Swan, Kaden A ;VanAusdall, Gage Michael; Vineyard, Anderson Blaine; Vollmer, Bella Leah; Weber, Caden Reece; Wenke, Kayla Ann; Wiggins, Deacon Sawyer; Williamson, Skye Belle; Young, Gabriel Joseph

7th Grade A Honor Roll

Adkins, Evelyn Maree; Anderson, Macy Mae;

Buch, Rachel Marie; Bun-nell, Aubree Jo; Burgess, Owen Dean; Derr, Ava Rae; Gates, Olivia Rachel; Grafton, Gracyn Rose; Haigh, Chloe Nicole; Hawk, Jaliann Alisa; Hocker, Brinley Marie; Hohll, Addison Makayla; Jenkins, Jax Perry; Juarez, Hope Lynn; Kafar, Ava Jo; Kirchner, Colton Jack; Maynes, Afton; McDowell, Arabella Beulah; Mortimer, Jessy Michael; Perkins, Aubree Lee; Robins, Tristan David; Thompson, Isabella Rose; Wagner, Eliza Nicole; Westfall, Keagan Rylee

6th Grade A Honor Roll

Adams, Dylan Michael; Anderson, Izzabell Lynn; Ball, Adriana Leigh; Barnes, Jackson Lee; Benner, Marcie Rylan; Breitenstein, Xander Nicholas Cole; Burden, Rayleigh Dawn; Burdette, Jayden Lee; Calkins, Cooper Allen; Crank, Liam Edward; Daly, McKenzie Grace; Dill, Adalyn Mae; Dohman, Axton Michael; Ekle, Richard Asher; Fraise, Alissa Mary; Frueh, Madison Lauren; Gerdes, Jaren Stanley; Haigh, Colten Michael; Helenthal, Kylie Ann; Hewett, Elliot June; Jannusch, Charlotte JoAnn; Larson, Ruby June; Manwill, Berlyn Kapri; McKnight, Molina Renea; Morrison, Kaitlyn Madison; Mueller, Jaxson James; Mullins, Maggie Mae; Riley, Alayna Mae; Roysdon, Isabella L; Ruffcorn, Brody Thomas; Rule, Hayden Ray Ann; Sciumbato, Ahnna Ramone; Smith, Emmett Kristopher; Stark, Kaylee Ann; Sullivan, Ethan Allen; Van Ausdall, Gramm Matthew; Weber, Kellen Dean; Weirather, Grant Shane; Welch, Hayden Lee; Welch, Madison Jade

8th Grade B Honor Roll

Ames, Logan Henry; Barlow, Elaina Kay; Clark, Lukas Robert; Cox, Makenah Faith; Davis, Blake Anthony; Ferreira, Baylor J; Fogarty, Evan


Parrish; Fraise, Julia Ann; Gallerick, Tate J; Gruntmeir, Allison Renea; Hayes, Carver Frederick; Howard, Brynnlie C; McFadden, Kenneth Kurt; Peterson, Addison Katherine; Pollmeier, Joshua Edward; Putnam, Ashton Rose; Smith, Haylee Marie; Starks, Maria Lynn; Stiffler, Jacob D; Vanderpool, Luke Ryan ;Ward, Aida Rae

7th Grade B Honor Roll

Alvis, Riley Claire; Azinger, Leah Rose; Brotherton, Gracie Lynn; Canida, Adason Marie; Chappell, Hallee Kathryn; Hassman, Madison Jo; Hopp, Avery Jalynn; Mills, Brooke Lynn; Rohdy, Hadleigh Malia; Tweedy, Hudson Elliott; Worrell, Tyson Kenneth; Young, Sara Evonne

6th Grade B Honor Roll

Atwood, Kobe Michael; Crawford, Tammy Sue; Day, Charli Grace; Ferris, Kaitlyn Marie; Hellweg, Kylie Roneetalynn; Holbert, Dominic Anthony; Holder, Kylan Charles; Johnson, Levi Michael; Lozano, Malia Michele; Mason, Wyatt Charles; Roysdon, Dillon James; Schmidt, Grace Ann; Snyder, Hunter Keyon; Son, Fayelynn Rose; Timpe, Annamae Elaine; Tweedy, Eliot Scott; Washington, Mikah Sky; Wilson, Kael Emmatt



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DEBRA LITTLE

Debra (Debbie) Little, 63, of Carthage, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Illinois.



LITTLE

Debbie was born February 22, 1959 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Dixie (Taylor) Moyes. On July 2, 1993 she married Cole Little in Fort Madison, Iowa. He survives.

Debbie was raised and educated in the Keokuk, Iowa and Hamilton, Illinois area. Debbie had many titles and jobs throughout her life and most recently worked for MJ’s Bar & Grill in Carthage. However, her favorite title was being a mother to her two children, and recently she earned the title of grandmother. She never met a stranger and everyone she knew was family. Debbie enjoyed camping with her family, driving Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and of course, socializing. She attended the Fountain Green Presbyterian Church and The Crossing in Macomb.

Survivors include her husband: Cole; one daughter: Aurora (Derek) Churchwell of Ventura, California; one son: Sonny (Gwendolyn) Little of Quincy, Illinois; one granddaughter: Ada Churchwell; four brothers: John (Rhonda) Moyes, Mark (Regina) Moyes, Fred (Cindy) Moyes, and Phil Moyes; one sister: Theresa Bryant, her step-mother: Mary Moyes of Elvaston, Illinois, and several nieces, nephews and pets.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother: Ted Moyes.

A Celebration of Debbie’s Life will be held from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022 at the University of Illinois Extension Building, 550 N. Madison St., Carthage, Illinois 62321.

A time for sharing memories will be held at 4:00 p.m. For those attending Harley-Davidson attire is encouraged and, weather permitting, feel free to ride your motorcycle to the celebration.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home of LaHarpe is assisting the family.

A memorial fund has been established for the American Red Cross. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Debbie’s obituary at banksandbeals.com.

OBITUARIES

RUBY J. BOULTON

Ruby Jean Boulton, 79, of Warsaw, passed away on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at Oak Lane Nursing and Rehab in Stronghurst, Illinois.



BOULTON

Ruby was born on January 25, 1943, in Arp, Texas, the daughter of Earl Roy and Erma (Pettis) Herrin. She graduated from Ector High School in Odessa, Texas, in 1963. On March 14, 1964, she was united in marriage to Bill Boulton. They were divorced in 1977.

Ruby was employed in food service for nursing homes and school systems throughout her working career. She belonged to the Baptist Church and enjoyed spending her free time eating out at new places, car rides, riding her bike, feeding ducks, and being in nature. Camping, arrowhead hunting and viewing rock formations were some of the outdoor experiences she cherished. Ruby loved watching her old Westerns, especially ones featuring John Wayne and Clint Eastwood. She was the family historian and loved driving back to Texas to spend time with her family there. Her family was her top priority.

Ruby is survived by three children: Billy Boulton of Odessa, Texas, Renee (Robin Satterly) Boulton of Warsaw, Illinois, and Jeanette Boulton of Warsaw, Illinois; and two grandchildren: Brennan Montgomery and Lauren Montgomery.

Ruby is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Earl Ray Herrin and Jerry Herrin.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association or the Keokuk Humane Society. Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

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From the Front

First Hound Dome meet for girls is November 28

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experience and that could be competitive right off the bat would be Steffensmeier, Anna and Myla Blanchard, Hailey Kemper, Maddie Emmett, and Lexi Whaley.

He said four girls worked out with Derek Doherty in the spring and got a little bit of a jump start, but everyone else is kind of starting from scratch.

The Hounds are fielding 20 wrestlers in the first year and will compete in 13 of 14 weight classes.

“I’m surprised by that number, but then I’m not,” Doherty said. “We’re in a very good position to start a women’s wrestling program here with our rich history and Coach (Ryan) Smith being the best coach in the state, and his staff. We’re in the driver’s seat for women’s wrestling, I think.

“It just kind of makes sense.”

Doherty said the rules are basically the same, but there are more guidelines on uniforms and how hair is handled and tied back.

“Those aspects of it are different than with boys, where they just come in and let it go,” he said.

Jewelry is also an issue

because some have had piercings for years and they just forget about them.

“Every practice I have to do a thorough check for jewelry to get those out,”

The girls have six meets scheduled, but Doherty said some of them have up to 14 schools in them. He said more and more area schools are popping up with women’s teams and they hope to schedule more in the future, even this year.

He said the expectation for a first-year program is to get the foundation structured and then create a program that’s moving forward.

“Being here at Fort Madison, whether a man or woman, that’s exciting to just be able to wrestle,” he said.

“We’re in a fortunate position because of the resources we have around us. Jason Crooks has come in, and his daughter is wrestling too, but that’s huge.”

Crooks was multi-state champion for the Bloodhounds.

The first match is Nov. 21 in West Liberty and the second meet is the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Head Coach Kyle Doherty works with a couple girls who have come out of the Fort Madison girls’ first-ever wrestling team. Doherty is a two-time state qualifier and has been around the Bloodhound wrestling program since his youth.

only home meet so far.

He said Anna Blanchard and Hailey Kemper will be fun to watch with the energy they have brought to practice the first week.

The weight classes for the first year of Iowa Girls High School Ath-

letic Union start at 100 and then increase by five pounds to 140, then the weight jumps to 155, 170, 190, and 235.

Doherty said they will be able to fill all the weight classes but 235.

Girls from 7th grade to 12th grade will now be

able to participate and compete through the IGHSAU with their own season. In the past, girls that wished to wrestle would compete with the boys.

Girl’s wrestling practice began earlier than their counterpart (October

31st) and will hold state championships February 2nd and 3rd.

Fort Madison has established a sharing agreement with Central Lee and Holy Trinity, with possibilities of hosting other athletes, if needed.

The Activities Office plans to add up to six more matches depending on availability.

“We are thrilled to have this opportunity for our girls,” said FMHS Activities Director Jeff Lamb.

“Our current coaches have put us on the map for wrestling and I think Coach Doherty will do the same for the girls. I have high expectations for this program, and getting it started as soon as possible has been a priority for our office. Kyle is the perfect person to head this up and challenge these ladies to start a tradition of excellence.”

Lamb said the Fort Madison Activities Office is dedicated to providing opportunities for all students to be involved and to create opportunities for higher order thinking.

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Regular Meeting
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7:30PM
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The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Weber, Newton, Marshall & Estrada present. Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve the agenda: all ayes. Citizen comments – None. Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve the minutes of the August '22 meetings: all ayes. Motion by Marshall, second by Newton to approve the August '22 financial reports: all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve the August '22 disbursements and September '22 bills to be allowed: all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Weber to award the tree removal contract for 2022 to Thatcher Tree Care from Fort Madison: all ayes. Bids to remove 7 trees were as follows: Thatcher Tree Care \$4,700, Brians Tree Service \$6,505, Hoenig Tree Service \$7052.75, Browns Tree Service \$9,900 Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to allow property owner at 519 Chestnut to install a sand point for irrigation: all ayes. Motion by Estrada, second by Weber to approve Resolution No 2022-16 A Resolution authorizing the city clerk

to make certain payments prior to council approval: RCV all ayes. Motion by Newton, second by Estrada to approve the Annual Financial Report FY2022: all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Weber to approve Iowa DOT Detour Revocation (gas tax method): all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Marshall approving the flushing of mains October 17th thru the 28th: all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to set October 31st 2022 from 5-7pm for trick or treat in Donnellson: all ayes. Lee County Crimestoppers Halloween Event will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds October 22nd from 4-7pm. Octoberfest will be held in Donnellson October 8th 2022 starting at 10am. Main St from Pine St to Chestnut & Mill St from Main to N Oak will be closed from 9:30am till approx. 5pm. Police Report – There were 48 calls for service, 6 traffic stops, 2 citations and 2 arrest were made regarding a disturbance. New digital radios have been distributed county wide. Clerk Report – the clerk applied for a grant through the

Keokuk Area Community Foundation for the extension of Westview Park Trail. Pet tag renewal letters will be mailed this month to those that have not renewed their tags for the current year. There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Moeller, second by Newton, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.
/s/Dave Ellingboe, Mayor
Attest: /s/Rebecca Schau, City Clerk
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CITY OF WEST POINT, Fuel / Wages - Chief 3,246.44
WEX BANK, Fuel.. 991.36
VERIZON..... Data Plan 40.01
BARKER COMMUNICATIONS, Vidix Control 900.00
USPS, Water Bill Postage 165.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, Testing..... 27.50
IOWA ONE CALL, One Calls..... 38.70
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Sales & Use Tax / WET 1,537.66
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER, Bulk Water 6,120.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Loan.. 1,816.00
KOHLMORGAN HAULING, Trash Service 4,335.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., Lawyer Fees 21.00
ABC FIRE EXTINGUISH-

ER, Annual Inspection 51.65
CAPITAL ONE, supplies 19.22
INGRAM, books 1,588.32
DEMCO, supplies 102.80
RSM US LLP, IT ... 717.38
WR FAETH WHOLESALE, Parade Candy 312.00
ACCESS, annual printer contract..... 528.54
VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, Phone Service - City 59.27
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUT, Sewer Testing 385.00
JOHN HUNOLD, cabinet 1,100.00
FORT MADISON DAILY DEMOCR, Annual Renewal - Library 133.00
COUNTRY LIVING, magazine renewal 32.07
MOWEN CLEANING SERVICE, Library cleaning floors 1,021.55
NORTH LEE CLERK OF COURT, Court Cost 60.00
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