Elks donate to K9 program

The Fort Madison Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks received a $1,500 grant from the Elks National Foundation in honor of the group’s 150th Anniversary about two weeks ago. The local chapter donated $500 of the grant to the Lee County K9 Association to help fund the Lee County Sheriff’s Department K9 program. Bob Britton, a member of the Fort Madison Elks, said the group plans to make an additional contribution to the group in the near future because they felt the K9 program was a welcome addition to the sheriff’s department and will have a definite impact on the community.

State won’t need special revenue session

Gov. Reynolds can allocate $13M without legislators

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Wednesday that no special session is needed for Fiscal Year 2017.

The expected shortfall for Iowa’s FY 2017 budget is $14.6 million. Gov. Reynolds will combine $13 million from the state’s economic emergency fund with the $1.6 million ending balance. This is the final action on the FY 2017 budget, which ended June 30, 2017. The state has $605 million in reserve funds after closing the FY 2017 books.

“This has been a difficult budget year, but I am pleased we were able to manage lower-than-expected revenues without cuts to education or Medicaid,” Gov. Reynolds said. “We have been monitoring funds daily since the end of the fiscal year on June 30 and took a measured approach in dealing with the state’s finances. We continue to closely monitor the current fiscal year’s balance sheet and do not believe

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SPORTS:

Mt. Pleasant v. HOUNDS preview

Friday matchup may be a slugfest

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – At 3-1 the Fort Madison Bloodhound football program is still getting used to having success.

Aside from a lopsided season opener against Davis County, the Hounds have had their hands full and are learning again what it's like to challenge opponents week to week.

This week the Mt. Pleasant Panthers come into town with a 2-2 record falling to Oskaloosa last week 14-35. Junior Levy Puig led Mt. Pleasant on the ground with 40 yards on 17 carries. Quarterback Zach Beason had 12 carries for 17 yards. He also completed nine passes for 83 yards and a touchdown. On the year, he has 714 yards through the air with four TDs and five picks. Last year the Panthers slapped a 34-0 win on the Hounds.

Head Fort Madison Coach Tony Shiffman said the Panthers will come at Fort Madison and try to spread the offense out.

“They remind me a little of Oskaloosa. They're gonna spread the ball out and get it to their guys and try to make some plays,” Shiffman said. “It's gonna be one of those games that's gonna to be a slugfest. I like those games - being in an old offensive lineman.”

The Panthers held the high-powered Oskaloosa offense to 35 points, but also held a potentially explosive Washington offensive squad to just 16 two weeks ago.

Shiffman said that's a testament to the Panthers defense to be able to slow down those teams. But he
Lucille D. Brinkschroeder, 90, of Pacific, MO and formerly of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 3:00 AM at the Pacific Care Center.

She was born on June 24, 1927 in Keokuk, IA to Charles and Guelma Roe Derr. Lucille married Hazen "Shorty" Huffman and he preceded her in death. She then married James Brinkschroeder and he also preceded her in death. Lucille retired from Ft. Madison Community Hospital where she worked in the cafeteria. She was a long time member of the Ft. Madison Moose Lodge and Eagles Club. She also managed the Izaak Walton Club. Lucille enjoyed dancing, cooking, singing, waitressing and serving people. Lucille loved visits from her family and going out to dinner, her favorite meal was chicken.

Survivors include two sons, Rex (Karen) Huffman of New Smyrna Beach, FL and Ray (Sandy) Huffman of Pacific, MO; a daughter in law, Cheryl Huffman of Cape Girardeau, MO; eight grandchildren, Bret Huffman, Dyrk Huffman, Tabitha Orth, Nicole Tolly, Brian Huffman, Brandi Huffman, Kristie Begic, Raymond Huffman; fourteen great grandchildren, Britney Hardage, Jordan Hardage, Jaryl Huffman, Darian Huffman, Kendal Huffman, Shae Huffman, Peyton Rodeffer, Nicholas Orth, Kuerena Huffman, Addison Orth, Kamdon Tolly, Bryden Begic, Bentley Begic, Kingston Huffman; four great grandchildren, Peysleigh Syperda, Nevaeh Epperson and Adalyn Rodeffer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; two sons, Roy and Rick Huffman and one sister, Florence Waterhouse.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, September 22, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM. The funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Lane Van officiating. Burial will be in Charleston Cemetery, Charleston, Iowa.

Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com

LARRY SCHINSTOCK

Larry Schinstock, 62, of rural Salem, passed away at 8:18 A.M. Wednesday September 20, 2017. Funeral services are pending at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.
State projections were off slightly

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action is needed at this time.”
Department of Management Director Dave Roederer held a budget briefing for members of the media Wednesday morning. He shared more with reporters, including:

• The Revenue Estimating Committee (REC) estimated 2.7% growth in the FY 2017 budget.
• Actual growth was 2.5%.
• Corporate taxes make up 6.5% of Iowa’s general fund.
• After stalling earlier this year, Iowa’s corporate income taxes came in stronger, totaling $73 million.
• The Revenue Estimating Committee (REC) estimated 2.7% growth in the FY 2017 budget. Actual growth was 2.5%.

LEROY PILCHER
Leroy Pilcher, 49, of Donnellson, passed away at 6:38 A.M. Wednesday September 20, 2017 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Funeral services are pending at the Schmidt Funeral Home in West Point.

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Sierra Howardson captured 2nd place in the girls 5K run last week at the Fort Madison Invitational, FMHS Senior Miho Shirai finished in 3rd place at 24:44. Claire Hellman was the third FMHS runner in the top five overall with a 25:00.00 time in the 5K run. Paige Munson finished 7th at 25:54:00 and Britney Sanford was 8th overall at 25:54 to round out the top five scorers for Fort Madison.

The Lady Hounds took first place in the large class with just a half-second apart with Mendez of Fairfield with a time of 20:19.3. Schneider took fourth place behind Ashley Bloomquist pace set by Mount Pleasant's Abby Ryon's 19:46.0. Brett Blanchard was 23rd with a time of 25:39.0, while Ellie Schulte crossed the line at 37th place with a mark of 16:43.7.

MT. PLEASANT - Fresh off her home turn win last week at the Fort Madison Invitational, FMHS Senior Sierra Howardson captured 2nd place in the girls 5K run Tuesday night at Mt. Pleasant.

Howardson finished at 22:02.8, 16.8 seconds off the pace set by Mount Pleasant's Abby Ryans's 19:46.0. Brett Schneider took fourth place behind Ashley Bloomquist of Fairfield with a time of 20:19.3.

Claire Mendez and Ashlynn Haas finished in 24th and 25th place with just a half-second apart with Mendez crossing the line at 23:57.9 and Haas at 23:58.3.

Anna Kester rounded out the top five runners for the Lady Hounds coming in 33rd with a time of 25:07.4. Those top five were enough for second place with 50 points behind Mt. Pleasant's 32. Maddy McVey finished 3rd at 20:53.17. Adding the places gives HTC 72 points.

Other finishers for the Crusaders included Brant Holtkamp - 34th and Sam Avery - 44th.

For the Hounds, after Steffensmeier and Conrad, scoring was Noah Sissel with a 12th place finish at 18:49.93, Nathan Steffensmeier - 14th 18:49.42 and and Elion Kruse - 16th at 19:06.12. Other finishers for the Hounds included Owen Kruse - 18th with a time of 19:18.78 and Miguel Trejo - 20th at 19:23.55.

In the junior varsity run, Chandler Runge came in the 8th place to lead HTC with a 23:30.43, followed by Wyatt Hellman with a 25:11.18, 15th, Josh Barr with a time of 27:01.28 and Kyle Schetz in 36th place with 27:39.21.

For the Hounds in the junior varsity 5K run Fort Madison captured 1st place overall with 32 points led by freshman Shakir McClellan who took first place with 20:31.15. Matt Meierotto and Anthony Barnes finished in 3rd and 4th place with times of 20:35.05 and 20:40.49, respectively. Alex Steffensmeier was 6th at 21:32.46 and Seth Mendez in 18th at 24:30.62.

In the middle school run HTC's Philip Goldie took the title setting the pace a full 45 seconds ahead of the field at 11:29, the fastest time in the 3200 meters of both classes. Mikey Deprima, Tyler Snaadt, Michael Hellman finished 11-13th. Nick Fullenkamp took 1st place in the boys small class run.

For Fort Madison, Hayden Wolfe, Miles Dear and Austin Miller took 5th, 6th and 7th place. Dayton Davis and Will Gager finished in 9th and 10th. Ben Thiele finished with 13:55.17.

HTC wins, FM 2nd at boys MP meet

The Hounds got another top finisher in the middle school 3200-meter run. Katie Dennis took the meet at 11:32.95. Tauren Settles was 14th with a time of 14:56.1. Emily Steffensmeier was 16th overall at 15:10.04. Mylah Blanchard was 23rd with a time of 15:39.0, while Ellie Schulte crossed the line at 37th place with a mark of 16:43.7.

Other top local runners included Mary Hellige (HTC) 53rd place overall at 18:09.6, Jordan Boyer (FMHS) 59th - 18:31.9, Elliot Dostalek (HTC) 75th-20:05.0, and Brooke Mueller (HTC) 21:54.5.
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from what’s been work- ing. “I don’t think so. I think he’s going to have a really good second half.” On defense, Shiffman said Rickelman is pre- paring to face the spread offense, but the Hounds have fundamentals much like they did last week with two big goal line stands against the Falcons. “It’s fundamental football whether you’re blocking on a veer or de- fending in a spread. We have to do the things we need to do. They might get a pass here and there or run here and there, but you move on. As long as the drive ends in a punt we’re ok,” he said.

He said the Panthers have athletes and good receivers and Levi Puig ran well last week. “They have some athletes that can make plays. Mount Pleasant can definitely get out there and run and sling the ball,” Shiffman said.

The Hounds will rely on the productive defen- sive line and Lozano at linebacker. Lozano had 8.5 tackles last week, including 2.5 for a loss. “He had a good game this past week. We dedicated the game to a family member and he was pretty emotional and he had a good game for that person and he’ll keep getting better, too.”

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KEOKUK – The Keokuk Police Department reports the arrest of Jacob Michael Vawter, age 23, of Keokuk, for Theft First Degree (Possession of Stolen Property), a class C Felony and, Leaving the Scene of a Traffic Accident, a Simple Misdemeanor. On September 19th at approximately 10:08 a.m., officers with the Keokuk Police Department were dispatched to the 300 block of Main for an individual who was asleep in a vehicle that was reported stolen out of Hancock County. Officers located the vehicle and, after a short pursuit, the driver, Jacob Michael Vawter, was taken into custody.

If convicted on all charges, Vawter faces up to 23 years in a State Correctional Facility. The defendant is considered innocent until proven guilty.