Auditions open for OFPs February show

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Old Fort Players would like to invite all area Thespians to audition for their February production of ‘Misconceptions’ which is written by Michael Vukadinovich, on Dec. 10 at 5 PM and again on Dec. 11 at 6 PM. Auditions will be held at Old Fort Players theater at 725 Avenue H in downtown Fort Madison.

‘Misconceptions’ is the story of two sisters who have nothing in common. Claire spent her day at a wedding and her sister Dora spent her day at a funeral. Claire complains about not meeting anyone at the wedding. Dora in fact met an old flame Peter at the funeral. The two sisters start a fight when their eccentric mother appears. The two start slinging accusations at each other including the pregnancy word. Of course neither girl denies anything and that is where the fun begins. You will have to audition to be a part of the ending. Claire would be a girl in her twenties and Dora would be a couple of years older. Peter would be in his upper twenties. The mother would be in her fifties. Ages are a starting point as we can makeup the right person to the age we would like them to be. This play will open on February 16 and run for 5 or 6 performances. The action on stage is directed by Carol Parson who is a veteran of OFP and a seasoned director. If you can’t make one of the audition dates, but are interested give us a call at 372-9559 for a private audition.

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The floats from last week’s Lighted Christmas Parade are now in Riverview Park and show as bright colors against the black backdrop of the Mississippi River and the night sky on Sunday night.

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Steffensmeier takes 3rd at Cliff Keen invite

BY PCC STAFF

INDEPENDENCE - Bloodhound senior wrestler Harlan Steffensmeier captured the highest finish for the Fort Madison wrestling team when he took third at this weekend’s Cliff Keen Invitational.

Steffensmeier, wrestling at 152, buzzed through his first three matches of the Friday and Saturday tournament all with falls, the first two in less than one minute. However, in the quarterfinals, New Hampton’s Noah Fye caught Steffensmeier in a 6-0 decision to send last year’s 3rd place finisher into the consolation bracket. Steffensmeier won the next two matches to land him in the 3rd place match where he found himself across from Fye again.

Fye had lost in the semis to eventual 2nd place finisher Alex Rivera of Smithville and got kicked into the consolation bracket with Steffensmeier, who returned the favor with a 6-2 decision over Fye for third place.

The top three finisher for the Hounds was Sam Hayes who took fifth place at 195. Hayes won all three of his first matches and then wound up seeded against eventual champion Tyler Buegnes of Scott West, who pinned Hayes at 1:15. Hayes won his last match by decision, but then lost to Waterloo East’s Tyrell Gordon 6-3 to advance to the fifth-place match where he won by decision of Ashton Stoner-DeGroot of Cedar Rapids Prairie.

Elton Kruse, won his first three matches at 160 lbs. on Friday before dropping an 8-1 decision to Austin Keegley of Cedar Rapids Prairie to send him to the consolation bracket. Kruse pinned Collin Schaefer of Christian Brothers College at 3:21 before losing the next two matches, both by pins, to take 6th place overall.

Dayne Cordray and Ryan Steffensmeier both finished in 8th place. Dancer Seltos took 11th at 220.

The Hounds hold the first match of the year under the Hound Dome on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. meeting Iowa City Liberty and Mediapolis.

The full results from the tournament are listed below:

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Mediapolis gets 33 from Johnson in win over HTC

BY PCC STAFF

MEDIAPIALS - Holy Trinity had three girls score in double figures, but fell to the hot shooting 36-18 Mediapios of Bullettes on Saturday night 76-54 to highlight girls high school basketball action.

Emily Bos led the Crusaders with 20 points and 10 rebounds, Taylor Boeding and Brett Schneider each had 10 for HTC.

The Crusaders held a 15-11 first quarter lead, but were outscored 24-14 in the second quarter to give the Bullettes a 30-25 halftime lead.

Mediapios was very crisp from the 3-point range in the first half converting six from long range including four from junior Mayia Johnson and two from sophomore Mackenzie Springsteen. Johnson would throw in four from the 3-point arc in the second half for 8 of 12 on the night on the way to 33 points to lead all scorers.

Holy Trinity couldn’t keep up in the third quarter as Mediapolis pulled away 17-9 and held a 57-40 lead.

Mya Lawlor had five points for HTC, Sam Hoening added three, and Avery Hopper, Madison Mohrfeld, and Erynn Anderson all had two points.

Holy Trinity travels to West Burlington Tuesday for a junior varsity girls, junior varsity boys, varsity girls and varsity boys set with games starting at 4:30 p.m.
Crusaders get first win after two losses to open campaign

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MEDIAPOLIS - The Holy Trinity Crusaders boys basketball team had three players score in double figures as they rolled to the first win of the season 58-55 over Mediapolis on the road.

It was the third of five road games to open the season. And after two setbacks at the hands of Van Buren and W ACO, HTC was able to stave off a wild 13-7 run in the final two minutes to hold on for the win.

The Crusaders led from the tip off and built leads by as much as nine points but the Bulldogs cut the lead to one point on four different occasions.

Holy Trinity held a 6-point 14-8 advantage at the end of the first quarter that included an 8-1 run with four minutes left in the quarter, but Mediapolis closed the gap to three at the end of the first half.

HTC got four three pointers in the first half and had the best shooting night of the year so far, converting 50% from the field for the game. Sophomore Reed Fehseke, who led the Crusaders with 15 points on the night, Adam Rauenbuehler, Jake Eaves, and Collin Thornton all had 3-pointers in the first half.

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- John Hellige, HTC head coach

Mediapolis trailed by nine with four minutes left in the third period and, with just two minutes left in the game, trailed by seven before the scoring barrage took place in the last two minutes where both teams combined for over 20 points, highlighted by Mediapolis senior Will Schroeder who put in 14 in the second half to keep the Bulldogs in the game.

“The boys played a pretty good game,” said head coach John Hellige. “We shot 50 percent from the field and got a total team effort. Everyone contributed and we did a great job of withstanding a huge Mediapolis run at the end.”

Thornton finished with 14 points and sophomore Matt Hellige added 11 including 7-of-10 from the free throw line. Fehseke was 6-of-8 from the charity stripe including 5 of 6 in the second half. Quentin Schneider, Eaves, and Rauenbuehler each added six points for Holy Trinity.

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Elliot Dostalek, right, of the Fort Madison YMCA Sailfish Swim Team, finished first in the 50 Freestyle on Sunday at the Washington YMCA Swim Meet. Jordyn Boyer, left, took 2nd place only a second behind Dostalek. The Sailfish will travel to Burlington High School to compete in the Burlington YMCA Bullsharks Swim Meet next Saturday.
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found a box cutter rattling around inside. My fault, I had left the box cutter in my bib overalls from when I was cutting insulation for the chicken house. But Ginnie is usually so thorough about checking pockets before washing.

The box cutter sure is clean.

Over Thanksgiving we traveled to Ozark, Missouri to be with Ginnie's dad and family. You can imagine the preparations and all that had to be packed and unpacked. Getting gas, I ran into a friend. Noticing the rear of the SUV sagging, he asked, "Gonna be gone for a spell?" "No," I told him. "Just overnight." Anywho, after the Thanksgiving feast was over, and we were packing up to leave, Ginnie couldn't find her purse. We searched everywhere. No purse. It must've gotten packed up with someone else's stuff. So, everyone had to search their vehicles. Still, no purse. It must be her sister's car who had already left. Damn! A frantic text went out. A message came back, "I'm driving." Her sister has a new car with Bluetooth that receives and sends auto messages. (Was that her or the car? It was kind of rude.) As a last resort I checked our car. There was Ginnie's purse stowed in the back in a box with chips, a Mr. Coffee, and a cutting board. Ginnie looked at me, I looked at her, she shut the hatch and didn't say a word.

When we were ready to leave, I was fastening my seat belt when I realized I didn't have my phone. I started to go back inside to find it. Ginnie asked me where I was going. I told her I didn't have my phone. She said, "You mean that phone there in your hand?"

As I said, I'm kind of concerned about OUR slipping.

Curt says they have enough egg cartons! PS: Thanks to my cousin in Agency, we have plenty of egg cartons. Thank you, Pammie! So, no more egg cartons left on our doorstep, please.

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FINE ARTS CAN BRING OUT STUDENT'S TALENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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teaching," said Harmon, who is a firm believer in fine arts classes. "Many students are lucky to experience a (fine arts) class, because it boosts their confidence when speaking in front of people." Along with confidence, fine arts also improve academic performance, as shown in a study done by Americans for the Arts in 2015. Being included in multiple fine arts programs myself, I can confirm that the arts tend to be a pleasant break from curriculum. They provide me a place to focus on something other than common schoolwork for a while, so that I can better center my attention in mandated classes.

In my opinion, the arts can also be a spectacular category for scholarships and grants from colleges. Universities are always looking for diverse scholarship applicants with an abundance of extracurriculars, that of which arts programs can offer.

With the new standards in Iowa, students all over the state can effectively reach their goals and participate in classes they may enjoy more than the common courses. Ava Peitz is a freshman at Holy Trinity High School and is interning with Pen City Current in the news/editorial department. She can be reached at editor@pencitycurrent.com