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

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - With 18 teams in town and some of the finest wrestlers in the area at the Hound Dome, it was no small feat that the Bloodhounds took 3rd place and two titles.

The Bloodhounds were a just a .5 point ahead of Liberty High out of Wentzville with 119.5. Cedar Rapids Kennedy won the 56th annual Fort Madison Invitational with 236 points, followed by Clinton with 155. Fort Madison’s Harlan Steffensmeier took the title at 152 pounds when he pinned Burlington'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. 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-

Mt. Pleasant takes 7th straight from FMHS boys

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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.

Then, with the game all but decided in the fourth 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.

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.
Great River Regional Waste Authority would like to remind you not to recycle Christmas Wrapping Paper as some of the materials used in the making of it are not recyclable. Please dispose of any wrapping materials in your regular trash cans. Any curbside bins containing these materials can potentially compromise an entire load.

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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.

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 Kirkville 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 Lyrkyn Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. The family will meet with friends from 9:30 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


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 Ft. 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, Jan, Aubre, Dane, Alaina, Mac, William, and Benjamin; two brothers, Butch Corns of Ft. 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 AM to 10:30 AM on Monday, December 18, 2017 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM on 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 condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Chamber’s Hawkeye-Day tickets available for pick-up

Small number of bus tickets still available for $5/each

FORT MADISON - Tickets and t-shirts are now available for pick-up. If you ordered tickets, you can pick them up at the Fort Madison Partners office located at 614 9th Street in Fort Madison. Pick up hours are as follows: Monday and Tuesday 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 6 pm, Thursday 9 am – 4 pm, and Friday 9 am – 12 pm.

A small number of bus tickets are still available at $5 a ticket and can be purchased at time of pick up. 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 Ft. Madison in the 700 block of Avenue G for a simple assault. He was released on recognizance.

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 Ft 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 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.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN 17 Dec
Light rain
High – 42.4° F | Low – 40.5° F

MON 18 Dec
Clear Skies
High– 40.5° F | Low – 40/5° F

TUE 19 Dec
Clear Skies
High– 47.6° F | Low – 25.6° F

WED 20 Dec
Light rain
High – 43.1° F | Low – 33.1° F

THU 21 Dec
Clear Skies
High– 33.1° F | Low – 53.9° F
Hayes gets title with pin in overtime

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ponent - that kids tough and Harlan put an excla-
mation 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 wrest-
l ing 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 mid-
dle 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 ac-
customed 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 over-
time 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 trouble to get to him,” Hayes said.

“Hayes is doing well. He had a quality oppo-
nent there and another one in the semifinals,” Smith said. “The thing with him is getting his confidence in his leg
attacks. He does in prac-
tice, 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 danger-
ous.”

The Hounds got fourth-
place finishes from Aaron
Steffensmeier at 145 lbs. and Ryan Steffensmeier at 132 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 na-
tional 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 situa-
tions where you get to the 3rd and 5th place match-
es and you have a default. If we went to two days, then you go up to five on Friday and five on Sat-
urday. We wouldn’t have that many but we could do pool play on Friday and then run two sepa-
rate brackets on Saturday and no one would have more than five matches on either day,” Smith said.

He said he 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
tournament teams like Saturday’s event.

“I love these tourna-
ments 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 wres-
tlers,” 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.”

MP’s Williamson puts up 24 in Hound loss

MT. PLEASANT - Mt. Pleasant got 24 points, includ-
ing 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 Camryn 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.
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“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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Bauswell said it’s great team building and event and all groups are welcome to come join the fun. “Whether you are a church or a bar, everybody is welcome to sign up and come experience the excitement of this racing,” he said.

“Throughout the country we see teams from all walks of life - families, breast cancer survivor groups, churches, clubs, high schools, and others.”

If enough teams sign up the committee will bring four boats to the Mississippi River for the tournament. Each team will load up and paddle to a starting dock and then race 300 meters to a flag buoy where a catcher 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 drag-onboats@riverfest.org. More information on dragon boat racing can be found at americandragonboat.org.

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 appearance 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.

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Panthers defensive holds FM in check

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’ Shemymour 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 Col-in 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 a free throw on the next trip down the floor.

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.

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.

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A 7-point swing out of the first quarter on the technical fouls were called in the quarter and the Panthers didn’t convert a bucket until Kieran Kohorst hit a free throw on the next trip down the floor.

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