HTC cast reflects on the “Wizard”

BY AVA PEITZ
HTC Intern

FORT MADISON - As Dorothy would say, “There’s no place like home.”

After speaking with Sabrina Fullhart, who played Dorothy in Holy Trinity Catholic’s production of the Wizard of Oz, it was clear that the actors felt at home on stage. “I will never forget about how after each show, I felt as if I had left everything out on the stage.”

Fullhart is a senior, and hopes to carry memories of Holy Trinity’s musical productions with her to college. “I used every amount of energy that I had for each performance and I feel as if I should put that much effort into everything that I do in college, whether it’s a test or a concert,” Fullhart said.

Her favorite memory from this year’s production includes improvising a line on the spot. “During my last show, Ryan (the Wizard) came on stage, and I said that he was short, at least for a wizard. The audience loved it so much that I even broke character and had to turn away to laugh a little myself.”

HTC’s Sabrina Fullhart delivers on stage at the high school’s musical “Wizard of Oz” in March. Photo by Ava Peitz/HTC Intern

 Alongside Dorothy, HTC’s Sabrina Fullhart delivers at the high school’s musical “Wizard of Oz” in March. Photo by Ava Peitz/HTC Intern

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were her sidekicks - a scarecrow, a lion, and a tinman. Her fellow senior, Conrad Hellman, played the role of Scarecrow. “I will participate in some kind of college theater, hopefully,” he said. Being a senior, Hellman has made many memories participating in the musical, and the lessons that come along with performing. “Sometimes you just gotta let loose and be yourself. No one will judge you if they see you enjoy what you’re doing.”

Maille Sheerin, a Holy Trinity sophomore, portrayed the courageous Lion. “One of my favorite parts of getting to perform was just being able to be on stage with all of my friends!” Being

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Old Fort genealogy group hosts FamilySearch

FORT MADISON - Tracing your family tree has become a lot easier since more genealogical records have become available online. The largest collection of these is at FamilySearch with more than 6.3 billion records.

The Old Fort Genealogical Society will host Chuck and Fran Moulton from the Nauvoo FamilySearch Center on Monday, April 23 at 7pm at the Fort Madison Public Library. The Moultons will give a presentation about recent changes at the local center and a FamilySearch how-to for people curious about using it successfully to trace their own family history.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact ofgs2018@gmail.com.

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Sign-up for Mayhem ends this week

FORT MADISON - This is the last week to receive the early registration rates for the most fun run of the season. Mayhem on the Mississippi is a 5K obstacle course run that will happen on May 5th. The run will take place in Rodeo Park in Fort Madison. This run is far from typical. Runners will conquer an inflatable obstacle course, jump tough tires, and slide to a finish among other great obstacles.

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Sports

FMHS boys win in sudden victory over Keokuk

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhound boys soccer team edged Keokuk in a sudden victory session Tuesday night, 4-3. Hound goalie Carson Donaldson was able to block a Keokuk penalty kick in the extra session to help seal the win. The Hounds outscored the Chiefs' 3-2 in the penalty kick session after being tied 3-3 at the end of regulation.

The Hounds' Brody Rung scored the first goal for Fort Madison at the 27:30 mark of the first half on an assist by Chris Kistner. Rung got free again at the 34:40 mark of the first half on a pass by Miguel Trejo. The Hounds went up 3-0 when Austin Sexton took a ball from Kistner and found the back of the net with just 3:30 left in the first half.

Keokuk responded with their first goal of the night 30 seconds later, making the score 3-1 at the half.

The Chiefs scored again just 2:30 into the second half when a ball got by Donaldson on a penalty kick. At the 17:00 minute mark Keokuk tied up the game and neither team scored again in regulation, or the two 10-minute OT sessions, forcing the sudden victory penalty kick sequence.

Tristan Kirk and Jamin Klose were able to pop shots past Donaldson during the session, but the Hounds AJ Nolting, Sexton and Kelly Russell all scored on kicks for Fort Madison. Donaldson had four saves for FMHS.

The Hounds improve to 2-3 (1-1 in the Southeast Conference) and travel to Washington on Friday for a conference game.

In the junior varsity game, Will Larson, Javier Trejo and Kelly Russell all had goals. Anthony Barnes, Alex Steffensmeier and Renzo Eid each had assists as Fort Madison won 3-0. Chance Decker had four saves on the night.

HTC/Marquette alumni baseball game April 28

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - The 2nd Annual HTC/Marquette/Aquinas alumni baseball game has been set for Saturday, April 28 beginning at 6 p.m. at South Park in West Point. All proceeds from the event will go toward the Holy Trinity Catholic boys baseball team.

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Bloodhounds take two from undefeated powerhouse Fairfield

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FAIRFIELD - Kearstyn Johnson was the only Bloodhound to get a win in singles in Tuesday’s girls high school tennis meet at Fairfield as the Hounds bowed out 2-7. However, FMHS was the first team to take any matches from Fairfield on the year. Fairfield is 34-2 in total matches this year.

Fort Madison’s top two seeds, Katie Larson and Miho Shirai, were both defeated 0-8 with Larson going to down to Fairfield’s freshman phenom Yana Gaskell. Gaskell has yet to drop a game for the undefeated Trojans this year.

Shirai fell to Anatta Charoenkul who also is yet to lose a game this year.

“Their one and two spots are going to be tough for anyone to beat, so Katie and Miho had nothing to lose and just tried new things,” Head Coach Amy Doherty said.

At No. 3 singles, Johnson dropped Hermela Gebremariam 8-6, who was unbeaten playing at No. 4 all season.

“Kearstyn had a good match at number three, playing too carefully, yet consistently,” Doherty said.

The Hounds No. 4 singles player Larissa Ferrill lost for the first time this year 5-8 to Anna Beasley. Senior Mercedes Doty fell 4-8 to Allison Krumbolz and at No. 6, Lanie Kuntz just missed knocking off senior Ashley Pool 6-8.

In doubles action, Doty and Kuntz nipped Krumbolz and Pool 9-8 with a 7-1 tiebreaker. Larson and Shirai fell 1-8 and Johnson/Ferrill lost 8-0.

“Lanie and Mercedeex had an awesome comeback winning in a tiebreaker after being down 3-7. Our two wins were Fairfield’s first losses on the season so there’s a positive,” Doherty said.

The Hounds travel to Burlington on Friday.

In junior varsity action, Alyse Schmidt won 6-0 and Zoe Ramatowski fell 1-6 in singles action. The two combined for a 6-2 win in doubles.

Lilli Scott and Lily Cadwallader won 6-4, Lauren Bailey/Deanna Warner won 6-4, Abbee Kelly/Taylor Ann McGee won 6-1, Aiah Ross/Kelsey Penrod fell 1-6, Shyanne Hoenig/Rachel Hellman won 6-3, and Jamie Folks/Kirklynn Nafriger won 6-1.
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Cast looking ahead to future productions

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a mere sophomore, Sheerin hopes to perform in many future productions. "I've been in the past three musicals for the high school and hope to be in the next two for my last years of high school."

Danny Caruso, a Holy Trinity freshman, took on a lead role as Tinman.

"My favorite part of being in the musical was spending time with the cast. I really enjoyed the second night. On the first night, it was kind of chaotic, but after I got used to it all, it worked out well," he said.

Caruso hopes to participate in the musical next year.

Stewart Beyer, the choir director at Holy Trinity, directed the production.

"I think the Sunday matinée was the most solid performance this year. It was just because the second act worked out really well for all nights, but the first act on Sunday was singular. It was just that one that went so well."

Beyer has been directing for a few years, and has watched several senior actors progress.

"It was pretty awesome. Sabrina evolved into her roles. In maturity of the roles, and in the sheer volume of lines and music that she had to work with. Conrad obviously got a bigger part each year as well, and I just really saw him as a utility actor that could do any role and fit it just fine. Joe Hummel is our stage manager, but he actually performed in Grease, last year's production, so that was cool to see," Beyer said.

Beyer was proud of the cast and crew this year for working together.

"I think they learned some stuff from the plot. The biggest thing I think they learned about this year was the extenuating circumstances with my hospital visit and having a baby, they just really learned how to become an autonomous group. I was really happy with that result."

From left to right, HTC's Conrad Hellman, "Scarecrow", Danny Caruso, "Tin Man", Maille Sheerin "Cowardly Lion" and Sabrina Fullhart work a scene at the HTC presentation of "The Wizard of Oz" last month.

Still time to online register for Main Street’s Mayhem on the Mississippi

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Registration before April 20th for the race is $20 and includes a t-shirt and refreshments. After April 20th, the registration fee increases to $25 and does not guarantee a t-shirt. Participants can also register the day of the race.

To register for the race online visit getmeregistered.com and search for Mayhem on the Mississippi. Paper forms can also be picked up at Fort Madison YMCA, Anytime Fitness, Rev Fitness, Running Wild in Burlington, and The Fort Madison Partners Office, 614 9th Street in Fort Madison.

Same day registration will be from 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Saturday, May 5th at the Old Lions Shelter House at Rodeo Park.

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