Science kids get practical at superconference fair

Central Lee, HTC students get awards at SEISC fair at SCC’s John Witte building

Above, Lee County Conservation District Director Nathan Unsworth judges Kayla Livesay’s senior biological project. Livesay won Grand Champion with the project on accelerating plant growth. At right Rosie Strickland, left, and Jayde Watznauer explain their survey on e-cigarette usage in high schools.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – High school science students took over most of the health science wing on the campus of Southeastern Community College Thursday morning. It was a full day of biofuels, worms, bats, nitrogen, spit and whatever else these creative students came up with over six months of preparing for the morning of judging. Forty judges reviewed more than 110 projects by 146 students.

Students from schools around the Southeast Iowa Superconference brought their science projects into the John Witte Health Sciences Building for three and half hours of judging by area teachers, naturalists, and professors with winners announced in the afternoon.

Teachers from Central Lee High School and Middle School, Danville, Holy Trinity Catholic, New London, Van Buren, Winfield-Mt. Union and West Burlington, were on hand to assist with the fair.

Mallory Wills, a teacher in her first year at Holy Trinity Catholic said with the country highly focused on STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, its important students get hands-on with their learning. Holy Trinity had close to 30 entrants in the fair with junior high and high school combined.

“You can always teach from a book, and show students the scientific formula, but this is the practical application for these students.”

- Mallory Wills, HTC Science Teacher

Glo Run 2019 set for April 6 at BSC

Proceeds from event go to support Elliott Test Kitchen’s educational, ACT programs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Four city service groups in Fort Madison are cooking up something again for the Elliott Test Kitchen.

On April 6, beginning at 8 p.m., the second annual Glo 5K Crazy for Education at the Baxter Sports Complex will be hosted by the Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Fort Madison High School’s Key Club.

Last year’s event raised close to $3,700 for educational programs at the Test Kitchen, located downtown Fort Madison.

The Elliott Test Kitchen is an innovative student-driven program in downtown Fort Madison. Director Kumar Wickramasingha provides an environment for learning with up-to-date technology and support from teachers in the Fort Madison public and private school systems.

Programs center around ACT exam prep, robotics labs, STEM projects and homework assistance. During sessions at the Test Kitchen, students also learn to prepare and serve full meals under the direction of Kumar, who is a renowned chef and former restaurateur.

The 2018 run was the first year for the combined service group effort to put the event on. Close to 150 runners came out for the run that starts at the sports complex and running along the P.O.R.T. trails east to Ivanhoe Park where runners loop around the park and then head north to Bluff Road, turning west to 48th Street down to a loop at Fort Madison Middle School and back to the sports complex property.

The path and finish are line are illuminated with lights in bags and LED lights. This year a new lit finish line is being constructed for even more glare as runners make their way across the finish line.

Medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each division.

Those interested in the run can register at www.pencitycurrent.com/2019glorun for the event’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Glocrazyforeducation/ for a printable registration form.

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OBITUARIES

LARRY GEORGE ROUNDS

Larry George Rounds, 77, of Fort Madison, IA, died the evening of March 4, 2019 at Unity Point Health in Keokuk, IA.

Friends may greet the family from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 929 Main Street, Montrose, IA. A brief memorial service will follow at 4 p.m.

CHARLES EDWARD ROBINSON

Charles Edward Robinson was pronounced dead due to natural causes at 1:39 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in a hospice room of the Iowa State Penitentiary where he had been housed due to terminal illness. Robinson was 71 years old at the time of his death.

Robinson had been serving a life sentence for the crime of Murder 1st Degree from Polk County. His incarceration began on September 26, 1979.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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**FORT MADISON** – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

**Community Blood Drives**
A blood drive will be held at the Fort Madison Public Library from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday March 8. Lincoln Elementary will be the site of a blood drive on Thursday, March 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Call the blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281 to donate.

**YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer**
Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season, which runs March 26 – May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of $20 for members, $40 for non-members. From March 11-17th participants can register but fees are $10 higher. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

**United Way Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser**
The United Way of the Great River Region is hosting its 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Hawkeye Restaurant on March 11. Carry out or dine-in options available. Serving times are from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Director Karen Thie at 319-524-4504.

**Step into Iowa History**
A presentation on prisoner of war camps in Iowa during World War II will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library. Linda McCann will be presenting.

**Senior BINGO at The Kensington**
Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for $15. Add a photo for $5. Effective Jan. 1, 2019 non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of $10 per 25 words and $5 per photo. To place your listing, call Chuck at (319)371.1670 or Lee at (319)371.4125.

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- Rinse & clean all food jars & cans before recycling
- Flatten empty boxes for better storage & volume reduction
- Place all recyclables loose in bins
- Don't recycle wrapping paper
- Properly dispose of all electronics and household hazardous waste

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**Lee County Health Department**

**Hospice Volunteer Training**

April 2 - April 23, 2019
4 Tuesday Evenings
6:00pm-9:00pm at LCHD office

No fee, Open to the public
To register call (319)372-5225 or visit www.leecountyhd.org

You can make a difference!

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FMHS boys open track season at UNI’s loaded Dickinson Relays

BY CHUCK VANDEMBERG  PICS EDITOR

CEDAR FALLS – The 2019 version of the Bloodhound boys’ track season got underway Tuesday at a loaded A.D. Dickinson Relays where the top runners in the state gathered to shake off the winter blues.

First year co-head Coach Chad Han-num said practice officially started February 19th and with those two weeks of practice under their belts the boys were eager to compete.

The guys turned in some great times for their first races of the season. For some, this was their first meet at the varsity level. We saw a lot of good things at this meet,” Hannum said. “Good starts out of the blocks, good hand-offs (to name a few) and most of all effort! The team has a great attitude and is willing to put in the work in practice. It’s going to be a fun track and field season.

HTC junior Matt Hellige, running in the Bloodhound’s shared program, competed in the 3200 meter invitational run. Only the top 32 make the cut to run and the Bloodhounds’ team was 4th.

For the open 200 meter, sophomore Brock Califf motored to a 25.62, second was Wiseman at 26.17 and McConaughy who had a 26.17 in 10:51.15 (28th of 60).

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For the open 200 meter, sophomore Brock Califf motored to a 25.23, Junior Michael Mosena ran a fast 25.62, and junior Gage Fullenkamp finished with a 27.25.

Hannum and Wolfe competed in their second 800 of the night. Hannum finished in 2:20.93 and Wolfe in 2:34.90.

The 4 x 400 team capped off the meet for the Hounds. The team consisted of Schneider (55), Mosena (56.34), and sophomore Bryce Britton ran a split of 65.8 with freshman Isaiah Miller brought it home in a time of 66.81 for a total time of 4:05.68 (51st).

The 4 x 800 team was next with Hayden Wolle (freshman), Garrett Hannum (sophomore), Chay Smith (sophomore), and Miguel Trejo (Senior). Wolle (2:36) ran the first leg followed by Hannum with a 2:16. Smith (2:48) ran the third leg with Trejo (2:48) running 4th. The team’s time was 10:28.04 – 62nd overall.

Two seniors Dom Frantz and Trey Kuntz competed in the 1600-meter finishing with a time of 5:05.98 (36th).

Hellige again made the cut to run in the 1600-meter finishing with a time of 5:15.12 (44th). Matt Wallace qualified and had the top finish of the day for Fort Madison finishing in 10:28.04 – 62nd overall.

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Lee County Attorney’s Office has an immediate opening for the collections clerk position (40 hours per week).

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If interested and for more information, please call – Tammy at 319-372-8043.

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For more information, please call – Tammy at 319-372-8043.

Thanks for your interest.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATOR NEEDED

RSVP: United Way of the Great River Region is seeking a Community Garden Coordinator.

Do you like to garden and work outdoors? Do you like to plan, plant and harvest food?

We are seeking an individual this Spring who will plan, plant, cultivate, harvest and lead other volunteers in our Community Garden (garden is located at 2006 Avenue L, Fort Madison, Iowa behind Hy-Vee).

Must enjoy working outside, gardening and harvesting. Will direct garden activities with other volunteers and may require some bending, stooping and lifting of 10 lbs. or less. Times: 1 hour, 2 times per week.

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Central Lee sweeps Division I ratings at science fair

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was a survey done but two HTC high school stu-
dents looking at the use of e-cigarettes among area
dents. The survey revealed that a lot of the students didn’t
realize what they were ingesting.
Wills said students can spend up to six months
perfecting their projects and then start the year
with just having to finish up the boards. But she
said some other students don’t have an idea until
they come to school, and for the most part, that’s
the toughest part of the projects.
"Some start in the summer
and then have the research finished by the
start of the year, and then they have to just put their
boards together," she said.
"But the hardest part of
science fair is coming up with the idea. Once you’ve
got the idea and you figure out a good way to do
it, you’re good. If you can get past that point, most
can keep going and perfect their projects.
Judge Vicki Stephenson talks with Holy Trinity Catholic’s Kayla Box,
right, and Brooke Mueller, who did a project entitled Worms and Waste,
at Thursday’s SEISC Science Fair at SCC.
Central Lee’s Everal Lee Harvey won a Division I
genius in the junior high bi-
ological category with her "Does Feeding Time Effect Birthing Time for a Ewe?" Jenna Hellman
of Holy Trinity, and Kate
Azinger and Hallie Lampe
of Central Lee took a Division II in the same
category.
In the junior high
physical science category,
Central Lee’s Grant An-
derson took a Division I
rating for his project, "The
Effects of Wavelength on Solar Efficiency, while Holy Trinity’s Ellie Lake
and Laura Mehmert
each scored a Division II
rating.
At the senior level, Claire Willis of Central
Lee won a Division I rat-
ing, while Faith Diephuis
and Kaylynn Summers
of Central Lee took a Division II ranking. In the
biological category, Brooklyn Pardell of Cen-
tral Lee took a Division I rating, while Brianna
Gruntmier of Central Lee
took a Division II rating.
In the special awards
place in the Top Biologi-
cal Science Project. Par-
dell also earned a $50 Tull Pollinator Award. Holy
Trinity Catholic’s Mary
Kate Bendig took a $50
prize for the Tull Honey
Award.
Holy Trinity’s Daltin
Boeding took home a
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5-Day Weather Forecast

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Light Snow
High– 35.7º F | Low – 32.2º F

SAT 09 Mar
Light Snow
High– 39.1º F | Low – 32.2º F

SUN 10 Mar
Light Snow
High– 38.7º F | Low – 29.8º F

MON 11 Mar
Clear
High– 31.6º F | Low – 18.6º F

TUE 12 Mar
Light Rain
High– 42.4º F | Low – 36.5º F