CyberHounds fly at 2nd FIRST event

‘Gemini’ takes Fort Madison squad from worst to - almost first

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FORT MADISON – According to astrology, Gemini don’t get buried in the past and instead focus on the future and optimism. A Fort Madison robotics team comprised of high school students from Fort Madison and Holy Trinity Catholic Church, built a robot called ‘Gemini’ for a second shot at a regional robotics competition called FRC or FIRST Robotic Competition in Sedalia, Mo earlier this month.

After finishing 61st out of 61 teams last year in Cedar Falls, the team regrouped and put a focus on the 2018 experience and where they needed to be to get in the game in 2019. The team is mentored by Joseph and Shalisse Johnstun, who teach history and English, respectively, at FMHS.

After a day of qualifying Member of the CyberHounds Fort Madison Robotics Team are shown with ‘Gemini’, the team’s entry into the FRC Robotics competition in Sedalia, Mo. earlier this month, Fort Madison was given the competitions Team Spirit Award and missed going to the semifinals by one point.

The qualifying matches consisted of random alliances of three teams pitted against another alliance of three teams. The alliance with the most points wins the match. ‘Gemini’ didn’t have the same mechanics for some of the tasks as the other robots, some of which were built with the support of national players like NASA and Boeing, so the team quickly shifted to a defense.

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OBITUARIES

WENDELL JACOBSMEIER

Wendell Jacobsmeier, 80, of Ft. Madison passed away on Tuesday, April 09, 2019 at 1:35 AM at The Madison.

He was born on July 31, 1938 in Ft. Madison to William and Loretta Hellweg Jacobsmeier. Wendell was in sales with several local business, including Kempker’s. On January 13, 2001 he married Emily Cangas in Keokuk and she passed away on April 11, 2017. He served in the US Marines. Wendell was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed bowling, softball and was a Chicago Cubs and Iowa Hawkeyes fan. He was a member of the Barber Shop Quartet where he won several awards.

Survivors include his children, Theresa Matlick of Parker, CO, Lisa Snodgrass of Quincy, IL, David (Stephanie) Jacobsmeier of Sedalia, MO, Todd Jacobsmeier of Montrose. He was a member of the Barber Shop Quartet where he won several awards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Justin.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

THOMAS C. ENSMINGER

Thomas C. Ensminger, 71, of Ft. Madison passed away on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 4:55 PM at the Great River Hospice House.

He was born on January 4, 1948 in Keokuk to Ray and Dorothy Stockwell Ensminger. On February 6, 1971 he married Susan Wells in Montrose. He served in the US Navy during Vietnam. Tom was a sheet metal worker for twenty two years. He was a lead welder and a certified sheet metal worker. Tom worked for Mid American Energy from 1986-2013. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, arrowhead collecting and being outdoors. He had a great sense of humor and a lot of common sense. His greatest love was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Ensminger of Ft. Madison; two grandchildren, Kayla Jordan of Des Moines and Austin Ensminger of Ft. Madison; two sisters, Pat French of Rio Rancho, New Mexico and Janice Einfeldt of Carrizozo, New Mexico; one brother, Philip Ensminger of Hollister, MO; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Nathan.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet friends from 4:30-6 PM. A celebration of life will be held at 6 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Jake Kramer officiating.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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sive posture. A move that was quickly mimicked by other teams. After the end of qualifying, the top eight teams automatically qualify for the quarterfinals and those teams get to pick which two teams they want in their alliance for a shot at the title. The CyberHounds didn’t make the top eight but were selected 11th out of the remaining 28 teams to be on an alliance.

The CyberHounds alliance competed in the final two best-of-three quarterfinal matches, against the alliance that would end up winning the competition. The first match ended in a 63-63 draw with the opponents winning due to a penalty point. The second match was won by the opponents by one point, causing the CyberHounds to miss the semifinals by one point.

Despite coming up short in the semifinals, the CyberHounds didn’t come away empty handed. A team was awarded the competition’s Team Spirit Award out of all the competitors. Shyannah Hoenig said a team of judges visited all the team’s pits and observed the team work not just internally, but also networking with other teams and gave Fort Madison the honor.

She said the team was well-prepared for the competition this year after going through the rough competition last year.

The Elliot Test Kitchen became a sponsor of the team by advising on coordinating the efforts of the team at the Test Kitchen and providing space and meals to the kids on the team. Test Kitchen founder Kumar Wickramasingha said it was an exciting time for him to see the kids competing as the event was live-streamed over the Internet.

“As a comparison this year we were automatically already a lot stronger. As a bot we stabilized more and they’re really, really smart. I mean some of these kids… whoa. There were some really good kids that saw the kids and they really came through.” He said. “These kids get it and are working hard and doing well.”

The Elliott Test Kitchen helped in advisory and financial functions to get the program to the next level. Michael Mohrfeld, president of Mohrfeld Electric, said on Tuesday he was proud of how well the team did.

“Tis’ The Season of Gifting...
Boys runners take 4th at rare Illinos run

MONMOUTH – The Fort Madison Bloodhound boys track team made a rare outdoor trip to Illinois to compete in the 14th Annual Monmouth-Roseville Titan Invitational Monday night. The Bloodhounds took 4th place out of 12 teams led by the 4 x 400 team of Brock Califf, Garrett Hannum, Andrew Schaefer, and Quentin Schneider with a time of 3:39.29, good enough for first place overall.

In addition, the Hounds had four 2nd-place finishes. Matt Hellige set a personal record in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:43.48. The junior also took 2nd in the 3,200 meter run with a mark of 10:21.30.

In an event that doesn’t exist in Iowa, Schneider earned another 2nd for the Hounds with a 44.75 time in the 300-meter hurdles, and the Bloodhounds 4x200 relay squad of Califf, Redd-Donald, Mikey DiPrima and Schneider placed second with a time of 1:38.74.

Hannum put up a 5th-place finish in the 300-hurdles with a mark of 47.37 and then through up his best time of the season in the 800 at 2:11.47.

Andrew Schaefer raced to a 5th-place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.48.

Gage Fullenkamp nailed down 6th place in the 110 hurdles with a mark of 20.72, while Isaiah Miller was right behind in 7th at 21.84.

Ethan Deacon placed 8th throwing a personal best 40-11.5 in the shot and the 4x800 team of Dem Frantz, Bryce Britton, Hayden Wolfe, and Macaden Rhoer took 7th with a mark of 10:33.67.

Other notables: Cuyrin Ross through the discus 100-9, which was a personal best for him and Fullenkamp ran the 400 in a personal best 1:01.60.

In other events, Gavin Wiseman ran the 200-meter dash in 27.60 and Califf finished at 25.53. Alec Craft heaved the shot 38-4.

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Lady Hounds get five top fives at Lamb Relays

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds recorded two third-place finishes and finished 14th overall at the 44th Annual Timm Lamb Pen City Relays.

Freshman Raquel Schneider finished the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:15.51, just .18 seconds out of second place behind Ashley Telleen of Washington. Maggie Cristoforo led the pack with a quick 1:06.26 for Mt. Pleasant.

The Shuttle Hurdle Relay team also took 3rd place with a time of 1:15.63. Sophomore Reyna Lampe who led off the shuttle hurdle relay, also took a 4th place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.22.

Freshman Katie Dennis came in 5th place in the 3000-meter run with a time of 12:40.54. Lauren King and Claire Hellman finished 6th and 7th behind Dennis.

Other top finishers for the Lady Hound included Hellman's 8th place in the 1500-meter run with a time of 6:11.33. The 4×100 meter relay team came in 8th place with a time of 57.36 and the 800-sprint medley girls took 7th with a 2:06.90. Dalyn Wondra earned 7th place in the discus with a throw of 86-3.75.

Complete individual results for the Bloodhounds are below.

- 100-meter: dash Bella Baier 14.74 (14th), Julia Seel, 15.29 (19th); 200-meter dash: Taylor Barnes 30.38 (11th), Baier 30.72 (12th), Seel 32.27 (17th); 800-meter: Kylie Cashman 2:57.12 (16th), Lauren King 3:02.47 (12th); 1,500-meter run: Claire Hellman 6:11.33 (8th); 3000-meter run: Robbie Dennis 12:40.54 (5th), King 13:03.47 (6th), Hellman 13:15.44 (7th); 100 hurdles: Reyna Lampe 17.22 (4th); 400-meter hurdles: Raquel Schneider 1:15.61 (3rd); 4×100 meter relay: Fort Madison 57.36 (8th); 4×200 meter relay: Fort Madison 2:03.84 (10th); 800 sprint medley: Fort Madison 2:06.90 (7th); Distance Medley: Fort Madison 5:09.47 (6th); 4×100 shuttle hurdle relay: Fort Madison 1:15.63 (3rd); Shotput: Dalyn Wondra – 25-8.5 (16th); Discus – Wondra 86-3.75 (8th), Seel 73-0 (14th)

Fort Madison's Bella Baier motors home in the 2nd heat of the 100-meter dash Tuesday night at the Timm Lamb Pen City Relays.

At left, Olivia Williams takes a hand off in the distance medley, and bottom left Dalyn Wondra heaves the shot.

Senior Julia Seel whirls just prior to releasing the discus on Tuesday in Fort Madison in the Timm Lamb Pen City Relays.
10% IRS penalty tax. Additionally, there is a charge for the Simple7 Income Rider once it is activated.
Kirklynn Nafziger won easily 10-1 over Delaynce Billings at No. 5. “Very pleased with our effort tonight,” head coach Jeremy Swink said. “We did a much better job communicating and working together. Every point, match and set they win, they gain that much more confidence in themselves and their teammates, which is exactly what we are striving for. Each of those positives being said, there is always room for improvement and areas we need to get better at.”

In doubles action, Ferrill and Kuntz won 10-6 over Keokuk’s Hall and Emma Evans. Ramirez and Nafziger won 10-1 win over Keokuk’s Hall and Julia de Gala 10-0, while Cadwallader and Schmidt sealed the day while Cadwallader and Schmidt won 10-0 shutout at No. 6 singles. Alyse Schmidt also scored a 10-0 shutout at No. 6 doubles. The senior rolled past Maharishi’s Olivia Mone 8-2 and won again 8-2. Maharishi’s Vaisnavii Shalavani beat Kierra Huddleston 8-3 and then swept Mt. Pleasant’s Gerin Zihlman 8-0.

In doubles action, Fort Madison took second in team scoring at the Invitational. FMHS’s Lily Cadwallader approaches the net during Saturday’s Fort Madison Invitational. Cadwallader finished fourth at No. 1 singles as Fort Madison took second in team scoring at the Invitational.

Larissa Ferrill, playing at No. 1 singles needed a bit more time in her 10-3 win over Keokuk’s Keleigh Hall, while Lanie Kuntz, Zoe Ramirez and Lily Cadwallader all pitched shutouts at No. 2-4 singles. Alyse Schmidt also scored a 10-0 shutout at No. 6 singles.

The Lady Bloodhounds got another 2nd place finish out of Alyse Schmidt. The senior rolled past Maharishi’s Shristi Sharma in straight sets 8-0 before outlasting West Burlington/Notre Dame’s Courtney Erickson in a tiebreaker after the two went 8-8. Schmidt was able to win the first-to-seven-by-two tiebreaker 7-2.

With the win she faced Fairfield’s Nellie Higdon who came out on top 8-3 for the title at No. 2 singles. At the No. 1 singles bracket, Lily Cadwallader took 4th place. Cadwallader beat Keokuk’s Billings in the first round 8-0 to face Fairfield’s two-time state champion Anatta Charoenkul losing 8-0.

Cadwallader slipped into the consolation bracket where she won her next match over Maharishi’s Vamsavii Mahannaj to advance to the fourth-place match against Mt. Pleasant’s Shaleen Thiangmany and lost 1-8 to get fourth in the bracket.

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The duo played at the Holy Trinity courts and knocked off West Burlington/Notre Dame’s Abby McAtee and Shuyu Xian 8-0, and then beat Fairfield’s Abby Scheafer and Lauren Kraemer to advance to the title match 8-2.

There they faced Maharishi’s Lily Fenton and Despika Scharma and won again 8-2. In the No. 1 doubles flight, Fort Madison’s Ferrill and Kuntz slid by Maharishi’s Olivia Gobbal and Yuet Deribe 8-3 and then swept Mt. Pleasant’s Gerin Zihlman and Hallie Sanford 8-0 to get to the title match against Keokuk.

There Hall and Evans downed Fort Madison 8-5 giving the Lady Hounds a 2nd-place finish. The Lady Hounds got another 2nd place finish out of Alyse Schmidt. The senior rolled past Maharishi’s Shristi Sharma in straight sets 8-0 before outlasting West Burlington/Notre Dame’s Courtney Erickson in a tiebreaker after the two went 8-8. Schmidt was able to win the first-to-seven-by-two tiebreaker 7-2.

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Lady Hounds down Keokuk; 2nd at Saturday Invite