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City readies for RiverFest

Craft and Riverfest 2018 Committee have 3rd edition of summer festival reboot set to be one of biggest ever

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With Riverfest just six days away, organizer Charles Craft said things are going at break-neck speed at this year projections are exceeding already lofty expectations and could be one of the biggest Riverfests since it was reborn in 2016.

The event kicks off Thursday afternoon and runs through Sunday with national acts highlighted Pop Evil, Saving Abel and Colt Ford among others. This year's event again will have something for every member of family from the carnival, to the annual Riverfest Games, information and craft booths, carnival food, motocross stunt shows, and the return for the first time in a decade of Dragon Boats on the Mississippi River.

Craft said there are still spaces available for dragon boat teams, but those are filling fast with five teams already geared up for the event. To register a team, go to the Riverfest website at www.riverfestfm.com.

Some of the most recent additions to the event



Pop Evil is one of the hottest bands on the rock charts and will hit the Pen City Current Main Stage on Saturday night right after Hinder and Headfirst.



Colt Ford is anchoring 2018 Riverfest with a Sunday night performance. He's one of 15 national, regional, and local rock bands to take the stage beginning Aug. 2.

"This is waaaay bigger. Just everything is compounded. This is now a different level event. The feel of it is different."

-Charles Craft,
Riverfest organizer

include a couple of meet-and-greet contests with local radio stations.

Z93 FM out of Keokuk is hosting a tenderloin eating contest Friday night at 6 p.m. at Dr. Getwell's in Keokuk. In that event, five contestants will snarf down a tenderloin in record time with the winner getting a meet-and-greet with whichever band member they choose. Tyler French, Keokuk Radio's news director will be on hand putting down a sandwich as well and if anyone beats him they will get an extra surprise from the radio. Contestants include Kayla Francis, Eric Serreo, Adam Tucker, Marc Thannert, Kimberly Southerland.

KQ92 out of Burlington, will be doing a radio contest prior to kick off of the festival with a the winner getting to have a steak dinner at The Palms

Restaurant and Bar in Fort Madison with rock band Hinder.

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RIVERFEST GAMES

Come out and play!

WORLD SERIES OF BEER PONG

The Official World Series of Beer Pong Qualifier Tournament will be held on Thursday afternoon on the entertainment side of the festival grounds For more information on the event and rules see the website at www.riverfestfm.com

RiverFest Bags (Corn-hole) Tournament

Sunday August 5th, 2018 @ 2pm
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Day of registration is \$30.00.
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Double Elimination Tournament. Matches will be best of 3.
CO-ED – MM/MF/FF all allowed.
100% Cash payback to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Recreational Play open to all abilities.
All weather regulation bags.
Location: Riverview Park, Fort Madison Iowa, east of 6th

RiverFest Kan Jam Tournament

August 4th, 2018 @ 10am
Register now, online registration.
Online registration is \$20.00/per team of 2
Day of registration is \$30.00.
All participants must fill out a RiverFest Sports Participant Waiver.
All ages can play, under 18 must have a signed permission form.
CO-ED – MM/MF/FF all allowed.
Double Elimination Tournament.
Match lengths based on # of teams entered. For example "Best of 3, 5, or 7".
100% Cash payback to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Recreational Play open to all abilities.
Location: Riverview Park, Fort Madison Iowa, east of 6th
Food and beverages will be available on site.
Come join us, this tourney plays rain or shine!

RiverFest Sand Volleyball Tournament

Saturday August 4th, 2018 @ 9am

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OBITUARIES

NELLIE RUTH MCVAY

Nellie Ruth McVay, 91 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa, died at 7:20 am Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Donnellson Health Center, Donnellson, Iowa. She was born April 30, 1927 at Donnellson, Iowa, a daughter of Walter D. and Alma M. (Krehbiel) Krebill. On February 15, 1953, she married Ronald E. McVay at Donnellson, Iowa. He preceded her in death November 14, 2004.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the United Transportation Union Auxiliary and the National Association of Railroad Veterans and Railroad Employees. She was an active member of the Santa Fe United Methodist Church, now the Fort Madison United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for 20 years. She was a member of their Santa Fe Ladies group and was a past president of United Methodist Women. She enjoyed hand-stitching quilts and playing cards. For 17 years, Nellie and her husband, Ronald, wintered in Mission, Texas.

She is survived by one son, Steven R. (wife Debbie) McVay, of Donnellson, Iowa; one daughter, Wendy Hartzel, of Edwardsville, Illinois; one granddaughter, Sydney Hartzel, several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Roy Krebill and Arlo Krebill and two sisters, Celia Boltinghouse and Ethel Krebill.

Family will greet friends from 9:30 - 10:30 am Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, with Reverend Dave Barrett officiating. Burial will be at Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established for the Shriners Children Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the McVay Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel, www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

RONALD R. SANFORD

Ronald R. Sanford, 76, of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. He was born on April 30, 1942 in Ft. Madison to Ralph and Francis Burwinkel Sanford. On March 16, 1968 he married Ann Klesener in Ft. Madison. Ron worked



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construction for Kramer Construction many years. Ron was a member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church, the NRA, Knights of Columbus, Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited. He enjoyed tinkering and could fix anything. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Ron was an avid hunter, fisherman and trapper and loved his camouflage. He also enjoyed spending time at his cabin.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Sanford of Ft. Madison; a daughter, Jill (Josh) Neuweg of Oak Grove, MO; four grandchildren, Tyler Neuweg, Katie Coffman, Jacob Coffman and Abby Neuweg; a great granddaughter, Paislee Lamborn; one brother, Dick (Jane) Sanford of Ft. Madison; two sisters, Judy (Steve) Feehan of Salem and Linda (Dale) Pollmeier of Ft. Madison; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Patty Coffman.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, July 27, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will receive friends from 4-6 PM. There will be a wake service held at 6 PM. The funeral mass will be at 10 AM on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will follow in Gethsemane Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

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Business News/For the Record

Welborn named FMCH Employee of the Month

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Teri Welborn as their June Employee of the Month. Welborn works in the Accounting Department at FMCH and she has been with FMCH for thirty years.

She was recognized with this nomination: "Welborn lives the Standards of Behavior at FMCH excelling at Privacy, Personal Accountability and Commitment to Co-Workers. I would like to nominate one of my employees because she exemplifies what all employees should strive to be in their workplace. She has been at FMCH for 30 years and is a fountain of knowledge. Everyone from all FMCH areas, reach out to her for help. She may not perform that

work, but she will stop everything to assist you. She has been an essential part of the Meditech conversion and in our daily operations. I honestly do not know what I would do without her. She is a pillar in our department!"

Welborn recognized Brad Kokjohn, former FMCH CFO, as someone who made a difference in her career at FMCH.

"Brad is the one who thought I would be a great fit in the accounting department," Welborn said. "I have lots of people who are so great to work with at FMCH. Jeremy Alexander was such a great boss in Accounting and now is a great CEO, Cheryl Albin is a wonderful boss as well. I have to mention my co-workers Kriisti Gobble, Joni Kenel, Heather Hellweg, Justin Bentler and all my co-workers in every de-

partment of the hospital."

Welborn stays very busy, not only with her family, but in the community. She teaches piano lessons at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association, is the organist and choir director at the Fort Madison United Methodist Church, plays piano for the Fort Madison High School choir concerts and other miscellaneous events, and every year accompanies the FMCH Christmas Carolers on their journey around the hospital spreading Christmas cheer.

The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization.



Teri Welborn, second from left, is pictured with, from left, Jeremy Alexander, President/CEO of Fort Madison Community Hospital; Cheryl Albin, Controller; and David Pike, CFO. Welborn was presented with a plaque for the June Employee of the Month.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

7/25/2018 - 8:10 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1600 block of 20th St.
7/25/2018 - 10:20 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1100 block of 14th St.
7/25/2018 - 11:45 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded

to a report of larceny/ theft in the 2600 block of Ave. L.
7/25/2018 - 2:18 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 200 block of Ave. F.
7/25/2018 - 2:21 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 6th St. and Ave. H.
7/25/2018 - 4:43 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 35th St. and Ave. N.
7/25/2018 - 6:25 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1900 block of Ave. N.
7/25/2018 - 7:04 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1900 block of Ave. G.
7/25/2018 - 7:07 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested A-Neika Shatterrah Forrest, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Ave. O, on a charge

of simple assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on promise to appear.
7/25/2018 - 8:57 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1200 block of 19th St.
7/25/2018 - 11:35 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested William Raymond Woodbury, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 5800 block of Ave. O, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Lee County Sheriff's report

No activity reported

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

07/25/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls and two vehicle accidents

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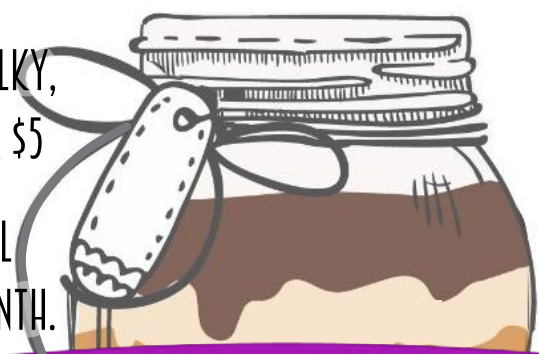
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Heavy Intensity Rain

High- 75.9° F | Low - 65.5° F

MON 30 Jul



Heavy Intensity Rain

High- 72.1° F | Low - 66.0° F

TUE 31 Jul



Moderate Rain

High- 76.5° F | Low - 67.4° F

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From the Front

15 Bands, carnival, games await throngs next weekend

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Craft said if the workload is any indication this is shaping up to be the biggest Riverfest since he rebooted the festival three years ago.

“This is waaaay bigger. Just everything is compounded,” he said. “This is now a different level event. The feel of it is different.”

Tickets sales have been brisk and Craft said this year there will be thousands in Riverview Park watching 15 national and local bands over four days.

Those who haven't picked up tickets can do so at Fort Madison Hy-Vee, New Dimensions at the corner of 18th Street and Avenue G, more than 30 area Casey's General Stores and on Ticketfly at www.ticketfly.com. Tickets are \$35 through Aug. 1, but increase to \$45 at the gate beginning the first day of the festival.

Music entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday with three bands with Memphis Dives and Saving Abel on the Pen City Current Main Stage and Jive Radio in the entertainment tent at 10 p.m. Starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday is the ever-popular local gang Chaz and the Channelcats followed by the Brandon Gibbs and then national rock heavyweights Firehouse on the Main Stage. Decade of Decadence will play in the Entertainment tent starting at 11 p.m. Saturday day kicks off at 4 p.m. on the Main Stage with Head First, followed by millenium rock band Hinder and the contemporary



BRANDON GIBBS - Friday night

rock chart topper's Pop Evil at 9 p.m. X-Crush will keep things going in the Entertainment tent at 11:30.

On Sunday, the music again starts at 4 p.m. with local favorites Stumptown, followed by the explosive The Natu Band, a regional favorite. Then stick around for a fusion of country/rock/pop with Radio Romance and then country rap sensation Colt Ford closing out festival.

“I would say ticket sales and projections will be that we'll have thousands of people. We're shooting to have half the population of Fort Madison down in Riverview Park over the weekend,” Craft said. “We've got some serious national rock acts on stage and this will have a much more of a concert feel to it”

And that's just the nighttime entertainment. the Riverfest Games coordinated by Shanna and Doug Krogmeier are also a big part of the 4-day event. In addition to the riveting Dragon Boat races on the river, Beer Pong is back. This year's winner will receive an automatic entry to the World Series of Beer Pong Tournament in Las Vegas. A 5K run/walk, six-on-six sand volleyball, a bags tournament, a KanJam tournament and a canoe/kayak float are also planned throughout the four days.

Conner Family Amusements will be in town again thrilling adults and kids alike with a the newest in carnival rides and attractions. The carnival opens at 4

p.m. to close each day with wristband specials from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday. A special kids wristband promotion will be held Saturday from noon to 3p.m. The carnival will be open from 11 to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to close on Saturday and noon to close on Sunday. Wristbands are for sale at the Riverfest website for \$18 prior to the festival.

A motorcycle stuntman will be doing amazing things in the parking lot at Riverview mark in multiple shows on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

And you can already smell the carnival food. In addition to the Connor Family Food Stand, other food vendors include Fort Madison's own Twisted River 61 Carry Out; Keeping up with the Jones, of Cedar Rapids; Mediapolis' Pig Out Food Truck; The Lunch Wagon from central Illinois; Hotsy Totsy out of Des Moines; Rodney's Jamaican Jerk & BBQ of Iowa City (if you've been to Iowa City's Jazz Festival, you'll know this great food); Graham's Lemonade Inc., of Quincy, Ill.; Ol' MacDonalds Kettle Corn of South Dakota; and Odd Fellows Lodge Ice Cream.

Critical to each Riverfest for the past three years is the charitable arm of organizer Charles Craft and the Riverfest Committee. This year's Charity Breakfast on Sunday, which is a feedbag of epic proportions, is being hosted by the American Legion Post #82 of Fort Madison. All funds raised will go the Veterans' Honor Flight Program and last year eight veterans were able to be sent to Washington D.C. because of the event.



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Local News/Classifieds

RiverFest 5K starts early Saturday morning

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receive a race t-shirt. Awards will be given to the overall male and female winners, as well as 1st and 2nd place male and female in each age division. Following the race are the RiverFest games, kayak float, carnival rides, great food & live music everyone can enjoy. Timed 5k Run/Walk by J3 Timing Registration Fee: \$25.00 – May 1st – July 25th \$35.00 – July 26th – Aug. 5th (Race Day Registration) Coolers allowed, outside alcohol NOT Coolers will be checked.

RiverFest games rules

Food and beverages will be available on site. Come join us, this tourney plays rain or shine! (Pause for downpours) Space provided for teams that wish to bring tents. Must have concert ticket for entry into tournaments in the entertainment area. Visit www.riverfestfm.com for more information and to register! All participants must fill out a RiverFest Sports Participant Waiver. All ages can play, under 18 must have a signed permission form.

The 2018 RiverFest 5K Run/Walk

Saturday August 4th, 2018 @ 7:30am Register now, online registration ends July 25th. The Riverfest 5k Fun Run/Walk is along the Mississippi river in Fort Madison, Iowa on Saturday August 4th, 2018. This run/walk has absolutely beautiful views and is an ideal event for the entire family. All participants will

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| 8/15 | Cubs vs. Brewers at Wrigley | \$128 pp |
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SEPTEMBER

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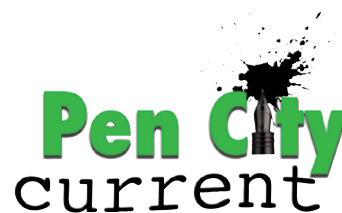
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CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON - The following is a list of events in and around north Lee County as submitted to Pen City Current.

Old Settler's Summer Concert Series

"Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50's on Friday, July 27th when the Pork Producers will be ready to serve you at 5 pm at the Old Settler's Park in Fort Madison.

Kensington Cheese Cake Sale

The Kensington in Fort Madison is now taking orders for cheesecake jars to raise funds for its Relay for Life team. The 16 oz. cheesecake jars are available through Friday for delivery or carryout by calling 319-372-4233 or by message on The Kensington Facebook page.

CAMP WANNAMORRA

The Fort Madison YMCA will be holding a four-day camp focusing on basic life skills, safe use of social media, peer problem solving and basic cooking for area youth ages 11 to 15 years old. Cost of the camp is \$100 for members, \$125 for non members and runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. To register contact the YMCA at 319-372-2403.

Siemens Gamesa Blood Drive

Thursday, July 26 from 6:30am - 8:30am OR 11:30am - 3:30pm

MVRBC Donor Bus - 2597 Hwy 61. To donate, call Susan Beckman at (319) 463-2184.

Gardening Camp

The Fort Madison YMCA will be holding a youth gardening camp from July 30 -Aug. 1.

Riverfest 2018

Riverfest 2018 returns to the Fort Madison riverfront on Aug. 2-5 with live national entertainment, games, dragonboat racing, carnival rides, food and many other activities. See www.riverfestfm.com for full details.

Carousel Preschool Registration

Registration for the Fall Preschool session at Carousel Preschool, 719 Avenue F, in Fort Madison will take place on Aug. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.



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