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RiverFest kicks off Thursday

Tickets still for sale at event website

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison riverfront is a flurry of activity this week with fencing being put up, trailers being moved in and carnival rides arriving in anticipation of RiverFest 2019 presented by Frank Millard & Co. Inc.,

While grounds were being prepared on Saturday, RiverFest organizer Charles Craft was out at Shottenkirk overseeing a "Hand-On-The-Van" contest for a right to have dinner with 80s rockers Warrant.

Three contestants had to keep at least one hand on the van and then had to wolf down a tenderloin



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Three participants in the RiverFest 2019 Hand-on-the-Van contest to win dinner with 80's rockers Warrant stayed attached to the Frank Millard & Co., Inc van at Shottenkirk Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. From left to right are Crystal Laktas of Sandusky, Kevin "Bogeyman" Royer, of Fort Madison (seated) and Andrew Kirchner of Donnellson.

and fries from Buffalo 61. The winner had not been announced as of press

time. A complete schedule of events is on page 3 of today's edition.

Visit www.riverfestfm.com for additional details and ticket information.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Tragic death brings about fond memories

We both worked for the Mt. Pleasant News in the advertising department. I was new and Les was the top dog in sales. I was jealous. We used to tease Les a lot, and he seemed to enjoy it. "Lester the Arrestor doesn't fester, but likes to pester." A lot of words rhyme with Lester, and the four of us in advertising made up all sorts of jingles. Les just smiled. He was a happy person, which was probably why he was so good in sales. We assumed his name was Lester. It wasn't until his obit came out that I realized his name wasn't Lester, it was Leslie. Typical of Les, he didn't correct us. Lester the jester.

We went our separate ways. Les to the gypsum plant in Mediapolis, myself to insurance sales. I didn't see Les again until there was a 5K race at Iowa Wesleyan College. He had his daughter, Amber, with him, and he told her to beat me. She did.

A few years passed and Ginnie and I joined the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. There was Les sitting in front of us, this time with his son, Jonathon. Les was the scripture reader for that day. When he sat down, I jested, "Tell it to'm straight, Les." (Strait was his last name.) He just flashed his classic smile and pretended to shoot me with his fingers.

Les had been a deacon and then an elder with the church. He had been on the nominating committee that brought our current pastor, Trey Hegar, to the church. You done good, Les!

Les and his family moved away from Mt. Pleasant to live on his family farm in Keosauqua, in Van Buren County. He was still working at the gypsum plant in Mediapolis, which made for a long commute. But Les was a tall person, which would have made the trip shorter if he fell forward. (Sorry, Les, there just had to be one last joke.)

The awful news came like a dagger to my heart. Les had been killed in a lawnmower rollover accident. He was 47. Survivors include his wife, Holly, and three kids: Amber, Brandon and Jonathon, also his parents Doris and Marvin. Dear God, why do bad things happen to good people? I dunno. I have no answer.

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DuPont puts up old signage for United Way

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Out with the old and in with the new. We've all heard it, but DuPont is taking it to a new level by sending out the old for charity.

The Fort Madison DuPont production facility will be selling their old brand signage with all the proceeds going to the company's annual United Way Campaign.

DuPont rebranded with all new logos and signage in June of this year and has pulled all the old signs for the highest bidder.

The company has five signs that will be sold including the 5'x12' property sign that welcomed people to the plant for decades.



All interested bidders on the signs need to submit bids to Tammy Workman at Tammy-Lynn.Workman@dupont.com before Aug. 19. The bids will be revealed on Aug. 20. Any questions should be directed to Workman at 319-376-5223.

The first 5'x 12' sign is the old logo sign and is made of hard

plastic.

The second sign is the old DuPont logo "Plant Entrance" sign and is 3-feet tall by 6-feet wide and is constructed of plexiglass. It has the words 'Fort Madison, Iowa on it and "No Thru Traffic'.

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For the Record/Obituaries

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/25/19 – 4:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a personal injury accident at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue I.

07/25/19 – 10:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a personal injury accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

07/25/19 – 10:10 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jessie Marie Smith-Maddox, 43, of Fort Madison at the intersection of Hwy. 61 and 53rd Street on charges of failure to maintain control, no seatbelt, no insurance, failure to obey traffic light (accident related). She

was released upon citation.

07/25/19 – 11:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jessie Marie Smith-Maddox, 43, of Fort Madison at the intersection of Hwy. 61 and 53rd Street on a charge of 3rd-degree harassment. She was released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/24/19 – 2:47 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody John Lutzen, 33, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Valley Street in Burlington, on warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

07/25/19 – 3:09 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 1300 block of 205th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Dalton Kenneth Tweedy, 19, of Keokuk struck a vehicle driven by Andrew Weisinger, no age or address provided. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage and Tweedy was taken into custody on charges of operating while intoxicated-1st offense and he was cited for failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

OBITUARIES

LELAND MAURICE ROBINSON

Leland Maurice Robinson, 66, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at his home.

He was born April 8, 1953 in Keokuk, IA the son of Leland Sr. and Doris Thomas Robinson. Leland graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1972. He had been employed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a conductor for thirty-nine years until his retirement in 2011. Leland was a member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church and Living Word Ministry both in Keokuk.



ROBINSON

Leland enjoyed blues music and often traveled to blues festivals. He was a dedicated member of the Rollin on the River committee in Keokuk for more than twenty years. He loved working in his garden and took pride in growing vegetables and sharing his freshly picked crop with his family and friends. Leland didn't know a stranger. He met and had many friends while here on Earth. Leland loved to fish and several times went deep sea fishing. One of Leland's passions was traveling to different countries such as Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, Belize and the Dominican Republic. Most important in Leland's life were his six grandchildren and having them over to hang out. He often traveled to Colorado to visit his two grandsons. They were all the love and joy of his life.

Leland is survived by one son, Leland Robinson III (Jody) of Colorado Springs, CO, one daughter, Heather Curfman (David) of Carthage, IL, five grandsons, Leyton and Lincoln Robinson both of Colorado Springs, CO and Austin, Cameron and Colin Curfman all of Carthage, IL, one granddaughter, Madison Curfman of Carthage, IL one brother, Mark Robinson of Quincy, IL, four sisters, June Walker (Jerry) of Keokuk, Lelia McCane of Keokuk, Marjorie Robinson of Keokuk and Merri Wells (Darrell) of Keokuk, many nieces and nephews, and special friends including, Buck Clay, Tyann Brewer, Tyjah Clay, Tayshaun Clay and Taylon Clay.

He was preceded in death by his fiancé Rossella Kay, grandson, Brendon Robinson, his parents, brother, Carlton Robinson and sister, Maria Abbey.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Tyrone Seay and Reverend J.T. Brown officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday, August 2, 2019 at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rollin on the River or Pink Heals Western Illinois. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

FMCH offers in-school screenings

LEE COUNTY – Health care professionals from FMCH will be onsite at area schools to provide Athletic Screenings for student athletes on Thursday, Aug. 1 at Central Lee Schools, K-8 Building from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and on Friday, Aug. 2 at Fort Madison High School from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

These athletic screenings will meet the state requirement for sport participation and include a physical exam; vitals including blood pressure, height, weight, body mass index and blood sugar; strength, concussion baseline (if needed), range of motion and posture screening all provided by FMCH healthcare professionals.

Appointments can be made online at www.fmchosp.com or by calling 319-376-2249. All necessary forms need to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Forms can be found on the school websites or on www.fmchosp.com under the Community & Wellness tab. There is a \$25 charge for the screening. If you are unable to participate in the screening on either of these dates, student athletes can come to the FMCH MyCare Walk-In Clinic for their screening – again, all forms must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian. MyCare Walk-In Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Class Schedule

Monday 9-10:30am – Beginners
 Wednesday 9-10:30am – Advanced Beginners
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 Friday 9-10:30am – Beginners

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RiverFest 2019 Lineup

Thursday, August 1

5 p.m. to midnight – Entertainment Area Open
 4:30 p.m. to close – CURE Solutions Carnival Midway
 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. – CURE Solutions Carnival Midway wristband
 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Kachunga and the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Stand Up Paddleboard Rentals – RiverFest Dragonboat Docks
 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Commercial/Craft Vendors in Vendor Area
 4 p.m. to close – Food Vendors in the Food Court
 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Kachunga and the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Living Lucid on the Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Burden of the Sky on the Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Puddle of Mudd on the Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. – Ghost of Judas on the Budweiser South Stag

Friday, Aug. 2

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Volleyball Courts open for practice – Games Area
 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. – Entertainment area open
 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Kachunga & the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Commercial/Craft Vendors – Vendor Area
 4 p.m. to close – Food Vendors open – food court
 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Stand up Paddleboard Rentals – RiverFest Dragonboat Docks
 4 p.m. to close – CURE Solutions Carnival Midway
 5 p.m. to 5:15 – Motorcycle Stunt Show. Pavillion Parking Lot
 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Kachunga & the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – CURE Solutions Carnival Wristband
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Stars in Toledo – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Bullet Boys – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. – Warrant – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. – Teen Dance – Central Parking Lot.
 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. – Decade of Decadence – Budweiser South Stage

Saturday, Aug. 3

6:30 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. -RiverFest 5K Run/Walk Check in – Games area
 7:30 a.m to 8:30 a.m. – RiverFest 5K Run/Walk – Games area
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Commercial/Craft Vendors – Vendor area
 9 a.m. to (until complete) – RiverFest sand volleyball
 9 a.m. to UTC – RiverFest Dragon Boat Races – Mississippi River
 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Racks on the River BBQ Competition – RiverFest Games Area
 11 a.m. to close – Food Vendors – Food Court

11:30 a.m. to noon – Kachunga @ the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. – Motorcycle Stunt Show – Pavilion Parking Lot
 noon to 3 p.m. – Kids Day Carnival Wristbands – CURE Solutions Carnival Midway
 noon to 4 p.m. – CURE Solutions Carnival
 noon to 6 p.m. – Stand up Paddleboard Rentals – RiverFest Dragonboat Docks
 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m – Kachunga & the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Kachunga & the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. – Entertainment Area Open – Entertainment Area.
 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – CURE Solutions Carnival for dinner
 4:45 to 5 p.m. – Motorcycle Stunt Show – Pavilion Parking Lot
 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Manhattan Blockade – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 5 p.m. to close – Motorcycle Stunt Show – Pavilion Parking Lot
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – The 9th Planet Out. Mohrfeld Electric Main State
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Stars in Toledo – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Shaman's Harvest – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. – Sevendust – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. – X-Crush – Budweiser South Stage

Sunday, Aug. 4

8 a.m. – noon – American Legion Charity Breakfast – Buffalo61 Entertainment Tent
 8 a.m. to 3 p.m – Commercial/Craft Vendors – vendor area
 9 a.m. to noon – Canoe/Kayak Float – Green Bay River Access
 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Kachunga & The Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Food Vendors – Food Court
 11:45 a.m. to noon – Motorcycle Stunt Show – Pavillion Parking lot.
 noon to close – CURE Solutions Carnival Midway
 noon to 6 p.m. – RiverFest Cornhole Tournament – Along the Riverwalk
 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Kachunga & The Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Kachunga & The Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
 4 p.m to midnight – Entertainment Area Open – Entertainment Area
 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Chaz & the Channel Catz – Budweiser South Stage
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Caught in the Crypt – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Trapt – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 8:30 p.m to 10 p.m. – Saliva – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
 10 p.m. to midnight – New Trick- Budweiser South Stage

*All times subject to change



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Lotto America™	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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Star Ball: 6

All Star Bonus: 2



7/27

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Powerball: 6

Power Play: 2



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Visit Us Online: www.WestPointSweetCornFestival.com

Local News/From the Front

FMHS 50th Reunion

The Fort Madison Senior High class of 1969 held its 50th class reunion July 5th and 6th at Comfort Inn and Suites in Fort Madison

First row: Alice Northup Pieper, Rick Pieper, Marcia Schiller Armstrong, Carol Saladay, Karen Noble Robbins, Patty Noll Thomas, Sharon Miller West, Carol Power Parson, Deb HellingWilson, Sue Nickel, Ann Langenbach, Sharon Farmer, Lynn McAllister Snowden, Brenda Burgess Carlson, Catherine Lozano Sandoval, Second Row: Danene Reeder Harris, Rhonda Weiler Staggs, Becky Jerome Riggs, Cheryl Peak Schade, Barb Brandt Mallon, Julia Cross Patterson, Helen Patton Turzai, Pat Phillipone Crabtree, Patricia Steflik, Joan Dore Strokland, Shar Stigall Peitz, Estine Brooks Wilson, Linda Barnes Groene, Penny Wilson Fish-Backens, Linda Fickel Bowlyou, Candy Smallwood Horn, Vera Galaher Woodley, Bonnie Boeding Stewart, Ruby Wilbert Gerdes, Wendy Slabaugh Vice, Ann Rupert, Third row: Dan West Bill Hanson, Roger Glisan, Robin Stewart Lee, Sandy Courtney Fraise, Cole Zimmerman, Lynette Lyle Newson, Lynette Miller West, Jack Britton, Hoyt Holland, Patty Yaley Holland, Barb Cleveland Seitz, Lynn (Linda) Gray Haston, Bill Mc Carl, Tom Kottenstette, Fourth row: Ron Mc Vey, Randy Zimmer, Dave Hetzer, Rusty Robbins, Rope Laughlin, Susi Strah Van Essen, Steve Etka, Theo Brooks, Tina Cullen O'Toole, Milton Salladay, Skip Ramsey, Randy Woodroffe, Mim White Van Winkle, Harold Riddle, Pam Mc Chesney Watson, Ron Watson, Ted Johnston, Dave Houston, Joan Richards Johnston, Bill Kuntz, Dennis Mc Gregor, John Bonar, Donnie Vice, Larry Mattson, Harry Westfall



Five DuPont signs up for bid

CHARITY - Continued from Page 1

The plant is also selling a 'Do Not Enter' sign that also reads "No Thru Traffic - Business Only" and has the old logo on it. It is made of plexiglass.

The fourth and fifth signs are directional signs with arrows and both are DuPont Receiving signs. One is a vertical 3-feet x 2-feet sign and the other is horizontal with the same dimensions. Both are metal signs.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
GREAT PRAIRIE AREA
EDUCATION AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2019**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of Great Prairie Area Education Agency was held on July 10, 2019, via Zoom.

I. Meeting was called to order by President Stephenson at 8:01 a.m.

Members Present: Mellisa Ballard, Margaret Kelly, Himar Hernandez, Patricia Miletich, Victoria Stephenson, Joyce Wauters, and Marge Wilhelm

Also Present: Dr. Cindy Yelick, Dr. Sally Lindgren, Greg Manske, and Jennifer Woodley

II. Acknowledgment of special meeting to act on resignation and new employee contract.

III. Motion was made by Wilhelm and seconded by Wauters to approve the Agenda as posted.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

IV. Motion was made by Wauters and seconded by Wilhelm to accept the resignation of

Ellie Hamilton as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

V. Motion was made by Ballard and seconded by Wauters to approve the new employee contract for Megan Farrell as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

VI. No other business was presented.

VII. There being no further business President Stephenson adjourned the meeting. Time: 8:07 p.m.

Board Secretary
Board President

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County
Conservation Board
Special Meeting
Agenda
July 29, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Highway 61
Montrose, IA 52639**

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes from July 9, 2019
3. Approve Conservation Technician Hire
4. Adjournment

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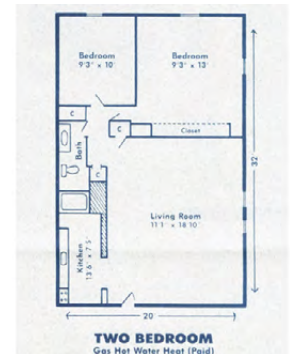
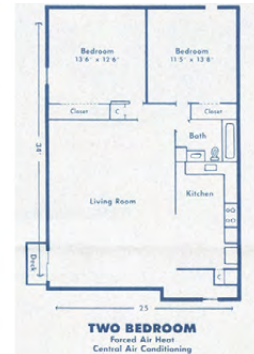
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WED 31 Jul



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THU 1 Aug



Partly Cloudy
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FRI 2 Aug



Partly Cloudy
High – 79.5° F | Low – 63.6° F

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Kiwanis Back-to-School Fair gives hand up

Donations still being accepted

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Kiwanis Club's Back-to-School Fair provided much needed school supplies and information to close to 100 local students on Saturday morning at the Fort Madison High School Multi-Purpose Room.

In addition to school regular school supplies such as pencils, paper, notebooks erasers, school bags, crayons, glue, scissors and markers, the Kiwanis, through local donations, were able to donate 84 pair of tennis shoes and 84 pairs of socks to registered participants. Vouchers for hair cuts



Courtesy photo

Local families and students were treated to backpacks full of school supplies as well as other items such as shoes, socks, and haircuts at Saturday's Kiwanis Back-to-School fair at Fort Madison High School. Photo courtesy of Fort Madison Kiwanis.

were also handed out and those vouchers are good for one month.

The Salvation Army pro-

vided boxed lunches and water to students, families and volunteers.

Anyone wishing to do-

nate to the efforts can still do so by donating at either elementary and middle schools.

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The next day shivers ran up and down my spine when there was a Friend Request for me from Les Strait on Facebook.

This wasn't one of those auto-generated Friend Suggestions. It looked like it came straight (no pun intended) from Les. Was

he trying to communicate with me? I thought about it all day and finally acknowledged the Friend Request to see if anything

would happen. Nothing did. Pastor Trey tells me that God can work even through the internet. So I added Les and his family to my prayer list. Maybe that was the message he was trying to send.

An awful detail of the accident: Les had put the roll bar down on his zero-turn mower so he could mow under low-hanging branches. It makes me think more about the steep bank I mow, and how I once tipped my zero-turn mower over backwards. Fortunately, the mower was stopped by the engine cage. I was lucky, Les wasn't.

I'm a little confused as to why there was no news report about his death, not in the local or state-wide news. Usually when someone gets killed in a farm accident, it makes the news.

The funeral in Keosauqua at the Methodist Church was packed to overflowing. As a representative of the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant that Les attended for years, in the absence of Pastor Trey, I was asked to speak—my last words to Les.

This time, along with the jokes, there were tears.

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