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RiverFest 2019 presented by Frank Millard & Co., Inc



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Warrant front man Robert Mason gets RiverFest 2019 fans energized Friday night on the Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage. Warrant followed 80s glam rock band BulletBoys on the second night of the annual party on the riverfront. The festival continued Saturday and Sunday with more bands such as Shaman's Harvest and Sevendust.

Nick Moore, of Logansport, Indiana, brought his recipe for brisket, back ribs, and pork shoulder all the way to Fort Madison for the first Racks on the River BBQ Competition Saturday morning at RiverFest. Below, DragonBoat racers head to the start gate for a run down the Mississippi course.



12-plus course lifts student lifeskills

Program also qualifies for elective credits

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A program underway in Lee County is giving students an inside look at the body of work that awaits them after graduation.

Going on its fourth year, the 12-plus program was created by the Lee County Economic Development Group as a springboard for area high school students to help give them insight into lifeskills needed entering the workforce.

Students at Keokuk, Central Lee, and Fort Madison High School can enroll in the class as part of their first semester registrations.

LCEDGE Communication and Marketing Specialist, Dana Millard, said the curriculum is set by the economic development group with the input from area employers and continues to grow year by year.

"I'm really excited about this upcoming class," she said Friday. "We've had industry leaders asking about how they can become more involved with the class, and we're happy to get the word about what is going on."



MILLARD

Students and parents who are interested in more information about the class should contact their school's counselor's or Millard herself at dmillard@leecountyedg.com. Most students are registering for classes this upcoming week.

"The class is run by LCEDG so we have the class run from Aug. 26 to Christmas break in December. The students get high school credit as an elective for the graduation. Many of the schools give them two credits due to the work involved in it," Millard said.

The class, over the past three years, has ranged in size from 20 to 25 students, and is an employability class for students designed by local industry and focuses on what students need to know to get a high quality career.

Class time is dedicated to a variety of skills such as presentation skills, money management, basic workplace safety, resume building and interviewing skills.

Students also take part in tours of local employer

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

FRANCIS H. KROGMEIER

Francis H. "Charlie" Krogmeier, 96, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at the West Point Care Center. He was born on January 7, 1923 in Fort Madison, IA to Steve & Katherine Hermes Krogmeier.



KROGMEIER

He married Mary Ann Meierotto on September 9, 1947 in Houghton, IA. She preceded him in death on March 2, 2019. He was a lifelong dairy farmer and was a member of Holy Family Parish, Knights of Columbus, served on the parish council, was a longtime trustee of West Point Township and was a Farm Bureau member. He enjoyed woodworking, puzzles, playing cards, traveling and he especially enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. In his younger years, he hunted, bowled and enjoyed mushroom hunting.

Charlie is survived by: 5-daughters: Linda (Steve) Bantz of Columbia, MO, Irene (Gene) Lucas of Bettendorf, IA, Phyllis (Kent) Seymour of Liberty, IL, Joan (Roger) Moeller of West Point, IA & Julie (John Head) Davis of Frisco, TX; 3-sons: David (Denise) Krogmeier of Fort Madison, IA, Steve (Jane) Krogmeier of The Villages, FL & Ralph (Colleen) Krogmeier of Donnellson, IA; 20-grandchildren; 20-great grandchildren; 1-sister: Emerald "Em" Stevenson of Burnside, IL; 1-sister in law: Hilda Krogmeier of Fort Madison, IA & 1-brother in law: Joe Meierotto of West Point, IA. He was preceded in death by: his parents, wife, 1-grandson, 5-brothers & 5-sisters.

A visitation will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 4, 2019 with a wake service to immediately follow at 6:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for the Iowa Chapter of ALS or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences Charlie's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

PATTI JO KINMAN

Patti Jo Kinman, 86, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 2, 2019 at her home.

She was born on December 24, 1932 in Franklin, Kentucky the daughter of Leonard F. and Mary A. Knight Carter. On December 29, 1951 she married Donald D. Kinman in Ft. Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on July 29, 2003.

Patti was a member of the Nauvoo United Methodist Church.

Survivors include, two sons, Danny Kinman of Nauvoo and Mike (Rhonda) Kinman of Ft. Madison, two grandsons, Jason and Joshua Kinman and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sisters.

No services are planned. Cremation has been entrusted to Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo. To leave a condolence please visit Patti's obituary at sbb-funeralhome.com.

BRIAN E. BANDY

Brian E. Bandy, 50, of Donnellson, IA, passed away at 4:46 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Donnellson Health Center. He was born on February 25, 1969 in Burlington, IA to William J. & Judith Cavender Bandy. He was a car salesman

for many years and enjoyed helping out in the Carman, IL community. He loved his extended family at the Donnellson Health Center.

Brian is survived by: his mother & step father: Judy (Charles) Ash of Burlington, IA; 1-sister: Sherry Bandy of Burlington, IA; 2-brothers: William (Janet) Bandy Sr. of Burlington, IA & Edward Wellborn of Colorado. He was preceded in death by: his father, grandparents & several aunts & uncles.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life and burial along with his father's ashes will be held at a later date in Carman Cemetery in Carman, IL. Online condolences to Brian's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Area News

Western Illinois Threshers going on this weekend

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC STAFF



HAMILTON – Getting stuck behind a tractor is a regular occurrence around the farming areas in the tri-states. This week and possibly over the weekend, some may find themselves stuck behind not just one tractor, but an entire fleet of tractors, as people from around the tri-state area and beyond bring their classic tractors to Hamilton, Illinois for this year’s 52nd annual Western Illinois Threshers.

For those that aren’t sure what Threshers is all about, tractors is just the beginning. When you pull up the the Thresher grounds, you will see antique tractors, farm animals, antique farm equipment, a grandstand for fans, food vendor trucks and the list goes on.

“Western Illinois Threshers is kind of like a fair,” Joy Swearingen, who has been involved with Threshers since the late 70s, said. “But it’s all focused on farming and life in the past.”

Along with tractor pulls, there are also replica villages with blacksmiths, a sawmill, log cabins, a school house, churches, a post office and much more to demonstrate what a typically community may look like dating back to the late 1800’s and early 1900s. While taking a walk through the community, spectators can interact with and will hear from those volunteers who are playing the role of community commoner during the late 1800s-early 1900s-era.

“You’ll see everything and how it was done around 100 years ago,” Swearingen said. “Some of it older than that and some of it newer than that.

It’s just a record of what farming has been like over the past.”

Trains will be provided for transportation and kids entertainment on certain parts of the grounds, as flea markets, events and numerous food options will be enjoyed throughout the course of the day.

For a complete list of all activities and events that will take place at this year’s Threshers, please visit: www.westernillinois-threshers.org. The fee to get in is a \$5 button that you are required to purchase upon entree, the rest of the event is cost free.

HISTORY

The event is actually named after an old piece of farm equipment invented in 1786 named the Thresher.

“One person would have a threshing machine and he would drive around to all the different farms and the neighbors would all collect at each person’s farm,” Swearingen explained. “They would have cut the wheat, stalk and all, and have it tied into the bundles, and they would throw those bundles into the threshing machine. Threshing is separating the grain from the straw if anyone wonders what threshing is all about, that’s it.”

The event began 52 years ago after a group of local farmers decided they had enough people and machinery to host an event

of their own after having gone to similar events in other communities. The first Threshers events were held on Fred Buckert’s farm and then rotated to other people’s grounds as the years progressed.

“They rotated around to varies farms and over the ten years it grew and became a lot to set up from scratch,” Swearingen said. “The crowds were getting so large that it was hard to manage on someone’s farm. They began to look for land to buy and that’s when they bought the first 40 acres and started building here on the Western Illinois Threshers grounds.”

Swearingen is like many from around the Hancock County community and grew up around the event for much of her life and raised her children going to the event over the years as well. As her roots grew deeper with the community event, so did her involvement.

Swearingen takes care of much of the promotions for the event, public relations, advertising, press releases, radio shows and much more. She also manages the food on the grounds for dinner in the evenings and more, with a ribeye dinner to take place Friday nights and a pork chop dinner to follow Saturday.

While the food alone is always a good reason to come back year in and year out, Swearingen says the

reason many like herself return every year for the celebration is because of the relationships built that may now have span over multiple generations of family, much like it was in the threshing days.

“It’s a lot of work, but it’s the people that are involved here,” Swearingen said is the reason she keeps coming back for more every year. “You see people maybe once a year, just working together with folks and seeing families come and enjoy the show and realizing they are learning. It provides a real fun place for the whole family to come.

“We have a number of children’s events too. My

kids grew up coming here and it’s just kind of a nostalgic thing. Sometimes I wonder why I keep doing it, but it’s a good thing for the community, it pulls a lot of people into Hancock County and I think it’s worth the effort.”

With the event getting bigger and bigger each year, more and more volunteers will be required to help staff the event. This year you will see West Hancock Titan students helping to raise money for their after prom and will also see numerous organizations there to help serve dinners, tear down and much more.

“That’s just a chore of the people that make things happen,” Swearingen said. “We couldn’t do it without all the volunteers in the county.”

For Swearingen it has all come full circle from attending the event with her parents to now going and seeing grandchildren

running around, carrying on the generational tradition.

When she first came to Threshers there was a saw mill on the far end of the property. She wondered why in the world part of the threshers facility would be so far dislocated from the rest of the events and buildings, but now knows it was part of a bigger plan that she is now a part of.

“When we first started coming, the saw mill was at the way far end and there was only one or two buildings here close to where the food stand is and the grandstand,” Swearingen said. “I could not understand why they built that sawmill way down there where nobody is. Now there is several roads that fill in that space, it’s all full between here and the sawmill. Somebody has a vision and a plan ... It’s just grown and grown.”



Dr. Heyland is pictured with her husband, Chad, and their two children.

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Sports

Aikey takes Deery Bros 40-lap feature Friday

BY BRIAN NEAL
PEPSI LEE COUNTY SPEEDWAY

DONNELSON – For the first time since 2010 the Deery Brothers Summer Series for IMCA Late Models returned to the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa on Friday. With Floyd’s EZ Way Waste Systems, Shottenkirk Parts Express, and Wilson Brothers BBQ & Catering helping to bring the action. When the checkers flew, Jeff Aikey found himself in victory lane for the 70th time in series history.

The 18 lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMod feature took to the track first. And when Derek Goble was a scratch and Jim Powell elected to go to the rear, this moved Jim Walker and Steven Berry to the front row. Walker would take advantage of the move to the front row by grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Berry and Sean Wyett, who started 7th. Just after lap 1 was scored

complete the first yellow appeared, as debris down the front stretch brought out the yellow. On the restart Ron Kibbe slowed to a stop in turn 3 to bring the yellow light back on.

The following restart saw Wyett shoot under Walker to take over the top spot, with Daniel Fellows, who started 8th, following him into the runner up spot. Fellows tried to keep up with Wyett’s pace over the next 3 laps, when the third caution of the event slowed the action. This time Brian Bergheger slowed in turn 2 with a right front flat to bring out the yellow. On the restart Wyett moved back out front, with Brandon Dale and Fellows battling for the second spot. Wyett worked to hold off Dale and Fellows over the next 5 laps, when a caution came out to slow the battle up front. Joe Roller spun in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. Wyett once again grabbed the lead on



the restart, with Fellows and Dale continuing their battle for second.

The final caution of the race appeared on lap 12, when contact sent Dale spinning in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. Once again Wyett jumped out front on the restart, with Tanner Klingele, who started 9th, and Dale following. Wyett then led the final laps to score his first win of the season at the track. Klingele was 2nd, Dale was 3rd, Walker was 4th, with Berry rounding out the top 5.

Up next was the 18 lap Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Car feature, with Kyle Boyd and Brandon Savage leading the field to green. But it was third place starter Jer-

emy Pundt who grabbed the lead on lap 1 over Savage and Boyd. Pundt then held the top spot until lap 4, when Savage used the momentum off the top of turn 4 to grab the lead. Savage then stretched his lead out over the next 12 laps, when disaster struck him on lap 16.

Debris in turn 2 would bring out a yellow, and at the same time Savage’s right rear tire went down forcing him to the pits. The would hand Pundt the lead back on the restart, with Tyler Moore, who started 7th, and Jake Powers close behind. Moore tried to work under Pundt over the final laps to get the win, but Pundt was able to hold him off to pick up his third win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Moore settled for a close 2nd, Chad Krogmeier, who started 8th, made a final lap pass of Powers to finish 3rd, with Boyd holding on for 5th.

Andy Eckrich and John Emerson drew the front row for the 40-lap Deery Brothers Summer Series for IMCA Late Models feature, with Eckrich taking advantage of his draw to lead lap 1 over Joe Zrostlik and Emerson. The fast pace Eckrich was setting would put him into lapped traffic on lap 10.

Despite the lapped traffic, Eckrich was still able to stretch his advantage over the battle for second. The action was slowed on lap 13, when eleventh running Eric Pollard slowed in turn 1 with

mechanical troubles to bring out the yellow. On the restart Mike Smith, Brian Harris and Dalton Simonsen collided under the flag stand to bring the yellow light back on.

The following restart saw Eckrich move back out front, with Jeff Aikey and Zrostlik close behind. Again the fast pace Eckrich was setting would put him into lapped traffic on lap 24. This time the lapped traffic would allow Aikey to close in on Eckrich’s back bumper on lap 30. Then on lap 32 Aikey would try to work under Eckrich coming off the corners, but Eckrich was able to hold the lead at the line over the next 4 laps. On lap 37 Eckrich drifted high coming off turn 4, which allowed Aikey to slip past him for the top spot. Aikey then held on over the final 3 laps to score his 70th series victory. Eckrich was 2nd, Emerson was 3rd, Tommy Elston started 11th and finished 4th, with Zrostlik coming home in 5th.

Up next was the 15 lap Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compact feature, with TJ Weyls and Ricky Miller Jr. making up the front row. But it was seventh place starter Trent Orwig who quickly shot to the front to lead lap 1 over David Prim and Josh Barnes, who started 6th. Orwig then held the top spot until lap 5, when Barnes slipped past him for the lead. While Barnes set the pace out front, Orwig, Barry Taft and Brandon Reu battled for the runner up spot. The battle for second would come to an end on lap 13, as Taft slowed in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Barnes jumped back out front, and then held on to claim his fifth win of the season at the

Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Orwig was 2nd, Kimberly Abbott was 3rd, Jason Ash was 4th, with Cody Bowman coming from 14th to round out the top 5.

The final feature to take to the track on the night was the 20 lap Budweiser IMCA Modifieds, with Kolin Hibdon and Eric Barnes drawing the front row. Hibdon would take advantage of his draw to grab the lead on lap 1 over Barnes and Jeff Waterman. While Hibdon paced the field out front, Tyler Madigan used the top of the track to climb into second on lap 3. Madigan then tried to cut into Hibdon’s straight-away lead, but he wasn’t able to make much progress.

Just when it looked like the feature would go green-to-checked, Bill Roberts Jr. slowed to a stop in turn 3 on lap 17 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Hibdon moved back out front, with Dennis LaVeine and Madigan glued to his back bumper. Coming off turn 4 to the checkered flag Madigan used the momentum off turn 4 to get up beside Hibdon. But Hibdon would edge him out at the line to score his first win ever at the track. Madigan settled for a close 2nd, LaVeine was 3rd, Waterman was 4th, with John Oliver Jr. rounding out the top 5.

The Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa will be off next Friday, August 9th. But will return to action on Friday, August 16th, as Roberts Tire Center and Big Country 103.1 presents the Sprint Invaders. It will be the third and final time in 2019 at the Sprint Invaders will make a stop at the track. Also racing will be the Budweiser IMCA Modifieds, Roberts Tire Center SportMods, Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts, and Vintage Cars.

Gates open at 5:30 PM, Hot Laps at 7 PM, and Racing to follow. Grandstand admission will be Adults \$15, Seniors (60+) \$13, Students (11-17) \$8, and Kids 10 & under FREE! Pit passes will be \$30, ages (7-13) \$20, ages (4-6) \$10, and ages (3 & under) \$5.



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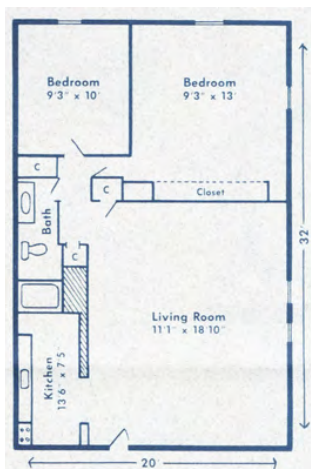
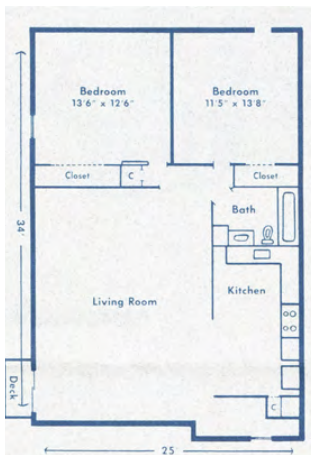


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United Way holds Back-to-School festival

Submitted article

KEOKUK – It's that time once again, where the community unites to help students and families with their back to school needs. The 15th Annual Back to School Festival will be held on Saturday, August 10 from Noon to 3PM at Trinity United Methodist Church. Event sponsors include: Trinity United Methodist Church, United Way of the Great River Region, Salvation Army, Hy-Vee, McDonald's of Keokuk, Roquette America, Allied Blending, Climax Molybdenum, New Testament Church, Two Rivers Bank & Trust and Glasscock/de Gala Family.

The event is free and open to the public regardless of income or school district. Backpacks with selected school supplies will be distributed for students pre-kindergarten through high school on a first come first serve basis. Students and families will have the oppor-

tunity to visit with area agencies and organizations as well as receive a free basic haircut, enjoy games, face painting, food, ice cream floats and tour of local emergency vehicles.

"Area churches, organizations, and businesses have donated money, school supplies and volunteer time in order to make this a successful event" says Karen Siefken, Director at United Way of the Great River Region. "It's great to see the community come together to help families get ready for the start of the school year". In addition, Trinity United Methodist Church and United Way of the Great River Region would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who help pack backpacks with school supplies.

Want to get involved? Sponsor a backpack for \$20 each and/or volunteer your time on the day of the event. Contact Sue at United Way at 319-524-4504 for more information.

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facilities and get to take on a team project focused on a real-world problem.

Millard said in previous years projects have included helping make workspace more efficient for an employee at Climax Molybdenum, and puzzling together several different 3-D printed images to create a tool used at the ConAgra facility.

Millard said the student teams had to present to each of the company's committees describing how the project could help the companies.

"It's the most helpful class I've ever had the chance to take in my entire high school experience. It was amazing," said Bryan Baker of Keokuk High School.

"The class actually taught me a lot and I genuinely enjoyed it. The interviewing skills is something you'll need throughout your life," said David Kramer of Central Lee High School.

Millard said the program is already paying dividends for those that participate.

"The 12 Plus class brings the subjects you've learned in school and shows you how you will apply it," she said. "I'm excited to see some of our graduates get high paying jobs, develop mentors and grow their skills as a direct result of the connections and experiences they made in this class."

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