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# Ray, Lawrence, and Moore headIne 2019 Tri-State Rodeo

Discounted tickets go on sale starting Monday

#### PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Tri-State Rodeo is proud to announce that Michael Ray, Tracy Lawrence and Justin Moore are set to headline the 2019 Rodeo.

Tickets for the rodeo will go on sale Monday April 15 at 8 a.m at <u>www.TriStateRodeo.org</u>. Bleacher tickets will be \$5.00 (five dollars) off through April 30.

In 2010, Ray's independently released debut caught the ear of veteran music industry manager Tony Conway, who began helping Ray take his career to a national audience.

In 2012, Ray appeared on the CW talent competition The Next, where he was mentored by Big & Rich's John Rich. Ray was an audience favorite on the show and ultimately took home the top prize. After the show, Ray signed a publishing deal with Warner/Chappell, and in 2014 released the hit single "Kiss You in the Morning."

His full-length major-label debut, Michael Ray, followed in 2015 on Warner Music Nashville. Well-received, the album made it to number four on the Country Albums chart, and spawned two more singles with "Real Men Love Jesus" and "Think a Little Less."

Over the next several years, Ray toured extensively before returning to the studio alongside producer Scott Hendricks (Blake Shelton, Brooks & Dunn, Trace Adkins). In 2018, he delivered his sophomore album, Amos, which included the Top 20 country single "Get to You." Amos debuted at five on Billboard's Country Albums charts upon its June release.

Tracy Lawrence's most recent studio album GOOD

The FMHS Building Trades team won the SCC Skills Throw-



OLE DAYS, released on November 10, 2017, is an album of duets, pairing a selection of his most iconic hits with some of Country and Rock's contemporary superstars and newcomers. It includes guest appearances by Jason Aldean, Brad Arnold, Big & Rich, Luke Loebsack to retire after this term

WASHINGTON D.C. Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement Friday after announcing that he will be retiring at the end of the 116th Congress.

Loebsack was first elected in 2006 and will have served for a total of 14 years at the end of this 116th Congress.

"I have enjoyed beyond my expectations serving the people of Iowa's Second District for the past 13 years. Having grown up in poverty, I never would have imagined having the honor of serving as the voice of Iowans in the U.S. House of Representatives. To best achieve that, I made it a point to meet with folks where they live, work and play in order to focus on improving their lives. I have worked hard to ensure all Iowans have had their voice heard.

"When first elected, I had planned to serve no more than 12 years. However, after Donald Trump assumed the presidency, it became apparent that I needed to run for at least one more term in the hopes that I could provide a check on his worst impulses. Currently, there are nearly two years remaining in this term and I look forward to playing an important role in the new House majority, not only to prevent further damage done by President Trump, but to also help set the stage for a new Democratic president to be inaugurated in January of 2021.

"In the remainder of my service, I will continue to serve the people of Iowa with the same energy and commitment that I have devoted to this job from the beginning. In particular, I will continue to focus on growing the middle class and helping provide opportunity to folks seeking to move into the middle

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# Trades team keeps building success

petition with a team consisting of Elton Kruse, Brandon Reichelt, AJ Nolting and Parker Denning.

down on Friday. From left to right, Parker Denning, Elton Kruse, Instructor Clint Kobelt, AJ Nolting, and Brandon Reichelt won the competition.

#### *Team will travel to DMACC for state*

#### PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON – The Fort Madison High School building trades program continues to stack up awards. On Friday, the Bloodhound Construction won the SCC regional skills comThe four competed against ten area teams and edged out Keokuk to retain the title for the third year in a row.

They will now represent FMHS at the skills USA State competition at DMACC on April 24th and 25th. The winner of that competition will move on to the national competition in Louisville in June.

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# **Obituaries/Lottery Numbers**

#### **OBITUARIES**

# ARTHUR RITCHEY ADKISSON, JR.

Arthur Ritchey Adkisson, Jr., 73, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Arthur was born on March 26, 1946 in Keokuk, Iowa the son of Arthur R. and Ruth Bue-



& Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo. She survives. Mr. Adkisson was a graduate of the Warsaw High School, Warsaw, Illinois. Following high school he served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 - 1969 serving on a USS Destroyer. He received his Bachelors Degree from



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Western Illinois University. Art began his teaching career in Colusa, Illinois and finished his 33-year career at the Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School.

When Art wasn't teaching he enjoyed helping local carpenters. Mr. Adkisson was a member of the Nauvoo American Legion where he served as an adjutant and was a charter member of the Nauvoo Jaycees.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne, one daughter, Brenda Adkisson of Nauvoo, one son, Lance (Shawna) Adkisson of LaHarpe, Illinois, two grandchildren, Abby (Braden) Shull and Brady Adkisson and two sisters, Susan Pryor of Lathrop, Missouri and Linda (Bob) Kiser of Gainesville, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo with Pastor Mark Anderson and Fr. Tony Trosley officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Illinois. Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 15 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals where the family will receive friends from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established for the Nauvoo Veterans Memorial or the donor's choice. Please visit Art's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com to leave a conndolence.



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#### **OBITUARIES**

# CHARLES FRANK DAVIS

Charles Frank Davis, 72, of Trenton, MO, formerly of Alexandria, MO, died Friday, April, 12, 2019 at the Eastview Nursing Home in Trenton.

He was born on February 14, 1947 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Charles M. and Alice M. Arthur Davis.



Charles was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He enlisted on September 15, 1967 and received his Honorable Discharge on May 24, 1972. Most of Frank's service time was spent in Vietnam where he served in the Combat Unit



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USARV 25th Infantry with the Division Tropic Lightning. He was wounded in combat and was awarded three Purple Hearts. He also

received the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He received multiple qualification badges for light weapon infantry.

He had been employed at Foote Mineral in Keokuk.

Frank enjoyed fishing and watching old western movies. He also enjoyed watching Andy Griffith and his favorite movie was Rambo. Frank was very talented at playing the Jew's Harp. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he enjoyed playing his Jew's Harp for them and taking them for rides around Alexandria.

He is survived by two daughters, Nicole Davis and Tiffany Davis both of Keokuk and four brothers, John Davis of Wayland, Jim Davis and his wife Beverly of Kahoka, Bill Davis and wife Marilynn of Warsaw and Steve "Moe" Davis and his wife Connie of Keokuk, one sister, Mary Alice Davis of Keokuk, six grandchildren, Stephanie Feikert, Trent Rockelman (Chloe), Kelsee Dobler (Jacob), Brendon Baumle, Breckon Housewright and Brock Davis, three great-grandchildren, Landyn Stark, Trevor Hall and Jaedyn Dobler and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Tom Davis.

Graveside services with military rites will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 11 am - 12:45 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at <u>www.vigenmemorialhome.</u> com.



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### **Sports/Weather**

# Hounds kickers split matches last week

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison boys' soccer team split two matches this week.

On Friday night, the Hounds took on Central Lee in Donnellson and quickly found themselves down 1-0, but Austin Sexton took a center from AJ Nolting to tie it up at 1 just nine minutes into the first half.

The Hawks would score two more goals at the 18:30 and 25:30 marks to take a 3-1 lead into the half.

Central Lee would score quickly again to start the second half sliding one in past Chance Decker with just two minutes gone for a 4-1 lead. Things would get slightly out of hand with two more Hawk goals before freshman Dayton Davis took a kick from Sexton to set the final score at 6-2

On Tuesday, the Hounds got off to a very quick start just :30 into their 5-0 shutout of the Mediapolis Bulldogs.

Senior Brody Rung took a pass from the left wing just left of center from Will Larson, about 20 feet out and lifted a shot into the top of the goal for a quick 1-0 Bloodhound lead.

Reuben Eid would score on an assist from Nolting at the 18:30 mark before Austin Sexton slid a shot pass Mediapolis' keeper into the right bottom corner of the goal with eight minutes left in the first half.

Eid would score again in the second half just five minutes in and Larson would round out the scoring for Fort Madison with a shot off an assist by Reiburn Turnbull.

Decker had three saves in the shutout.

The Hounds are 3-5 on the season and will travel to Mt. Pleasant on Monday night.



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# CL's Hawk shoots 81 to win boys' tourney

Holy Trinity finished 3rd with a 391 on cold, windy course

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FORT MADISON – Central Lee's Jadon Hawk shot a 9-over par 81 on a cold, blustery Friday at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course for medalist honors at the Lee County High School Golf Tournament.

Central Lee won the tournament with a team score of 370 by 13 strokes over Fort Madison. Holy Trinity Catholic had at team score of 391 and Keokuk with a 392 on the 18-hole, par 72 course. Keokuk's Alex Wolter was runner-up medalist with an 86 playing with the No. 2 golfers.

Wolter and Hawk had the only birdies on the days. Hawk birdied the par 4 slight dog-leg right 17th hole, while Wolter birdied the par-3 No. 8 hole.

Holy Trinity had some success on the 14th with Colby Bredemeyer recording one of only two pars on the hole and the wind pushing shots to the left fareway most of the day. Wolter had the other par on the up-hill, downhill west-to-east hole.

# **5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

SUN 14 Apr

Scattered Clouds High– 44.2° F | Low – 32.7° F





Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS senior Brandon Keester show a 94, Kyle

Bredemeyer carded a 96

Other Bloodhounds

playing in the No. 4 group

included Blake Algrim,

with a 97, Tyler Wade

shot a 101, Max Slater

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grouping shot a 24-over

98, Mason Holvoet scored

a 107, Brandon DeLaney

Bredemeyeter shot a 111

Holy Trinity plays host

Fort Madison travels to

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Fairfield on Tuesday at

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shot a 108 and Colby

for the Crusaders.

ning at 4 p.m.

Country Club.

FMHS players with a 108.

For Holy Trinity Cath-

Rashid rounded out

carded a 107 in the No.

for HTC for 7th.

Fort Madison's Tommy Wade hits a short iron with a stiff wind at his back on the par-3 5th hole at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course Friday morning as part of the Lee County boys high school tournament.

But Brandon DeLaney came through in the No. 6 group and recorded the tournament's only 3 on the hole.

Holy Trinity's Josh Barr was fourth, also playing the second group with a 90 all the way around. Fort Madison's Tommy Wade was the top player for the Hounds with a 19over 91.

Other top 10 finishers included Central Lee's KJ Skow was third on the day coming in with an 87. FMHS senior Logan Rashid tries to sink a 16foot put on the 9th Hole in Friday's tourney.



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Moderate Rain High– 69.0° F | Low – 64.5° F

#### THU 18 Apr



Heavy Intensity Rain High– 65.8° F | Low – 45.1° F

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Fort Madison took 2nd behind Central Lee.

# Loebsack to keep pushing on health care, broadband

#### LOEBACK - Continued from Page 1

class. To that end, I will keep up my efforts to ensure access to affordable, quality healthcare for all; increase access to quality education at all levels to provide the opportunity to achieve; and expand access to quality broadband, especially in rural communities and for those who would be unable to achieve the American dream if they can't receive the service they need.

"Finally, I will never forget our veterans. These men and women were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and we must ensure that we care for them with the same dignity and honor with which they served."

#### **Sports**

# FM boys set personal marks at MP Relays

#### BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – Despite running in some heavy south winds, rain and at one point even hail, the Bloodhound boys track team set more personal records Thursday night at the Denny White Relays in Mt. Pleasant.

The Hounds got two second-place finishes from Matt Hellige who broke his personal records in the mile and two-mile events.

The junior almost broke the 10-minute mark in the two mile with a time of 10:01.42, just 2.6 seconds behind perennial state contender Cody Mertens of Mt. Pleasant.

Hellige also set a personal mark in the 1600 with 4:42.59, good enough for second.

"I guess an extra year of training has helped. I think I put in a lot more miles this winter compared to last year. The training has been a lot different this year. A lot more track work and I'd say and we've been doing some different things," Hellige said.

Co-Coach Mike Schneider said he thinks Hellige will get under 10 minutes in the 3200 before the year's over.

"I think he's capable of breaking 10 and I think he will if we get a good meet," Schneider said.

"This is our third thing this week and you could've heard a pin drop on the bus. (Co-Head Coach) Chad (Hannum) leaned over to me and said 'I think they're tired', Schneider said.

He said Hellige has stepped up his personal training and quietly goes about anything asked of him in workouts.

"He's running so well and works so hard. He puts in time on the weekend and he does everything we ask in practice. He's a good example of leading by example. 10:17 was his best last year and it's April 11 and he's already surpassed that by 16 seconds," Schneider said.

The Bloodhounds also got points from Quentin Schneider who finished runner-up in the 400 meter hurdles with a mark of 58.58, just 1.8 seconds off the pace of Washington's Ethan Hunt.

Schneider also took 5th in the 400-meter dash in what he called a "crazy" race.

"I started that race in the sun and when I came around the second turn it was sprinkling. By the time I got down the home stretch it was pouring," the Holy Trinity Catholic junior said.

At one point for about two minutes spectators and runners headed for the trees and shelter as hail briefly peppered Maple Leaf Stadium.

The next highest finish came in the 4×200 meter relay with Brock Califf, Michael Mosena, Shaymouhr Redd-Donald and freshman Andrew Schaeffer finishing in a dead tie for 2nd with a time of 1:37.96 with Schaeffer closing the gap on the final leg. Central Lee won the event with a time of 1:37.42.

Co-head coach Chad Hannum said the 4×200 relay was strong, but some hand-offs, due to new personnel, were sketchy..

"The hand-offs need to get a bit more refined, but we



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison sophomore Garrett Hannum tries to get inside in the 800-meter run Thursday in Mt. Pleasant. Hannum set a personal record for the second time this week in the event. At right, Ethan Deaconis ready to release the shot put as throwing coach Todd Mc-Ghghy videos the attempt.

strong. Hannum captured sixth place in the 800 run overall with a time of 2:09.83.

"Garrett ran a PR last Monday and I think he ran another PR tonight. He's a only a sophomore and if he keeps running the way he is watch out when he's a senior," Chad Hannum said.

The Bloodhounds got a 3rd place finish from Brock Califf, Hannum, Schaeffer and Schneider with a time of 3:40.38.

Redd-Donald also took a 6th place in the 200-meter dash. Redd-Donald is in his first year of high school track and Hannum said he is running well.

"He's running very well and I tell you what, you

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couldn't ask for a nicer kid. He's polite, he does anything you ask him to do. He'd probably balk at us a little if we asked him to run the two-mile, but it wouldn't surprise me if he did it."

The Hounds finished 15th out of 22 teams with 50 points on the night. Mt. Pleasant won the relays with 157.5 points.

Other top finishers for the Bloodhounds included: 800-sprint medley: (Scaeffer, Mosena, Califf and Hannum) 1:44.77 (8th); 4×800 meter relay: (Dom Frantz, Bryce Birtton, Trey Kuntz and Joey Dodson) 11:13..33 (7th); 100-meter dash: Frantz, 13.37 (13th); Distance medley: (Gavin Wiseman, Jakob McGowan, Mikey Di-Prima and Isaiah Miller) 4:21.11 (9th); 110-hurdles: Gage Fullenkamp 19:55 (8th); 200-meter dash: Wiseman 27.26; 400-meter hurdles: Isaiah Miller; 1:11.92 (13th); 4×100 relay: (Mosena, Califf, Redd-Donald, Schneider) 47.21 (9th); Long Jump: Mosena 17-2.25 (10th), McGowan 15-9 (14th); Shot Put: Alec Craft 36-7, Ethan Deacon 35-4; Discus: Deacon 102-7, (11th), Craft 76-5 (18th).



had two new guys in there today. Mosena was back and we had Schaeffer in there, too. He ran the last leg and he's running really well for a freshman, as he keeps getting stronger and stronger," Hannum said.

He said sophomore Garrett Hannum has set personal bests in the 800 in the last two meets and is running







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### **Area News/From the Front**

# Rodeo committee gets legends, new stars for 2019

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Bryan, Luke Combs, Easton Corbin, Dustin Lynch, Tim McGraw, Justin Moore, Craig Morgan, Kellie Pickler and Chris Young.

Upon its release, the album appreciated impressive sales history: #1 position on iTunes Country Chart, debuted at #10 on the Billboard Top Country Albums Chart, #25 on Billboard's Top Current Albums, #87 on the Billboard 200 Chart, #11 on Billboard's Digital Album's Chart and #2 on the country portion of that chart.

Tracy has sold 13 million albums, has had 22 songs on the Billboard Top 10 charts and 18 No. 1 songs. He has also garnered numerous CMA and ACM awards and nominations, as well as a Grammy nomination.

Justin Moore has built a loyal fan base over the past decade with his traditional Country sound and captivating live shows. Those fans will hear new music from Moore soon when his fifth studio album, LATE NIGHTS AND LONG-NECKS, is released on April 26.

The lead track from the LP, "The Ones That Didn't Make It Back Home," is now climbing the Country radio charts and was co-written alongside Paul DiGiovanni, Chase McGill and producer Jeremy Stover. Moore's previous project, KINDA DON'T CARE, earned the singer his third consecutive No. 1 album debut and features his chart-topping singles "You Look Like I Need A Drink" and "Somebody Else Will."

The Arkansas native spent three years putting the project together, which served as a follow up to his second No. 1 album release, the gold-certified OFF THE BEATEN PATH. Moore holds seven No. 1 singles under his signature white cowboy hat including "Point at You" and "Lettin' The Night Roll" as well as seven Top 10 hits and PLATINUM-certified albums JUSTIN MOORE and OUTLAWS LIKE ME. Since 2000 the Tri-State Rodeo has been named as one of the nation's top five large outdoor rodeos and continues to rank first among rodeos in the Great

Lakes Circuit and in 2001 ranked 43rd among the nation's more than 700 sanctioned PRCA events. No other rodeo east of Kansas City, Missouri ranked higher. The Tri-State Rodeo continues to attract the nation's top cowboys, with competition spread over four nights the first week in September and big-namemusicians headlining the Thursday -Saturday night performances.

Find out more about the fair and the concert by visiting <u>www.TriStateRo-</u> <u>deo.org</u> or by following them on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.</u> <u>com/fmtristaterodeo/</u>.

# Gibb moves 6-ton oven into new venture

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – Chase Gibb, the owner of Fort Madison's Buffalo61 Bar and Grille, spent a cold Friday morning overseeing the installation of a pizza oven.

But it wasn't just any pizza over. Gibb had the help of Frank Millard & Co. Inc. lift a 11,500 lb anthracite coal oven from a flat bed truck with a crane and slide it into a hole cut in the south wall of the former Sarducci's and "The Italian" building in the 300 block of Roosevelt in Burlington.

The oven was lifted by crane and slowly maneuvered into place to set it down and then was rolled through about a 12' by 12' hole that was cut out of the wall. Casters on the oven allowed the monstrosity to be rolled into place.

Gibb said the casters would have to be removed before firing up the oven.

"I hope to have it heating up on Thursday," Gibb said. "We have to get it in and connected and then



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Coal Haus 337 owner Chase Gibb, second from left, helps push in the 11,500 lb. anthracite oven that will be the hallmark of his new venture set to open in four weeks.

get the hood built over it and the Ansul system in place."

Gibb has had contractors gut the building and completely redo the interior and exterior and had granite delivered for the bar counter top on Friday afternoon. Work has been done to revamp coolers and putting in new flooring in the kitchen and seating areas as well as a new brick facade on the building's east side.

Gibb said he hopes to have the restaurant up and running within the next three to four weeks.



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