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Special Kids' Day spurs 2018 Rodeo week

Rodeo again salutes more than 250 with physical and mental disabilities

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A couple downpours and a soggy rodeo arena couldn't dampen the spirits of about two hundred special needs children and adults at the 18th edition of the Special Kids Rodeo.

Pre-rodeo events kicked off on Saturday morning right at dawn with the Lee County Democrats serving up a pancake breakfast on the grounds with a line wrapping around the shelter house still at 9:30 a.m.

Then all attention shifted to the rodeo grounds where Master of Ceremonies Craig Kelly and Special Kids Chairman Lisa Wood got participants and mentors revved up for a morning of horseback riding, simulated bull and calf roping, simulated bronc and bull riding, trolley rides, goat tail ties with real goats, and stickhorse barrel racing.

Kelly walked the grounds letting participants talk on the p.a. system about their experiences. Kelly also knelt between a group of participants and led a group



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The official kick off to the Tri-State Rodeo week was highlighted by the Special Kids' Rodeo Saturday morning. Above, Lance Shelton takes his hand off the rope in the simulated bull-riding at C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena Saturday morning. At left, Xander Wellman applies the last bit of clown makeup before working the events with participants. Below, Special Kids' Chairman Lisa Wood runs the stickhorse barrel run with Jinni Hanson of Bentonsport.

in singing the national anthem.

Wood said she's been part of the event since its inception is proud of the progression the event has seen over almost two decades.

"This is our 18th year doing this and I've been the chairperson for 15 years," Wood said. "When we first



started, we only had 13 participants and our record is 308. Lately we've been averaging about 250 and they come from all three states."

Wood has been a special education teacher for 31 years and currently teaches in the Burlington Community School District system. She says special needs individuals have always been a part of her adult life. She has a daughter with Down's Syndrome.

And not only is organizing the event her responsibility, but Wood worked through the stations engaging with participants and making sure that everyone was smiling and enjoying the morning, despite a downpour that sent some, not everyone, running for cover.

"It's an amazing event that allows these special needs individuals to get out and participate. The

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My favorite thing is the horseback riding and the rockin' horses. I like the barrel racing, too. That's fun!."

-Jinni Hanson
Bentonsport, Ia.

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Celebrations/Local News

Music added to Bridging the Arts weekend

BY BRIAN RIGGS
FMAAA Director

Mark your calendars for a must-see and hear cultural arts weekend September 21st-23rd in Lee County, Iowa. The action begins in Keokuk on 9/21 with two main entrees to choose from. Great River Players offers presentation of Glass Menagerie at their facility for a free will offering at 7:30pm. Nearby at The Grand the jazzy sounds of Rod Pierson's "Not So Big Band" begin at 8:00pm. Like Sinatra? Than get going to The Grand on Friday. Advance tickets for musical performances at The Grand are available at Keokuk Convention and Visitors Bureau, Java River, Hy-Vee, and The Lost Canvas in Keokuk, as well as FMAAA gallery in Ft.

Madison. Tickets are available at the box office of The Grand an hour prior to each performance. Get your Tom Petty Tribute and Temperance Brass tickets at \$20. Rod Pierson jazz and Fantasy Band tickets are \$15.

Keokuk shoots the moon on Saturday with a plethora of events, creating three major spokes, each showcasing major historical attractions of Keokuk—the Depot, The Grand, and the Walking Bridge. Actually the action begins at 8 a.m. in the morning at Tourism office where plein air competitors must get their canvas/paper stamped prior to allocating to painting positions in Keokuk. See their display by The Grand from 5 p.m. -7p.m. Fifth and Main is also the future home of America's

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Celebrations

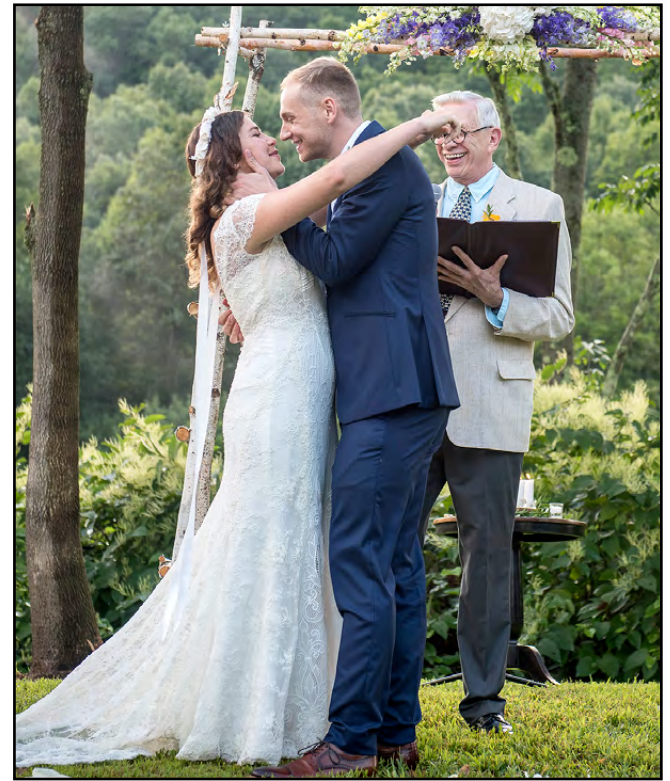
TOOBIN, DODD MARRY

NEW FAIRFIELD, Conn. - Ellen Toobin and Eric Dodd are happy to announce they were married on Aug. 18, 2018 at the Great Hollow Nature Preserve and Ecological Research Center in New Fairfield, Conn.

The bride graduated from Macalester College with a double major in Political Science and Religious Studies in 2013. Her wedding dress was made by Karen Willis Holmes.

She is a former program manager at Uptake, Inc., and is currently an MBA candidate at Washington University in St. Louis - Olin Business School.

The groom graduated from Macalester College in 2013 with a major in Political Science. He is a



product owner at Retail-Next, Inc.

A reception was held at the research center fol-

lowing the wedding and a honeymoon is planned for a later date at destination to be determined.

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For the Record/Local News

WOW-BOB on tap for art weekend

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First Great Dam Museum. A display of area artists will be available for extended hours for the Rock the Arts weekend to include: Tim&Lydia O'Neil, Tim Laffey, Jay Scott, Joe Morgan, and Morgan Stanley. Once the plein air painters are set loose in Keokuk, young artists have plenty of activities with Chalk Art at 10 a.m. at Victory Park Pavilion, followed by Kindness "Rocks the Arts" for all ages in the lower level of the library at 11 a.m. The kid's art ventures peak with Joe and Rocky Van Litho performance of gentile, furry felines imparting life's lessons in a dazzling puppet show.

The Keokuk depot will host visual artists from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. with musical performance by Tristan Grisham and 1 p.m. and food vendor Taste Buds on hand. The Grand hosts two major bands one in early afternoon and one in early evening. There will be a tent full of activity with The Islanders performing music at 2 p.m. and Java River serving food, as well as Lucky's serving specials all day.

At 3 p.m. enjoy the Motown sounds of The Fantasy Band at The Grand. Then enjoy food vendors at the tent area location while awaiting the Lee County Plein Air Competition. Winners will be selected and Keokuk works created THAT DAY on display for sale from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. RaeAnn dancing troupe will perform at this time too. All this followed by Free Fallin', a highly rated Tom Petty Tribute Band at The Grand at 7:30 p.m.. All the while Lee County visitors can view the Mississippi River from a prime vantage point along the walking bridge from 2:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m and Main Street's Brews on the Bridge/Wine Over Water taste testing of great regional beverage makers. Free shuttlebus all day between the three action sites of the Depot, The Grand, and the Walking Bridge.

On Sunday the action moves from Keokuk to Ft Madison for Art-in-Central Park. Art-in-Central Park is a decade strong now, keeping visual artists selling their wares under the shade trees, Kid's Activity Art Zone by the playground, delicious BBQ under the shelter house, and microbrew tasting from Lost Duck Brewery. New to the event this year is the Lee County Plein Air Competition that will display from 2:30 p.m. -4 p.m. by the shelter house. Musical performances begin in the gazebo at noon with 16-year-old country crooner Paytyn Young.

Musical veterans Bluezillion will headline the middle tour of duty and have your toes tappin'. Finishing will be the reggae sounds of Victory Henigan while the Lee County Plein Air Competition rounds out the family fun afternoon with their landscape works for sale. Placement awards for both days on painting action in Keokuk and Ft. Madison will be juried by Dr. Marie Brady Whitcanack. Closing out the weekend of Bridging the Arts in Lee County is a performance by Temperance Brass at The Grand in Keokuk at 3 p.m. sponsored by the Keokuk Concert Association.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/30/18 - 7:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

08/30/18 - 8:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in 3200 block Avenue K.

08/30/18 - 9:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

08/30/18 - 2:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

08/30/18 - 5:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3100 block of Avenue O.

08/31/18 - midnight - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1300 block of 14th Street.

08/30/18 - 10:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Timothy Lee Thorn, 45, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released

on a promise to appear. 08/30/18 - 1:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jerry Gasper Drago, 64, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of 48th Street on a charge of trespassing-2nd offense. He was released on a promise to appear.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/29/18 - 4:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Trenton Darius Gosnell, 22, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office, on charges of stalking and violation of a temporary restraining order. He was held in custody.

08/30/18 - 9:23 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dennis Lee Hitsman, 30, of Keokuk in the 2200 block of Carbide Lane in Keokuk, on charges of fifth-degree theft, harassment of public officials/employees, three charges of forgery, two charges of interference with official acts, trespassing, and two charges of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

08/30/18 - 2:22 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies cited Raymond Joseph Tallman, 45, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on charge of criminal trespass. He was released upon citation.

08/30/18 - 4:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Henry Wilson, 36, of Fort Madison in the 6000 block of Avenue O, on a charge of domestic assault with a weapon-first degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/30/18 - 8:56 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Dustan Mills, 32, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

08/30/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one vehicle accident, 08/31/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call and a and vehicle fire.

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Sports

Maestro conducts sack symphony in 46-0 rout

Barker goes over 300 yards again, Redd-Donald has 118 yards through the air.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Hounds put on an offensive juggernaut against a broken down West Burlington-Notre Dame football team Friday night, but it might have been the defensive effort that stood out the most.

Junior corner Romeo Maestro recorded 8.5 tackles on the night, including three sacks on the Falcons' sophomore quarterback Anthony Hoffman, helping the Hounds to their second straight shutout with a 46-0 win Friday at Richmond Stadium.

that were recovered by junior linebacker Diego Lozano and seniors Alec Craft and Alex Lauber, two of Fort Madison's anchors on the defensive front. Craft said the Hounds have been setting high expectations for themselves.

"We always expect to go farther than we do," Craft said. "But this time we brought it. We're not going to come out cocky and stuff like that, we just come out and do what we do."

Quarterback Lennon Barker had very similar numbers to last week going 21 of 35 for 317 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for two more



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Romeo Maestro (23) brings down WB-ND's Brady Oleson for a safety in the first quarter of Friday's win over the Falcons. Maestro had 8.5 tackles in the game including four for losses, three of which were sacks and the safety. Below right, senior Alec Craft jumps to block any pass attempt from WB-ND quarterback Anthony Hoffman in the second quarter.



West Burlington-Notre Dame's Carson Chiprez puts a pop on Shaymour Redd-Donald but the Hound senior wideout hung onto the ball for a first-down on the play.

"Lennon and I have been off and on, and tonight we were on. I feel like he's believing in me more and I know he's gonna put the ball on me. But I try to get others open running tight routes, and they get me open. That's just how we do it here."

Head Coach Tony Shiffman said the offense has a ways to go.

"I think we still have a lot of improvement to make offensively truthfully," he said. "We're going through gradual progression if you look at our improvement this week compared to last week. We want to be peaking at the right time, and if we peak at the right time we're gonna be real dangerous."

He said the Falcons were giving the Hounds the rollout passes playing a softer defense on the edges.

"They were giving us that and playing off us in cover 3. If you make enough mistakes, we're going to make you pay."

After having to punt

riod, giving Fort Madison ample time to put points on the board.



SHIFFMAN

AJ Noltling added a 19-yard field goal, his first of the year, on the Hounds next series. After the Falcons went another four and out, the Hounds put together a 13-play 84-yard drive. Barker went 3-8, including a 14-yard reception by junior Quentin Schneider, who was tripped up at the 1 to make it first and goal. Barker would slip through the line on the next carry to make the score 25-0.

The Falcons got two plays in off the kickoff before coughing up their first fumble of the night. The Hounds recovered and went right back to the air with Barker hitting Redd-Donald for a 10-yard strike after a holding penalty to bring up 3rd and 10, where Barker threw running left and found Frantz who shook one tackle heading down the sideline to the endzone to put the Hounds up 32-0 with Nolting's PAT.

The Falcons tried to

"We want to be peaking at the right time, and if we peak at the right time, we're gonna be real dangerous."

-Tony Shiffman
FMHS Head Coach



get something going on their next possession when Hoffman hooked up

with Riley Koenig up the middle for a 10-yard gain on the first play off the kickoff, but the Hounds defense again shut down any thoughts the Falcons had of scoring before halftime.

The Hounds kicked to start the second half, but the Falcons went four and out. Kaeli Maestro ripped off a 19-yard run on 1st and 10 for Fort Madison and then Barker hit Redd-Donald on two consecutive passes in the

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seam of the Falcon's defense. Redd-Donald was caught by the foot on the second pass with no one between him and the endzone. After Maestro bulled for another dozen, Barker hit Frantz again to the left for the touchdown that started the continuous clock with the Hounds up 39-0.

Keaton Poe would put the final touches on the game when he bulled in from a yard out, but not before sophomores Will Larson and Brock Califf took turns running over a worn out Falcon front five. Califf had a nifty run on 2nd and 8 from the 13 where he slipped out of three tackles spinning his way to the right and was wrestled out of bounds at the 7. Larson would rush for three hard yards and Califf would get wrangled at the one before Poe punched it in to set the score at 46-0.

The Hounds will get tested next week with a trip to 2-0 Clear Creek-Amana who shut out Fairfield Friday night 29-0. The Hounds went into week three last year 2-0 and then got drubbed out of

Oskaloosa 14-58.

"We've gotta approach this better than we did last year," Shiffman said. "Last year we were in the same boat 2-0 with two big wins and then went to Oskaloosa and laid an egg. We've got to be confident and not cocky."

Senior Alex Lauber said he's looking forward to the challenge next Friday offers.

"I think we've learned a lot since then. We were still developing as a team then, but now we're mentally in it. We've gone two games without giving up a point and our confidence is through the roof right now. I'm so excited for this game."

Senior linebacker Sam Hayes said it's important to keep the energy levels high this week.

"We gotta keep momentum going on defense against Clear Creek. We can do the same thing if we play up to the expectation. We can do this to every team. That's our mentality, but we gotta keep everyone up and remind them of what we did this week."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, Bloodhound senior Sam Hayes (53) bears down on a loose ball stripped from WB-ND's Anthony Hoffman (18). At left, junior Mike Mose-na takes a catch for a first down in the first quarter of Friday's 46-0 win over the Falcons.

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Volunteers enjoy the day just as much as participants

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horseback riding is the probably the most popular thing they do. They seem to love that," she said. "It's been a piece of my heart."

Jinni Hanson from Bentensport raced with Wood around the stick-horse barrel racing course and said the rodeo is one of her favorite things to do and has been coming for more than 10 years.

"My favorite things is the horseback riding and the rockin' horses," Hanson said. "I like the barrel racing, too. That's fun."

Lance Shelton, an adult participant from Quincy, said he has been coming for years, too, and looks forward to Saturday each year. He said he prefers the more exciting rides.

"I don't remember how long I've been coming,"

Shelton said after dismounting the simulated bronc ride with the help of Miss Wapello Rodeo Scarlett Gruener. "I think this and the mechanical bull are the most fun."

This year the rodeo added face painting and the simulated saddle bronc riding on new horses built just for the Special Kids' event.

After everyone has had a chance to participate in as many events as they like, they were invited into the pavilion for a free lunch provided by the Tri-State Rodeo.

Also all volunteers, participants, and their families we're given a free ticket to the Tri-State Rodeo.

Wood said being a special education teacher has helped her build the

program over 15 years.

"It helped a lot because I was able to contact a lot of the area schools and reach out to special education teachers to help spread the word about what's going on down here," she said.

She said it's also great that because of the number of volunteers, parents and family get to just walk around and watch their loved ones engage in the activities.

"They love it, because we have so many volunteers the parents get to go around and watch and they don't have to work with their child as much - and they say it's just amazing."

The volunteers are also near and dear to Wood's heart. Volunteers from all walks of life walked the



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Special Kids' Rodeo Chairman Lisa Wood gives some last-minute instruction to mentors before the start of the Special Kids' Rodeo Saturday morning at the Tri-State Rodeo Grounds. Below, Krissy Erickson of Keokuk works a lasso on a simulated calf.

grounds and helped participants get on horses, move from one station to another, and make sure everyone was having fun and were safe.

"I get more comments from volunteers about how amazing it is and that once they do it one time, they are hooked and they do it every year."



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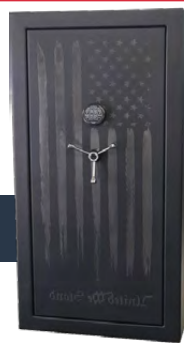
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