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# Rodeo's 2019 lineup has veteran, rising stars

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – First-year Tri-State Rodeo Chairman Tony Johnson said the rodeo has brought in a good mix of national entertainment for 2019's event.



With the release of the lineup this past Saturday at the Boogaloo Sports Bar and Grill in Burlington, fans finally got a full view of who's coming to Fort Madison in September.

The rodeo's Facebook page was abuzz with guesses when the 2019 TSR Committee posted a "redacted" version of the entertainment poster and had people guessing everything from Blake Shelton to George Strait.

On Saturday, rodeo chairman Tony Johnson revealed that Michael Ray, Tracy Lawrence, and Justin Moore would be the headlining acts for this year's event that runs from pre-rodeo days starting on Saturday Aug. 31 through Saturday, Sept.7.

One fan on Facebook guessed Ray and Moore, but missed Lawrence. Many guessed Justin Moore from the silhouettes that were posted.

"I think we ended up with a really good lineup," Iohnson said.

"Michael Ray has some really good songs out there right now. He was nominated for new male vocalist of the year. He didn't win, but he was nominated and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The 2019 Tri-State Rodeo entertainment lineup was released Saturday night at the Boogaloo Sports Bar and Grill to a raucous fan base. Tickets go on sale on Monday with Rodeo week beginning Aug. 31, 2019.

our Friday with Tracy Lawrence – he's been around for long time and I'm really looking forward to that."

Johnson said the process of selecting and acquiring the acts is a difficult one, but he said a lot of attention is paid to what fans are asking for and trying to get the best entertainment while still keeping prices affordable.

He said rodeo fans have been asking for some more traditional music, but also want to hear contemporary

acts

"There's a calling for that 90s country music and some of that is making a comeback," he said. "We've had some people really wanting that so we wanted to try and cater to that and get back to our roots.

"But Saturday, we're going to blow it up. Justin Moore's a little younger, but he's been around. He has a new album that's coming out and he has a single off

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# MP man surpasses 30K ped miles

The best way to interview an octogenarian who walked 30,000 miles in 30 years (a thousand miles a year) is to go for a three-mile, early morning walk with him or her. But don't think you won't have any trouble keeping up because the octogenarian will be doing all the talking.

85-year old George Chapman of Mt. Pleasant doesn't employ much arm swing when he walks, nor does he emphasize his words with hand gestures, like a lot of politicians. He takes rapid short-fire steps from the hips, and keeps his arms at his sides. All I had to do (at age 70) was listen, hold the tiny voice recorder, and try to keep up.

It started back in 1989 when George and his wife,

Karen, lived in 9,318 ft elevation Silverton, Colorado. Then governor Roy Romer had a program for seniors 55 and over—walk 500 miles and they would get a certificate. George knocked that off in six months, and kept on going. He has never stopped.

On February 18, 2014, 25 years later, George had circumnavigated the earth. Not really, but on that date, he had completed 24,902 miles. That figure (actually 24,901.55 miles) is the circumference of the earth at the equator. He is proud to say he did not take the shortcut via the poles, which would have shaved off 50 miles.

Then, on March 23, 2019, George Chapman hit

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# EMPTY NEST



By Curt Swarm

30,000 miles! He isn't calling it quits, either. Why would he? Oh, he has slowed his pace over the years from 4 mph (a jog for me) to 3 mph. But anyone who does much walking, or running, knows 3 mph is no walk in the park.

George graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, with a degree in psychology, and was immediately drafted. After two years in the Army, he became an insurance executive with Mass Mutual, and married Karen, a nurse. Three children followed. This was career number one.

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## **Sports/For the Record**

# FM girls drop first tennis match of season at Davis County

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6 months to 10 years of age). Please RSVP to

**PCC STAFF** 

BLOOMFIELD - The Lady Hounds girls tennis team struggled in blustery conditions on Friday night in rural Davis County and dropped their first dual meet of the year 4-5 to Davis County.

Fort Madison, who fall to 2-1 on the year, won at No's 1-3 singles with Zoe Ramatowski leading the way with an 8-1 win over Haley Swan. Larissa Ferrill and Lanie Kuntz, playing at Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, each one by 8-3 scores with Ferrill knocking of Bella Tranquillino and Kuntz dropping Abby Vaughn.

Davis County got the better of the Lady Hounds in the bottom of the singles action taking Nos. 4-6. Kirklynn Nafziger lost to Avery Thompson 4-8, Lily Cadwallader fell 5-8 and Lily Scott lost 3-8 to Davis County's Morgan Klaus.

"The girls did not play their best tonight.

The wind and weather was a factor, but it was equally a factor for the Davis County girls. They found a way to adapt, we did not," said head coach Jeremy Swink.

"We need to become more mentally tough, and learn to battle through adversity. Taking nothing away from Davis County, they are a tough team. But we didn't give them our best fight tonight. This is a team we will see come regional play, and I hope our girls are able to use this as fuel for some revenge."

In doubles action Ferrill and Kuntz escaped with an 8-8 win after securing the match with a 7-3 tiebreaker over Tranquillion and Vaughn.

Davis County then took the next two matches as Thompson and Yanhke knocked off Ramatowski and Nafziger 8-3, and Cadwallader and Scott fell to Swan and Klaus 6-8.

#### For the Record

#### Fort Madison **Police Report**

04/09/19 – 3:19 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of 30th Street. 04/09/19 – 8:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2100 block of Avenue D 04/11/19 - 6:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue G. 04/11/19 – 12:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue F. 04/11/19 – 3:23 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2300 block of Avenue H 04/12/19 – 9:42 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of 10th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report 04/05/19 - 4:29 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Carbide Lane and 235th Avenue where a vehicle driven by Yvonne Diane Reeves, 58, of Keokuk, went through the intersection and over Carbide Lane coming to a stop against some trees in the ditch. Reeves was extricated from the vehicle and was transported to Unity Point Hospital in Keokuk with injuries. She was cited for failure to maintain control, no insurance and driving without a license. A passenger in the vehicle was uninjured. 04/10/19 - 10:48 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited John Henry Wenke, 18, of Argyle at 245th Street and 160th Avenue on charges of possessio of alcohol under the age of 21-1st offense. He was released upon citation. 04/11/19- 3:24 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Allen Elfgen,

42, of West Point, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. 04/11/19 - 5:09 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tabitha Lynn Blanchard, 29, of Keokuk, at the Dubuque County Jail in Dubuque on warrants for assault with injury to a law enforcement officer and disorderly conduct. She was released on bond. 04/11/19 - 7:05 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Emily Ann Kruse, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of 16th Street in Fort Madison on warrants for possession of methamphetamine less than five grams and unauthorized use of a credit card less than \$1,000. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/11/19 - 11:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lauren Hayley Schneider, 21, of Fort

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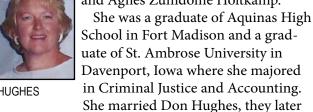
## **Obituaries/For the Record**

#### **OBITUARIES**

# CONSTANCE JEAN HOLTKAMP HUGHES

Constance Jean Holtkamp Hughes, 63, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly at 7:02 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019, surrounded by friends and family. She was born on January 16, 1956 in Fort

Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Edward and Agnes Zumdome Holtkamp.



divorced.

Connie was survived by her two sisters, Joyce (Jack) Kirchner of Donnellson, Iowa and Janet (Edward) McKenney of Carthage, Illinois and two brothers, twin brother Ronald (Debra) Holtkamp of Montrose, Iowa and Alvin (Melody) Holtkamp of Fort Madison, Iowa. She was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Agnes Zumdome Holtkamp, a brother, Ralph Holtkamp, two sister-in-laws, Miriam Menke Holtkamp and Chris Kempker Holtkamp.

Connie loved spending time with her best friends, Donna Fraise Welter, Becky Zumdome Rung, Karen Brockway Webster, Cassie Vonachen Schmidt,

Candie Culbertson Brickner, and Robin Freesmeier Kokjohn. She also spent most of her time with her niece, Mikaela McKenney, and nephew, Holt McKenney. She loved her Maltese, Butters, very much.

Connie enjoyed planting flowers, as she worked for Peters Greenhouse out of Lomax, Illinois and was in charge of the Hamilton, Illinois location. She also enjoyed technology and working on computers. She was an avid reader and loved history. Connie took care of her mother for many years up until her death in 2012. She took great pride in taking care of the most important person in her life. Anyone who knew Connie, knew that she did not know a stranger. She could carry on a conversation with anyone without judgement. This world will miss her spark.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and a wake service to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening all at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Thomas Szydlik officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Connie's memory. Online condolences to Connie's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

# Area crappie, blue gill fishing heating up

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report for southeast Iowa waters compiled by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the week ending Wednesday, April 18. Fishing is still slow with water temperatures on the rise and still a lot of high water.

Big Hollow Lake

Just a few anglers out with the warm weather.

Lake Belva Deer

Water continues to warm with temperatures in the 50's. Largemouth Bass - Slow: A few bass were caught during the warmer weather along the riprap in the sun.

Lake Darling

Largemouth Bass - Slow: The warm weather brought the bass into the shallows at the upper end of the lake; they most likely will head back out when the weather changes later this week.

For more information on the above lake, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Lake Miami

Start in the shallows using small jigs for bluegill.

Lake Sugema

Try jigs tipped with minnows around the flooded timber for crappie.

Lake Wapello

Channel Catfish - Fair: Try cut bait or dead chubs. Ottumwa Park Pond South

Catch trout with a variety of methods including a live minnow fished under a bobber, small tube jigs and inline spinners. You must have a fishing license and a pay the trout fee to fish for and/or possess trout.

Rathbun Reservoir

The current lake level is 907.36 msl. Normal operating elevation is 904.0 msl. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels, so make sure to properly drain, clean, and dry equipment before transporting to another water body. Channel Catfish - Fair: Anglers are catching channel catfish; use cut bait or shad sides.

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Madison at the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Academy Avenue in Denmark. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released on

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

Fort Madison Fire &

#### **Rescue Report**

04/11/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one power pole fire, one small brush fire, and one odor investigation 04/12/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one false alarm, one potential hazmat, one vehicle accident.



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#### **Holy Family Parish breakfast**

Roling Hall will be the site for a Easter Sunday, April 21, pancake breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m. A free-will donation will help defray costs of the HFP youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

#### **FM Partners Paint-A-Thon**

Volunteers are need for the annual Paint-A-Thon taking place April 22-27 in Fort Madison. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 372-5471 to volunteer.

#### **BSC Auction, Social Tour**

The 2nd annual event will be held on April 27, 2019 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex with transportation by SEIBUS. Dinner will follow by Fat Jimmy's Smokehouse and the

auction begins at 7 p.m.

#### Salute to Small Business Breakfast

The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding it's annual Salute to Small Business Breakfast on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 7:30 a.m at Quality Inn & Suites.

#### Soroptomist Princess Tea Party

The annual Princess Tea Party is set for Saturday, May 11th at Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison. Ages 3-5 will attend from 10 a.m. to noon, while 6 and up will attend from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is April 5. For more information email Dr. Lauri Wondra at <u>laurisorop@gmail.com</u>.

#### Jack Morris Memorial Golf Outing

The annual Fort Madison Chamber Golf outing will be held June 14, 2019. Sponsorships are available. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 319-372-5471 for more details.

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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Todd at 319-470-8711.







## **Local News/Weather**



Starting with a bang

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison Eagles Club coordinated a kick-off for the annual Fort Madison Fireworks Show by soliciting local businesses to donate as a challenge to other local businesses to help fund the project. Those pictured above donated \$2,600 to start the campaign.

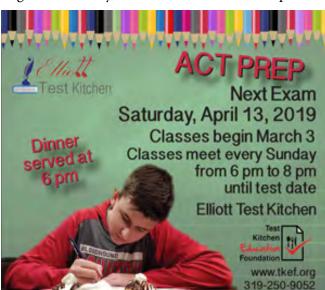
# Career No. 4 on the way for retiree

#### **SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

When the insurance business grew mundane, and midlife crises were tickling the fancy of both Karen and George, they shifted gears, bought a newspaper in the tiny mountain town of Silverton, Colorado, (population 800) on the Western Slope of the Rockies, and became mountaineer media moguls. Karen sold advertising and George was the publisher, editor and floor sweeper. Career number two.

Never a couple to spend more than 15 years in one place, when a B&B came up for sale in Kentucky, they sold the newspaper and were off to greener pastures (Kentucky is the bluegrass state, you know.) Career number three.

Would there be a career number four? Well, if you call retirement a career, and considering all of George's interests and officer positions, retirement is his fourth career. They had been through Mt. Pleasant—it was sort of midway between two of their kids—and fell in love with a circa 1868 National Register, two story, brick Italianate home, complete





with a tower. They bought it, and relocated George's 1931, mostly restored, six-cylinder Chevrolet to its garage. (It may be completely restored by the NO—Next Owner.) The antique car shares space with their personal automobile, and George's printing presses. You can take the newspaper man out of the business, but the ink is still in his blood.

George is Advertising Manager and proof reader for "The Bulb Horn" which is the official publication of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA), and Treasurer of the Red Flag Horseless Carriage Tour.

Then there's the walking. George calculates that for each hour he spends walking, he has added more than an hour to the end of his life. And he doesn't mean in the nursing home.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at <u>curtswarm@yahoo.com</u> or visit his website at <u>www.empty-nestwords-photos-and-frames.com</u>.

# **5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

#### MON 15 Apr



Clear High- 56.1° F | Low - 51.0° F

#### TUE 16 Apr



Scattered Clouds High– 73.7° F | Low – 62.9° F

#### WED 17 Apr



Moderate Rain High– 72.8° F | Low – 67.6° F

#### THU 18 Apr



Moderate Rain High– 63.9° F | Low – 43.5° F

#### FRI 19 Apr



Clear High– 53.8° F | Low – 47.6° F

<u>OpenWeatherMap</u>

# StumpTown, NATU Band to fill up party pavillion

#### **LINEUP** - Continued from Page 1

that album that's charting right now."

Johnson said the Coors Party Pavilion will get a little bit of a mix up this year, as well.

Local favorite StumpTown will be performing after the stage acts on Friday and Saturday, but Illinois natives, and NashNext runners-up The Natu Band will entertain fans in the pavilion on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Natu Band may be familiar to some as a performer at RiverFest 2018, and the reveal band at that year's RiverFest Reveal Party at Kinnick South.

Johnson said The Natu Band finished runner-up at the 2018 Cumulus Radio NASHNext competition to Jessie Ritter and StumpTown is always a hit locally.

"Wednesday and Thursday will have a different band with The Natu Band, and then Friday and Saturday will be StumpTown again. They're a local favorite. Everybody loves StumpTown's high energy, They do a great job," he said.

Johnson said he was impressed with the crowd at Saturday's reveal.

"I was really impressed with our turnout tonight. Catfish Bend, Fun City, Boogaloo are all good Tri-State Rodeo partners and we're glad to be able to do this here. There's a lot of energy around this tonight."

Tickets for the 2019 Tri-State Rodeo will go on sale Monday April 15, 2019 at 8 a.m. Multiple ticket levels will be available. For ticket information, visit <a href="www.TriStateRodeo.org">www.TriStateRodeo.org</a>.

2019 Tri-State Rodeo Schedule of Events Saturday, August 31

- Pancake Breakfast 6:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. sponsored by Fareway on the Tri-State Rodeo C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena grounds
- Special Kids Rodeo Pre-registration is required to ensure a t-shirt is on hand. Forms will be on the website

#### Sunday, September 1

• Chili Supper 5 p.m. -7 p.m. sponsored by Fareway on the Tri-State Rodeo C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena grounds

Monday, September 2

- Little Spurs Rodeo 10 a.m. Registration forms will be on the website and at local businesses
  - Pork Dinner 5 p.m. 7 p.m. sponsored by Hy-Vee
- Lil Miss Rodeo and All-Around Cowboy Monday evening in the arena.

Tuesday, September 3

• Pee Wee Barrel Race 5:30 p.m. at the Tri-State Rodeo C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena grounds

Wednesday, September 4

• Tri-State Rodeo Invitation Only Competition: CINCH SHOOTOUT – Highlighting current and past world champions. Gates open at 5 p.m. with action starting at 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 5

- Tri-State Rodeo Competition Gates open at 5 p.m. with rodeo action beginning at 7 p.m.
- National Entertainment immediately following the performance Michael Ray

Friday, September 6

- School's Out Round Up noon to 2 p.m.
- Tri-State Rodeo Competition Tough Enough To Wear Pink Night – Gates open at 5:30 p.m. with rodeo action starting at 7:30p.m.
- National Entertainment immediately following the performance Tracy Lawrence

Saturday, September 7

- Grand Rodeo Parade 9:30a.m. Travels down Ave G
- Tri-State Rodeo Competition Gates open at 5:30 p.m. with rodeo action beginning at 7:30p.m.
- National Entertainment immediately following the performance Justin Moore