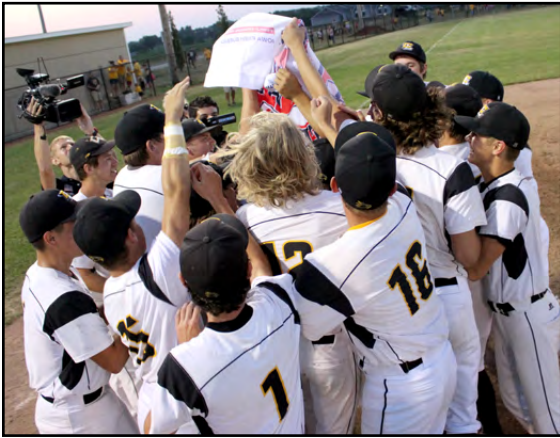




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*Hawks knock off No. 1 Wilton 14-0 in just five innings; face Des Moines Christian on Monday*

BY ETHAN LILLARD  
PCC SPORTS

WASHINGTON- Coming into Tuesday night's Class 2A Substate championship game, Central Lee knew it was going to be going up against Wilton's ace in University of Iowa commit Jared Townsend. Townsend held a .29 ERA to go with a dominate 9-0 record entering the contest.

The Hawks forced Wilton to pull Townsend from the mound in the top of the fourth inning, as they had already collected five hits and four walks off the Iowa commit and had the bases loaded with a 5-0 lead.

Wilton's pitching didn't improve after Townsend was pulled, as Central Lee collected four runs in the second inning and 10 in the fourth, winning by the final of 14-0 and advancing to the state tournament for the first time since 1998.

"I don't think they think we play a very good brand of baseball down here," Central Lee Head Coach Shane Weirather said. "I think we're a damn good team, but I think it almost plays into this team's psyche a little bit

## Hawks off to state



Far left, the Central Lee Hawks celebrate with their state tournament banner after knocking off top-ranked Wilton 14-0 in the Class 2A Substate 4 championship Tuesday night in Washington. At right, senior Tyler Hopp causes a dust-up sliding safely into second base.

Photos by Ethan Lillard/PCC

that we're kind of the underdog.

"Definitely coming into Wilton, nine seniors, ranked all year, they thought we were the underdog. They knew the perception was that we were the underdog. We knew we could do this."

While he may not have received the publicity like Townsend, Central Lee's starting pitcher Tuesday in Waylon Weirather also came in sporting a sub one ERA and had a sparkling record of 8-1.

"Our pitcher's actually going to Iowa, too," the head coach said. "He's going to be an electrical engineer."

Waylon Weirather, along with his teammates, felt zero pressure in the fact they were going against one of the top-ranked teams in the state with one of the best pitchers in the state.

"We're never intimidated," Waylon Weirather said.

"We know this kid's a very good pitcher, but we're never intimidated by anybody. It's respect. We know what to prepare for, we know what we're going to see."

### GOING TO STATE

The game started as many may have expected with a three-up, three-down top of the first. Wilton then came to the plate in the bottom of the first and loaded the bases on two singles and a walk with just one out. Keeping his cool and doing what he has been doing his whole baseball career, Weirather forced a fly out and a groundout as Wilton stranded the bases loaded.

"Wonderful start by Waylon," Shane Weirather said. "Let's not forget the bases loaded in the first inning

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## Fort Madison school district rolls out new logo

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison has chopped down its apple tree.

The former district logo featuring a tree with apples has been replaced effective today with a new logo design that will be phased into the district's new branding logo going forward.

According to a release from Rachel Goldstick, the district's online marketing and software specialist, the district will phase the new logo in on district materials going forward. The old logo featured the tree with apples and the words "Come Learn and Grow" under the base of the tree with Fort Madison Community School encircling the logo.

"With the recent modernization

of our district website, this is the perfect time to incorporate a clean, modern look for our district logo," Goldstick wrote in the release Wednesday morning.

Goldstick said a marketing committee was formed consisting of representation from teachers, support staff, students, coaches, TLS

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## Lee County News/Weather

# County readies for onslaught of bicyclists

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – With numbers wavering in the 10,000 to 15,000 mark, Lee County’s RAGBRAI communities are gearing up for fast-paced Saturday showcasing the history and benevolence of southeast Iowa.

RAGBRAI, The Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, cyclists will be in Lee County from the early morning hours on Saturday until the Biggest Dam Dip on the Mississipp in Keokuk, with official festivities wrapping up at 4. But many communities plan to keep the party going.

Riders will enter Lee County after an early morning start in downtown Burlington. Riders will head back west to Geode State Park and then head south on Bridgeport Road to Hwy. 16 west of Denmark. After stopping in Denmark, riders are scheduled to depart before noon and head south out of Denmark on X32 to J48 and then hook up with J40 west into West Point.

### WEST POINT

Katie Wilson, the RAGBRAI coordinator in West Point said everything all activities will be on the square in town beginning at 7 a.m.

“It’s gonna be party,” Wilson said Wednesday. “We’re gonna have our Mt. RAGBRAI set up again this year



so everyone can be a part of that and we have eight vendors coming in and all the bars, Phil’s Pub, Aggies, The Legion, Corner Tap and Fourth Street, will all be open.”

Wilson said RAGBRAI officials ask the host towns to shut down when riders are expected to leave for the next location, but they can then open back up for the remainder of the day.

“They’ll have us shut down at about 1:30 p.m., but we’ll have Caleb Booten playing in the park from 1 to 4 p.m. and Will Stueckerjuergen will be DJ’ing from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.,” Wilson said.

“Once RAGBRAI gives us the thumbs up we’ll open back up. Once the majority is pushed through then they give us that OK and the bands will play til 4 p.m.”

### DONNELLSON

Once out of West Point, riders will head to Franklin for a short stop before heading to Donnellson where Lee County Fair Board president Brock Westfall will be running in a pickle outfit.

Donnellson is what’s called a “Meet” Town where support teams park vehicles and meet up with riders. Kimberly Westfall, who’s coordinated most of the events said she’s expecting anywhere from 4,000 to 6,000 people at any given time with close to 15,000

“

*In every town they like to sign something, so we’re putting our bright green Night of Mayhem car out and everyone gets to sign it... riders and the public in general.”*

-Kimberly Westfall,  
Donnellson events coordinator

predicted for the day.

Riders need to be out of Donnellson by 2:30 and headed to Montrose, but prior to that cyclists will see a Small Town Big Dill greeting them as they head in from Hwy 2 after coming south out of Franklin on W78.

Franklin said she expects riders as early as 9 a.m. to the Lee County Fairgrounds and Donnellson is putting on a show so big it needs 70 volunteers to put it on.

With bands playing in the Entertainment Pavilion starting at 9 a.m., the town will feature a Red Neck pool, a 20’x70’ pool four feet deep with a 50-foot slip and slide. There will also be bicycle are on display and vendors working fundraisers and sales.

“In every town they like to sign something, so we’re putting our bright green Night of Mayhem car out and everyone gets to sign it...riders and the public in general,” Westfall said. “So come on out and beat the rush. Since we’re a meeting town you might want to get here before 9 a.m. because it may be a little tough getting in and out.”

In carrying with the theme, the Fair board will be

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SUN 28 Jul  
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MON 29 Jul  
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High– 81.6° F | Low – 64.7° F

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## Obituaries/From the Front

### OBITUARIES

## DOROTHY I. SCHOCK

Dorothy I. Schock, 77, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 4:10 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born September 7, 1941, in Kahoka, Missouri, the daughter of Cecil and Franke (Ellison) Kilkenny. On July 26, 1958, she married Roger Eldon Schock in Kahoka, Missouri. He preceded her in death on September 24, 1991.

Survivors include three daughters: Shelly (Jim) Platt of Marianna, Florida, Brenda (Dan) Mohrfeld of West Point, Iowa and Susie Schock of Burlington, Iowa; four grandchildren: Nick (Sarah) Mueller, Jessica Mueller, Nate (Randi) Lieving and Taylor Mohrfeld; seven step-grandchildren: Tara Mohrfeld, Adam Mohrfeld, Christine Apple, Erin Kenny, Kristin Denning, Amber Painter and Nathan Platt; eleven great grandchildren; three sisters: Anne Brown of Luray, Missouri, Mary Lou (Leon) Orton of Memphis, Missouri and Lois (Larry) Bryan of Nashville, Tennessee brother-in-law: Murry (Anne) Schock of Kahoka, Missouri. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband: Roger.

Dorothy and her husband were some of the founding members of Green Acres Country Club. She was a member of the T.B. Association. Dorothy loved going to the Cottage Cafe and most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Her family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Alice Hawes officiating.

## New logo was collaborative effort

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and administration. After a few brainstorming sessions and a number of revisions, the committee agreed upon a "FM" logo to replace the former district tree logo.

She said the committee will also be looking for a new Bloodhound mascot logo in the near future to pair up with the newly released district logo but until that time the new logo will be used for all web, print, and marketing materials.

"The new logo has a simplistic design that is clearly legible across all platforms. The simplistic and bold look represents strength in unity as we continue to learn and grow together," she wrote.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater wrote in an email that she was pleased with the collaboration that took place in coming up with the new design.

"We are pleased to release the result of the marketing committee's collaboration in helping to rebrand the Fort Madison Community School District with a new logo," Slater wrote.

"Collaboration such as this has been the cornerstone of the vision, mission, goals and day-to-day work in the district for the past three years. The marketing committee, who was tasked with this work, did an outstanding job in their research and results. I am excited to see the impact of increased recognition of the Fort Madison Community School District with the new FM logo."

Goldstick said the district started talking about getting a new logo last year.

"Sebastian (Seifert, district director of technology) and I started talking about this when I first started back in July of 2018, he and Erin had talked about this over the last couple of years. We concluded that if we were going to move forward with this, we would want input from our Bloodhound community."

She said the district had many drafts and the last round of meetings featured six different renderings.

"The core motivation for creating this new logo is unity," Goldstick said. "Each building, and many of our sports and activities had their own version of a Bloodhound or the FM logo and we want to unify everyone under one logo. We are excited about having a simplistic yet strong look that stays consistent throughout the district."

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**Sports**

# Hawks open state tourney with Des Moines Christian

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that Waylon pitched out of. That's a tremendous lineup."

Weirather navigating out of the jam sparked the Hawks' offense in the top of the second. Luke Simmons started the frame with a walk before Jadon Hawk singled. Alex Sandoval then hit a blooper down the right field line. Wilton right fielder Brayton Wade ran up and attempted a diving grab, but the ball got past him as both runners on base scored and Sandoval found himself at third.

After back-to-back strikeouts, TJ Stutes singled in Sandoval for the 3-0 lead. Tyler Hopp followed with a single of his own, scoring Stutes after he was able to steal second base during Hopp's at bat for the 4-0 lead.

Weirather walked the first batter in the bottom of the second inning, but a great play at third by Dylan Stuecker led to a double play adding to the Central Lee momentum. A singled followed the double play, but Weirather forced the next batter into a groundout to end the threat.

Central Lee went three-up, three-down in the top of the third before putting together one of the biggest innings in school history.

Hawk led the inning off with a single, before three-straight walks brought him in for a 5-0 lead, prompting Wilton to pull its ace.

Cory Anderson came on in relief, but quickly walked Stutes for another run, giving Central Lee a 6-0 lead. Wilton was finally able to record it's first out in the next at bat, but Central Lee still had just one out and the bases loaded.

Sam Hirner then hit a hard grounder to short, that was bobbled by Colin McCrabb leaving Hirner safe at first with another run coming across the board for 7-0 lead.

The error was first of many that would hamper Wilton in the fourth inning.

KJ Skow followed suit, hitting another sharp grounder to short that was again mishandled by McCrabb, this time bringing two runs to push the lead to 9-0. Simmons followed with a single to plate Hirner, before a Hawk single loaded the bases again having batted



Photos by Ethan Lillard/PCC

Hawks senior Tyler Hopp unwraps the Class 2A State Qualifier banner in front of media after Tuesday's 14-0 win over No. 1 Wilton. Hopp, who had three RBI on the night, almost missed the game due to an infection.

around, still with just one out.

Sandoval tested Wilton's 3rd baseman Ashton Stoelk with another hard hit grounder and Stoelk committed the third error of the inning, plating Skow for an 11-0 lead. The Hawks walked in another run before Stuecker hit a ball over the head of the second baseman to bring in two more runs and make it a 14-0 game.

"There used to getting a lot of outs by strikeouts," Shane Weirather said. "I think that kind of showed in their fielding. I think we put a lot of pressure on people. Not just being kind of mouthy, but also by running the bases well and just putting the ball in play. Several times I think we had two strikes and just continued to put the ball in play. Good things happen when you do that."

Waylon Weirather went back to work in the home-

“*It feels great. All these people here, we've always traveled well, they travel well, they deserve it. The kids have put in so much work here. They deserve this.*”

-Shane Weirather, Central Lee Head Coach

half of the fourth, retiring the side after facing just four batters.

The Hawks went three-up, three-down to start the fifth, but were just three outs away from the win with the 14-0 lead.

Wilton started the bottom of the fifth with a single. Weirather forced a bloop pop out to third for out No. 1, before Hopp came up with a phenomenal diving grab in centerfield for out No. 2. Weirather then forced the next hitter into a groundout, putting the game away to give Central Lee the win and advance the Hawks to the state tournament for the first time since 1998.

"It feels great," Shane Weirather said after the win. "All these people here, we've always traveled well, they travel well, they deserve it. The kids have put in so much work here. They deserve this."

"This senior class has been the best bunch of leaders I have ever seen, that I've coached. The rest of them followed along and they're tremendous, they deserve it, I'm so happy for these kids and this community. They are having a great time."

One of the senior captains, Hopp, nearly missed Tuesday's championship game after having something jammed into his foot while on the river causing swelling and an infection that got into his bloodstream.

"I was going to have to have surgery yesterday," Hopp said. "But they went in and the antibiotics were working. The infection got in my blood stream, but they got it and the antibiotics worked. I'm so thankful for that. It's crazy to be a part of this."

Sandoval led the way at the plate for the Hawks with 3 RBI, while Dylan Stuecker and KJ Skow each collected two RBI. Hopp, Hirner, Simmons, Stutes and Evan Pohren each had a single RBI.

Weirather tossed 85 pitches for the five-inning complete game, allowing just four hits and no earned runs. Weirather collected four strikeouts and walked four batters.

For the senior pitcher, he couldn't have asked for anything more, well, except maybe what is possibly to come in the not-so-distant future.

"I could never ask for anything more, except for a state championship," Weirather said.

The Hawks (24-2) open state tournament play on Monday with a 1:30 p.m. matchup with Des Moines Christian (28-8). The Pen City Current will have full coverage of the Hawks run at Des Moines.

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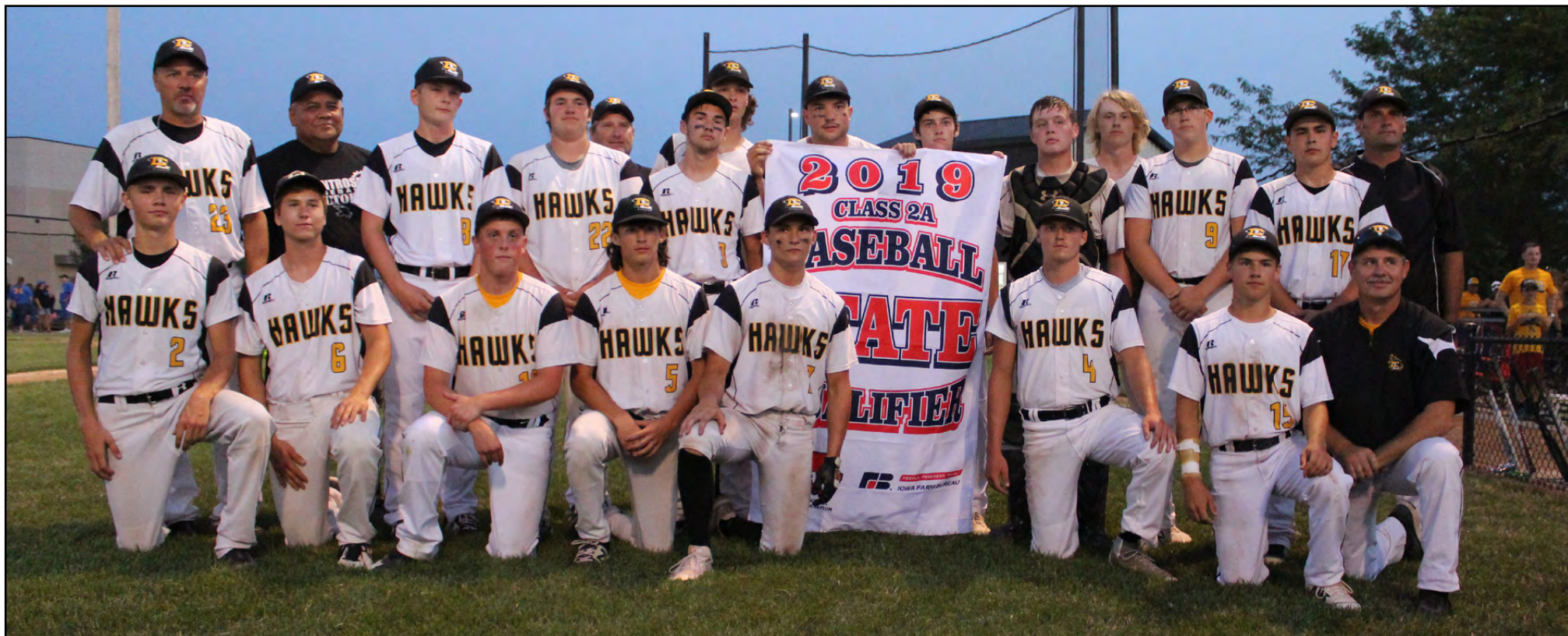


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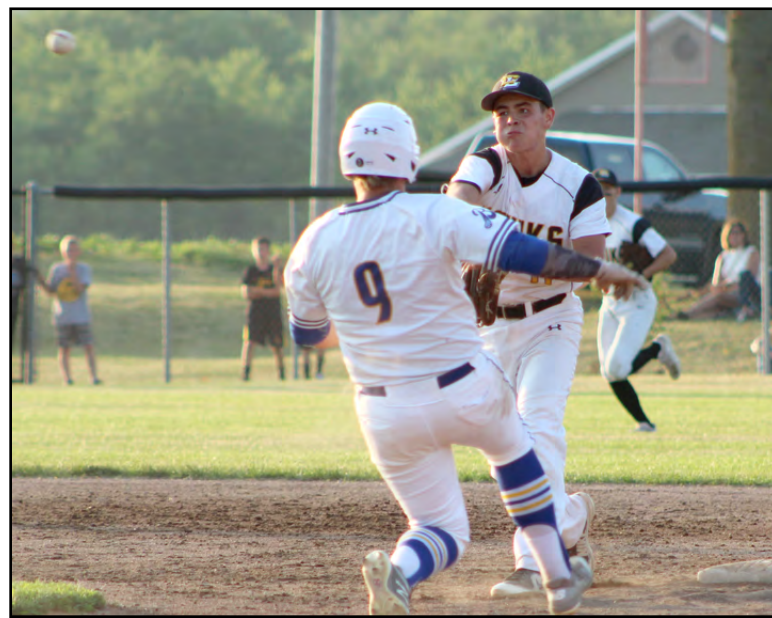


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At right, freshman Alex Sandoval makes a twirl at second to complete a double play in the second inning to help end a Wilton rally.



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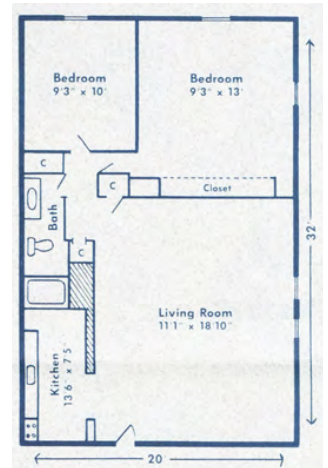
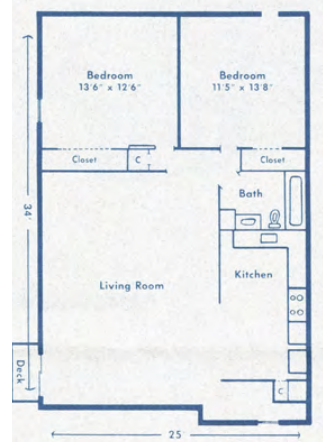
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From the Front

# Montrose, Keokuk primed to wrap up 2019 RAGBRAI

**RIDE** - Continued from Page 2

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"We'll have a bacon cheeseburger pickle sandwich, pickle wrap mixtures in a sandwich, chicken salad boats, smoothies, BBQ, tacos. You name it, we probably will have it," Westfall said.

Several groups will use the event to help raise needed funds for non-profit operations including the Central Lee 4-H club's petting zoo. The Michael Burke Foundation will also be on hand with an Angel Wing photo display. Burke was a Central Lee graduate who was killed on RAGBRAI in 2005 after a tree branch fell on his tent during a storm. The foundation offers scholarships to local students in Burke's name.

MONTROSE

Riders will then travel down Hwy. 218 to Peach Orchard Road where they will head in to "Mark their Twain" in Montrose.

Montrose, which is scheduled for a 3 p.m. departure for riders, is planning on filling up some bellies with more than 450 lbs of pulled pork and close to 1,000 brats.

Entertainment includes the Hissem Family Campfire on the Montrose Riverfront Stage and D'Allan Rice playing in the Gazebo. Riders will be able to experience the conservation of the river with Lee County Conservation district officials on hand and they can try their hands at antique steam whistles, see historic button cutting with mussel shells.

Nauvoo Pageant Bagpipe Band will be playing at the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on the way into town and historical shows will be available in the Heritage Center.

Town volunteers will also be serving up ice cream, smoothies, lemonade and other cold treats to riders as they head toward Keokuk on River Road south out of Montrose.

**KEOKUK**

Beginning some time between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. the first cyclists will start to file into Keokuk before ultimately making their way to Victory Park to dip their tire in the Mississippi River to mark completion of Iowa's annual cycling showcase.

Activities abound throughout town and throughout the day Saturday to celebrate the first time that the RAGBRAI has descended upon Keokuk since 1992.

The main Keokuk RAGBRAI festivities will occur when the annual ride ends with The Biggest Dam Dip on the Mississippi. Cyclists will enter Keokuk from

Mississippi River Road and continue through town to the Victory Park riverfront. Next to the dipsite the George M. Verity Riverboat Museum will be the site of a free live concert performed by local pop band Glitter Salad. That performance, upon the bow deck of the Verity, will take place from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Radio Keokuk will conduct its live remote broadcast throughout the day. Just beyond the band, riders will find the dipsite just south of Howard's Boat Dock.

The Meierotto Shelter House will be the site of Main Street Keokuk, Inc.'s beverage garden, which is set to offer a variety of beverages including beers, seltzers, and a local



craft beer option from V's Brewpub. The garden will also feature the office RAGBRAI beer, Tailwind, brewed by Iowa City's Big Grove Brewery. Vendors will be set up in the parking lot between the shelter house and riverfront and will feature a wide variety of food options including barbecue, gyros, vegetarian dishes, and concession style favorites.

Happening just down the road from the dip site, Southside Boat Club will host the 3rd Annual Musicians Memorial

Benefit which will feature seven bands, food, auctions, games, and a whole lot more. Road closures will limit access to the Keokuk riverfront. Those interested in visiting the Southside Boat Club will be required to use Bank Street and access will be limited to passenger vehicles only. RVs, buses, and the like will not be permitted.

Keokuk RAGBRAI Festivities are scheduled to come to an end at 4PM on Saturday, July 27th.

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