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“We love that it’s back”

Festival goers say resurgent RiverFest is family, budget friendly

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The north banks of the Mississippi River were teeming with festival goers on Friday and Saturday as RiverFest 2018 shifted into full gear.

The festival kicked off Thursday with some high-octane southern rock and roll as the Memphis Dives and Saving Abel gave ticket holders a sense that this third year of the reboot of the annual Fort Madison summer music celebration was something different.

RiverFest Organizer Charles Craft said more than 1,500 people packed into the Entertainment area Thursday evening on the first night and said he knew something great was happening on this weekend.

“I’m very happy with what we’re seeing here tonight,” Craft said Thursday night working his way through the mass of people riveted on frontman Scotie Austin and Saving Abel.

Friday night he said unofficial attendance was closer to 2,500 as Fort Madison native Brandon Gibbs came back to RiverFest for the first time in 20 years and much to the delight of dedicated fans. Local club favorites Chaz and the Channel Catz got things going before Gibbs, and then 80s power ballad rockers FireHouse provided an evening of nostalgia and a harkening back to a youth buried deep until “Don’t Treat Me Bad” and “Love of a Lifetime” brought out phone lights.

Saturday morning the RiverFest Games kicked off with a 5K run and 14-year-old Miles Sheppard of Warsaw retained his title as overall winner with a blistering 17:22. Jennifer Lucey won the female overall run with a time of 21:33.

After a few barges took over the Mississippi, for the
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Photo by Aniah Ross/PCC Intern

Above, FireHouse belts out some of their 80s rock ballads to more than 2,500 on hand for RiverFest 2018 Saturday night. Bottom left, Legend Weiler gets a gut check at the bottom of the Fun Slide during the Saturday afternoon wrist band session at the carnival. Bottom right, Sergio Palermo pulls the flag as “Dirty-Oars” won the second heat against CRG. CRG won the event with the fastest overall time.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMCS D’s Slater honored by ISEA for teamwork

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - Fort Madison’s Erin Slater was honored Monday with a state award aimed at leaders in the state’s public education system.

Slater, the superintendent of the Fort Madison Community School District was presented the award at the Iowa State Education Association’s Celebration of Excellence Awards banquet in West Des Moines.

Slater was awarded the ISEA’s TEAM award after being nominated by Rachella Dravis, a teacher at the



SLATER

Fort Madison Middle School. The TEAM award stands for Together, Educators and Administrators Make it Happen.

According ISEA President Mike Beranek, Slater has created a culture in Fort Madison in the short time she’s been in position. Slater was hired in the summer of 2016 to replace retiring Superintendent Dr. Ken Marang.

“It is clear that in her short time as Superintendent, Erin has created a collegial and creative learning environment for educators and in turn, a supportive and

learning environment for the students,” Beranek said.

Slater said the working together with educators is how the district as whole does what’s best for students.

“I am honored to be recognized by the ISEA in support of the great partnerships we have in the Fort Madison Community School District,” Slater wrote in a text to the Pen City Current. “Working together is how we do business in order to do what’s best for kids.”

Slater was also give an a three-year contract extension by the district in July.

FMCS D board members Dianne Hope, Gayla Young and Jillian Troxel attended the award ceremony.

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Obituaries/Local News

Fort Madison woman nabbed on felony meth charge

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa woman on felony drug charges.

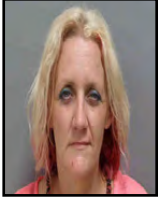
Brooke Winn, 39, of Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on August 2nd, 2018 on the 1700 block of 303rd Ave on felony drug warrants. Winn is charged with 3 counts of delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, within 1000 Feet of a Park, class C felonies with enhancements. If convicted, Winn faces up to 45 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Winn stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that she was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Fort Madison Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.



WINN

OBITUARIES

V. DARLENE BYRNE

V. Darlene Byrne, 87, of Keokuk died Saturday, August 4, at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.



BYRNE

She was born on June 25, 1931 in Antioch, MO the daughter of Glen and Pearl Stehl Vice. Darlene graduated from Keokuk Senior High School with the Class of 1948.

On January 11, 1950 she was united in marriage to Phil Myers at the Great Lakes Naval Base. They later divorced. On August 1, 1970 she was united in marriage to Arthur E. Byrne in Payson, IL. He preceded her in death on January 26, 1992.

She had worked as a bookkeeper for Doctor Kasiske in Keokuk and retired in 1989.

Darlene was a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk and had most recently attended the Church of the Nazarene in Montrose, IA. She was a member of the Keokuk Area Hospital Auxiliary and was a volunteer in the Hospital Gift Shop and in surgical waiting. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a former member of the Southside Boat Club and the Keokuk Yacht Club.

Darlene enjoyed spending time with her friends and looked forward to monthly lunches with her high school classmates. She was a loving mother and grandmother and especially enjoyed the company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Phil Myers and his wife Kathy, Danny Myers, Glen Myers and his wife Donna all of Keokuk, one step-son, Mike Byrne and his wife Pam of Keokuk, nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by one step-son, Don Byrne, one step-son, Pat Byrne, one grandson, Jeremy Byrne, two brothers, Forrest Vice and Edward Vice and two sisters, Audrey Seltzer and Ann Glasscock.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Preston Smith and Pastor Dan Deatrick officiating. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Monday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Great River Hospice House, the Montrose Church of the Nazarene, St. Paul United Church of Christ of Keokuk or the Alzheimer's Association.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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8/14	Iowa State Fair	\$65 pp
8/15	Cubs vs. Brewers at Wrigley	\$128 pp
8/21	The Henry Ford & Rouge Factory Tour	\$450 pp double
8/29	Cubs vs. Mets at Wrigley	\$110 pp

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Beer Pong Tournament: 6pm - 10pm

Friday:

Volleyball Practice: 3pm - 6pm
Dragon Boat Practice: 3pm - 7pm
Commercial & Craft Open: 4pm - 7pm
Food Vendors Open: 4pm - Close
Entertainment Area Open: 4pm - Close
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 5pm - 5:15pm
TEEN STREET DANCE (Live DJ): 9:30pm - 11pm

Saturday:

5k Fun Run/Walk: 6:30am - 8:30am
Commercial & Craft Open: 8am - 5pm
Food Vendors Open: 11am - Close
Dragon Boat Races: 9am - Close
Kan-Jam Tournament: 10am - 2pm
Pickleball Tournament: 10am - 2pm
Volleyball Tournament: 10am - 2pm
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 12pm - 12:15pm
Entertainment Area Open: 3:00pm - Close
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 4:45pm - 5pm

Sunday:

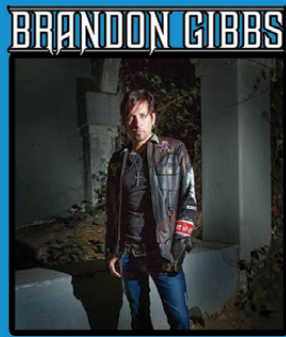
Legion Charity Breakfast (benefiting area veterans): 8am - Noon
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 8am - Noon
Commercial & Craft Open: 8am - 3pm
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RiverFest Float Trip (Kayak, Canoe, SUP Float): 9am - Noon
Harmony Sunday Services: 10:30am - Noon
Captives Set Free (Christian Rock Band): Noon - 1pm
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Local News/Sports



Davette Jurgenson and Tina Hauck of Hidden Beauty give haircuts to Chloe and Cassidy Smith as part of the Fort Madison Kiwanis Back-to-School fair Saturday at FMHS. Volunteers gave out backpacks to more than 130 students as well as provided information on services in the community and the free hair cuts.



Receding waters improve local fishing outlook

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the week ending Aug. 8, 2018

Iowa River

(Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

The Iowa River is getting low enough that the bigger sandbars are starting to show. Channel Catfish - Fair: Catfishing has picked up a little. Work the outer edges of the brush piles early in the morning and late evening. Stink baits are made for this time of year.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature in low 80's to upper 70's; 90 + degree temperatures next week should make that go back up. Bluegill - Fair: Anglers are picking up bluegills in the flooded timber between 10 and 12 feet of water. Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are still finding crappies while slow trolling in the open water area between the beach and the dam; early morning before 10 am is best.

Lake Darling

Water temperatures dropped a little since last week, but that trend doesn't look to continue with the weather forecast. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Anglers are picking up bass around the deeper habitat. In the early and late parts of the day, look for them to be in shallow but not far from the deep water ledges. Bluegill - Fair: Look for bluegills out around the rock piles and brush in 6-8 feet of water.

Lost Grove Lake

Lots of boats and kayaks out on the lake. Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are picking up some crappies later in the evening as these fish come to shore to feed later in the day. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Anglers are catching bass in the flooded brush on the north side of the lake in the early morning hours.

Skunk River (Coppock to Mississippi River)

The river level dropped more since last week, but most jon boats should still be ok. Channel Catfish - Fair: Starting to get low enough that you should be able to concentrate more on the deeper holes.

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

Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 5.95 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is falling. We have not received any fishing report information for this pool this week. Channel Catfish - No Report: Try fishing above brush piles and snags along the side channels and main channel; use stink bait or shad. Bluegill - No Report: Look for bluegills in the backwaters around brush piles. Try fishing with worms under a bobber. Wall-eye - No Report: Look for walleyes on the wing dams. Cast crankbaits or troll three-way rigs with crawlers.

River stages have been falling this past week. Main channel water temperature is around 78 degrees. Water clarity is fair. Fishing is being reported as slow. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

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RiverFest 5K winners announced

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The following are the results from Saturday morning's RiverFest 5K run/walk on the riverfront in Riverview Park in Fort Madison.

Gender is followed by the age grouping, time and runner's name.

Male 14u 0:17:22 - Miles Sheppard
M 30-39 0:19:44 - Caleb Jenkins
Female 40-49 0:21:33 - Jennifer Lucie
M 40-49 0:22:47 - Francisco Martinez
M 20-29 0:24:06 - Chris Hoenig
M 60-69 0:24:57 - Bill Yaley
F 15-19 0:25:11 - Emily Lucie
F 30-39 0:26:35 - Lynn Westfall
F 14u 0:27:40 - Marquel Warner
F 30-39 0:28:19 - Crystal Lynch
F 20-29 0:28:45 - Sara Fedler
F 40-49 0:29:01 - Tamara Nunez
F 20-29 0:29:50 - Dana Zumdomme
M 50-59 0:29:59 - Corey Scott
F 50-59 0:30:18 - Leslie Hawkins

F 30-39 0:30:25 - Amy Thacher
F 20-29 0:31:19 - Kaci Hemmie
M 30-39 0:32:18 - Mark Westfall
F 40-49 0:32:25 - Cheryl Perry
F 60-69 0:35:16 - Sandy Holtkamp
F 30-39 0:36:28 - Lacey Aschbrenner
F 20-29 0:36:57 - Samantha Vidal
F 20-29 0:37:43 - Justina Spear
F 14u 0:37:55 - Klaire Bohnenkamp
F 30-39 0:38:03 - Amanda Older
M 60-69 0:38:18 - Larry Tucker
F 40-49 0:38:20 - Carrie Riessen
M 30-39 0:38:25 - Mike Mortimer
F 20-29 0:43:39 - Samantha Hawkins
F 50-59 0:44:10 - Deanne Niggemeyer
F 60-69 0:46:52 - Sandy McPherson
F 70+ 0:46:53 - Tish Hauck
F 60-69 0:48:33 - Marlene Westfall
F 30-39 0:48:34 - Laura Westfall
M 20-29 0:48:35 - Joe Westfall
F 60-69 0:59:11 - Shannon Luton
M 60-69 0:59:11 Wayne Luton
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F 60-69 1:13:46 - Bette Fraise

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Local News/From the Front

Rock bands, Dragon boats thrill spectators

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Burlington's Mike Walters goes up for a spike in the opening rounds of the RiverFest Games 6-on-6 Sand volleyball tournament on the riverfront in Fort Madison.

first time in more than a decade, dragon boaters raced downstream in front of hundreds of local spectators.

Nick Bauswell, who chaired the RiverFest Dragon Boat committee said it was a perfect day for racing as the "Cedar River Gang" from Cedar Rapids took the overall title on the 300-meter run. Pinnacle's "Sailidity" finished in second, with "Dragon-ass" and Dirty-Oars" taking third and fourth place.

"It went very well and we had no major problems," Bauswell said. "The wind was a little troublesome as we got going, but it settled down and it was a perfect day for racing."

Lan Su, of China, who was the flag catcher for Cedar River Gang, said it was her first time in competition and she enjoyed it.

"It was very exciting," Su said. "I'm from China and I have never done this before. But I did practice so I wasn't nervous."

Dirty-Oars and Cedar River Gang take off at the start of the first Dragon Boat race of the day Saturday on the Mississippi River in Fort Madison. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sergio Palmero of Spain was a racer with "Dirty-Oars" and said he, too, had never participated in the Dragon boat racing.

"It was very cool...it was a little breezy but it was fun."

Bauswell said the teams all had a great time and said they would be back next year. He was also happy.

While horns were going off signaling the start of racing, a 6x6 sand volleyball tournament was taking place in the Games area. The players got a gift from the Fort Madison Fire Department who used a tanker to spray down the sand courts prior to tournament play. Results will be posted when available.

After the wildly popular Motorcycle Stunt Show just east of the carnival grounds, Head First kick started Saturday night's entertainment, followed by turn-of-the-century rockers Hinder, and then chart-topping Pop Evil. X-Krush wrapped up the night on the river in the Entertainment Tent.

West Point's Charlie Korschger got a voice mail from Hinder Saturday letting him know he had won an 'eat and greet' with the band at The Palms in Fort Madison.

"The bands have all been just a great group to work with," Craft said Saturday afternoon in a brief moment to chat. "We're looking for another great night tonight on the riverfront."

The Conner Family Amusement carnival was packed on a hot Saturday with parents taking advan-

tage of the \$20 wristband special from noon to 3 p.m.

"We love it. I'm super glad it's back," said Erin Brown. "I think they've done an amazing job putting it on. I love bringing the kids because there's so much for the kids to do," said Erin Brown who brought two children to the afternoon wristband session.

"I love that they do the wristband. Having two kids that helps, and doing this on Saturday is great. I also think the multi-day ticketing for the shows is cool. I'm just getting a day pass today for Hinder, but if I was coming more than one day, I'd do that."

Sunday kicks off with a hearty breakfast hosted by the American Legion with proceeds going to the Honor Flight program. That charity breakfast kicks off at 8 a.m. and runs through noon.

A bags tournament takes place in the entertainment section beginning at 2 p.m., with the carnival open from noon to close. Food vendors will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. StumpTown opens the musical lineup for the night, followed by The Natu Band, Radio Romance, and then Colt Ford will wrap up the festival Sunday evening.



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9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,

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AGENDA
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 Consider Approval of July 24, 2018 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims
 Public Input
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 Discuss and Consider Ap-

proval of Business Associate Agreement with Iowa Counties Technology Services
 Consider Approval of Third Reading of Amended Sewer Treatment Systems Ordinance
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Discuss and Consider Approval to Add Real Estate Tech II to Administrative Unit Pay Grid Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution (2)
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Chaz and the Channel Catz

The iconic Fort Madison band that's been playing in and around the area for more than close to four decades opened the music on the Pen City Current Main Stage Friday.

CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON - The following is a list of events in and around north Lee County as submitted to Pen City Current.

Riverfest 2018

Riverfest 2018 returns to the Fort Madison riverfront on Aug. 2-5 with live national entertainment, games, dragonboat racing, carnival rides, food and many other activities. See www.riverfestfm.com for full details.

American Legion

Fort Madison Post 82 The American Legion will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Eagles Club 4821 Avenue O. Our 2018, \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded, and Post 82 officers for 2018-2019 will be sworn in by 1st District Vice Commander Larry Loney. All members and those interested in The American Legion are encouraged to attend. For additional information contact George Shields, Adjutant at 319-371-5755 or Dan Vice, Commander at 319-470-7377.

Relay for Life

The North Lee County Relay for Life's Roving Rally will be held August 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Kinnick on the River in Montrose

Fort Madison Farmer's Market

Every Monday local vendors have farmer's market options available at the Old Santa Fe Depot on the Riverfront in Fort Madison. The farmer's market runs every Monday until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot west of the depot.

Carousel Preschool Registration

Registration for the Fall Preschool session at Carousel Preschool, 719 Avenue F, in Fort Madison will take place on Aug. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.

United Way Trivia Night

The United Way of the Great River Region will be holding a trivia night on Aug. 10 at the Southside Boat Club beginning at 7 p.m. Entry is \$80 for a table of up to eight players. Food will be available and a 50/50 raffle will be held. Proceeds will go to the efforts of the United Way. Call Karen at 319-524-4504 for additional information.

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High- 89.1° F | Low - 77.6° F

TUE 07 Aug



Moderate Rain

High- 81.0° F | Low - 69.6° F

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High- 80.4° F | Low - 64.8° F

THU 09 Aug



Light Rain

High- 82.7° F | Low - 68.0° F

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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Sunday, August 12 through Monday, August 20 so our team can enjoy some time this summer. Breaking news will be published online when possible. Our free e-Edition will be back Tuesday, August 21.

Thank you for reading!

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