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Hard-rockers Sevendust, Trapt unveiled for 2019 Riverfest

80s chart-toppers Warrant,
BulletBoys also in lineup

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It'll be four days of rock spanning four decades of chart topping hits from the 80s to contemporary headliners.

RiverFest organizer Charles Craft unveiled RiverFest 2019's music lineup Saturday at a reveal party at Kinnick South. Craft and the RiverFest committee are in their fourth year bringing the annual summer music festival to Fort Madison's riverfront.

This year's festival runs Aug. 1-Aug. 4 in Riverview Park.

THURSDAY

The festival committee will once again by holding a Battle of the Bands at Vinnie's Longbranch with the winner opening the

RiverFest organizer Charles Craft, right on stage, belts out a Puddle of Mudd reveal song "She Hates Me" with Burlington band Ghosts of Judas at the 2019 Riverfest Reveal party at Kinnick South Saturday.



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RIVERFEST 2019
FORT MADISON, IOWA

THURSDAY August 1st
PUDDLE OF MUDD
BURDEN OF THE SKY
GHOST OF JUDAS
BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNER

FRIDAY August 2nd
WARRANT
BULLETBOYS
STARS IN TOLEDO
DECADE OF DECADENCE

SATURDAY August 3rd
SEVENDUST
SHAMAN HARVEST
THE 9th PLANET OUT
X-KRUSH

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rock fest on Thursday evening. Bloomington, Illinois' Burden of the Sky will take the stage before Puddle of Mudd brings their world-renowned sound to the stage with hit songs "Blurry", "She Hates Me" and "Psycho" certain to be on the play list.

Local travel band Ghost of Judas will entertain in the beer tent following Puddle of Mudd.

Ghost was delighting fans at Kinnick South Saturday doing reveal songs, at times with Craft lending a hand with vocals.

FRIDAY

On Friday, Burlington's own Stars in Toledo will open the music on the Main Stage and then a double-dip of 80s rockers will play to the hair-band generation. BulletBoys, the LA band formed in 1986 busted the charts in 1988 with "Smooth Up in Ya" and "Hard as a Rock" that followed mid-chart offerings like

"For the Love Money".

Then Warrant will follow up on the Main Stage. Warrant rose to top-shelf rock heights with the success of the 1989 release "Dirty Rotten Filthy Stinkin' Rich" that went double platinum with frontman Jani Lane. Three songs off the album, "Heaven", "Sometimes She Cries" and "Down Boys" all popped in the top 20 rock chart. "Cherry Pie" hit in 1990 and catapulted the band to one of the top rock draws in the country. After a falling out, Lane left the band, and aside from a brief original band reunion, the band has worked through frontmen with ex Lynch Mob vocalist Robert Mason now leading the group. Lane died in 2011 of acute alcohol poisoning.

Decade of Decadence will keep the 80s-90s theme going in the beer tent following the Main Stage action on Friday night.

SATURDAY

Rochester, Minnesota-based The 9th Planet Out, will open the the main entertainment Saturday, followed by post-grunge, hard rockin' Shaman's Harvest. The band released three albums from 1999 to 2006, but it wasn't until "Dragonfly" broke into the top 20 active rock songs in 2009, that the band really drew national attention. The band also wrote a half dozen entrance songs for WWE wrestlers. In 2017 they released Red Hands Black Deeds, a sociopolitical offering that was a break from

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City pivots to Viking Cruises

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Just two weeks after giving a budgetary thumbs up to continue with the Amtrak depot relocation project, city officials are now moving in the direction of a Viking Cruise line dock.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, councilmen will be considering a recommendation from City Manager David Varley to enter into a feasibility study to look at what hurdles exist to building a docking facility for Viking Cruise Lines.

The cruise company relaunched its efforts to provide domestic cruises in the United States after finding a shipbuilder in Louisiana. US maritime laws require that domestic cruise ships be built in the United States.

Fort Madison has been on Viking's radar as a possible stop as part of its northern Mississippi Cruises. A seven-day, one-way trip from St. Louis, Mo., to St. Paul, Minn could include a stop in Fort Madison on day three. Part of Viking's

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Celebrations/Scene Around the Area

Sworn in

Lee County District 8 Judge John Wright administers the oath of office to Amy Beavers, who started on March with the Lee County Attorney's office as an assistant county attorney. Beaver's was formerly the Des Moines County attorney.



SCC site of SEISC science fair

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WEST BURLINGTON – Southeastern Community College will host the Southeast Iowa Superconference Science Fair on Thursday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new John H. Witte, Jr. Hall of Sciences on the West Burlington campus. Judging will start at 9:15 a.m.

Gail Kunch is the event coordinator and science teacher at Danville High School. With her direction, approximately 150 students in grades 6 - 12 from ten area schools will participate.

"It's exciting to have area students who enjoy science spend the day with us," Executive Director for Institutional Advancement Becky Rump says. "We're happy to have the opportunity to show our new facilities to students who are exploring their interests in science."

Rump says with SCC science faculty have been involved with planning the event.

After a keynote address inspiring the students to continue growing in their scientific endeavors, attendees will have lunch with SCC science faculty.

"We're eager to connect the students with our faculty. It's a great opportunity for students to talk about their interests," says Enrollment Coordinator Dana Chrisman. "We are hopeful that the students leave campus that day feeling like we've supported their exploration in scientific studies, introduced them to our cutting-edge technology, and celebrated their hard work to participate in the Science Fair. It will be a fun day for everyone."

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Celebrations

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Gemma is joined at home by sister Zarah, and brothers Richard II, and Spencer II.

Grandparents are Ruben and Cathy Coleman of Danville; Wade and Yvonne Troutman of Bonaparte; and Corinna Monroe of Kahoka, Mo.

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Education News/Current-Lee

CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

United Way Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region is hosting its 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Hawkeye Restaurant on March 11. Carry out or dine-in options available. Serving times are from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Director Karen Thie at 319-524-4504.

St. Patrick's Day celebration

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

Fort Madison YMCA's Shamrocked 2019

The 2nd annual Shamrocked will be held on March 16 starting at 8 a.m. with a free-will donation pancake breakfast, followed by a Bike & Brew after the St. Patrick's Holiday Parade. For more information, contact the YMCA at 372-2403.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting its annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

Purchatzke wins Golden Apple award



Charisse Purchatzke holds her "Golden Apple" that was awarded to her by WGEM on Feb. 26. The regional television station awards an apple each month to teachers who make an impact on students' lives.

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Every month during the school year, WGEM News honors an outstanding Tri-States teacher and, this month, Charisse Purchatzke was awarded the television station's Golden Apple Award.

Charisse Purchatzke started her teaching career with FMCSO 33 years ago and has been a Bloodhound ever since. She has stuck with kindergarten throughout her career because she, "loves this age!"

This award goes to those who have made a difference in the lives of their students and have made a mark on our community.

Purchatzke has undoubtedly met this requirement. She inspires her students and colleagues each and every day. She encourages them to become the best version of themselves, to think outside of the box, and dream a little bigger.



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Sports

Youth baseball, softball signups underway at BSC

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Registration is now open for the 2019 Youth Baseball & Softball Leagues at Baxter Sports Complex. Last year was the inaugural season for the league through Baxter Sports Complex after having previously run in partnership with the YMCA. The Baxter Sports Complex staff will handle all registrations for area children ages 8-12. The Baxter Family Foundation will continue as the title sponsor for the league, and will again offset the player registration cost in 2019 to help keep the league affordable to anyone interested.

If you prefer to register in person, a Registration Day will be held at Baxter Sports Complex on Tuesday, March 26th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Otherwise, your completed registration form can be dropped off at Baxter Sports Complex, or mailed to:

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Registration will remain open through Friday, April 5th. For more information please contact Baxter Sports Complex at (319) 372-2932.

Fedler named to Substate 5 team

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FORT MADISON – Another post-season honor was handed down to FMHS's Jayden Fedler. Fedler, a junior on this year's Bloodhound basketball team, was named to the substate 5 bracket All-Substate team this week.

Fedler had 16 points in the Bloodhounds 54-50 season-ending loss to Washington Feb. 19 in the first round of the substate 5 bracket at Oskaloosa.

Fedler joins Cole Henry, Rian Yates and Xavier Foster from Oskaloosa, Austin Simpson and Tristan Waugh from Fairfield, and South Tama's Keith Keahna on the team. Oskaloosa's Ryan Parker was named the substate Coach of the Year.

Fedler averaged 14.5 points per game on the year's 7-14 Hound campaign.



Two youth from Lee County medaled at last weekend's youth wrestling tournament at Well-Fargo Arena in Des Moines. 7th Grader Teague Smith took 6th Place in a 32-man bracket, while 6th Grader Logan Pennock earned 7th Place in a 32-man bracket.



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Health News/Lee County News

Weather service offers county spotter course

DONNELSON – The National Weather Service has a number of devices for detecting severe thunderstorms. Included in these are radar, satellite, and lightning detection networks.

However, the most important tool for observing thunderstorms is the trained eye of the storm spotter. What is the difference between a spotter and a chaser? Spotters are part of a local network who are trained to report specific types of weather from wherever they happen to be. Some are mobile. Most are not. A chaser is someone who drives to the weather, often as a hobby but occasionally as part of their occupation.

The National Weather Service and the Lee County Emergency Management Agency invite you to learn how recognize potentially dangerous storms at the Storm Spotters Training. The National Weather Service (NWS) office in Davenport is scheduled to present the program. Included in the agenda will be cloud formations, spotting techniques, tornado development, and early detection. Information will be provided on your own personal protection procedures when storm spotting and also what, when, how, and to whom to report your sightings.

Recent devastating tornadoes show how critical it is that timely and accurate information be given to the NWS so they can provide as much lead time to the public as possible to allow individuals to take the appropriate safety precautions related to the warning. Individuals who are watchful of the weather and know who to call and what to report are this vital link and are extremely important to our community.

The National Weather Service recommends all spotters complete this course at least once every other year. This class is provided at no cost to anyone who wishes to attend and will be held in the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Community Room, located across the street from the Pilot Grove Savings Bank, 521 Main St in Donnellson.

No pre-registration is required. The class will be held Thursday March 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions please contact the Lee County Emergency Management Agency at 319-372-4124

FMCH holds next health series session

Monthly seminar to focus on handling arthritic knee pain

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Community Hospital (FMCH) will host the next session in their new monthly community health education series in March.

This session entitled “Understanding Your Complex Knee” will take place on Tuesday, March 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at FMCH in the Business Center Conference Rooms.

Dr. Derek Breder, Orthopedic Surgeon will lead the discussion on arthritis of the knee. He will discuss types of arthritis, symptoms, and treatment options. Your knee is the longest and strongest joint in your body. Arthritis of the knee is the most common type of



DR. BREDER

arthritis and affects 70% of the adult population over the age of 55.

Dr. Breder is a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon and has been at FMCH since 2016. He completed his Residency at the University of Kansas Hospital, Department of Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Breder received both his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medical degrees from the

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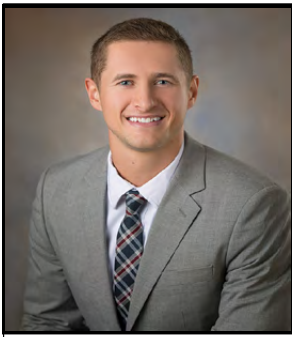
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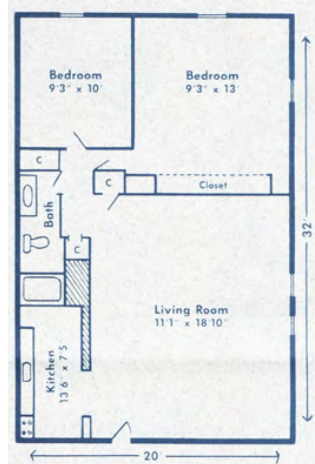
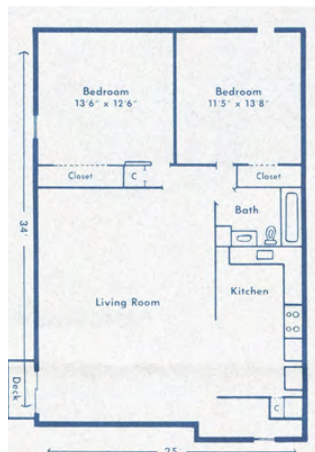
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From the Front

'Saliva' to wrap up RiverFest Main Stage acts Sunday

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the bands roots.

"If people don't come out to see this band, they will regret it," Craft said Saturday. "This is a quality rock band and you won't want to miss this one."

National recording artists Sevendust will follow Shaman's Harvest on Saturday. The Atlanta-based band formed in 1994 but didn't hit the top of Billboard charts until the "Black Out the Sun" album in 2013 featuring "Decay" and "Picture Perfect".

X-Crush is back for another year to wrap up the music on Saturday night in the tent.

SUNDAY

Craft and the committee stepped away from the traditional country rock Sunday offerings and will stick with the rock genre.

Local favorites Chaz and the Channel Cats will open music late Sunday afternoon, followed by Burlington's Caught in the Crypt.

Then RiverFest will feature two national rock acts in Trapt and Saliva in back-to-back Main Stage events. Trapt became a household rock name with the release of "Headstrong" in 2002, seven years after the band formed in Los Gatos, California. Trapt has released seven albums over the year with the most recent the 2016 "DNA". "Still Frame" and "Echo" also climbed the charts off the "Headstrong" disc.

Saliva was formed in 1996 in Memphis as a hard rock, alternative rock group. The group's debut album "Every Six Seconds" produced hit



singles "Your Disease" and "Click Click Boom" helped bring the band to mainstream listeners. "Boom" and "Superstar", another release from the album made the cut for "The Fast and the Furious" soundtrack.

Cedar Rapids traveling band New Trick will clean things up in the beer tent and round out the music lineup for 2019.

Tickets for the event can be purchased by clicking on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/riverfest-2019-tickets-52845379954>.

City to de-annex Councilman's property on Timberlane

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interest in Fort Madison is the Old Fort and potentially Nauvoo.

As part of Tuesday's discussion, Varley is recommending the city enter an agreement with SmithGroup of Madison Wis., for \$24,500 plus reimbursable expenses for the feasibility study. Expenses listed as reimbursable include travel expenses related to the project at federal rate (54.5 cents/mile), printing costs, shipping, models and renderings, regulatory review fees, special consultants with city's prior approval, and a 10% management fee.

"We are negotiating a letter of intent with Viking for them to stop in Fort Madison. However, we need to know if we can provide the channel size and depth they will require for their ships as our current configuration will not meet their needs," Varley wrote in a memo to councilmen on Friday.

Varley said the city needed to hire the firm first to make sure the city can meet the requirements, as well as to provide a cost for any necessary improvements.

Viking has indicated they would be willing to contribute to the cost of the improvements, but Varley said any agreement to move forward would require those figures be included.

The city received two proposals for the work, the second coming from Poepping, Stone, Bach and Associates of Keokuk for \$25,300. Varley recommended SmithGroup because of their expertise in Viking Cruises and their close relationship with the company working on projects with them around the world.

Part of SmithGroup's proposal could include a workshop with community leaders and stakeholders to explore

options and opportunities possible for the facility, as well as funding options including grants and matching funds.

Varley wrote that the city could reduce costs by foregoing the workshop and just focusing on what the dock would require for the 450-foot vessel and not any additional amenities.

Initially, Viking could be starting with one tour a week, but moving to possibly as many as three landings a week over a period of three to five years. Early figures would show the city would receive \$1 for each traveler on the cruise ship per docking. The ships are built to hold 380- to 390 passengers.

In other action, the council will also vote:

- on the purchase of a new fire/rescue boat from Dave's Riverview Marine at a cost of \$21,224. The air boat will replace the current boat which is 17 years old.

- to approve the appointment of Kathy Burkhardt to the Fort Madison Public Library Board to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2020 and reappoint Richar Abel to the Old Fort Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2022.

- to sever or "de-annex" property located at 3023 Timberlane Drive owned by Councilman Chris Greenwald. The city annexed the property in 2012. In a memo to the council, Varley said the city staff felt at the time and currently that the annexation was "unwarranted as city utilities were not planned to be extended to the parcel." Varley said the move will correct an erroneously approved annexation. The city will lose \$2,132 in property taxes with the recommended approval.

- to adopt the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget.

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