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Alabama headlines TSR

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We need to return to the retail basics

Every day it seems I haggle with society.

I'm extremely frustrated with the lack of accountability in people.

I made a couple trips through a big box store in the area several times over the weekend and was disappointed in the event each and every time.

Automated checkouts, no smiles, prices on the rise while service takes a dive.

In a world where people seem to have lost the value of hard work but found the drive to not get up and go to work on time, it's not surprising to see so much automation.

From checkouts to price checking to even pizza saucing. We're getting so lazy. I was in Costco in Iowa City, and they have a machine that spins a pizza crust and a spout that drizzles pizza sauce onto the crust as the dough spins. There must be a perfect balance of sauce to crust for me, but this thing takes away the cook. The guy that hunches over a make-table and ladles on sauce to create the tomatoey base of any good pie is maybe a lost tradition.

Some of my favorite places are those you walk into and get hit with the smell of warm bread, garlic, and tomato sauce, a big oven behind a counter, and a brick motif. I love local pizza joints.

I watched in horror as this pipe pumped plump red sauce onto white crusts that were perfectly splatted by a heavy press. No spinning above the head, no stretching. Just a girl unwrapping a dough, slapping it on the press, and then laying it nicely in a pie plate and onto that "flying saucer".

My niece looked at me and said, "that

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The Tri-State Rodeo committee announced over the weekend that Alabama will headline the 75th anniversary of the annual event at their reveal party at The Railyard in Fort Madison. Other entertainers include Ian Munsick, Chris Janson, and Riley Green.

LINEUP: Country's top performers coming to Fort Madison for 75th Anniversary

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Tri-State Rodeo Operating Committee is proud to announce the schedule for the 75th Annual Tri-State Rodeo, which will take place in Fort Madison, Iowa September 6 - 9, 2023!

In addition to the world-class national entertainment acts, the Tri-State Rodeo has been named as one of the nation's top five large outdoor rodeos since 2000! The TSR Chute Out brings the top rodeo athletes from around the world!

With this being the rodeo's 75th anniversary, they have pulled out all the stops! The entertainment this year will undoubtedly make this the largest year that the Fort Madison, Iowa area has experienced! In addition to four great

nights of rodeo, the Tri-State Rodeo will be continuing the new tradition of four nights of national entertainment on the Jack Daniel's stage!

Headlining Wednesday, September 6, 2023, is an artist stemming from Wyoming, who will be releasing his second album in April, has already amassed over 400 Million streams, and has been added to countless, "Ones to Watch" lists - Ian Munsick will be kicking off the Jack Daniel's stage at the 75th Tri-State Rodeo!

On Thursday, September 7, 2023, Chris Janson, who with songs like, "Buy Me a Boat," "Done," "Fix a Drink," "Good Vibes," and "Drunk Girl" has amassed 4 #1's, and many top 5

See **RODEO**, page 7

CARNIVAL

Elementaries to put on PTO Carnival Saturday at FMHS

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Group (PTG) and Richardson Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is gearing up for the 2023 FM

Elementary Carnival. The carnival will be held on April 15, 2023 from 1:00-3:30 at FMHS.

Organizers have been working hard on planning a fun, family friendly event that will raise funds to support Lincoln and Richardson Elementary

School. Wristbands will cost \$10 if they are purchased ahead of time and will be available at the door for \$12. Wristbands aren't required for entry but will be required for all activities regardless

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

WAYNE H. RUBE

Wayne Herman Rube, 87 years, of Donnellson, Iowa died Thursday, April 6, 2023 at Good Samaritan, Ottumwa, Iowa. He was born May 18, 1935, a son of John Herman and Vivian Marie (Brodsky) Rube. He married Carolyn Mae Rokey on December 24, 1960 in Donnellson, Iowa. They were married fifty-eight years before her death March 10, 2019.



RUBE

Wayne was a veteran with 21 years of military service. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. Later he served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked for 20 years at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. He enjoyed farming, gardening, and he collected bald eagle statues.

He is survived by four children: Michael (Lisa) Rube of Donnellson, Iowa; Richard Rube; Sheryl Rube (Marty Victory) of Fort Madison; and Denise (Steven) Hank of Washington, Illinois; five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and four siblings.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Rube family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



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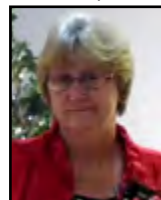
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OBITUARIES

CYNTHIA M. PICTON

Cynthia "Cindy" Marie Picton, 63, of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at her home in Keokuk.

Cindy was born on January 4, 1960, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of William and Anne (Sampson) Carter. She graduated from Keokuk High School in 1978, and on July 3, 1986, she was united in marriage to Garold Ray Picton in Keokuk. He survives.



PICTON

Cindy worked at Keokuk Area Hospital for eighteen years, but her family was her world. She was the best wife, mother and grandmother a person could ask for, and spoiled her grandchildren endlessly. She was known for being outgoing and outspoken, but always stayed humble. Cindy knew everyone, and even if she didn't, she acted like she did. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing Bingo and phone games and watching her soap operas.

Cindy is survived by her husband Garold Picton of Keokuk; two daughters: Justina (Tim) Goncales) of Chicago, Illinois, and Amanda Picton of Keokuk; her son David (Cara) Picton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; her brother Ray (Annette) Carter of Colorado; her sister Judy (Chuck) Spoores of Keokuk; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: David Picton of Keokuk, Robert (Cindy) Picton of Keokuk, Teresa (Todd) Sapp of Florida; and eight grandchildren: Matthew Picton, Kiria Pezley, Kadence Pezley, Jacob Goncales, Aurora Piersee, Logan Piersee, Holden Picton and Autzen Picton.

Cindy is preceded in death by her parents.

Cindy's life will be celebrated with a funeral service at 12 pm (Noon) on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Keokuk. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10 am to 12 pm (noon) directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Garold Picton for expenses.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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MARCELLA A. MANSHEIM

Marcella A. "Sally" Mansheim, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 8:25 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at her sister's home in Houghton, IA. She was born on January 13, 1934 in Fort Madison, IA to Louis & Catherine Schumaker Mansheim. She retired from the Sheaffer Pen Company in Fort Madison with 45 years of service. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Altar & Rosary Society of the church. She loved being outside and going on walks. Her family was the most important thing to her.



MANSHEIM

Sally was a sister, aunt, and friend, but also a mentor, companion, and confidant. She had a special way of putting everyone else first. Her siblings felt her love daily either by phone, text, or osmosis. She held a special place in the hearts of her nieces and nephews (and great nieces and nephews). She had a way of making each of them feel special and that they were each her "favorite". For many, she was also a moral compass, teaching us by example how to treat each other, and how to quietly love each other. And in the words of the children, "Sally was fun"!

Sally is survived by: 3-sisters: Marie Overberg of Salem, IA, Shirley Hunold of Houghton, IA & Cathy (Wayne) Schwartz of Houghton, IA; 1-brother: Louis (Fran) Mansheim of Fort Madison, IA; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by: her parents, 2-sisters: Dorothy Cross & Irene Mansheim & 1-brother: Jerry Mansheim.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow the visitation at 11:00 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. John Stack officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish or Lee County Hospice. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

BRODY L. NEWBERRY

Brody Lee Newberry, baby son of Tyler Newberry and Kelsey Baum, passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Brody is survived by his parents Tyler Newberry and Kelsey Baum of Keokuk; grandparents: Leann and Andrew Baum of Keokuk, Joshua and Lori Newberry of Argyle and Jennifer and Brad Peterson of Argyle; great-grandparents: Rick and Bev Markey of Carthage, Steve and Linda Newberry of Argyle, Brenda Stout of Keokuk, Mary Baum of Keokuk, Larry and Sueann Peterson of Montrose, Dennis and Carol Case of Keokuk; eleven aunts and uncles: Marcus (Mandi) Baum of Ottumwa, Iowa; Craig (Tayrin) Baum of Keokuk, Taylor (Jordan) Weirather of Montrose, Jordan (Megan) Newberry of Fort Madison, Iowa, Avery Peterson of Argyle, Kristen (Jake) Strunk of Argyle, Stephanie (Brandon) Peterson of West Point, Iowa, Katelyn (Steven) Peterson of Hamilton, Ryan (Josie) Washburn of Keokuk, Kaylee (Jacob) Koch of Wayland, Missouri, and Addison Newberry of Argyle, Iowa; and many cousins, great-aunts, great-uncles and loved ones.

Brody is preceded in death by his great-grandparents Don Baum and Ray Stout.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Argyle Memorial Gardens in Argyle.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

HENRY G. COURTOIS

Henry "Hank" Gale Courtois, 82, of Warsaw, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at his home.

Hank was born on April 23, 1940, in Quincy, Illinois, the son of Louis and Velma (Gollither) Courtois. He graduated from Warsaw High School in 1958, and on March 1, 1963, he was united in marriage to Jean Collins in Basco, Illinois. She survives.

In his younger years, Hank was employed in construction, and worked at the Warsaw Battery Factory for a few years after. He then managed Hartrick's Lumber in Warsaw for twenty-five years, finishing his career as a caretaker at Kibbe Biological Center in Warsaw, which was his dream job. Hank was an active member of Trinity United

Methodist Church in Warsaw, where he served as a trustee. He was described as a community-oriented person, serving with the Warsaw Lions Club and as president of the Warsaw Softball Association. He was also an avid supporter of high school sports and a St. Louis Cardinals and Illini superfan. Always the outdoorsman, Hank hunted Quail, mushrooms, and arrowheads, and also enjoyed fishing. Woodworking was another skill Hank possessed, building trophy cases for Western Illinois University and also furniture. One of the highlights of Hank's life was his 80th Birthday drive-by, where hundreds of cars stopped by during Covid to wish him a happy birthday. Above all, Hank cherished his family. His grandchildren knew he would attend every one of their events he possibly could.

Hank is survived by his wife of sixty years Jean Courtois of Warsaw; his son Todd (Sue) Courtois of Sutter; his daughter Jenny (Marc) Davis of Keokuk; four grandchildren: Alex (David) Morgan of Hamilton; Danie Courtois of Tucson, Arizona; Brendin Davis of Burlington, Iowa, and Blake Davis of Keokuk; two great-grandchildren: Augie and Ollie Morgan of Hamilton; and sister-in-law Shirley Courtois. Other survivors include many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Hank is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Louis, Ron, Gilbert and Mark Courtois; his sister Dianne Wiegand; two nephews: Travis Weigand and Mark Courtois, Jr.; and a niece Jackie Weigand Cooper.

Hank's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 12 pm (Noon) on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw. Visitation will be held at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw on Tuesday from 10 am to 12 pm (Noon) directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Warsaw Lions Club for community projects.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com.

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DISTRICT OFFICE
REGULAR MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
APRIL 11, 2023

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
- 7:00 A.M.
- BUDGET HEARING -
- FY2023-2024:
- a) Review budget documents (Exhibit I)
- b) Approve budget for 2023-2024 (Motion) (Roll Call Vote)
3. Receive Visitors:

- a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
- b) K-12 Music Presentation
4. Superintendent's Report:
- a) Finance Update
- b) Legislative Update
- c) 5th Grade to Middle School Update
- d) Human Resources

- & Insurance Committee Updates
- e) May Board Meeting - 5/9/2023
- f) Vacancies
5. CONSENT AGENDA: (Exhibit II) (Motion)
- a) Approve minutes
- b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account

- c) Approve prepaid bills
- d) Approve monthly bills
- e) Approve/Deny Open Enrollment Requests
- f) Overnight Trip:
1. International Science & Engineering Fair, Dallas, Texas - May 13th-20th, 2023

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supplemental Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance and authorizing and directing the final terms and conditions of the sale and delivery of Warrants evidenced by Warrant Certificates for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2024 and amending the Master Resolution: (Roll Call Vote)

2. Second Reading of Policy No. 412.1 - Classified Employee Compensation (Motion) (Exhibit III)
3. Review/Approve Proposed Strategic Plan (Motion) (Exhibit IV)

4. Introduce 100 Series
5. Approve Financial Depository Change Effective July 1, 2023 (Motion)
6. Approve Summer Facility Maintenance/Improvement Requests (Motion) (Exhibit V)

7. Modification of Junior High Coaching Compensation: (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
8. Approve FY2022-2023 Contract Payout, Unused Accumulated Sick Leave & Personal Leave Pay Out Requests prior to June 30, 2023: (Motion)
- a) Marge Lightfoot

9. Approve 2023-2024 Employee Handbook (Motion) (Exhibit VII)
10. Approve Electric Bus Purchase & Charging Stations (Motion) (Exhibit VII)

11. Review and Approve Auditor Bids for District Audit FY2022-2023 (Motion) (Exhibit VIII)

12. Resignations: (Motion)
- a) Sadie Smithburg - 8th Grade Softball Coach
- b) Jessica Heavin - Middle School Volleyball Coach
- c) Lane Weirather - Middle School Basketball Coach

13. Volunteer Coach

- Approvals: (Motion)
- a) Todd Herdrich - Baseball
 - b) Ethan Rulon - Middle School Soccer
 - c) Lane Weirather - Middle School Baseball
 14. Contract Modifications (Exhibit VIII)
 - a) Marcus Reihman - HS Math Teacher
 - b) Justin Schau - HS Industrial Tech
 15. Contract Approvals: (Motion)
 - a) John "Lennie" White - Full-Time Bus Driver
 - b) Doug Dodds - Head Football Coach
 16. Board Reports
 17. Adjourn (Motion)

PUBLIC NOTICE
MONTROSE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2023
4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MONTROSE CITY HALL
AGENDA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public during discussion. If you wish to speak, please step up to the Council table, state your name and address for the record and limit the time used to present your remarks to five minutes in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The normal process on any particular agenda item is that the motion is placed on the floor, input is received from the audience, the Council is given an opportunity to comment on the issue or respond to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. On ordinances, there is time provided for public input at the time of the first reading. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent ring.

CALL TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Council members vote on the motion.

1. Approve Agenda as

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- b) Jessica Heavin - Middle School Volleyball Coach
- c) Lane Weirather - Middle School Basketball Coach
13. Volunteer Coach

1. Approve Agenda as

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written.

2. Approve March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve March 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented.
4. Approve Payment of

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Claims as presented.

PUBLIC FORUM:
This is a time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City business other than those listed on this agenda. Please understand that the Council is not likely to take any action on your comments at this meeting due to requirements of the Open Meetings Law, but may do so at a future meetings. The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public; however, at no time is it appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. The Mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes.

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Submit applications to Justina Cullen at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com by 4:30pm on Monday, April 24th, 2023.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Chief Shields submitted his police report, General Government & Enterprise, Culture & Recreation, Public Works, and Economic & Community Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Open Public Hearing for FY24 final budget. ROLL CALL VOTE

2. Close Public Hearing for FY24 final budget. ROLL CALL VOTE

3. Approve final budget and Resolution 2-2023 for FY24. ROLL CALL VOTE

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Sports/Education News



Boudreau named interim WIU coach

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

MACOMB - Western Illinois University named Harmony High School graduate Chad Boudreau the interim head men's basketball coach on Friday as

reports indicated Rob Jeter was leaving WIU and finalizing a deal to become Southern Utah's new head coach.

Boudreau has been the Leathernecks' associate head coach under Jeter for the last three seasons.

The announcement from athletics director Paul Bubb came after ESPN's Pete Thamel reported that Jeter, who had been WIU's coach since 2020, was heading to Southern Utah.

The Leathernecks are coming off a 16-14 season, including a 9-9 record and a fourth-place finish in the Summit League.

Boudreau was the head coach at Highland College in Freeport, Illinois for three seasons before coming to WIU. He led the Cougars to three consecutive Arrowhead Conference titles with undefeated conference marks in 2019 and 2020. He was the conference's coach of the year in all three seasons and was named NJCAA Region IV Coach of the Year in 2018 and 2020.

Boudreau was an assistant on Jeter's staff at the University of Milwaukee from 2005-2016. Boudreau helped lead the Panthers to Horizon League championships in 2006, 2011, and 2014. Milwaukee also qualified for six postseason tournaments during the 11-year stretch.

Boudreau was the lead assistant at Indian Hills Community College from 1999-2005 and recruited two eventual NBA draft picks. Indian Hills went on to advance to the NJCAA Final Four during his tenure.

Boudreau graduated from Hannibal-LaGrange College with a bachelor's degree in education in 1995 and from Southwest Baptist University with a master's degree in education in 1999. He began his coaching career as a women's basketball graduate assistant at HLGC.



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From the Front

Retailers with an eye on service and speed will win

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was somebody's job in the past'.

Very astute from a 19-year-old girl.

No pizza for me.

The pharmacy my mother uses got frustrated with me Friday because they changed the auto refill process. I'm learning very quickly that seniors don't like change. I'm learning because I'm now a senior... and I don't much like change.

But for a 77-year-old who's counting on the same process to get insulin filled, blood care medication, and new medications changing the way they are ordered is for one, daunting, and for another, dangerous.

I've since moved all her medications to a different pharmacy. That's a hit to their bottom line, but that would be the last thing they are concerned about.

They couldn't fill one of the prescriptions and I'm about accountability, so I made them transfer the script to another chain. Then when I got the medication, after waiting close to two hours, I went home and switched all her other scripts over as well.

That will likely find its way to the leadership of the brand because I just don't let things go.

We have to be better. We have to focus on service, speed, and efficiency. The leadership of our favorite brands needs to return to the model of motivated service, problem solving, and consistency.

We're losing our faith in our favorite places to go. When we lose our faith, we gravitate to the Internet for our needs – and our spending.

We hope the sales tax gets here, but who knows. The state can't give us a figure that represents the added revenue, and with Gov. Reynolds restructuring the state offices, we may never figure out what our cut of Internet sales tax is.

So then we're relegated to continuing to shop locally, which is the way it should be. We love to shop locally, but the bigger brands are frustrating with their never-ending search for the ultimate profit line.

We can only hope at this point that things get better, but when you look at all the options for people to work and be successful and then see they aren't – it gives the workforce a black eye and we're back to where we started – people shopping from their couch.

I had a conversation with a stranger in the lobby of the pharmacy. He had been waiting close to an hour, but not as long as I had.

I let out a big sigh and I chuckled and told him we're in the same boat. I told him I thought things had really slumped since COVID, but the only way to come out of it is to hold ownership responsible for their employees and services. When either of those two falters, there has to be accountability behind the action, so employees know the true value of what they are doing.

Speaking of true value of what we're doing, for the first time in a couple years, I colored easter eggs with two youngsters Saturday night. It was joyous to watch and take in, but then it gets harder and harder with memories. Coloring eggs morphed into 20-second bursts of hide-and-seek when the dyes got boring.

But the true value is in the faces of these children, they just see egg dying as pure excitement. They don't see the lines that were waited in, or the cost, or the time put in. They just see excitement – But that's Beside the Point.

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Rodeo tickets on sale Friday

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hits. Janson is known for his high energy shows and will be bringing that energy to the rodeo this September!

Friday, September 8, 2023, is a night that has the makings of a sell-out! A band, who broke through in 1980 with their first Top 20 Hit, "My Home's In Alabama," and has since sold over 80 million albums. They have charted 43 #1 singles including 21 #1 singles in a row, a record that will likely never be surpassed in any genre. They have won over 178 CMA Awards, Grammy Awards, ACM Awards and counting. They've earned 21 Gold, Platinum and Multi-Platinum albums and were named the RIAA's Country Group of the Century. They are members of the Country Music Hall of Fame and have a start on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The Legendary country music band, ALABAMA, will be coming to Fort Madison, Iowa on Friday, September 8, 2023!

Saturday, September 9, 2023, is headlined by an artist who has 2 #1 singles, along with multiple chart-topping hits. Rolling Stone hailed his musical perspective as "Drinks-in-the-air Nineties Country at an Alabama vs. Auburn tailgate," and that is just the type of energy fans have come to expect from Riley Green.

Along with these great bands each night will highlight multiple rodeo events, hosted by our long time rodeo announcer, Boyd Polhamus, the multi-award winning Barrelman, Justin Rumford, and Bullfighters, Dusty Tuckness & Nathan Harp. The announced specialty act this year is Cowboy Kenny Steel Rodeo Freestyle Motocross.

Three Iowa favorite party bands will be performing in the Bud Light Stockyard following the main stage concert each night: Wednesday Night is The Tank Anthony Band, Thursday is the return of a rodeo favorite – NATU Band and Stumptown will be The Bud Light Stockyard band on Friday and Saturday nights.

Tickets for the Tri-State Rodeo will go on-sale Friday, April 14, 2023, at 8 AM and will be available at www.tristaterodeo.org or by calling the Tri-State Rodeo Box Office at (319) 372-2550. Tickets include entry into the rodeo, the concert, and the after-party.

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From the Front

Volunteers still needed to put on PTO carnival

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Case New Holland put together a display for elementary students at last year's Elementary PTO Carnival. This year's will be held Saturday at FMHS.

of age.

The carnival will have more than 20 games with prizes sponsored by local businesses, five inflatables, a candy walk, a cake walk and much more.

Lee County Conservation, Case-New Holland, and the Fort Madison Arts Center are all planning to have a booth and games set up for kids. Clowns will be on hand to

making balloon animals and the high school robotics team is setting up a demonstration for the kids.

Concession will be available throughout the carnival.

We will also be having an online auction, hosted by Fraise Auctions, as part of the carnival. Online bidding will start on April 14th and close April 20th. A preview of

the auction items will be available at the carnival. If you need assistance with setting up an account with Fraise's online bidding site assistance will be available. Items up for auction include class projects, items donated from local businesses, class parties, and much more.

We would like to thank the following local businesses for donating to the carnival. Menke & Company, Community Heating and Cooling, Fort Madison Pallet Company, Wal-Mart, Schickedanz Construction, Iowa Fertilizer Company, Hellige Lawn Care, Truck Repair, Riverside Nutrition, Fort Colony, The Koering Family, State Farm Insurance, Pilot Grove Savings Bank, Connection Bank, Stage 2, W-M Johnson, and King-Lynk Funeral Home.

We would also like to thank all of our Lincoln and Richardson staff for making class projects and all of our volunteers and auction sponsors—a complete list of those sponsors will be shared after the Carnival. We can't do this without all of them.

However, it takes lots of volunteers to make a large event run successfully. If you would like to volunteer at carnival we are still looking for several volunteers and anyone that is interested can sign up at the link below.

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