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Baier/Ram take on CHUTE OUT

RODEO UPDATE: Jamie Baier and Dodge RAM step up to bring local sponsorship to Wednesday event

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Wednesday night CHUTE OUT at the Tri-State Rodeo just got a local flare. After about eight years as the CINCH CHUTE OUT sponsored by the western clothier CINCH, Jim Baier Ram will be the sponsor of this year's event at the 75th Anniversary of the Fort Madison Tri-State Rodeo as the Jim Baier Ram CHUTE OUT.

Jamie Baier, President of Jim Baier Ford, said the move is one of the most exciting times he's had in the company's steeped association with the rodeo.



KEMPKER

"I'm really excited that we are part of this. It's probably the most excited I've been in a long time," Baier said.

Baier said the local sponsorship is coupled with some sponsorship from Dodge Ram trucks, which have been a staple at the rodeo for decades.

"It's a partnership for sure, but we're just glad that we could help keep that event here. CINCH was a good partner, but didn't see the fit anymore. I think it's wonderful to have it locally sponsored. Hopefully in the future it becomes more of a communitywide event," he said.

The event will still be held on Wednesday as a one-night winner take all in each event which begins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 6.

General Chairman for this year's 75th Rodeo Anniversary is Chuck Kempker.

Kempker said CINCH has been a wonderful sponsor for the past eight years and is still a platinum sponsor of



the TSR.

"They decided to move some of their rodeo money abroad but are still a big part of the Tri-State Rodeo," Kempker said.

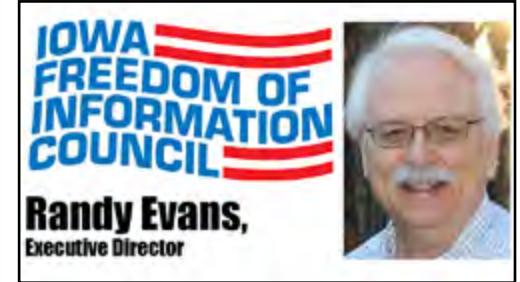
"We started talking and looking at our local and national sponsors and Jamie Baier stepped up and said we have to keep this product."

Kempker said as the discussions around Jim Baier Ford sponsoring the event progressed, Dodge RAM came in as a national partner for the PRCA-sanctioned event.

Kempker said the format will be the same.

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OPINION



Cameras must be part of Trump trial

Forty-four years ago, the Iowa Supreme Court made an important change in the way the state courts operate — allowing journalists to bring their cameras and audio recorders inside courtrooms during hearings and trials to better inform the public about noteworthy cases.

Iowa was a pioneer in making its court proceedings more accessible and transparent to people who could not be there in person to watch.

It is long overdue for the federal courts to follow Iowa's lead and swing open the doors of federal courtrooms across America to provide similar access. The coming proceedings in Florida in the case of United States of America vs. Donald J. Trump cry out for making this change.

Most court proceedings in Iowa and in the federal courts are open to spectators. But there rarely is space in the courtroom for more than an audience of a few dozen people.

This is where journalists historically have played an important role in Iowa as the intermediary for the public at large.

Instead of limiting reporters to using notepads and pens in court, the Iowa Judicial Branch allows what it calls "expanded news media coverage," subject to approval from the presiding judge. This allows journalists to use video and still-image cameras, audio recorders, laptop computers and smart phones inside courtrooms.

Iowa's court rules give the judge authority to block journalists from photographing or taping certain witness-

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State rolls out next broadband funding opportunity

BROADBAND: State puts \$149M of federal funds toward Internet work

DES MOINES - Monday, Governor Reynolds and the Department of Management's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) announced a new broadband grant opportunity for internet service providers. \$148,960,000 is available through Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program with funding from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) administered

by the US Department of Treasury. "Iowans deserve access to reliable, fast broadband," said Governor Reynolds. "Reliable internet connections are needed to live, work, and raise a family. This investment in infrastructure gets us one step closer to providing easy internet access to all Iowans."

This round of grant funds will be used to incentivize broadband infrastructure build out in the newly established Broadband Intervention Zones (BIZ). Through feedback from 55 public meetings in Iowa communities, 96 BIZ zones were created across the state. These are areas deemed to

be in the most need for broadband infrastructure expansion.

This will be the eighth Notice of Funds Available for the State of Iowa. Through seven previous grant opportunities, \$352,850,022 in state and federal funding was awarded to bring broadband service to 109,126 homes, schools and businesses in Iowa. The total new broadband investment between public and private money is \$791,203,995.

For more information on the latest round of broadband grant funding head over to <https://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>, or email ociogrants@iowa.gov.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DENNIS E. SLY

Dennis E. Sly, 77, of rural Lomax, Illinois, passed away at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at his home.

Dennis was born November 11, 1945 in Fort Madison, Iowa the son of James and Fern (Eckhardt) Sly. He was raised by his mother and step-father, Fern and Leo Jolly Wallace. On February 21, 1964 he married Kay Lynn Carothers in Dallas City, Illinois. She preceded him in death January 26, 2005.



Sly

Dennis attended grade school in Stronghurst, Illinois, and graduated from Dallas City High School. He worked as an Ironworker with the Local #577 all of his life. He also worked for a short time at Royster-Clark Chemical in Niota, Illinois.

He enjoyed mushroom hunting, going on gambling trips with the guys for many years and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and many friends.

Survivors include one daughter: Tena (Kenny) Krow of Lomax; three granddaughters: Kayla (Jesse) Ferguson, Kenna (Burdette) Wetzel and Kadee Krow; two great-grandchildren: Bellamy and Harrison Wetzel; one brother: Mike (Cindy) Wallace and three half-siblings: Greg (Linda) Sly, Linda Sly and Rosie (Scott) Sly-Ginther.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by one son: Todd Sly; his parents, step-father and one brother: Larry "Barney" Sly.

As per Dennis' wishes, no services are planned. Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial fund has been established for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Memorials may be sent to the Dennis Sly Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Mr. Sly's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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OBITUARIES

FRANK O. MUELLER

Frank O. "Sbud" Mueller, 72, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2023, at his home.

Born on March 19, 1951, in Fort Madison, the son of Alfred and Mary (Ford) Mueller. On September 1, 1972, in Fort Madison, he married Pearl F. Carel. They later divorced.



Mueller

He is survived by his three children: Heidi Mueller of Augusta, Holly Mueller of Fort Madison and Heath (Liz) Mueller of Marion, Iowa; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; three siblings: Betty (John) Boughton of Burlington, Darrell (Dana) Mueller of Fort Madison and Mike Mueller of Burlington. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Mitzi Mueller of Burlington and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Barb and Cathy and brothers: Dave and Don.

Frank was a member of the Fort Madison Moose Club. He enjoyed watching movies, playing cards, and gatherings with friends and family. He especially enjoyed eating pizza with his grandchildren.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2023, at the Franklin Tap in Franklin, Iowa. Frank would love for everyone to come.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

GARY L. FRANCIS

Gary Lynn Francis, 75 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa and formerly of Burlington, Iowa died Friday, June 16, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. He was born January 31, 1948 in Fort Madison,



Francis

a son of Floyd and Thelma (Gunn) Francis. In 1967, he graduated from Fort Madison High School. He also attended the University of Iowa, where he studied engineering. Gary was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked in management at Borax in Burlington. He attended Joy Baptist Church, Fort Madison.

Gary is survived by two siblings, Janis Linquist of Des Moines, Iowa and Dennis (Beverly) Francis of Mt. Sterling, Iowa; seven nieces and nephews, and other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Shirley, and one nephew.



The body of Mr Francis has been cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Francis family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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OBITUARIES

DAVID L. CORNELIUS

David Lee Cornelius, 77, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, June 18, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

He was born November 23, 1945 in Hannibal, MO the son of George and Ruth Ledbetter Cornelius. He graduated from Hannibal High School with the class of 1953.



CORNELIUS

On September 30, 1972 David was united in marriage to Kathleen Shearman in Hannibal. She preceded him in death on January 26, 2023.

David had been employed by Methode Electronics in Carthage, IL and later by Charles Industries in Canton, MO. David had been elected as the mayor of Hamilton, IL and served for

eight years.

He enjoyed to smoke his pipe, read books and loved all types of music, especially classic rock. David stayed up to date on current politics, both local and nationally.

David is survived by one daughter, Angela Marie Witte (Randy) of Peoria, IL, one granddaughter, Payten Jean Cornelius of Port Charlotte, FL and his grand dogs, Mollie and Romero.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by one son, Ben Cornelius.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Humane Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

OBITUARIES

KAREN S. MADDOX

Karen Sue Maddox, 74, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023 at her home. She was born on June 25, 1948 in Fairfield, IA to Charles & Velva Kincaid Stout. She married David W. Maddox on September 21, 1968 in Fort Madison, IA. Karen and Dave



MADDOX

moved out of the Fort Madison area for several years, and then retired moving back in 2009. Karen was a childcare provider for many years and she helped raise many kids along with her own four. She enjoyed being a Nana, quilting, growing houseplants and spending time with her dogs. Her grandchildren meant the world to her.

Karen is survived by her Husband David of Fort Madison, son Dennis (Angela) Maddox of Elizabeth, CO, daughter Annette (Ray) Weaver of Las Vegas, NV, son Daniel (Wendy) Maddox of Winnemucca, NV; 8 grandchildren, Brenton (Nicole) Maddox of Dripping Springs, TX, Kyle (Lynsey) Maddox of Elizabeth, CO, Aaron (Lauren) Maddox of Commerce City, CO, Alexandria (Aaron) Wulf of Parker, CO, Rachel Seefeld of Clayton, NC, Emma Hett of Las Vegas, NV, McKenzie Maddox of Reno, NV, Nicholas Maddox of Eugene, OR and four great grandchildren Weston, Ashtyn and Knoxton and Autumn. Brother Ed (Ginger) Stout of Olathe, KS, 1 niece, Ashley (Robbie) Haden of Kansas City, MO and 1-cousin, whom she was especially close to, Julie Saunders of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by her son Douglas Maddox and her parents.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Jon Heyland officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Karen's name and contributions may be left at the funeral home during the service. Online condolences to Karen's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Fishing Derby set for July 8 at Heron Bend

LEE COUNTY - The fishy fun continues for our area youth! Every month starting in May, Lee County Conservation will host a fishing event in one of our parks!

Our third event is a Youth Fishing Derby at Heron Bend Fishing Area (2392 Highway 61 Fort Madison, IA 52627) sponsored by Pheasants Forever on Saturday July 8th from 9-11:30am. Your kiddos will get to learn how to fish from the pros and play fun games! Please bring your own fishing gear and bait. Prizes will be awarded to each age group for biggest and littlest fish caught. At 11am Pheasants Forever will be providing lunch well as handing out prizes. This event is for youth under 16. This is a free event that is open to the public - kids ages 3 to 16 can participate in the derby, but all ages are welcome watch and enjoy the fun!

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"!

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER:

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Sports

Derr honored at Lee County Speedway Friday night

RACEWAY: Ernie Derr's final race car was on display in Donnellson

BY BRIAN NEAL
LEE COUNTY SPEEDWAY

DONNELLSON - The Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, took a night to highlight the career of area racer Ernie Derr on Friday, June 16th, as the car he drove in his final races was on display and would also make some laps around the track during the nights activities. The on track action was presented by Montrose Community Health Center and Trump Trucks, and when the final checkered flag waved at 9:47 PM four driver's continued their winning ways and two others scored their first wins of the season at the track.

The first feature to take to the track was the 15 lap Sonny's Super Market Sport Compacts, with Kruze Miles and Kimberly Abbott making up the front row. But it was fourth place starter Chevy Barnes who quickly shot into the lead on lap 1 over Miles and Abbott. Fifth place starter Brandon Reu worked himself into the runner up spot on lap 5, and then went to work on Barnes for the top spot. Reu tried to work under Barnes coming off turn 4 to complete lap 8, but Barnes would edge him out at the line by inches. On lap 9 Reu finally cleared Barnes for the lead, and then held him off for his third win in a row at the track. Barry Taft won the battle for 3rd over Abbott, with Luke Fraise rounding out the top 5.

Up next was the 18 lap Donnellson & Tire Service IMCA Stock Car feature, with Peter Stodgel and Kevin Koontz leading the field to green. But it was third place starter Beau Taylor who jumped out into the lead on lap 1 over Stodgel and Cole Mather. The action was slowed on lap 3, as Koontz spun in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Taylor jumped back out front, with John Oliver Jr., who started 9th, and Mather close behind. Taylor then held the top spot until lap 6, when Oliver Jr. slipped under him for the lead. Koontz would get upside down in turn 2 on lap 9 to bring the action to a stop. He would climb from his car okay. On the restart Eric Glass would spin in turn 2 to bring the yellow light back on. The following restart saw Oliver Jr. jump back out front, with Mather and Derrick Agee, who started 8th, challenging. Mather used the middle of the track to edge out Oliver Jr. at the line for the lead on lap 11. Then on lap 12 a tire was clipped onto the track to bring out the final caution of the event. Mather would



grab the lead on the restart, with Oliver Jr., Agee, and Jeremy Pundt all looking for a way around. The top four would put on a heck of a race for the final laps, with Mather holding on for his second win of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Oliver Jr. was 2nd, Agee was 3rd, Pundt was 4th, with Chad Krogmeier completing the top 5.

Dennis LaVeine and Daniel Fellows were on the front row for the 16 lap J&J AG Auto and Truck IMCA Modified feature. Fellows took advantage of his starting spot to grab the lead on lap 1 over LaVeine and Bill Roberts Jr. A tire was clipped onto the track in turn 2 on lap 2 to slow the action. On the restart Fellows moved back out front, with Roberts Jr. and Austen Becerra following. Disaster would strike Roberts Jr. on the completion of the lap, as something broke in the right front, sending him into the guardrail in turn 3 to bring out the yellow. Fellows jumped back out front on the restart, with Becerra and LaVeine close behind. On lap 6 Fellows went to the bottom of the track, which opened the top to allow Becerra to go by for the top spot. From there Becerra would cruise to his sixth win in a row and seventh of the season at the track. Fellows was 2nd, LaVeine was 3rd, Jadin Fuller was 4th, with Fisher Reese coming home in 5th.

The 25 lap Iowa Corn Growers Association IMCA Late Model feature was up next, with Ed Hollenbeck and Ray Raker making up the front row. Hollenbeck took advantage of his starting spot to grab the lead on lap 1 over Raker and Sean Johnson. While Hollenbeck found the bottom of the track to his liking, Jason Oenning worked the top of the track. On lap 11 Oenning used the momentum off the top to grab the top spot. The action was slowed for the first and only time on lap 21, as Dekota Job spun in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Mark Burgtorf, who started 8th, tried to slid Oenning for the top spot in turn 4, only to have Oenning turn back under him to keep the lead. Oenning then held off a last lap charge from Jeremy Pundt to score his second career feature win. Burgtorf was 3rd, Dennis Woodworth came from 10th

to finish 4th, with Tommy Elston rounding out the top 5 after starting in 9th.

Jim Gillenwater and Brandon Lambert led the field to green in the 18 lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA Northern SportMod feature, with Gillenwater grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Tyler Heckart and Lambert. While Gillenwater paced the field out front, John Oliver Jr., Nicholas Profeta, Adam Birck, who started 9th, Brandon Dale, and Sean Wyett, who started 8th, put on a show for the remaining positions. Without a caution to nunch the field up, and despite lapped traffic late in the race, Gillenwater would go on to lead all 18 laps for his first win of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Oliver Jr. was 2nd, Birck was 3rd, Dale was 4th, with Profeta coming home in 5th.

Roger Brockett and Don Wood drew the front row for the 12 lap Mini Hauler Truck feature, with Roger Brockett grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Sheldon Brockett and Tim Wagner. Sheldon Brockett used the middle of the track to grab the top spot away from Roger Brockett on lap 2. Sheldon Brockett then looked to be heading for his first win, when he got sideways in turn 2 on the final lap. Which sent the rest of the field taking advacious action to get around him. Roger Brockett would emerge with the lead, in which he held onto for his first win. Wood was 2nd, Wagner was 3rd, Darin Ronner was 4th, with Grady Jones coming from 9th to finish in 5th.

Coming up next Friday, June 23rd will be the fifth of seven qualifying rounds of the Iowa Corn Growers Association IMCA Late Model "Drive For 5", presented by Floyd's Waste Systems, JJ Nitching Company Case IH Company, Ideal Ready Mix, Triple 777 Trucking, Woodworth Attorney at Law, Triple R Performance Engines, B&B Propane, Budweiser, Conrad Trucking, Donnellson Tire & Service, KQ92, and Big Country 103.1. In action will be the Iowa Corn Growers Association IMCA Late Models, J&J AG Auto and Truck IMCA Modifieds, Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars, Roberts Tire Center IMCA Northern SportMods, and Sonny's Super Market Sport Compacts.

Gates open at 5:30 PM, Hot Laps at 7 PM, and Racing to follow. Grandstand admission will be Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Veterans & Students (11-17) \$5, with Kids (10 & under) FREE! Pit passes will be \$30, ages (7-13) \$20, ages (4-6) \$10, and ages (3 & under) \$5.

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Sports

Fort Madison boys drop two to Burlington at home



Fort Madison's Aidan Pennock delivers a pitch in Monday's nightcap in a doubleheader with Burlington High School in Fort Madison. Below, senior Kane Smith slides into second ahead of a throw. Fort Madison would get swept by the Grayhounds.



REMATCH THURSDAY: Two teams will tangle again on Thursday night at Community Field

BY PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – After spinning off three out of four wins last week, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds' baseball team dropped two at home to Burlington in a doubleheader Monday night.

The Hounds fell in the opener 16-4 and then were shut out in the nightcap 0-8 to drop to 4-7 in Southeast Conference play and 8-13 overall.

Kane Williams sparked the Hounds in the opener with a couple RBIs in the fifth inning with Fort Madison trailing 12-0. Williams doubled to left scoring Brody Cashman and Brennan Ulik, but Caden Barnes grounded out to short to end the inning.

Burlington would add four more in the top of the sixth on doubles by Hunter Ford and Josh Zahner before Fort Madison's Tateum Schelich came on in relief and got out of the inning.

Schelich would score the final Fort Madison run of the game on a sac fly by Luke Hellige. Aidan Pennock would single and Cashman would walk with two outs, but a strikeout ended the first game of the doubleheader.

Hunter Cresswell suffered the loss for Fort Madison going 4 2/3 giving up 12 runs, eight earned on 15 hits while striking out eight and walking two.

Mateo Lozano pitched an out in relief and Schelich threw an inning giving up three runs, two earned on three hits and a strikeout.

In the night cap, the Grayhounds' Tyler Schwartz went the distance giving up just two hits over seven innings while fanning nine and walking two.

Burlington put up three runs in the second and fourth innings and a run each in the third and fifth. They outhit the Bloodhounds five to two in a strong pitching duel, but Fort Madison's four errors proved to be too much to overcome.

Pennock, Aiden Mitchell, and Williams combined to give up just five hits and eight runs, only three earned, in the affair.

Williams and Ulik had the only hits, both singles for the Hounds.

Fort Madison is off until Wednesday when they host Muscatine, and then Thursday when they travel to Community Field in Burlington to take on the Grayhounds again.

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From the Front

Floyd case shows why camera's needed

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es, such as minor children, the victims of sexual abuse, undercover police officers, or witnesses in criminal cases who fear for their safety. The court rules also prevent journalists from making photographs or video of the jurors.

Absent any of those concerns, allowing journalists to use their electronic gear inside courtrooms enables readers and viewers to have a fuller understanding of witnesses' testimony and the exhibits each side presents to a jury.

Two trials in recent years illustrate the importance of this comprehensive coverage. There was live, gavel-to-gavel coverage by the Court TV cable news channel for police officer Derek Chauvin's murder case in Minneapolis for the death of George Floyd, and for Brooklyn, Iowa, farmhand Christian Bahena Rivera's trial for the abduction and killing of Iowa college student Molly Tibbetts.

The public was able to listen to the attorneys' questions and hear the testimony of experts on whether Chauvin's restraint technique prevented Floyd from breathing. Viewers could watch the testimony of detectives who were led by Rivera to the field where Tibbetts' body was concealed. The public could see Rivera's reaction.

Trump's indictment on charges relating of possession of classified government documents has touched off bitter division across the United States. Never before in U.S. history has a former president been charged with such crimes. Never has a candidate for president faced felony charges of such magnitude.

Whether you believe the former president is being railroaded or think he acted with reckless disregard for our nation's security, allowing journalists to provide live coverage from inside the



Miami courtroom where his case will be decided is essential if we hope to have public confidence in our government and in the fairness of our courts.

Prominent First Amendment Floyd Abrams told the Washington Post recently: "There could hardly be any case in American history in which cameras in a courtroom could play a greater role in educating the public about the nature and fairness of a trial. The absence of cameras in the Miami courtroom in which a former president and likely future candidate for the presidency will be held would be an enormous public and historical loss."

Many reporters are skilled note-takers. But it is asking a lot to expect them to be able to scribble on a note pad the complex legal details, the nuances from the questions and the testimony — with no chance of replaying a certain passage or listening again to an important series of questions.

Mary Moriarty, a public defender in the Twin Cities for 30 years, said she had initially opposed televising the Chauvin trial. Afterward, though, her view had changed.

"I think it was important for people to see what happened, what the witnesses said, what the lawyers said, what the judge did, for the legitimacy of the process," she told Minnesota Public Radio.

With so much at stake in the Trump case, everyone should hope the federal courts take steps to ensure the legitimacy of the pre-trial proceedings and trial. One way is for the judge to hold the courtroom door open for journalists' television cameras, computers and recorders.

It has worked well in Iowa.

Randy Evans is the director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council and can be reached at DM-Revans2810@gmail.com.

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Wednesday show will bring same WOW factor

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"The only thing that's changing in this event is the name. It's still a wild and fun night and we're so happy Jim Baier and RAM jumped in," he said.

The event features seven events and 10 cowboys in what Kempker called the long-go. The short go will be the top-two finalists going head-to-head to determine the winner.

"The WOW factor is still there."

The Wednesday night event kicks off the rodeo performances for that run through Sunday.

With a three-day rodeo following the Jim Baier RAM CHUTE OUT, the TSR Committee has once again put a star-studded lineup of entertainment on the back end of each show.

Ian Munsick will take to the Jack Daniels Stage following the CHUTE OUT Wednesday.

Chris Jansick follows the national rodeo action Thursday night on the Jack Daniels Stage and then the four-decade country force Alabama is the main show Friday night.

Riley Green wraps things up as the headliner Saturday night.

The Bud Light Stockyard has several bands to wrap each night up with local favorites The Natu Band Thursday, Stumptown Friday and Saturday night, and The Tank Anthony Band Wednesday night.

Pre-Rodeo activities are the local favorites starting with the Fareway Pancake Breakfast, Rodeo Stampede 5K, and the Special Kids' Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 2. Sunday features the Fareway Chili Supper starting at 5 p.m.

Monday features the popular Lil' Spurs Rodeo at 10 a.m., the Lil Miss Rodeo/All-Around Cowboy contest at 6:30, and the Hy-Vee Pork Dinner serving at 5 p.m.

PeeWee Barrell Racing starts at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Horse Arena, while the annual Tri-State Rodeo Parade steps off on Avenue G, the final Saturday of the event, Sept. 9.

Tickets are still on sale online at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/28207/tristate-rodeo> or by calling 319-372-2550.

This year's Rodeo activities kick off Sept. 2 and run through Sunday, Sept. 9.

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on June 12, 2023, at 6:29 p.m. In addition to Mayor Joseph Loving indicated the following Council Members were present: Brian Meierotto, Dan Waters, Phil Kruse, Bruce Wellman and Will Stuekerjuergen.

Mayor reported the following: Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.; Next regular City Council Meeting is Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Public Library.

Randy Welding presented the City Administrator's report.

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Local News/Opinion



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Roger Keller of SEIBUS gives the Fort Madison City Council an update on operations at the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission's four-county transportation service at Tuesday's Fort Madison City Council meeting.

YMCA hosts Girls on the Run program

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Family YMCA is excited to bring this 8 Week Program back to Fort Madison! Girls on the Run is a nationally recognized program where hundreds of communities across the United States bring together pre-teen girls to help them develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games, culminating in a fun, celebratory 5k Run/Walk.

The Fort Madison Y has specifically designed this 8-week program to empower, enrich, and enhance the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of area girls grades 3rd through 5th. Lead by certified Girls on the Run Head Coaches, Jordyn Meierotto and Becca Ruble, along with Junior Coach, Jordyn Burch.

Over the course of the program, girls will develop and improve competence, establish confidence in who they are, develop character strength, respond to others and oneself with compassion and care, ignite positive connections with peers and adults, and make a meaningful contribution to our community and society at large through a team created and executed community service project. The program will conclude on Saturday, September 2nd with our fun 5k (3.1 mile) Run/Walk Rodeo Stampede where our teams will come together to celebrate the skills and abilities the girls have obtained over the course of the program.

Program participation cost is \$75 and includes 16 lessons conducted by our certified GOTR coaches, an official GOTR t-shirt, participation in the season-ending 5K



for your GOTR participant, a GOTR water bottle, and a snack at each practice. In addition, each participant will receive a 5K finisher's medal.

No girl is turned away due to their inability to afford the cost of the program. Through the generosity of our community partners, the Fort Madison Family YMCA offers financial assistance to those in need. To fill out an application for assistance please stop by the YMCA during regular office hours. Registration deadline is Friday, July 7th. Forms are available online at fortmadison.org or stop by the Fort Madison Family YMCA during regular office hours.

A Facebook Group has been created where coaches and participant families can share updates and photos. You can find the link to the Facebook Group on the Fort Madison Family YMCA's Facebook Page.

For more information on this program contact Ryan Wilson at 319-372-2403 or email ryan.wilson@fortmadison.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Travel group happy with Legislative session

Dear Editor:

The tourism industry is very proud of the accomplishments in the 90th General Assembly this year, as two of the three primary goals of the Iowa Travel Industry Partners (iTIP) were addressed. We wish to thank Governor Reynolds and the Legislature for continuing the historic funding that brings prosperity to placemaking and creative marketing of our communities. iTIP's stated goals entering the 2023 session were:

Support the enactment of iWILL (Iowa Land & Legacy) for water quality initiatives that include funding for tourism and quality of life components.

Support Iowa's current earliest school start date of August 23 to allow the tourism industry time to generate revenue to pay for education.

Tourism experienced a record year by receiving over \$50.70 M in appropriations in 2022. Over \$30.5 M of that was new funding to be used for the creation of new tourism resources and bolster current programming. iTIP will ensure those appropriations are deployed appropriately and maintained in the FY24 budget.

These appropriations made by Iowa's legislature will grow Iowa in both urban and rural communities. Thank you to Governor Reynolds for signing the bills for these historic programs that will increase tourism. Many of the tourism programs live within the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). The proposed RIIF budgets in both the House and Senate were passed with bipartisan support.

The newest program created from the 2023 RIIF budget is a state funded Destination Iowa program. The Destination Iowa Fund is established for the purposes of providing grants to eligible applicants for the following types of projects: Economically significant projects that increase tourism opportunities; development and enhancement of outdoor recreational opportunities; and projects that contribute to quality of life in rural communities.

The current Destination Iowa program enacted in 2022 was funded by federal American Rescue Plan Appropriations. This program, managed by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), granted funding of \$115 million to 46 projects that activated over \$480 million in total investment for the state. The Legislature understands the power and good this program is doing for the state's economic development and wanted to ensure that momentum could be continued.

Iowa Travel Industry Partners (iTIP) is the leading statewide association of the tourism and hospitality industry. The association will continue to keep a pulse on legislative priorities and policies that affect Iowa's tourism industry and advocate for what is best for the industry.

Chelsea Lerud
Executive Director
Iowa Travel Industry Partners (iTIP)



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