Buddy Jewell to rev up RiverFest

RiverFest pre-party set for Sunday at Baxter Sports Complex at 1 p.m.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Country music star Buddy Jewell will tell you that he was elected to his fame.

Buddy Jewell, who'll be performing at the 2nd Annual RiverFest at 8 p.m. Saturday, August 5th, said his road through Nashville was literally voted on by fans. Jewell won the inaugural year of USA Network's 'Nashville Star', the reality show that was country music's version of American Idol.

"It's more or less an atypical start," Jewell said Wednesday afternoon. "It was pretty unconventional the way I got that deal in 2003. There were only a handful of reality tv shows on at that time... American Idol, Big Brother, and American Idol's second year was the first year for Nashville star. Nowadays it's more typical to come to fame, not necessarily stardom, but some kind of fame, from some kind of reality show. You turn on any channel now and you see those programs, but what happened to me is pretty unique at the time."

The native Arkansan took shots at a career in the early 90s on Ed McMahon's Star Search and was pretty unique at the time. "You turn on any channel now and you see those programs, but what happened to me was pretty unique at the time." The wicked up and downs of trying to break into the music industry even led Jewell to a stint as a stuntman in a gunshow at Texas Six Flags theme park. Jewell says now he's an "overnight sensation" that was 20 years in the making.

"I spent so many years trying to get a record deal before I went to Nashville in 1993. It took me 10 years to get a deal and even then if it hadn't been for the television show, I'm not sure this happens. I'm the quintessential overnight sensation that took 20 years. His top performing songs include Help Pour out the Rain (Lacey's song) and Sweet Southern Comfort. His nine records span the past 16 years and he says he likes to play and write songs that hold special meaning for him, but Jewell hesitates on describing his style. His latest album Reloaded was released this year and he said he will be playing some of the songs off that album as well as some of his hit songs.

"You know, I'm probably not the best person to describe my music," he said. "I play and write stuff that I like and try to write about..."

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Creativity on tap at FMAAA art camp

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The annual Fort Madison Area Artists Association Kid's Art Camp began Tuesday this week.

About 30 students attend the camp from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

FMAAA Director Brian Riggs said the kids students usually have two session during the camp and snack time in the middle. On Wednesday the campers worked on 2D and 3D watercolor slices and some wax resistant water colors where water colors and crayons were used for art. After a break where Warsaw guitarist Jesse Mazzaccoli entertained the group with a bit of a 'name-that-

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For the Record
Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue A, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

07/12/17 - 1:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jennifer Lynn Mangold, 48, of Cedar Rapids at the intersection of Royal Road and Hwy 61, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, false identification of law/public service officer, and a temporary hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

07/12/17 - 11:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run accident in the 4200 block of Avenue J.

07/12/17 - 9:16 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Timothy Wayne Wolgemuth, 23, of Donnellson, at the Lee County Jail and held.

07/12/17 - 4:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Avenue A.

Lee County Sheriff’s report 07/11/17 - 9:16 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Timothy Wayne Wolgemuth, 23, of Donnellson, at the Lee County Jail on charges of false identification of law enforcement. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Police report 07/12/17 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run accident in the 2400 block of Avenue J.

Obituaries/For the Record

JESS LEE PUMPHREY

Jess Lee Pumphrey, 99, of Denmark, IA, passed away at 9:50 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at the West Point Care Center. He was born on November 16, 1917 at Eubank, KY, the son of Everett & Bertha Osborne Pumphrey. He married Earleen W. Denning on November 9, 1939 in Davenport, IA. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps attached to the 442nd Troop Carrier Squadron in the E.T.O. He lived most of his life in the Denmark area and was associated with the Yetter Oil Company for several years in the oil business. He also enjoyed working on his farm. He was one of the original freemen on the Denmark Fire Department. He enjoyed camping, traveling and flying his air plane. He was of the Christian Faith. He is survived by: his wife: Earleen Pumphrey of Denmark, IA; 1-daughter: Kay (Martin) Rogers of Spring, TX; 3-grandchildren: Paige (Trent) Yackimec, Lacey (Jared) Capps & Brent (Diane) Pumphrey; 5-great grandchildren: Michael & Caden Yackimec, J.D. Pumphrey, Brianne Johnson & Kayla Christensen; 4-great grandchildren: Ava & Wesley Johnson, Benjamin & Everett Chris-tenson and 1-sister: Faye (Gene) Fraize. He was pre-ceded in death by: his parents, 1-son: Jerry Pumphrey, 2-sisters: Ethel Junkins & Vola Weisinger.

A private family burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery with military rites performed by the Fort Madison Veterans Honor Guard. A memorial has been established for the Fairview Cemetery Association and contributions may be sent to: Kay Rogers, 16003 Wimbledon Champions Drive, Spring, TX 77379. Online condolences to the family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

For the Record

Lee County Sheriff’s report 07/12/17 - 1:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Douglas Kent Smith, 52 of Cedar Rapids at the intersection of Royal Road and Hwy 61, on charges of driving while barred, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding and no insurance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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**Great River Regional Waste Authority**

**Bailey, Schmidt named to 1st team all conference**

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Lady Bloodhounds landed two players on the Southeast Conference 1st team all conference squad released earlier today. Senior Lexi Schmidt and junior Kamryn Bailey both made the top squad. No Bloodhounds made the 2nd team, but senior Chayse Lowney and sophomore Olivia Williams both were named Honorable Mention.

The Hounds landed six players on the Academic All-Conference including Schmidt, Bailey, Lowney, senior Emily Mitchell, and juniors Teryn Parsons and Sadie Smithburg.

Senior Bailey Johnson of Mt. Pleasant was named Player of the Year. Bailey hit right at 400 for the year and was third in the conference in home runs with six. She had 46 hits in 115 at bats including 10 doubles and two triples hitting predominantly in the clean up spot for Stan Schmidt’s squad. She had 37 RBIs which was tied for 6th in the league and was third in the league in slugging percentage at .678.

Schmidt went 7-12 on the mound with an opponent batting average of .276, 9th best in the conference, over the year on 116 innings pitched. The senior, who will be playing for Jeff Lamb next year at Clarke College, struck out 72 hitters, 5th best in the loop, against 28 walks. She carried a 5.25 earned run average. Schmidt was also in the top 20 offensive-ly in the conference hitting .346 with 37 hits, nine doubles, one triple, and one home run.

Lowney hit .378 on the year from her lead-off spot with four home runs and 16 RBIs. She had 14 doubles, which ties her for 3rd in the loop, and added a triple. She also was 3-13 on the year rotating with Schmidt on the mound. She fanned 60 against 44 walks and gave up an opposing batting average of .352.

Williams hit .345 on the year with nine doubles and a home run. She was also a perfect 10 of 10 in stolen bases good, enough for a top 10 spot in the conference.

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played two pool play games on Friday and came out seeded 2nd in the tourney which gave them a bye in the first round of games Saturday. They played one game Saturday and won which put them in the quarterfinals.

On Sunday, they knocked off the Cedar Rapids Bandits, 6-5 to get to the championship game. Cresswell said it was one of the best, if not the best, youth baseball game he had ever been a part of.

"That was a very good game. It was one of the better games I’ve been involved in,” he said. Both teams were good and played great baseball. There wasn’t a whole lot of errors - Great pitching and great defense, timely hits. Just one of the better games I’ve been around."

The team was put together in January. Cresswell said some of the kids could have played on the Burlington Explosion organization, but he said it was time to try to reinvigorate the program in Fort Madison. So Cresswell and Josh Denning decided to form the team and held tryouts.

"We had 12 kids that showed up, and you know what, we just took the 12 kids we got. And the youngest, smallest kids have had a big hand in us winning a game. From the youngest to the oldest, somebody different stepped up in a game. We didn’t have a lot of experience this year with about half of our kids playing kids a year older. I thought we were gonna take some lumps and learn baseball. We did a lot better than I expected,” Cresswell said.

He also commended the parents who helped lift the program.

“We have such great parents that dedicated their time. There was a lot of traveling, but seeing the looks on the kids faces after that state tournament makes it all worth it.”

Over the tournament weekend the Rebels went 4-1 averaging 12 runs per game and allowing five.

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things that mean something to me. If I'm listening to other songs I try to find stuff that moves me emotionally whether that's sad or happy or somewhere in between. I'm more of a traditionalist, more or less. Especially considering what country music is today. It's funny that when Taylor Swift announced she was going pop, I said 'I guess I should announce I'm going country.' "

I'm more of a traditionalist, more or less. I'm more of an emotional person. I like to interact with the crowd. Whether there's 100 or 100,000 people in the crowd, I go out to connect and make them feel like they're sitting in their living room." He says right now he's just playing all kinds of venues including overseas. "A friend of mine used to be VP of marketing at Ford and he says 'If it pays they'll let me,'" Jewell said. "We've been in Europe quite a bit. Between that and coming home and playing and selling records - I'm in a really good place." He said Europeans favor the old 1960's Buck Owens country style and he sees more traditional country fans there than in America. "I see more cowboy hats in the audience over there than there are here. The first time I went over to Europe I played outside of Paris and we saw people literally dressed up like John Wayne with plastic pistols and everything, and they love the line dance. Seems like they got stuck in the Urban Cowboy area." He said Europeans still prefer a physical CD over the downloadable tunes. "That's a good thing, because we don't always get paid with the downloads." Fans interested in learning more about Jewell before his performance in August can visit his website at www.buddyjewell.com or visit his social media outlets including Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/BuddyJewell/.

"I wouldn't be in this position if it weren't for all the fans that keep buying the albums and concert tickets. If anyone has ever owed it to the fans, it's me. I was elected to my records." RiverFest kicks off Thursday, August 3rd and runs through Sunday, August 6th. A complete list of events and online registrations for tournaments can be found at www.riverfestfm.com.

A Riverfest Pre-Party has been set for Baxter Sports Complex on Sunday, July 16th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Events include sand volleyball, bags, and KanJam tournaments. There will be lots of RiverFest giveaways including tickets. Anyone playing in any of the tournaments will be eligible for a 40-quart Grizzly cooler full of your favorite beverage on ice. Keokuk’s Trystan Grisham will be performing from 2 to 4 p.m. The team with the most creative name will win a round of drinks on RiverFest.

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