City readies for RiverFest

Craft and RiverFest 2018 Committee have 3rd edition of summer festival reboot set to be one of biggest ever

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With Riverfest just six days away, organizer Charles Craft said things are going at breakneck speed at this year projections are exceeding already lofty expectations and could be one of the biggest Riverfests since it was reborn in 2016.

The event kicks off Thursday afternoon and runs through Sunday with national acts highlighted Pop Evil, Saving Abel and Colt Ford among others. This year's event again will have something for every member of family from the carnival, to the annual Riverfest Games, information and craft booths, carnival food, motocross stunt shows, and the return for the first time in a decade of Dragon Boats on the Mississippi River.

Craft said there are still spaces available for dragon boat teams, but those are filling fast with five teams already geared up for the event. To register a team, go to the Riverfest website at www.riverfestfm.com.

Some of the most recent additions to the event include a couple of meet-and-greet contests with local radio stations.

Z93 FM out of Keokuk is hosting a tenderloin eating contest Friday night at 6 p.m. at Dr. Getwell's in Keokuk. In that event, five contestants will smear down a tenderloin in record time with the winner getting a meet-and-greet with whichever band member they choose. Tyler French, Keokuk Radio's news director will be on hand putting down a sandwich as well and if anyone beats him they will get an extra surprise from the radio. Contestants include Kayla Francis, Eric Serreo, Adam Tucker, Marc Thannert, Kimberly Southerland.

KQ92 out of Burlington, will be doing a radio contest prior to kick off of the festival with a the winner getting to have a steak dinner at The Palms Restaurant and Bar in Fort Madison with rock band Hinder.

Colt Ford is anchoring 2018 Riverfest with a Sunday night performance. He's one of 15 national, regional, and local rock bands to take the stage beginning Aug. 2.

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RIVERFEST GAMES
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WORLD SERIES OF BEER PONG
The Official World Series of Beer Pong Qualifier Tournament will be held on Thursday afternoon on the entertainment side of the festival grounds For more information on the event and rules see the website at www.riverfestfm.com

Riverfest Bags (Corn-hole) Tournament
Sunday August 5th, 2018 @ 7pm
Register now, online.
Online registration is $20.00/per team of 2.
Day of registration is $30.00.
Tourment will be limited to 64 teams.
Save your slot, register today!
Double Elimination Tournament. Matches will be best of 3.
CO-ED – MMM/FFF all allowed.
100% Cash payback to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Recreational Play open to all abilities.
All weather regulation bags.
Location: Riverview Park, Fort Madison Iowa, east of 6th

Riverfest Kan Jam Tournament
August 4th, 2018 @ 10am
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Online registration is $20.00/per team of 2
Day of registration is $30.00.
All participants must fill out a Riverfest Sports Participant Waiver.
All ages can play, under 18 must have a signed permission form.
CO-ED – MMM/FFF all allowed.
Double Elimination Tournament.
Match lengths based on # of teams entered. For example "Best of 3, 5, or 7":
100% Cash payback to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Recreational Play open to all abilities.
Location: Riverview Park, Fort Madison Iowa, east of 6th
Food and beverages will be available on site.
Come join us, thislourney plays rain or shine!

Riverfest Sand Volleyball Tournament
Saturday August 4th, 2018 @ 9am
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OBITUARIES

NELLIE RUTH MCVAY


She was a homemaker. She was a member of the United Transportation Union Auxiliary and the National Association of Railroad Veterans and Railroad Employees. She was an active member of the Santa Fe United Methodist Church, now the Fort Madison United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for 20 years. She was a member of their Santa Fe Ladies group and was a past president of United Methodist Women. She enjoyed hand-stitching quilts and playing cards. For 17 years, Nellie and her husband, Ronald, wintered in Mission, Texas.

She is survived by one son, Steven R. (wife Debbie) McVay, of Donnellson, Iowa; one daughter, Wendy Hartzel, of Edwardsville, Illinois; one granddaughter, Sydney Hartzel, and one grandson, Alex Hartzel. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Roy Krebill and Arlo Krebill and two sisters, Celia Boltinghouse and Ethel Krebill.

Family will greet friends from 9:30 - 10:30 am Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, with Reverend Dave Barrett officiating. Burial will be at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynfk.com.
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Welborn named FMCH Employee of the Month

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Teri Welborn as their June Employee of the Month. Welborn works in the Accounting Department at FMCH and she has been with FMCH for thirty years.

She was recognized with this nomination: “Welborn lives the Standards of Behavior at FMCH - excelling at Privacy, Personal Accountability, and Commitment to Co-Workers. I would like to nominate one of my employees because she exemplifies what all employees should strive to be in their workplace. She has been at FMCH for 30 years and is a fountain of knowledge. Everyone from all FMCH areas, reach out to her for help. She may not perform that work, but she will stop everything to assist you. She has been an essential part of the Meditech conversion and in our daily operations. I honestly do not know what I would do without her. She is a pillar in our department!”

Welborn recognized Brad Kokjohn, former FMCH CFO, as someone who made a difference in her career at FMCH. “Brad is the one who thought I would be a great fit in the accounting department, “ Welborn said. “I have lots of people who are so great to work with at FMCH. Jeremy Alexander was such a great boss in Accounting and now is a great CEO. Cheryl Albin is a wonderful boss as well. I have to mention my co-workers Kritzi Gobble, Joni Kenel, Heather Hellweg, Justin Bentler and all my co-workers in every department of the hospital.”

Welborn stays very busy, not only with her family, but in the community. She teaches piano lessons at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association, is the organist and choir director at the Fort Madison United Methodist Church, plays piano for the Fort Madison High School choir concerts and other miscellaneous events, and every year accompanies the FMCH Christmas Carolers on their journey around the hospital spreading Christmas cheer.

The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization.

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RiverFest 5K starts early Saturday morning

Register now, online registration.

Online registration is $50 per team of 6 and closes July 27th.

Day of registration is $60.

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Old Settler’s Summer Concert Series

“Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s on Friday, July 27th when the Pork Producers will be ready to serve you at 5 pm at the Old Settler’s Park in Fort Madison. Kensington Cheese Cake Sale

The Kensington in Fort Madison is now taking orders for cheesecake jars to raise funds for its Relay for Life team. The 16 oz. cheesecake jars are available through Friday for delivery or carryout by calling 319-372-4233 or by message on The Kensington Facebook page.

CAMP WANNAMORRA

The Fort Madison YMCA will be holding a four-day camp focusing on basic life skills, safe use of social media, peer problem solving and basic cooking for area youth ages 11 to 15 years old. Cost of the camp is $100 for members, $125 for non members and runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. To register contact the YMCA at 319-372-2403.

Siemens Gamesa Blood Drive

Thursday, July 26 from 6:30am - 8:30am OR 11:30am - 3:30pm

MVRBC Donor Bus - 2597 Hwy 61. To donate, call Susan Beckman at (319) 463-2184.

Gardening Camp

The Fort Madison YMCA will be holding a youth gardening camp from July 30 -Aug. 1.

Riverfest 2018

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

Carousel Preschool Registration

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

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for $15. Add a photo for $. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of $10 per 25 words and $3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.