Ray, Lawrence, and Moore headline 2019 Tri-State Rodeo

Discounted tickets go on sale starting Monday

FORT MADISON – The Tri-State Rodeo is proud to announce that Michael Ray, Tracy Lawrence and Justin Moore are set to headline the 2019 Rodeo.

Tickets for the rodeo will go on sale Monday April 15 at 8 a.m at www.TriStateRodeo.org. Bleacher tickets will be $5.00 (five dollars) off through April 30.

In 2010, Ray's independently released debut caught the ear of veteran music industry manager Tony Conway, who began helping Ray take his career to a national audience.

In 2012, Ray appeared on the CW talent competition 'The Next,' where he was mentored by Big & Rich's John Rich. Ray was an audience favorite on the show and ultimately took home the top prize. After the show, Ray signed a publishing deal with Warner/Chappell, and in 2014 released the hit single 'Kiss You in the Morning.' His full-length major label debut, Michael Ray, followed in 2015 on Warner Music Nashville. Well-received, the album made it to number four on the Country Albums chart, and spawned two more singles with 'Real Men Love Jesus' and 'Think a Little Less.'

Over the next several years, Ray toured extensively before returning to the studio alongside producer Scott Hendricks (Blake Shelton, Brooks & Dunn, Trace Adkins). In 2018, he delivered his sophomore album, Amos, which included the Top 20 country single "Get to You." Amos debuted at five on Billboard's Country Songs chart upon its June release. Tracy Lawrence's most recent studio album GOOD OLE DAYS, released on November 10, 2017, is an album of duets, pairing a selection of his most iconic hits with some of Country and Rock’s contemporary superstars and newcomers. It includes guest appearances by Jason Aldean, Brad Arnold, Big & Rich, Luke Bryan, and Brandon Reichelt.

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ARThUR RITCHEY ADKISSON, JR.

Arthur Ritchey Adkisson, Jr., 73, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital, Fort Madison, Iowa.


Mr. Adkisson was a graduate of the Washoe High School, Washoe, Illinois. Following high school he served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 – 1969 serving on a USS Destroyer. He received his Bachelors Degree from Western Illinois University. Art began his teaching career in Colusa, Illinois and finished his 33-year career at the Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School.

When Art wasn’t teaching he enjoyed helping local carpenters. Mr. Adkisson was a member of the Naunoo American Legion where he served as an adjutant and was a charter member of the Nauvoo Jaycees.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne, one daughter, Brenda Adkisson of Nauvoo, one son, Lance (Shawna) Adkisson of LaHarpe, Illinois, two grandchildren, Abby (Braden) Shull and Brady Adkisson and two sisters, Susan Pryor of Lathrop, Missouri and Linda (Bob) Kiser of Gainesville, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo with Pastor Mark Anderson and Fr. Tony Trosley officiating.

Burial with Military Rites will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Illinois. Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 15 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals where the family will receive friends from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established for the Nauvoo Veterans Memorial or the donor’s choice. Please visit Art’s obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com to leave a condolence.

CHARLES FRANK DAVIS

Charles Frank Davis, 72, of Trenton, MO, formerly of Alexandria, MO, died Friday, April 12, 2019 at the Eastview Nursing Home in Trenton.

He was born on February 14, 1947 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Charles M. and Alice M. Arthur Davis.

Charles was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He enlisted on September 15, 1967 and received his Honorable Discharge on May 24, 1972. Most of Frank’s service time was spent in Vietnam where he served in the Combat Unit USAVR 25th Infantry with the Division Tropic Lightning. He was wounded in combat and was awarded three Purple Hearts. He also received the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He received multiple qualification badges for light weapon infantry.

He had been employed at Foote Mineral in Keokuk.

Frank enjoyed fishing and watching old western movies. He also enjoyed watching Andy Griffith and his favorite movie was Rambo. Frank was very talented at playing the Jew’s Harp. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he enjoyed playing his Jew’s Harp for them and taking them for rides around Alexandria.

He is survived by two daughters, Nicole Davis and Tiffany Davis both of Ke- okuk and four brothers, John Davis of Wayland, Jim Davis and his wife Beverly of Kahoka, Bill Davis and wife Marilynn of Warsaw and Steve “Moe” Davis and his wife Connie of Keokuk, one sister, Mary Alice Davis of Keokuk and four brothers, John Davis of Wayland, Jim Davis and his wife Beverly of Kahoka, Bill Davis and wife Marilynn of Warsaw and Steve “Moe” Davis and his wife Connie of Keokuk, one sister, Mary Alice Davis of Keokuk, six grandchil-dren, Stephanie Feikert, Trent Rockelman (Chloe), Kelsee Dobler (Jacon), Bren-don Baunme, Breckon Housewright and Brock Davis, three great-grandchildren, Landyn Stark, Trevor Hall and Jaedyn Dobler and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Tom Davis.

Graveside services with military rites will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Ke- okuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 11 am – 12:45 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
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**Hounds kickers split matches last week**

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison boys’ soccer team split two matches this week.

On Friday night, the Hounds took on Central Lee at Donnellson and quickly found themselves down 1-0, but Austin Sexton took a center from AJ Nolting to tie it up at 1 just nine minutes into the first half.

The Hawks would score two more goals at the 18:30 and 25:30 marks to take a 3-1 lead into the half. Central Lee would score quickly again to start the second half sliding one in past Chance Decker with just two minutes gone for a 4-1 lead. Things would get slightly out of hand with two more Hawk goals before freshman Dayton Davis took a kick from Sexton to set the final score at 6-2.

On Tuesday, the Hounds got off to a very quick start just :30 into their 5-0 shutout of the Mediapolis Bulldogs.

Senior Brody Rung took a pass from the left wing just left of center from Will Larson, about 20 feet out and lifted a shot into the top of the goal for a quick 1-0 Bloodhound lead.

Reuben Eid would score again in the second half just five minutes in and Larson would round out the scoring for Fort Madison with a shot off an assist by Reiburn Turnbull. Decker had three saves in the shutout.

The Hounds are 3-5 on the season and will travel to Mt. Pleasant on Monday night.

**CL’s Hawk shoots 81 to win boys’ tourney**

**Holy Trinity finished 3rd with a 391 on cold, windy course**

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**TUE 16 Apr**

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**WED 17 Apr**

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High– 69.0º F | Low – 64.5º F

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Heavy Intensity Rain

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**Loesback to keep pushing on health care, broadband**

FMHS senior Brandon Keester show a 94, Kyle Bredemeyer carded a 96 for HTC for 7th. Other Bloodhounds included Blake Algrim, playing in the No. 4 group with a 97, Tyler Wade shot a 101, Max Slater carded a 107 in the No. 5 grouping and Logan Rashid rounded out FMHS players with a 108.

For Holy Trinity Catholic, Trevor Mohrfield, playing in the fourth grouping shot a 24-over 98, Mason Holvoet scored a 107, Brandon DeLane shot a 108 and Colby Bredemeyer shot a 111 for the Crusaders.

Holy Trinity plays host to Central Lee at Sheaffer’s on Monday beginning at 4 p.m.

Fort Madison travels to Washington for a triangular with the Demons and Fairfield on Tuesday at the Washington Golf and Country Club.

For the Crusaders.

Tommy Wade was fourth, also playing in the second group with the Demons and Fairfield with a 97.

Holy Trinity’s Josh Barr was sixth, playing in the third group with the Crusaders.

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MT. PLEASANT – Despite running in some heavy south winds, rain and at one point even hail, the Bloodhound boys track team set more personal records Thursday night at the Denny White Relays in Mt. Pleasant. The Hounds got two second-place finishes from Matt Hellige who broke his personal records in the mile and two-mile events.

The junior almost broke the 10-minute mark in the two mile with a time of 10:01.42, just 2.6 seconds behind perennial state contender Cody Merrens of Mt. Pleasant. Hellige also set a personal mark in the 1600 with 4:42.59, good enough for second.

“I guess an extra year of training has helped. I think I put in a lot more miles this winter compared to last year. The training has been a lot different this year. A lot more track work and I’d say and we’ve been doing some different things,” Hellige said.

Co-Coach Mike Schneider said he thinks Hellige will get under 10 minutes in the 3200 before the year’s over.

“He’s capable of breaking 10 and I think he will if we get a good meet,” Schneider said.

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He said Hellige has stepped up his personal training and quietly goes about anything asked of him in workouts.

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FM boys set personal marks at MP Relays

Fort Madison sophomore Garrett Hannum tries to get inside in the 800-meter run Thursday night at the Denny White Relays in Mt. Pleasant. Hannum set a personal record for the second time this week in the event. At right, Ethan Deaconis ready to release the shot put as throwing coach Todd McPhghhy videos the attempt.

Fort Madison sophomore Garrett Hannum

The Bloodhounds got a 3rd place finish from Brock Califf, Hannum, Schaeffer and Schneider with a time of 47.21 (9th); Long Jump: Mosena 17-2.25 (10th), McGowan 15-9 (14th); Shot Put: Alec Craft 36-7, Ethan Deacon 35-4; Discus: Deacon 102-7, (11th), Ethan Deacon 35-4; 4×400-meter relay: (Mosena, Califf, Redd-Donald, Schneider) 8:56.11, good enough for second.

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Rodeo committee gets legends, new stars for 2019

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – Chase Gibb, the owner of Fort Madison’s Buffalo61 Bar and Grille, spent a cold Friday morning overseeing the installation of a pizza oven. But it wasn’t just any pizza over. Gibb had the help of Frank Millard & Co. Inc. lift a 11,500 lb anthracite coal oven from a flat bed truck with a crane and slide it into a hole cut in the south wall of the former Sarducci’s and “The Italian” building in the 300 block of Roosevelt in Burlington.

The oven was lifted by crane and slowly maneuvered into place to set it down and then was rolled through about a 12’ by 12’ hole that was cut out of the wall. Casters on the oven allowed the monstrosity to be rolled into place.

Gibb said the casters would have to be removed before firing up the oven. “I hope to have it heating up on Thursday,” Gibb said. “We have to get it in and connected and then get the hood built over it and the Ansel system in place.”

Gibb has had contractors gut the building and completely redo the interior and exterior and had granite delivered for the bar counter top on Friday afternoon. Work has been done to revamp coolers and putting in new flooring in the kitchen and seating areas as well as a new brick facade on the building’s east side.

Gibb said he hopes to have the restaurant up and running within the next three to four weeks.

Gibb moves 6-ton oven into new venture

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Coal Haus 337 owner Chase Gibb, second from left, helps push in the 11,500 lb. anthracite coal oven that will be the hallmark of his new venture set to open in four weeks.