Rodeo’s 2019 lineup has veteran, rising stars

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON – First-year Tri-State Rodeo Chairman Tony Johnson said the rodeo has brought in a good mix of national entertainment for 2019’s event.

With the release of the lineup this past Saturday at the Boogaloo Sports Bar and Grill in Burlington, fans finally got a full view of who’s coming to Fort Madison in September.

The rodeo’s Facebook page was abuzz with guesses when the 2019 TSR Committee posted a “redacted” version of the entertainment poster and had people guessing everything from Blake Shelton to George Strait.

On Saturday, rodeo chairman Tony Johnson revealed that Michael Ray, Tracy Lawrence, and Justin Moore would be the headlining acts for this year’s event that runs from pre-rodeo days starting on Saturday Aug. 31 through Saturday, Sept. 7.

One fan on Facebook guessed Ray and Moore, but missed Lawrence. Many guessed Justin Moore from the silhouettes that were posted.

“I think we ended up with a really good lineup,” Johnson said.

“Michael Ray has some really good songs out there right now. He was nominated for new male vocalist of the year. He didn't win, but he was nominated and our Friday with Tracy Lawrence – he’s been around for long time and I'm really looking forward to that,” Johnson said of selecting and acquiring the acts is a difficult one, but he said a lot of attention is paid to what fans are asking for and trying to get the best entertainment while still keeping prices affordable.

He said rodeo fans have been asking for some more traditional music, but also want to hear contemporary acts.

“There’s a calling for that 90s country music and some of that is making a comeback,” he said. “We’ve had some people really wanting that so we wanted to try and cater to that and get back to our roots.

“But Saturday, we’re going to blow it up. Justin Moore’s a little younger, but he’s been around. He has a new album that’s coming out and he has a single off

The 2019 Tri-State Rodeo entertainment lineup was released Saturday night at the Boogaloo Sports Bar and Grill to a raucous fan base. Tickets go on sale on Monday with Rodeo week beginning Aug. 31, 2019.

MP man surpasses 30K ped miles

The best way to interview an octogenarian who walked 30,000 miles in 30 years (a thousand miles a year) is to go for a three-mile, early morning walk with him or her. But don’t think you won’t have any trouble keeping up because the octogenarian will be doing all the talking.

85-year old George Chapman of Mt. Pleasant doesn’t employ much arm swing when he walks, nor does he emphasize his hands with gestures, like a lot of politicians. He takes rapid short-fire steps from the hips, and keeps his arms at his sides. All he wants to do (at age 70) was listen, hold the tiny voice recorder, and try to keep up.

It started back in 1989 when George and his wife, Karen, lived in 9,318 ft elevation Silverton, Colorado. Then governor Roy Romer had a program for seniors 55 and over—walk 500 miles and they would get a certificate. George knocked that off in six months, and kept on going. He has never stopped.

On February 18, 2014, 25 years later, George had circumnavigated the earth. Not really, but on that date, he had completed 24,902 miles. That figure (actually 24,901.55 miles) is the circumference of the earth at the equator. He is proud to say he did not take the shortcut via the poles, which would have shaved off 50 miles.

Then, on March 23, 2019, George Chapman hit 30,000 miles! He isn’t calling it quits, either. Why would he? Oh, he has slowed his pace over the years from 4 mph (a jog for me) to 3 mph. But anyone who does much walking, or running, knows 3 mph is no walk in the park.

George graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, with a degree in psychology, and was immediately drafted. After two years in the Army, he became an insurance executive with Mass Mutual, and married Karen, a nurse. Three children followed. This was career number one.
FM girls drop first tennis match of season at Davis County

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BLOOMFIELD — The Lady Hounds girls tennis team struggled in blustery conditions on Friday night in rural Davis County and dropped their first dual meet of the year 4-5 to Davis County.

Fort Madison, who fall to 2-1 in the year, won at Nos. 1-3 singles with Zoe Ramatowski leading the way with an 8-1 win over Haley Swan. Larissa Ferrill and Lanie Cadwallader knocked off Ramatowski and Nafziger 8-3, and Cadwallader and Scott lost to Swan an Klaus 6-8.

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CONSTANCE JEAN HOLTKAMP HUGHES

Connie Jean Holtkamp Hughes, 63, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly at 7:02 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019, surrounded by friends and family. She was born on January 16, 1956 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Edward and Agnes Zumdome Holtkamp. She was a graduate of Aquinas High School in Fort Madison and a graduate of St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa where she majored in Criminal Justice and Accounting.

She married Don Hughes, they later divorced.

Connie was survived by her two sisters, Joyce (Jack) Kirchner of Donnellson, Iowa and Janet (Edward) McKenney of Carthage, Illinois and two brothers, twin brother Ronald (Debra) Holtkamp of Montrose, Iowa and Alvin (Melody) Holtkamp of Montrose, Iowa and Alvin (Melody) Holtkamp of Montrose, Iowa.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Agnes Zumdome Holtkamp, a brother, Ralph Holtkamp, two sisters-in-laws, Miriam Menke Holtkamp and Chris Kempker Holtkamp.

Connie loved spending time with her best friends, Donna Fraise Welter, Becky Zumdome Rung, Karen Brockway Webster, Cassie Vonachen Schmidt, Candie Culbertson Brickner, and Robin Freesmeier Kokjohn. She also spent most of her time with her niece, Mikaela McKenney, and nephew, Holt McKenney. She loved her Maltese, Butters, very much.

Connie enjoyed planting flowers, as she worked for Peters Greenhouse out of Lomax, Illinois and was in charge of the Hamilton, Illinois location. She also enjoyed technology and working on computers. She was an avid reader and loved history. Connie took care of her mother for many years up until her death in 2012. She took great pride in taking care of the most important person in her life. Anyone who knew Connie, knew that she did not know a stranger. She could carry on a conversation with anyone without judgement. This world will miss her spark.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and a wake service to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening all at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Thomas Seydlik officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Connie’s memory. Online condolences to Connie’s family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Madison at the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Academy Avenue in Denmark. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released on a promise to appear. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

04/11/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one power pole fire, one small brush fire, and one odor investigation.

04/12/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one false alarm, one potential hazmat, one vehicle accident.

Area crappie, blue gill fishing heating up

DES MOINES – The following is the weekly fishing report for southeast Iowa waters compiled by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the week ending Wednesday, April 18. Fishing is still slow with water temperatures on the rise and still a lot of high water.

Big Hollow Lake

Just a few anglers out with the warm weather.

Lake Belva Deer

Water continues to warm with temperatures in the 50’s. Largemouth Bass – Slow: A few bass were caught during the warmer weather along the riprap in the sun.

Lake Darling

Largemouth Bass – Slow: The warm weather brought the bass into the shallows at the upper end of the lake; they most likely will head back out when the weather changes later this week.

For more information on the above lake, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Start in the shallows using small jigs for bluegill.

Lake Sugema

Try jigs tipped with minnows around the flooded timber for crappie.

Lake Wapello

Channel Catfish – Fair: Try cut bait or dead chubs.

Ottumwa Park Pond South

Catch trout with a variety of methods including a live minnow fished under a bobber, small tube jigs and inline spinners. You must have a fishing license and a pay trout fee to fish for and/or possess trout.

Rathbun Reservoir

The current lake level is 907.36 msl. Normal operating elevation is 904.0 msl. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels, so make sure to properly drain, clean, and dry equipment before transporting to another water body. Channel Catfish – Fair: Anglers are catching channel catfish; use cut bait or shad sides.

Do your part during this year’s Spring Cleaning activities by making sure you’re choosing products safe for our planet.

Here are just a few of the ways you can help:

• Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste materials, construction debris, & electronic waste
• Use environmentally-safe cleaning products
• Reduce • Reuse • Recycle
• Check our website for proper disposal methods, acceptable materials, & more

This year, do your part to keep our environment clean, too!
Fort Madison Community Clean up
The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding its annual Community Clean up on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. A free lunch will follow in the park. Call the Chamber at 372-5471 to register for details.

Holy Family Parish breakfast
Roling Hall will be the site for a Easter Sunday, April 21, pancake breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m. A free-will donation will help defray costs of the HFP youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

FM Partners Paint-A-Thon
Volunteers are need for the annual Paint-A-Thon taking place April 22-27 in Fort Madison. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 372-5471 to volunteer.

BSC Auction, Social Tour
The 2nd annual event will be held on April 27, 2019 beginning at 7 a.m at Quality Inn & Suites. Ages 3-5 will attend from 10 a.m to noon, while 6 and up will attend from 1 p.m to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is April 5. For more information email Dr. Lauri Wondra at laurisorop@gmail.com.

Soroptimist Princess Tea Party
The annual Princess Tea Party is set for Saturday, May 11th at Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison. Ages 3-5 will attend from 10 a.m to noon, 6-8 p.m. at the Quality Inn. Ages 9-12 will attend from 1:30 p.m to 3 p.m. Call the Chamber at 372-5471 to register and for details.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATOR NEEDED
RSVP/United Way of the Great River Region is seeking a Community Garden Coordinator.

Do you like to garden and work outdoors? Do you like to plan, plant and harvest food?

We are seeking an individual who loves the outdoors to help others grow fresh food. Individuals. All donations are tax-deductible. The Great River Region serves all of Lee, Henry, and Mississippi Counties.

The United Way of the Great River Region supports non-profit organizations with our dollars. If interested and for more information, please call Tammy Wilson at 319-372-7852.

Endless opportunities for volunteers and friends of the garden. Will direct garden activities and lead other volunteers in our efforts. Must enjoy working outside, and work efficiently in a team environment. Post of- fers 1 hour, 2 times per week.

Lee County Health Department is seeking a full-time Environmental Health Inspector to perform field work with professional responsibilities relating to enforcement of laws, regulations and stan- dards including, food establish- ing inspections, food safety, hotels/motel licensure and inspections, private wa- ter wells, water quality, pri- vate sewage disposal sys- tems, public swimming pools & SPA, tattoo, tanning in- spections, lead inspections, public health nuisance and general sanitation.

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Never a couple to spend more than 15 years in one place, when a B&B came up for sale in Kentucky, they bought it, and relocated George’s printing presses. Next Owner.) The antique car shares space with their personal automobile, and George’s printing presses. You can take the newspaper man out of the business, but the ink is still in his blood.

George is Advertising Manager and proof reader for “The Bulb Horn” which is the official publication of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA), and Treasurer of the Red Flag Horseless Carriage Tour.

Then there’s the walking. George calculates that for each hour he spends walking, he has added more than an hour to the end of his life. And he doesn’t mean in the nursing home.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.