**RiverFest kicks off Thursday**

**Tickets still for sale at event website**

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison riverfront is a flurry of activity this week with fencing being put up, trailers being moved in and carnival rides arriving in anticipation of RiverFest 2019 presented by Frank Millard & Co., Inc.

While grounds were being prepared on Saturday, RiverFest organizer Charles Craft was out at Shottenkirk overseeing a "Hand-On-The Van" contest for a right to have dinner with 80's rockers Warrant. Three contestants had to keep at least one hand on the van and then had to wolf down a tenderloin and fries from Buffalo 61. The winner had not been announced as of press time. A complete schedule of events is on page 3 of today's edition.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Three participants in the RiverFest 2019 Hand-on-the-Van contest to win dinner with 80's rockers Warrant stayed attached to the Frank Millard & Co., Inc. van at Shottenkirk Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. From left to right are Crystal Lakots of Sandusky, Kevin "Bogeyman" Royer, of Fort Madison (seated) and Andrew Kirchner of Donnellson.

**DuPont puts up old signage for United Way**

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Out with the old and in with the new. We've all heard it, but DuPont is taking it to a new level by sending out the old for charity.

The Fort Madison DuPont production facility will be selling their old brand signage with all the proceeds going to the company's annual United Way Campaign.

DuPont rebranded with all new logos and signage in June of this year. Any questions should be directed to Tammy-lynn.Workman@dupont.com before Aug. 19.

Signs need to submit bids to Tammy Workman at 319-376-5223. All interested bidders on the first 5'x12' sign is the old DuPont logo "Plant Entrance" sign and is made of hard plastic. The second signs is the old DuPont logo "Plant Entrance" sign and is made of hard plastic. DuPont and is made of hard plastic.

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Visit www.riverfestfm.com for additional details and ticket information.

**Tragic death brings about fond memories**

We both worked for the Mt. Pleasant News in the advertising department. I was new and Les was the top dog in sales. I was jealous. We used to tease Les a lot, and he seemed to enjoy it. "Lester the Arrester doesn't fester, but likes to pester." A lot of words rhyme with Lester, and the four of us in advertising made up all sorts of jingles. Les just smiled. He was a happy person, which was probably why he was so good in sales. We assumed his name was Lester. It wasn't until his obit came out that I realized his name wasn't Lester, it was Leslie. Typical of Les, he didn't correct us. Lester the jester.

We went our separate ways. Les to the gypsum plant in Mediapolis, myself to insurance sales. I didn't see Les again until there was a 5K race at Iowa Wesleyan College. He had his daughter, Amber, with him, and he told her to beat me. She did.

A few years passed and Ginnie and I joined the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. There was Les sitting in front of us, this time with his son, Jonathon. Les was the scripture reader for that day. When he sat down, I joked, "Tell it to Jonathon straight." (Strait was his last name.) He just flashed his classic smile and pretended to shoot me with his fingers.

Les had been a deacon and then an elder with the church. He had been on the nominating committee that brought our current pastor, Trey Hegar, to the church. You done good, Les!

Les and his family moved away from Mt. Pleasant to live on his family farm in Keosauqua, in Van Buren County. He was still working at the gypsum plant in Mediapolis, which made for a long commute. But Les was a tall person, which would have made the trip shorter if he fell forward. (Sorry, Les, there just had to be one last joke.)

The awful news came like a dagger to my heart. Les had been killed in a lawnmower rollover accident. He was 47. Survivors include his wife, Holly, and three kids: Amber, Boblon and Jonathon, also his parents Doris and Marvin. Dear God, why do bad things happen to good people? I dunno. I have no answer.

See SWARM, page 8
Fort Madison Police reported to a personal injury accident at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue I. 07/25/19 – 10:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a personal injury accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O. 07/25/19 – 10:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jessie Marie Smith-Mad-dox, 43, of Fort Madison at the intersection of Hwy. 61 and 53rd Street on a charge of 3rd-degree harassment. She was released upon citation. Lee County Sheriff’s Report 07/24/19 – 2:47 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Cody John Lutzen, 33, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Valley Street in Burlington, on warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/25/19 – 3:09 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 1300 block of 205th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Dalton Kenneth Tweedy, 19, of Keokuk struck a vehicle driven by Andrew Weisinger, no age or address provided. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage and Tweedy was taken into custody on charges of operating while intoxicated-1st offense and he was cited for failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

LELAND MAURICE ROBINSON

Leland Maurice Robinson, 66, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at his home.

He was born April 8, 1953 in Keokuk, IA the son of Leland Sr. and Doris Thomas Robinson. Leland graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1972. He had been employed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a conductor for thirty-nine years until his retirement in 2011. Leland was a member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church and Living Word Ministry both in Keokuk.

Leland enjoyed blues music and often traveled to blues festivals. He was a dedicated member of the Rollin on the River committee in Keokuk for more than twenty years. He loved working in his garden and took pride in growing vegetables and sharing his freshly picked crop with his family and friends.

Leland didn’t know a stranger. He met and had many friends while here on Earth. Leland loved to fish and several times went deep sea fishing. One of Leland’s passions was traveling to different countries such as Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, Belize and the Dominican Republic. Most important in Leland’s life were his six grandchildren and having them over to hang out. He often traveled to Colorado to visit his two grandsons. They were all the love and joy of his life.

Leland is survived by one son, Leland Robinson III (Jody) of Colorado Springs, CO, one daughter, Heather Cufman (David) of Carthage, IL, five grandchildren, Leyton and Lincoln Robinson both of Colorado Springs, CO and Austin, Cameron and Colin Cufman all of Carthage, IL, one granddaughter, Madison Cufman of Carthage, IL, one brother, Mark Robinson of Quincy, IL, four sisters, June Walker (Jerry) of Keokuk, Leila McCane of Keokuk, Marjorie Robinson of Keokuk and Merri Wells (Darrell) of Keokuk, many nieces and nephews, and special friends including, Buck Clay, Tyann Brewer, Tyah Clay, Tayshaun Clay and Tylon Clay.

He was preceded in death by his fiancé Rossella Kay, grandson, Brendon Robinson, his parents, brother, Carlton Robinson and sister, Maria Abbey.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Tyrone Seay and Reverend J.T. Brown officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday, August 2, 2019 at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rollin on the River or Pink Heals Western Illinois. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

fmch offers in-school screenings

LEE COUNTY – Health care professionals from FMCH will be on site at area schools to provide Athletic Screenings for student athletes on Thursday, Aug. 1 at Central Lee Schools, K-8 Building from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and on Friday, Aug. 2 at Fort Madison High School from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

These athletic screenings will meet the state requirement for sport participation and include a physical exam; vitals including blood pressure, height, weight, body mass index and blood sugar; strength, concussion baseline (if needed), range of motion and posture screening all provided by FMCH healthcare professionals.

Appointments can be made online at www.fmchosp.com or by calling 319-376-2249. All necessary forms need to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Forms can be found on the school websites or on www.fmchosp.com. Under the Community & Wellness tab.

There is a $25 charge for the screening. If you are unable to participate in the screening on either of these dates, student athletes can come to the FMCH MyCare Walk-In Clinic for their screening – again, all forms must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian. MyCare Walk-In Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Class Schedule

Monday 9-10:30am – Beginners
Wednesday 9-10:30am – Advanced Beginners
Wednesday 6-7:30pm – Intermediate
Thursday 5-6:30 – Restorative and Slow Stretching
Friday 10-10:30am – Beginners

Private Classes Available by Appointment

Sylvia Thomas, Certified SIYI . 617 Avenue G, Fort Madison
319-470-1082 . www.seiowayoga.com

For the Record
Thursday, August 1
5 p.m. to midnight – Entertainment Area Open
4:30 p.m. to close – CURE Solutions Carnival Midway
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. – CURE Solutions Carnival Midway wristband
3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Kachunga and the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Stand Up Paddleboard Rentals – RiverFest Dragonboat Docks
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Commercial/Craft Vendors in Vendor Area
4 p.m. to close – Food Vendors in the Food Court
5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Kachunga and the Alligator Show – Alligator Alley
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Living Lucid on the Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Burden of the Sky on the Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Puddle of Mudd on the Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. – Ghost of Judas on the Budweiser South Stage

Friday, Aug. 2
3 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Volleyball Courts open for practice – Games Area
5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. – Entertainment area open
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5 p.m. to 5:15 – Motorcycle Stunt Show – Pavilion Parking Lot
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6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – CURE Solutions Carnival Wristband
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Stars in Toledo – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
8 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Bullet Boys – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. – Warrant – Mohrfeld Electric Main Stage
9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. – Teen Dance – Central Parking Lot.
11 p.m. to 2 a.m. – Decade of Decadence – Budweiser South Stage

Saturday, Aug. 3
6:30 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. - RiverFest 5K Run/Walk Check in – Games area
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*All times subject to change
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Five DuPont signs up for bid

CHARITY - Continued from Page 1

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2019

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of Great Prairie Area Education Agency was held on July 10, 2019, via Zoom.

I. Meeting was called to order by President Stephenson at 8:01 a.m.

Members Present: Mellisa Ballard, Margaret Kelly, Himar Hernandez, Patricia Miletich, Victoria Stephens, Joyce Wauters, and Marge Wilhelm

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Lee County Conservation Board Special Meeting

Agenda

July 29, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Lee County Conservation Center

2652 Highway 61

Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order

2. Approve minutes from July 9, 2019

3. Approve Conservation Technician Hire

4. Adjournment

Next regular meeting will be August 13, 2019

Hearing and vision assis-

tance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

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**HELP WANTED**

FULL-TIME GENERAL LABORER

COMPANY

Baxter Construction Company is a national construction management firm that features a great work environment and provides room for employee growth. For over 70 years Baxter has fostered a balanced family-work culture and as we continue to grow we strive to remain as adaptable, motivated, and responsive to our employees, both new and old, as we do to our clients. Our employees are our most important and greatest asset and it is our MISSION to develop leadership that creates excitement, fulfillment, and lasting relationships with the people, communities, and markets that we serve.

POSITION SUMMARY

Baxter Construction Company is a fast-paced commercial builder that is seeking full-time, General Laborer. Occasional part time National travel to and from project sites.

- Qualified candidates will be required to have a CDL license, and the ability to obtain and maintain and CDL license.

- Candidates must understand the general construction process and required field labor associated with driving and moving large trucks, trailers, miscellaneous jobsite equipment, and the setup of that equipment.

- Job responsibilities will include safety as a top priority, national travel, handling over the road requirements, knowledge of operating general jobsite equipment, ability to lift over 30 pounds at times, work in a construction environment, assist in setting up jobsite trailers and equipment, be able to perform general shop labor.

- Job Type: full-time

- Salary: dependent upon experience

- Benefits: 401k, Medicare, Retirement Package, Health Insurance, Paid Vacation

- Traveling required: all traveling paid plus daily per diem

- Required education: high school or equivalent

- Required experience: CDL and general construction knowledge

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- Must possess an Iowa Driver’s License and have or be willing to obtain the following endorsements: CDL, Air Brake, School Bus and Passenger

- Applicant must pass a background check, drug test and DOT physical.

- Successful completion of the STOP training course is required within 6 months of hire date.

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