Poppe staying true to her music

Tickets still available for Friday night show

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Iowa native and 2018 American Idol winner Maddie Poppe said despite fame and fortune she wants to stay true to her writing.

The 21-year-old will be holding a concert at Fort Madison High School on Friday following the annual North Lee County Relay for Life starting at 9 p.m.

Tickets are $40 each and there are a very limited number of $100 VIP tickets that are still available at www.relayforlife.org/northleeCOUNTY or by calling Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Poppe is set to launch a nationwide tour in October.

In an interview with The New Mix in Burlington, Iowa native Poppe said fame that has come with winning American Idol is not what she expected.

“It’s completely different than I thought it would be. It’s hard to understand it unless it happens to you,” she said.

“I thought it would be different and didn’t realize it was as much press, and radio was a whole different world. I didn’t realize everything that comes along with it.”

Poppe is coming off playing at the Iowa State Fair to a packed house on opening night and then recently returned from a trip to Sacramento where she was diagnosed with laryngitis. But she said therapy has allowed her to keep performing.

She said her influences are Sara MacLachlan, Sara Bareilles and Ingrid Michaelson, who she is touring with starting in October.

She said she is looking forward to the tour and is hoping to try some new things on stage, but said sticking to her musical roots is important.

Poppe has 10 original songs on her first album “Whirlwind” but says the songs aren’t written by her.

“It can sometimes take months or even years to get a song written and I had a couple months to get the album out. There were so many good songs that came in that it was hard to get something of my own out there,” she said.

But her plans are to move forward with writing and sticking to more wholesome songs, despite what some fans may want to hear. Most of what Poppe is doing now involves cover songs.

“I don’t want to be a cover artist, but it’s hard.

People like to hear songs they know and so we like to throw those in there, but I don’t want to fully rely on those,” she said.

“If that’s what people are drawn to, but I grew up to family-friendly music. I don’t want to make music where parents have to turn the station if my song comes on. I want it to be appropriate for everyone and that’s important.”

She said when she’s creating songs, she likes to

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Conagra employee triggers $5K gift to P.O.R.T trail group

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON – An observant employee at a local manufacturing facility has created a windfall for a local non-profit group.

ConAgra Brands announced Monday that its facility in Fort Madison has been awarded a Sustainable Development Award for work in reducing the amount of waxed cardboard going into local landfills.

Kristine Mulford, manager of Corporate Communications out of ConAgra’s Chicago corporate office, said the former Pinnacle facility was given one of five company awards for projects that reduce water, waste, energy, and costs across the brand’s business channels.

“Each year we do Sustainable Development Awards and these are employee-led teams or facilities that submit projects that really support sustainable business, climate change, energy efficiency, waste reduction/recycling, and water conservation,” Mulford said.

The Fort Madison plant was able to find a way to save about 320,000 lbs. of annual cardboard waste from going into local landfills.

“It came about because a team member noticed a trash driver was having trouble handling all this waxed cardboard at the facility. It was forwarded to the engineer overseeing recycling. They made several calls to facilities to see who could handle that waxed cardboard and were able to divert 160 tons of cardboard that would have gone to the landfill,” Mulford said.

She said the company now has the cardboard hauled out by City Carton of Mt. Pleasant who recycles the waxed cardboard.

As a winner of the brand’s waste reduction award, the facility was given a $5,000 grant to donate to a local non-profit whose focus also is on sustainability.

The Fort Madison plant chose the P.O.R.T. (Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails) to receive the grant and Mulford said the group has already received the money.

“The grant will fund beautification enhancement projects to Phase III of the trail that connects the trail at Avenue L to the Fort Madison Community Hospital. She said ConAgra officials were happy to see the new Pinnacle plants participating in the sustainability programs.

“It’s heartening to see a lot of former Pinnacle plants come on board and embrace this program wholeheartedly,” she said.
Cheryl Owings, 95, of Carthage, Illinois passed away Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the UnityPoint Memorial Hospital in Carthage. She was born on July 4, 1924 near LaHarpe, Illinois, the daughter of Victor and Inez Burdette. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Dorotha Myers and Doris Henrichs of Mackinaw, Illinois and Ronald Owings of Columbia, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Heather, Shana, Lindsey, Tom, Emily, Leslie and Andy, fourteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Cheryl was a member of the former Colusa United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Carthage, P.E.O., Business and Professional Women and Home Bureau. She served as an area 4H Leader and was a past President of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Owings worked as a nurse for many years. She enjoyed gardening, traveling and her cat, Annie. Her greatest joy came from being a mother and grandmother. Survivors include her four children, Linda (Dave) Grieve of Ankeny, Iowa, Donald (Terry) Owings of Carthage, Nancy (Richard) Knowles of Mackinaw, Illinois and Ronald Owings of Columbia, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Heather, Shana, Lindsey, Tom, Emily, Leslie and Andy, fourteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one granddaughter, Julie Owings Burdette. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Myers and Doris Henrichs and one brother, Elsworth Riley.

The funeral service for Mrs. Owings will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. until time of services, Saturday, at Banks & Beals. A memorial fund has been established for the Memorial Hospital Foundation (Hickory Grove North) or HUGS. Please memo donations “Cheryl Owings Memorial.” To leave a condolence please visit Cheryl’s obituary at banksandbeals.com.
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Sheriff’s Report

Fort Madison Police reported to a report of a burglary in progress in the 200 block of Avenue G. 09/20/19 – 4:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 800 block of Avenue G. 09/20/19 – 9:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of 30th Street. 09/20/19 – 10:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue B. 09/21/19 – 2:15 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jay Edward Lankford, 61, of Fort Dodge at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue H on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 09/21/19 – 7:38 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3900 block of Bluff Road. 09/21/19 – 9:55 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Ronald Eugene Green, 56, of Fort Madison in the 400 block of 24th Street on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear. 09/21/19 – 8:46 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 of Avenue N. 09/21/19 – 11:15 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L. 09/22/19 – 12:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kamrin Ryan, 19, of Keokuk, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of public intoxica- tion. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/22/19 – 12:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H. 09/22/19 – 8:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 6100 block of Reve Court. 09/22/19 – 9:48 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Dinara Lewis, 35, of Fort Madison in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on a charge of serious domestic assault abuse. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/22/19 – 12:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Avenue H. 09/23/19 – 7:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue N. 09/23/19 – 7:37 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue H.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report

09/20/19 – 1:50 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jerome Rogers Clark, 46, of Golden, Ill., in the 200 block of Main Street in Keokuk on a charge of 2nd-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a pre-trial release. 09/21/19 – 4:16 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Morgan Elizabeth McCall, 33, of Keokuk, in the 3600 block of 235th Avenue in Keokuk, on a charge of fleeing from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/22/19 – 7:43 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Timothy William Williams, 68, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff’s office, on a charge of serious assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and was released on a promise to appear. Those listed above are presumed inno- cent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/20/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls, one assist. 09/21/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls. 09/22/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one CO2 alarm.
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BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

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**FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL**

9/17/2019

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld and Lair present. Council Members Greenwald and Cansdall were absent.


On motion, Council approved the reappointment of Zach Pieper to the Airport Commission, term expiring 9/30/2022, and the appointment of Michael Henda to the Civil Service Commission, filling an unexpired term, term expiring 3/31/2020.

At 6:04 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until October 1, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

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She said defensively, the team is picking things up better, but they haven’t gotten over that one big hump yet.

“We’ll come into the gym tomorrow and Wednesday and get ready for the conference tournament on Thursday. It doesn’t get any easier from here,” she said.


In the silver pool, Central Lee knocked off Fort Madison 21-8, 21-11, then fell to Burlington 20-22 and 21-15, before coming back to nip at Wapello 21-17 and 21-18.

Fort Madison didn’t come away with a win on the night, but gave Burlington all they wanted and then some in the Bloodhounds’ final match of the night.

The Hounds had Burlington down 19-18 in both games but let the lead slip through their paws.

In game one, Fort Madison held leads of four and five on several different occasions, but a kill from Kylie May on a point following an attack from FMHS’ Kylie Cashman that went long, tied the score at 19 each.

The two 4A schools would knot it up again at 20 and 21, but a kill from Burlington’s Angel Baylark gave Burlington a lead it wouldn’t surrender as they went on to the 23-21 first game win.

Fort Madison again would take a commanding lead in the second set, going up by as much as four at 18-14, but couldn’t get the ball to the right person at the end. The two would tie it up at 19 and the Grayhounds would get a block for a point from Bailey Weimann and then senior Jillian Wiseman would send an attack deep on the left side.

“We’ve gotta find a way to finish. To get the ball to the kid that’s going to do that for us and we’ve got to figure out who that is beyond Jillian,” Head Coach Kent Bailey said.

“We’ve got other kids that can and they show it during practice. It’s just one of those things where they have to get that mentality,” Bailey said the first two matches were more of a struggle, but the final match with Burlington is where he said the girls played close to their capabilities.

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