Police nab four more in burglary spree

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Burglars were out in force over the past week, but so was the Fort Madison police force.

At Monday's regular Fort Madison City Council meeting Police Chief Tim Sittig said four arrests were made over the past four days in correlation to the recent string of thefts.

"I just went back eight days to April 10, we had 22 reported burglaries in town. As a result of investigations, we've made four arrests and out of those four arrests we've cleared 17 of those burglaries," Sittig said.

He said the department thinks the remaining five burglaries may be related.

"We have one suspect who couldn't count all the ones he did," Sittig told the city council Monday. Councilman Travis Seidel asked Sittig if there were any patterns in the crimes.

Sittig said the current spree is similar to past strings of localized burglaries with the suspects looking for unlocked vehicles and other property entrances that allow for quick grabs.

"Targets of opportunity," he said. "Nothing nailed down, but mostly vehicles and garages that have been left open. The one we've cleared the suspects either confessed to or we've recovered property."

Sittig said he still cautions Fort Madison residents in all parts of the town to take caution to make sure that all property is locked up and that nothing is left in vehicles.

World Record - check
Above. Tom Buckley, with Lee County Conservation District and Dana Millard of Lee County Economic Development Group, speak at the site of a world record where 1,483 people planted tulips simultaneously on Oct. 18. At left, Fort Madison City manager David Varley gets an up-close picture of one of the tulips.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Veterans’ health fair planned for April 29th

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Door prizes and breakfast items will also be provided from local vendors and area businesses. The event is part of the county’s Health Improvement Plan as a result of the Community Health Needs Assessment completed in 2015 by involved community organizations and citizens of Lee County.

Event speakers will include Dr. William Napier, a physician at Fort Madison Community Hospital, Keith Keller, LMSW a therapist from Counseling Associates, Inc.; Cathy Mehmert, a Dietician from Fort Madison Community Hospital; Jacqui Walker, from the

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Board OKs hiring new deputy for sheriff’s dept.

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FORT MADISON - A new Lee County Sheriff’s deputy that had been slated for hire in the 2017-2018 budget year, will be brought on as soon as possible due to shortages in the department and budget issues.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said he has two deputies out for personal reasons and the overtime to staff the open positions would cost more than $10,000 over the next two months. At Tuesday’s regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, the board voted 5-0 to go ahead with the hiring.

It’s been a busy first 100 days and that’s putting it lightly," Weber said. "We do have some deputies that are off and we are having to fill vacancies with overtime. I’m just here to ask if this is a possibility."

Instead of having two detectives working cases, one has been pulled and is working the streets, Weber said.

He said the position is not in the current budget but neither is the overtime. Weber said the overtime has depleted his budget as well as feeding an incrementally higher population at the jail.

He said the average daily population has been in the high 70s but they’ve been in the 80s many times.

“We’re at the point where we’re feeding them pop-tarts for breakfast, But we’ve gotta feed them.”

The department gets their meals for about $3.50 each from the Iowa State Penitentiary, but Weber said after the meeting that not even he thought the jail population would increase as quickly as it has.

With the increase in daily jail population, Weber said the account for meals has been depleted for the fiscal year through June and the department is now using reserve funds to offset the costs of the meals.

Lee County and Des Moines County have an unofficial partnership in helping house offenders, but it was more of sharing agreement, but now he says there is a daily charge of $60 to house inmates.

“We always helped each other out. For a while we weren’t prepared to handle the rowdies. We are now, but now sometimes we help them out or if their female population gets high we take some for them. We’ve got a really good female set up. But we do charge to help them out or if their female population is locked up and that nothing is left in vehicles.

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Dear Editor,

I made the motion to appoint Ross Braden as the Lee County Attorney not because of a North v. South issue. I was there and listened to all the applicants when they were interviewed. One question I asked all three attorneys was how they felt on plea bargaining. You see, Mr. Boddicker has a history of plea bargaining a lot of cases. Some of these cases are felonies that have been plead down to a simple misdemeanor. I feel the only hope for victims of crime in Lee County is the county attorney to see that their rights are protected. If you are a victim of a crime in Lee County and the person accused of violating your rights gets off with a slap on the hand, how would you feel? When I asked Mr. Boddicker how he felt about this, he said that plea bargaining was a very important tool to which I agreed but, you don't have to give away the farm. Where is the justice for the victim? The only person that can help Lee County citizens is the Lee County Attorney. Too often we hear about the person accused of a crime and not those who are victims. So, if I were a victim of crime in Lee County, I would want Ross Braden protecting my rights and not someone who has a history of plea bargains. I don't care if it takes long or if the County Attorney is busy, I would want justice for the victims.

I see the yard signs for Mr. Boddicker saying “Experience Matters” and I agree. However, Mr. Boddicker has never been the County Attorney where Mr. Braden has been for the past few months. He now has more experience as the County Attorney than Mr. Boddicker. It is easy to criticize from the outside looking in. In the time Mr. Braden has been County Attorney, things have been running very smoothly. Ross Braden is a very good attorney. It looks to me when some people cannot find any legal reason he should not be county attorney, they resort to attacking in other ways. Such as bringing up Mr. Braden’s past mistakes when he was a nineteen to twenty-one year old kid. Mr. Braden has turned his life around and for the past twelve years has led a good life with his wife and two beautiful daughters.

I’m sure we all have made mistakes in our lives, and most of us have never been caught, because after two drinks, if you are stopped you could test legally drunk. There is a verse in the bible that says, “You without sin cast the first stone.” Also, when this tactic does not work then the North v. South issue is brought up. No one from the south part of Lee County complained for forty years when Mike Short was the county attorney and lived in the Keokuk area, but neither did anyone from north Lee. It seems it only becomes an issue because Mr. Braden does not live in the Keokuk area. We need to get over this.

In closing, I would like to say I took this job of appointing a county attorney to finish out Mike Short’s term very serious. I checked and the county sheriff endorsed Ross Braden, as did the West Point Police Chief, along with other officers in Lee County I talked to. I felt this was important because they have to work the most with the County Attorney. They fully supported Ross Braden.

Mr. Braden could have told us about the two OWIs but the state bar deemed him able and appropriate to practice law so there was no need. Also, we did not ask the other two attorneys about their past. I remember when George W. Bush ran for president. Just about three weeks before the election it came out that he had gotten an OWI when he was in college, but was still elected president. I feel the board did make the right decision appointing Ross Braden and he has proven himself these past few months as a great county attorney.

Ron Fedler,
Member of the Lee County Board of Supervisors

Editor's Note: The vote to appoint Ross Braden as the Lee County Attorney was held on April 19, 2017, and he was confirmed by a vote of 3-2. The board members who voted for Braden were Ron Fedler, Mike Short, and Steve Hensley. Those who voted against were Alan Meserve and Mike Maier.
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- Production and Processing—Knowledge of raw materials, production processes, quality control, costs, and other techniques for maximizing the effective manufacture and distribution of goods.
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3684 Argyle Road, Keokuk
Listing #20164982 • $191,500

- 4BR • 2BA • 2 car garage
- 1,260 sq. ft. • 4.59 acres

Custom Designed, Energy Efficient home with an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, on a hard surface road. Includes large deck extends the entire back length of the house, master bedroom that opens up to the back deck, jack and jill master bath and second bedroom. The property also includes an oversized 2 car garage with a heated workshop attached.

1703 Avenue L
Listing #20165151 • $55,900

- 3BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
- 1,488 sq. ft. • 16,247 sq. ft. lot

Has been owned by this seller since 1960!!! Large eat-in kitchen with newly tiled floor includes stove, microwave, washer and dryer, main floor laundry (in bedroom), formal dining room with built-in hutch, and spacious living room. The house sits on a HUGE lot and has a nice 2 car garage in back. Home has Gas Heat and central air with maintenance-free siding on house and garage.

1712 Avenue E
Listing #20164725 • $92,000

- 4BR • 1.50BA
- 1,706 sq. ft. • 7,250 sq. ft. lot

This spacious home has it all, the character of a turn of the century home; beautiful woodwork, beamed ceilings, window seat, columns, and large covered front porch, yet also includes MANY updates. Call today for your private viewing!

4911 Bluff Road
Listing #20164861 • $157,500

- 3BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage
- 1,772 sq. ft. • 0.57 acres

Great family home with LOTS OF NEW! New kitchen, bathroom, windows, most flooring, wrap around deck, ceiling fans, light fixtures, furnace and central air! Beautiful neutral decor and window treatments make this a must see! All this and a 2 car heated garage.

3098 County Road 103
Listing #20164991 • $129,900

- 2BR • 2BA • 3 car garage
- 1,404 sq. ft. • 1.42 acres

Upgrades, improvements, updates...call it what you like, this home has had MANY in the last 2 plus years. This seller has completely refurbished the hill to the north of the home with new landscaping finishes. This is a must see property!!! It has enough room for your family and then some!!!

1708 Avenue G
Listing #20165237 • $92,500

- 3BR • 1BA
- 1,432 sq. ft. • 5,500 sq. ft. lot

This UPDATED, MOVE-IN READY, CHARMING 3 bedroom home will make an awesome family home!!! This gem has all new windows throughout, exterior doors, deck, plumbing, & NEW roof on house & garage. So come check it out! This is a MUST SEE!!!
3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
Quality and beauty! Many updates and upgrades including a new concrete patio/carpot with surround sound and mood lighting, new kitchen, bath and lighting throughout. This is an AMAZING house that you MUST see to appreciate!!!
Listing #20164622 • $88,000

3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don’t miss out on this beauty.
Listing #20163951 • $129,000

5BR • 2.50BA • 2 car garage
2,834 sq. ft.
14,868 sq. ft. lot
Amazing family home on a large corner lot in Farmington, IA. 2 fireplaces, beautiful woodwork, a beautiful open front porch, a large yard and an oversized garage!!
Listing #20164117 • $127,500

2BR • 1BA • 1 car garage
7,250 sq. ft. lot
A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/ living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.
Listing #20162543 • $53,000

5BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage
1,904 sq. ft. • 1,903 sq. ft. lot
Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsman woodwork and built-ins, 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.
Listing #20162346
$86,950

3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don’t miss out on this beauty.
Listing #20163951 • $129,000

5BR • 3BA
3,119 sq. ft.
14,500 sq. ft. lot
From the period wrought iron fencing to the amazing stained oak staircase...from the impressive arches to the large wrap porch, this beautiful turn of the century (20th) home offers all the beauty and elegance of that era. This is a beautifully appointed home with all the modern conveniences. There is an extra large lot for your family to enjoy!!
Listing #20162159 • $164,000

3 BR • 2 BA • 1 car garage
2,260 sq. ft.
6,784 sq. ft. lot
Lots of new! Semi open floor plan, new flooring, great open basement family space, and many updates including heat/air units, kitchen back splash, counters and more! Fenced in back yard with stamped concrete patio and awning. Call today to see this great home in a quiet neighborhood.
Listing #20164544 • $139,900

3BR • 1BA • 1 car garage
928 sq. ft. • 1,087 sq. ft. lot
Very nice maintenancefree home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child’s play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.
Listing #20164148 • $72,500

2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
930 sq. ft. • 7,280 sq. ft. lot
This 2 bedroom home in Montrose has been a rental property and sells as is. Priced way below assessed value to sell quickly!
Listing #20164279 • $38,500

3BR • 3BA
2,754 sq. ft.
3,550 sq. ft. lot
Gorgeous, turn-key home with large patio minimum maintenance. UPDATES GALORE!!! Practically perfect in every way, this 1841 home includes the latest improvements while keeping its Victorian charm.
Listing #23006122 • $99,999

2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
930 sq. ft. • 7,280 sq. ft. lot
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Listing #20164279 • $38,500

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**2BR • 1BA**  
**1,144 sq. ft.**  
**3,625 sq. ft. lot**  

Move-in ready with many updates including kitchen WITH appliances, fresh paint, newer electrical (100 AMP breaker), new water lines at street and more! The home is clean as a whistle and ready to move in!  
**Listing #20161431 • $42,500**

**SOLD**

**3BR • 1BA • 1 car garage**  
**1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres**

Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find.  
**Listing #20164234 • $119,900**

**REDUCED**

**2BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage**  
**679 sq. ft. • 6,500 sq. ft. lot**

Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.  
**Listing #20164161 • $62,500**

**SOLD**

**4 BR • 1.75 BA**  
**3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft.**  
**8,700 sq. ft. lot**

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24 X 36 insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.  
**Listing #20163776 • $129,500**

**PENDING**

**2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft.**

UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deer mower and new snow blower!!  
**Listing #20162733 • $269,000**

**RENTED**

**3 BR • 2.50 BA**

**2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft. • 10,400 sq. ft. lot**

Great family home is move-in ready. Nice-sized kitchen with all appliances, dining area, and nice living room all on the upper level. Completely re-modeled family room with a wood burning fireplace on lower level. Many updates include newer flooring, roof and HVAC system.  
**Listing #20164531 $114,900**

**LAND**

**14.65 acres • 638,514 sq. ft.**

Just outside city limits, perfect for housing development or small farm for horses or small livestock, over half tillable. City water is available. 30’ X 60’ building is totally insulated, heated and air conditioned with 200 amp service.  
**Listing #20162574 • $249,000**

**RENTED**

**3BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage**  
**888 sq. ft. • 9,450 sq. ft. lot**

RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage! Updated windows and kitchen, newer HVAC and water heater. Family Room in the basement. Just waiting for your own personal touch!  
**Listing #20163423 • $74,900**

**LAND**

**50.82 acres • 2,213,719 sq. ft.**

Ideal 50 acre m/l parcel to develop. Close to new 4-8 Middle School and Baxter Rec Plex. Tremendous Development Opportunity.  
**Listing #20162779 • $559,020**
Fort Madison girls fall to Fairfield at home

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Bloodhound girls tennis team fell Tuesday night at the hands of Fairfield and 2016 state runner-up Anatta Charoenkul. Charoenkul, playing No. 1 singles against Fort Madison’s Katie Larson, got out to a quick start and ran to an 0-8 win. It was Charoenkul’s second win over Larson in the past two weeks and Fort Madison plays at Fairfield next Tuesday, which could result in another matchup. "Katie played returning state runner-up Anatta, who really pushes Katie to play better every time they meet, which happened again tonight," said head coach Amy Doherty. Kearstyn Johnson won at No. 2 singles with a win over Dayna Price 9-8 on a 7-3 tiebreaker in the first to nine games. The Lady Hounds took the next two singles matches at 3 and 4 when Hope Gray fought back from an 0-3 deficit on court 3 to down Cami Schaefer 8-6 and sophomore Larissa Ferrill downed Hermela Gebremariam 8-4. But Mercedes Doty and Charissa Smith both fell at Nos. 5 and 6 singles. Doty lost to Anna Beasley 7-9, while Smith fell 4-8 to Ashley Pool. In doubles action, the Lady Trojans swept the Bloodhounds. Larson and Gray fell to Charoenkul and Gebremariam 3-6. Johnson and Gray fell 6-8 to Price and Schaefer. Doty and Smith also pushed their doubles match to eight games but fell 6-9 to Beasley and Pool. "Kearstyn won a big one at number two. She played very well tonight. Hope fought back from an 0-3 deficit to win. Number two doubles, though they lost, was a very well-played game. They were down 2-7 and came back to win the next four to bring it much closer," Doherty said. "Once again, the overall meet score does not reflect how close and hard fought many of these matches were. I look forward to playing Fairfield again next Tuesday." In junior varsity doubles action, Lilli Scott and Alyse Schmidt lost 2-6. Zoe Ramatowski and CJ Lozano also fell 2-6. Aniah Ross and Jamie Folks fell 2-6. But Lily Cadwallader and Deanna Warner got a win for the junior varsity 6-2. Cadwallader and Taylor-Ann McGee fell 0-6 in their doubles match.

FMHS’s Kearstyn Johnson, stays in a rally playing No. 2 singles Tuesday night against Fairfield. Johnson won in a tiebreaker 9-8 (7-3), but the Bloodhounds fell 3-6 on the night. At left, Charissa Smith serves up a point in her No. 6 match.

Great River Regional Waste Authority’s Earth Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday April 22nd, 2017 ~ 9:00am to 12:00pm Located in Central Park

Fort Madison Residents Only, No Businesses Please

Great River Regional Waste Authority will be accepting the following Household Hazardous Waste items during the Annual Community Clean Up Event. We encourage you to call ahead and make an appointment for the collection.

• Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides, Pesticides
• Oil Based Paints, Paint Thinners & Solvents
• Household & Auto Cleaning Products
• Car Batteries, Motor Oil, Antifreeze
• Car Batteries and Rechargeable Batteries
• Swimming Pool Chemicals
• Propane Tanks
• AND MORE!

*No Latex Paints Please

Call 319-372-6140 to schedule your appointed time or to check to see if your items qualify for this event.

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Budget gets a bit tight for sheriff’s dept.

Weber also said sometimes personnel issues can result in sharing offenders, if for example, a family member of a staffer is incarcerated, the two counties work together on those issues. He said only six or seven of the current population is from Des Moines County.

Another cut as part of the budget crunch is the body cams. County Auditor Denise Fraise said the department will be delaying the purchase of body cameras in this budget year. "The budget's not going to allow them to do it," she said.

"Bottom line is with the expenses piling up we realized our overtime is going through the roof and I don't want to keep going back to the board and asking for money," Weber said.

Weber said the original plans were to do a five-year lease on state-of-the-art equipment with all the bells and whistles, but with the overtime and meals taking such big bites out of the funds, he said the department was scrapping the idea until July.

"We budgeted $31,000 for next year. We met with a company that can outfit our cars and deputy body cameras for that one year's amount," Weber said.

Veterans fair includes a little something for all area vets

Along with the speakers the Jean Espy DAR Chapter will recognize and present Viet Name Veterans and/or their family members with a certificate to express their appreciation for their service. Veterans and/or their families will be asked to sign-in at the registration table that morning to assure their recognition.

Informational booths will include health and wellness resources from Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, Lee County Health Department, Counseling Associates, The Vet Assist Program, Fort Madison Community Hospital, Live Healthy Lee County Coalition, International Eye Care, Fort Madison and Hoerner YMCA, along with other community resources from other organizations and community partners in the county. A SEIBUS driven by a community volunteer will be available to transport veterans from the Fort Madison Community Hospital at 8:00am and Hy-Vee in Keokuk at 8:45am to the event in Montrose, and will return passengers to these pick up locations following the event.

The Lee County Communication/Education Taskforce involves representatives from Fort Madison Community Hospital, Keokuk Area Hospital, Lee County Health Department, community volunteers, and the Lee County Board of Health. To learn more about the event or the taskforce, please call the Lee County Health Department at 319-372-5225. Visit their website.

Hounds take 2nd at triangular

Fort Madison freshman Tommy Wade shot a career-best 42 in a Bloodhound second-place finish in a triangular Monday.

At top, Tyler Otool chips on for his second shot on Hole No. 8, and at right Tommy Wade putts for a 13-foot birdie on Hole No. 9, but settled for a par.

Photos by Chuck Vanderberg/PCC

Wade shoots career-best 42 for Hounds

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison freshman Tommy Wade shot a career-best 42 in a Bloodhound second-place finish in a triangular Monday.

Fort Madison played host to Washington and Fairfield at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course in a high school golf action.

Washington won the meet with a 159 and had both medalist Jacob Van Osdal, who shot an even par 36, and the runner up Brick Jobaski at 40.

Wade led the Hounds with his 42, just two strokes off the medalist runner-up honor. Tristan Reida shot a 48, followed by CJ Richardsons 49, Tyler Ottoo shot a 50. Brandon Keester and Bill Young shot a 54 and 57, respectively.

The Hounds play in a Washington Invite this Saturday.