Area woman charged with lottery ticket theft

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A Montrose woman has been charged with five counts of lottery forgery and theft of lottery tickets. Stacey Lynn Thurman, 29, of Montrose, was arrested by Lee County Sheriff’s deputies after an investigation into surveillance videos that allegedly show her taking scratch off lottery tickets and scratching the codes and scanning to see if they were winners, then taking the money from the registers.

She was charged with theft of the tickets on July 13, 16, 18, 20, and 21 as an employee of the Garner One Stop in Montrose and the Garner gas station in Fort Madison.

She is currently being held on a $25,000 bond with 10% allowed. Her initial court appearance was Thursday and her next court appearance was set for Aug. 21.

Summer Fun

A shady spot from the sun was the perfect spot to jump on a tree swing in the 2100 block of Avenue G Tuesday afternoon.

Milehya McQuay, 8, on the swing, gets a push from her buddy Savannah Shipley, 7.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Luttrell, Espy lead Cabela’s King Kat fishing tourney

Saturday results will be posted in Monday’s edition

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FORT MADISON - Lake Cooper on the mighty Mississippi River was the site of a 27 boat launch in search of the bottom feeding big channel cats.

Ken Luttrell and Bryan Espy are leading the tournament after Day 1 with a total of 52 pounds of catfish at the weigh-in, which started at 3 p.m. Friday at the Riverside Marina.

Each 2-person team was allowed to weigh their top five fish for a total weight. Jerry Cox and Joey Heckrodt came in second on Friday with 47.86 pounds. That team also had the largest fish at 14.92 pounds. In third place was the team of Blake Broker and Danny Combs with 47.48 pounds.

Holding fourth place in the two-day tourney is the team of Ace and Buddy Weisenburger who brought 43.54 pounds of catfish to the scale. Fifth place is Josh Mayes and Jim Gillenwater with 41.54 pounds of fish.

Mayes, of Montrose and the TanglingWithCatfish.com

For the Record

BESIDE THE POINT

Falls in the air. I don’t know why yet. It’s only August, but I’ve got a tree in the side yard that has leaves already turning red on the top.

When leaves turn, I start thinking football. I’m a nut. Sunday’s were made for a breeze blowing through the house (and it will be free of clutter now that my last kid’s off at college) the big screen on, some homemade guacamole, chips, and couple of beers.

If the Vikings are on that usually means I’ll be yelling at someone. I’m still seriously thinking of moving to Minneapolis and filing a class action suit against Brad Childress for perpetrating a fraud on the people of Minnesota. He just pretended to be a real coach. I’m mean, geezus, just have Peterson take a knee and kick the damned field goal. My family made me leave Brad’s Pad in West Point because I was yelling too loud at the Vikings in that game against New Orleans. I yelled “BALL!” at a fumble. The Vikes recovered and I looked down to find my young-est daughter UNDER THE TABLE and the residents trying to enjoy pizza staring at me in disbelief. It’s not like I had horns on or anything. Chill-ax.

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Time to get out the crimson-and-black gear

C. VANDENBERG

FOECKE

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Lincoln, Neb. - A top collegiate NCAA women’s volleyball publication has West Point's Mikaela Foecke projected as the 8th top prospect for the 2018 season.

Though the Nebraska Cornhuskers where they finished the Big 10 as champions at 18-2 and wound up 31-3 and made it to the semi-finals of the NCAA Tournament, Foecke showed her talent.

Tops in the swing, gets

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Foecke says sites set on team goals

School Player of the Year, said team goals will always outweigh individual goals. “Honestly, I think personal awards don’t mean a whole lot,” Foecke said. “I’d rather have a Big10 or national championship. That represents our team a little bit better. Sometimes those things just come with it.”

She said the individual accomplishments are just a result of the overall team effort. “That kind of thing is exciting. We’ve got a lot in store for this year,” she said. “We have a chance to go after a championship this year. We’ve got a lot of young players who will help us take the top 3 spots.”

Perclassmen. We have to assume the role of leadership, setting a good tone for the team and being good leaders.”

Foecke lost three seniors in twins Katie and Amber Roloffs. Katie was an outside hitter and Amber was a middle blocker. They also lost outside hitter Andy Malloy and Justine Wong-Orantus, a libero, all to graduation. “I think every year the dynamic of your team changes. Kenzie Maloney (junior libero, defensive specialist) and I are upperclassmen. We have to take the top 3 spots.”

“Foecke said the preseason has been strong for the Huskers. “We’re looking good. We’ve got some new players, five freshman and one transfer,” she said. “I think this gives us a chance to set the tone for everyone. To put our own stamp on Nebraska volleyball. This year we are concentrating on working hard and trying to give ourselves a shot at a championship.”

The Huskers kick off the season on Aug. 25 in the VERT challenge against Oregon. The Cornhuskers come into the season ranked 5th nationally in a cluster of Big10 schools. Minnesota is ranked 4th, with Penn State and Wisconsin at 6th and 7th. Texas, Stanford, and Washington take the top 3 spots. The Huskers look strong for a Big10 or national championship. “That kind of thing is exciting. We’ve got a lot in store for this year,” she said. “We have a chance to go after a championship this year. We’ve got a lot of young players who will help us take the top 3 spots.”

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Lee County Conservation Board
Special Meeting Agenda
August 14, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Lee County Conservation Center
2652 Highway 61
Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from August 8, 2017
3. Consider changes to the duck hunting blind rules on LCCB river properties
4. Adjournment

CITIZENS WELCOME
PUBLIC MEETING & WORKSHOP
CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M.
DATE: TUESDAY, August 15, 2017
LOCATION: Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
Correctional Center, 2530 255th St., Montrose, IA 52639

AGENDA
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Consider Approval of Tuesday, August 8, 2017 Board Minutes
Consider Approval of Claims
Consider Approval of Appointment of Joe Steil to Mid American Port Commission
Consider Approval of Application for Class B Native Wine Permit for Appleberry Farms
Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution Personnel:
A. Transfer of Position-Community Services (2)
B. Commission or Committee Reports
Public Input

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Local anglers fare well on first day of tourney

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From the Front/Local News

team, said the weather was
awesome for the tourney.
He was at the marina at
about 4:30 and put the
boat in at 5 a.m. Fisherm-
man weren’t allowed to
head out until the 6:30
a.m. start time.

“We headed south this
morning,” Mayes said. “It
was awesome out and the
fishing was fairly good, but
it’s a crap shoot as to what
will happen tomorrow. The
12th place team could be
the first by the end of the
day tomorrow.”

The 12th place team of
Todd and Courtney Au-
gustine, actually did come
d in 12th place after the first
day.

The Augustines of Never
said they put in just a little
after 5 a.m. and headed
north at the official start
time.

Todd said he’s fished in
quite a few tournaments
and the Cabela King Kat is
a nice tournament for the
area. He said the fishing
was good early on.

“We had some good
fishing until about 10:30
and then it kind of dried
up,” he said. “The weather
is supposed to be about the
same tomorrow and the
fish will be biting better.
Because they have to to
win.”

In conjunction with the
tournament, the Cabela’s
King Kat Tournament Trail
will hold the Cabela’s King
Kat Kids event on Satur-
day, August 12 at Wilson
Lake Park, 2195 220th
Street, Donnellson, IA. The
event is free of charge and
open to all youth 12 and
younger. Sign up is from
8 a.m. till 9 a.m. with the
Kid’s Fishing Event start-
ing at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.
All children will receive a
prize just for entering.
Fishing will continue
tomorrow starting at 6:30
a.m. with weigh-in starting
at 3 p.m at Riverview Ma-
rina. All fishermen have to
be weighed in by 4 p.m.
Six home games should bring out the fans

Anyway, this year, there’s something more to get excited about in the fall. We’ve got two really good volleyball teams shaping up to make runs at state. Melissa Freesmeier is coming off a conference championship and has his eyes set on state this year. And this year we’ve got a little wind in our sails on the gridiron. And I’m just a bit giddy that Fridays are going to be something to behold compared to the last few years.

New head coach Tony Shiffman, fresh off a stint as a coordinator in the Rossview High School system in Clarksville, Tenn., has a new program to mold and is putting his aces in places. Shane Redd-Donald is back from a 1st-Team All-District performance as a junior last year. He, along with Alex Gully and a beefeied up offensive and defensive line that features senior Elijah Barnes and some other gritty kids, could create a lot of first downs this year. That’s... PEN CITY CURRENT FIRST DOWNS! Yeah, that’s right, we’re your official sponsor of every home first down this year.

My brother coaches in the West Burlington system, but he’s a punk and will be staying in the booth with a pair of headphones. He made my life a bit difficult in the girls basketball season coming back to beat Tony Johnson and the Holy Trinity girls in the 4th quarter of the Superconference tourney. So, Coach Shiffman, Derek, Luke, Andy et. al., if it’s all the same to you guys, you can show them the door this year.

This year the Bloodhounds will get six home games, with another game in Keokuk and this could be a year where the tides change a bit. Football has a rich heritage in Fort Madison and we could be bringing that lofty tradition back. I’ve had a few opportunities to speak with coach Shiffman and I find him to be a pretty intense guy, but totally in on his coaching staff. I wrote that something’s different about the approach to athletics in Fort Madison right now. It’s not hard to fault anyone with being a little disenfranchised with the program, after all they were 0-9 last year and got beat 0-81 by Washington.

You could say there’s no place to go but up. True, but that statement says a 3 or 4 win season is acceptable. Shiffman has put a ‘target’ up for six wins. That’s saying something with the likes of Keokuk, Washington, Oskaloosa, and a West Burlington-Notre Dame squad that just added 20 plus players to their team on a vote to allow Danville to join the program. But with six games at home and one in Keokuk, the crown becomes the 12th player on the field. We need our 12th player.

So it’s time to dig out the crimson-and-black sweatshirts and jackets and caps. Let’s pack the place. And I’ll try to keep it together this fall. But that’s Beside the Point.