Authorities looking for man in abduction attempt

Man allegedly approached 11-year-old at beach restroom

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

WEST POINT - The Lee County Sheriff’s department is asking for help in locating a person of interest in an attempted abduction on Wednesday at Pollmiller Park.

At about 6:02 p.m., Wednesday, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office and the West Point Police Department responded to a report of an incident at the Park. Upon investigation, it was reported that an 11-year-old girl had been approached by a white male subject, 6 feet tall, approximately 180 pounds with a bald head. The man was “drunk” according to the victim and tried to prevent her from going into a public restroom at the beach area in the park.

According to the victim, he reportedly asked her to come with him. The man persisted briefly and then walked away after the victim refused to allow him to touch her. The area before the victim could point him out to her family members who were with her at the Pollmiller Beach.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said he was at Pollmiller at the time and was at the scene in a matter of seconds after the call came. “We scoured that park for the record, page 3

Kensington’s Garcia named NCAL Nurse of the Year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - A Fort Madison assisted living facility continues to get national recognition for care programs and staff achievements.

On July 31, Amanda Garcia, a registered nurse and the wellness coordinator at The Kensington in Fort Madison was named the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) Nurse of the Year. Garcia will be recognized at the 69th Annual American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living Convention & Expo in San Diego, CA, held October 7-10.

Garcia has been The Kensington’s wellness coordinator for the past eight years.

“Although I have only had the pleasure of working with Mrs Garcia for a short period of time, her high energy and passion are evident. Amanda is a great representative of the values and culture that makes the Kensington a terrific place to work or live. Amanda is the kind of leader we all strive to be; one of a servant mindset. I am proud to be able to work alongside her,” said Leia Morrison, Executive Director of the Kensington.

“Keep up on all certifications and what’s current in dementia care and that says a lot about the Kensington that we trying to do all these things and be out in the community and do that kind of support,” Garcia said.

“This isn’t just my award, but the Kensington’s award too.”

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Sheriff looking for any visual evidence at Pollmiller Park

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and we couldn’t find the person in question.” Additional information is being sought by Law Enforcement to identify and interview the suspect in this case.

“We are asking that if anyone witnessed this incident yesterday or have seen the man in question, to please contact the Lee County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division immediately.”

The Sheriff is also looking for anyone shooting pictures or videos of the described area yesterday during that time frame. (Especially if there were photographs taken at the beach in Pollmiller park yesterday at or around 6 PM. We would like to review them.)

The Sheriff’s Office is again requesting the public to be mindful of their surroundings and report anything suspicious in nature.

Fort Madison emergency crews responded to a two-car accident at 15th Street and Avenue E Thursday evening. One victim driving a white Buick is being tended to by emergency crews and was put a neck brace. The other vehicle was a maroon F-150 pickup truck.

Got a news tip? Call Chuck (319)371.1670

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ISP K9 officers take 1st at trials

Submitted article

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Channel cats fair on rivers

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for southeast Iowa.

**Big Hollow Lake**
Largemouth Bass - Slow: Anglers are catching nice bass around the edges of the flooded timber in the early morning and late evenings.

**Iowa River**
Both the Iowa and Cedar Rivers are headed back up by the end of the week. Water clarity is fair at 26 inches. Black Crappie - Slow: Anglers are picking up some crap-brush in 6-8 feet of water. Black Crappie - Slow: Work the brush piles early in the morning and late evening. Stink baits are made for this time of year.

**Lake Belva Deer**
Water temperature held steady at 80 degrees over the last week. Water clarity is fair at 26 inches. Black Crappie - Slow: Look for crappie in front of the beach and down to the North Ramp in 15 feet of water slow trolling or drifting with the wind. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Work the flooded timber early in the morning with some weedless soft plastics.

**Lake Darling**
Water temperatures dropped to 79 degrees. The water has a green cast to it with a water clarity of 19 inches. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Anglers are picking up bass around the deeper habitat. In the early and late parts of the day, look for them to be in shallow but not far from the deep water ledges. Bluegill - Slow: Look for bluegills out around the rock piles and brush in 6-8 feet of water. Black Crappie - Slow: Anglers are picking up some crap-brush while drifting over the habitat in 8 to 20 feet of water.

**Lost Grove Lake**
Black Crappie - Slow: Crappie fishing has moved deep with anglers catching them while slow trolling in 20 to 25 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Anglers fishing in the flooded brush on the north side of the lake in the early morning hours.

**Skunk River**
The South Skunk by Okaloonza went up by near two feet on Wednesday. Look for that water to be down our way in a couple of days. The North Skunk is holding steady. Channel Catfish - Slow: Anglers continue to catch some nice catfish in the brush piles. The increase in water level may change that for a little while.

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

**Mississippi River Pool 19**
Tailwater stage is 5.02 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is rising. We have not received any fishing report information for this pool this week. Channel Catfish - No Report: Try fishing above brush piles and snags along the side channels and main channel; use stink bait or shad. Bluegill - No Report: Look for bluegills in the backwaters around brush piles. Try fishing with worms under a bobber. Walleye - No Report: Look for walleyes on the wing dams. Cast crankbaits or troll three-way rigs with crawlers.

Tailwater stages have risen close to a foot with the recent heavy rains, but is forecast to start falling by the weekend. Main channel water temperature is around 79 degrees. Water clarity is fair. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

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