Cyclist hits 140 mph on Hwy. 61 chase Monday

According to Chief Deputy Will Conlee, Detective Chad Donaldson was in a black unmarked cruiser heading northbound on the bypass, when a motorcycle came up behind the cruiser going in excess of 80 mph. Conlee said the cyclist, later identified as Jesse Richard Garnsey, 40, then went around the cruiser and headed northbound at a high rate of speed. Donaldson turned on his lights and pursued Garnsey through Lee County where he notified LeeComm dispatch that the chase was exceeding 140 mph and the cyclist was weaving in and out of traffic making the chase difficult. Donaldson requested LeeComm to notify Des Moines County and Burlington authorities of the chase, but the dispatcher said the LeeComm system had “frozen up” and communication couldn’t be established.

Another deputy out of position in the chase tried to notify Burlington Police and Des Moines County Sheriff’s department via the sheriff’s department’s new onboard computer systems. The system’s Global Positioning System (GPS) indicates where other local, county and state law enforcement vehicles are with respect to that particular cruiser’s position.

The deputy tagged two of the vehicles showing on his system with messages alerting them of the chase but the units were unable to communicate.

LeeComm from notifying Des Moines County law enforcement

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

LEE COUNTY - A motorcyclist led a Lee County Sheriff’s detective on a vehicle chase around the Highway 61 bypass into Des Moines County at speeds in excess of 140 mph on Monday afternoon.

The event kicks off on Saturday with a Kids Day include a golf cart, picnic lunch, face painting, and more. The auction kicks off on Sunday with a Kids Zone being held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. See AUCTION, page 8

Supervisors want options for Argyle shed problem

Folluo, Pflug say county needs to fix or sell building that has fallen into disrepair

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MONTROSE - A county shed in Argyle has been the source of some debate at county supervisor’s meetings of late, and now supervisor’s are putting together costs of a constructing a new shed.

The building is located near several residences in the area of 294th Street in Argyle, including Ron and Laurie Burchett, and Ella Humes.

At Tuesday’s regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, supervisors directed County Engineer Ernie Steffensmeier to get costs on constructing another maintenance shed on county property at Ambrosia Lane, just east of Argyle near 195th Avenue.

Steffensmeier has had a new maintenance building in the budget proposals for the past two years, but both times the project was nixed due to budget constraints. Steffensmeier said in lieu of a new building, he needed to keep the shed for storage. The building is in need of repair and mowing of the property has been done by area residents, mostly recently the Burchetts.

At a meeting two weeks ago, Laurie Burchett said...
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REGINA H. MCKOON

Regina H. McKoon 91, of Ft. Madison passed away on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 1:42 AM at The Madison. She was born on August 15, 1927 in New Braunfels, Texas to H. Herman and Alma Kuhn Laehlfling. On February 19, 1946 she married Alvin C. McKoon in New Braunfels, Texas and he passed away on November 11, 2011. Regina was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Nauvoo and the VFW and Home Extension in Texas. She also enjoyed making birthday cakes for her family and square dancing with her husband. Survivors include two daughters, Gloria (Rick) Ruis of Ft. Madison and Patty (Nick) Clark of Dallas City, IL; one son, Thom (Diane) McKoon of Monument, CO; ten grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers and one sister. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Mark Anderson officiating. The family will meet with friends from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be in Appanoose Cemetery, rural Niota. A memorial has been established for Great River Hospice and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

MAE JOANN MILLER

Mae Joann Miller, 85, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 4 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, at the Keosauqua Health Care Center. Born January 21, 1933 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of George and Mae (Starr) Crown. On July 12, 1950, she married Norman “Mike” Miller in Farmington, Iowa. He preceded her in death on August 5, 2004. Remaining to cherish her memory are her children: Craig (Rhonda) Miller of Farmington, Lori (Rick) Parker of Salem and Marla (Jamee) Wallingford of Farmington; seven grandchildren: Jeremy, Dustin, Meagan, Chad, Cherish, Jasmin and Winston; six great grandchildren: Shaylan, Chavis “Emily”, Kaylee, Kamdyn, Chase and Payton; one great-great step-grandchild: Izzy and her loving dog: Gypsy. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant daughter in 1953 and one sister. Joann was a 1950 graduate of Farmington High School. She was active in her community serving on City Council in her younger years. She was a homemaker and also worked seasonal jobs at Rider's Nursery and Pioneer Seed Company. She was a member of the Farmington Legion Auxiliary and the Croton Bunco Club. Joann enjoyed helping with the needs of her grandchildren, sewing, decorating cakes and hosting a New Year’s Brunch for all of her family. She was an avid Elvis fan with several collectibles and enjoyed trips to Graceland. A Public Graveside Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 26, 2018 at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington, Iowa with Pastor Gordon Hawkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory to the Pioneer Museum of Farmington and can be mailed to the family at: The Wallingfords, 408 South Second Street, Farmington, Iowa 52626. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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Fort Madison Police report
10/20/18 - 12:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited April Dawn Staggel, 27, of Fort Madison at the intersection of Alta Drive and Sunset Lane in Fort Madison, on a charge of driving under suspension and improper use of registration. She was released upon citation.

10/20/18 - 9:14 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Ernest William Sawyer, Jr., 42, of Fort Madison was arrested, the 1100 block of 16th Street in Fort Madison, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/20/18 - 8:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Sheldon Shonta Robinson, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue N in Fort Madison, on a warrant for serious assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

July 18, of Fort Madison in the 2400 block of Johnson Street in Burlington, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on recognizance.

10/19/18 - 11:07 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Gregory Lane King, 56, of Denmark in the 2400 block of Johnson Street Road on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County jail and released on bond.

10/20/18 - 2:33 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Joshua Tyler Norvell, 32, of Keokuk, no location listed, on a warrant for failure to appear and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 10/21/18 - 12:08 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a three-vehicle accident on Highway 27 northbound where a vehicle driven by Douglas Anthony Schreiber, 25, of Farmington lost control and entered the median where it rolled over and landed facing south on the east side of the southbound lanes. Schreiber was transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital. No citation were issued at the scene. 10/19/18 - 5:05 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle motorcycle accident eastbound on 255th Street. Motorcycles driven by Samuel Thomas Tannent, 46 of West Point and David Bruce Simpson, 67, of Fort Madison were traveling together when two deer crossed the road. Tennant’s bike struck Simpson during evasive action and Simpson laid his bike down to avoid hitting the deer. He suffered unknown head injuries and was transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital. No citations were issued and no other injuries were reported. Both motorcycles were towed privately from the scene. Those listed above are presumed to have been charged with or guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
10/23/18 - 1:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two fire, two assist, and one smoke complaint 10/22/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medicals.
The Fort Madison Bloodhounds were eliminated from regional volleyball-ball action Tuesday night by Fairfield in five sets.

Fairfield hands Hounds five-set, season-ending loss

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
POS EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds weren’t making their annual trip to Cedar Rapids Xavier this year as Fairfield threw a wrench in those plans Tuesday night in the Hound Dome. After dropping the first set 21-15, the Hounds rebounded with back-to-back wins 25-19, 25-23 and then dropped the fourth set 25-27 that saw eight ties and five lead changes. The fifth set was all Trojans as they rolled on an 8-15 win when Trojans senior Kara Jeffries spun a kill down the left line that fell just inside for the win.

The two squads split the season with Fort Madi- son winning 3-0 back on Sept. 4, but Fairfield came back with a 3-2 win in the second half of Southeast Conference play on Oct. 2. Fairfield improves to 31-6 on the season. Fort Madison got the bye in the first round because of their regular season record, but the Hounds got a tough draw.

The match rated 14th in the state in Class 3A.

Throughout the five sets the teams were tied 30 times as momentum went back and forth. In the first set after a 3-3 tie Fort Madison got some distance from the visitors going on a 4-0 run to go up 7-3 when an attack from Fairfield’s Alison Godwin went long left. But the Trojans would return the favor when Godwin’s error attack to find the floor for a side out. Godwin then went to the service line and Fort Madison’s Jassmine Bass connected with back errors at the net to let Fairfield within one.

The teams then knotted up at 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. After tying again at 18 and 19, Fairfield went up 22-20 on a Godwin kill at the center of the net that sent Pumphrey sprawling to her left to dig on the dive. Wiseman came up with another kill from the center of the net and a long attack from the Trojans knotted it back at 22. Bass would get another kill at 23-23 and a Stever attack went wide sending Gracie Pumphrey to the service line where she put it in the spot Bailey called for an ace and a 25-23 win.

In the fourth set the Hounds didn’t see a lead until 8-7 when Williams struck from her outside hitter’s spot. Bass would follow with some tough stuff from the center to put FMHS up 9-7, but a couple errors allowed Fairfield to play catch up at 9-9. As was the case most of the night, the teams again were knotted at 10, 12, 13 and then the Trojans went up 4-17 on back-to-back shots from Godwin and Jeffrey. The two kept the Bloodhounds rear line busy most of the night. Fairfield pushed the lead up 22-18 when Williams had to clear a third hit with a sideways bump that found the net. Fairfield would open the door for Fort Madison when Jeffrey hit wide again forcing the Trojan timeout.

Williams would get a kill to make it 21-23 and then went on her next attack to put Fairfield one point away from the tiebreaker. But Fort Madison would battle back with Williams blocked by Godwin to score 24s after Godwin’s smash went wide. But Godwin would get a big block off a Wiseman attack and then would get a kill to force the tiebreaker.

Fort Madison was never really in the tie breaker other than a tie 1. The Hounds lost 3 of 4 points at 4-9 on defensive errors and a long attack with the Trojans’ senior Olivia Rob- erts serving. Hutson got a kill to pull Fort Madison within 5 at 5-10, but Fairfield would go on a 5-3 run with Godwin getting two kills including the match winner at 15-8. Wiseman led the Hounds with 28 kills on 57 of 59 hitting and two blocks. Bass had 12 kills. Bailey had 57 assists and was 17 of 18 serving with an ace and 10 digs. Will- liams was all over the court with 14 digs, 19-20 serving with an ace and 26 of 34 hitting with nine kills. Bailey said the match hinged on the errors in the fifth set, where the Blood- hounds couldn’t seem to get the ball passed regular- ly to the front line. “It was all about our errors in the fifth set. Hit balls in the net - missed a serve. We’d played tentative while they came at us. Giving them credit. The fifth set they came out to win it and we looked like the shaky team,” Bailey said.

He said the girls seemed to lose energy after having to fight off deficits all night. “One of the problems we ran into was it seemed like we dug a hole every game that we had to dig out of. That’s tough to keep doing. When we got to the fifth game they took advantage of that and we strugg- led,” he said. “We served well and passed well, and when we hit-to-hit rather than tip and rolling we scored. When we came in that was our game plan to hit and not tip.”

He said the seniors on the team helped change the dynamic of the team from last year and were great leaders. “All five of those kids, Braxtin McGhghy, Josie, Kaeli, Olivia, and Jasmine are great kids, great leaders this year. We had a great environment for practice, a great environment for games. I can’t say enough about them because we wanted to change some things with the atmosphere and make it more positive and they did a great job of that,” Bailey said. “I think with cohesiv- ness as a group of 15 you didn’t see the bickering we had in the past, but on the other side we also didn’t get as excited as we did then.”

McGhghy said it felt like the energy was sapped from the Hounds in the fifth.

“It’s not that we gave up, we lost our energy. We all wanted it. Everyone just looked down. It’s almost like they said they wanted it but they didn’t show they wanted it. I think it was a little of that mental ability to say we can do this. It wasn’t necessarily defense or offense, they got us out of our system and we couldn’t get the sets we wanted and the looks we needed,” McGhghy said.

“In our huddle we say we play with purpose and we didn’t show that in the fifth set. Pumphrey said the fifth set hinged on poor passing and execution.

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Chase leads to jail time for cyclist

didn't get a response immediately.
Donaldson pursued Garnsey into Des Moines County and the City of Burlington down Summer Street and then lost sight of the cyclist. Des Moines County Sheriff's deputies joined the search at that point and were able to locate Garnsey, who was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, reckless driving, no insurance, speeding and operation without a registration.

Conlee said he couldn't be charged with eluding because Donaldson was in an ambulance when he couldn't see him.

"The building was built in 1935 and at that time, maybe that's all the better they could do, as far as a boundary," he said.
Ron Burchett said he figured a new building that size could be built at cost of between $7,000 and $10,000.
Steffensmeier said he would like to have a new maintenance storage facility on one of the other county owned maintenance properties, but short of that, he wants to keep the shed for storage.
He said the building could be ret- ined for about $10,000.
"I would suggest you get some numbers together and if we've got room on Ambrosia Lane, get some figures for these people on what's going to trans- spire in the next two to three months," Folluo said. "If you're going to save $10,000 on tinning it, we can put that together for the building. Something has to be done with the building. Either make it presentable or make plans to move."
In other action, supervisors approved:
• pavement widening projects from X23 from Hwy 2 to West Point; J40 from Hwy. 27 to West Point; W62 from 340th Street to Hwy 61; and resurfacing with cold-in place recycling on J48 from J40 to Hwy 61. The widening projects include a 2-foot paved shoulder on the roads with rumble strips. The money comes from federal Swap and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP) funds. Swap funds are state dollars the Iowa Department of Transportation distributes to Iowa counties and cities in place of federal road and bridge money.
• approved a realignment with the Fort Madison and Keokuk housing authorities to better align services being provided. Fort Madison will maintain 24 of the housing properties in Fort Madison, and Keokuk will maintain 16 in Keokuk.
• approved bids to repair the steps and a remodeling project for the Lee Coun-
ty Attorney's office at the South Lee County Courthouse. The bid approved for the repair to the steps was $4,222 from Abolt Construction in Fort Madison. The low bid for the remodeling project was $6,150 from Jacobs Contracting of Donnellon.
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