Second chase lands Illinois man in jail

WEST POINT – A man who led southeast Iowa law enforcement on chase from Des Moines County into Lee County on March 14, has been arrested after a second chase through the area today.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office reports the arrest of Travis W. Peterson, 39 of Raritan, Ill.

Peterson had eight warrants for his arrest stemming from a pursuit involving the Des Moines County Sheriff’s Office that ended in Waver on March 14, 2019.

Peterson was located today by Des Moines County authorities, and he led them to Henry County in a pursuit. Henry County Sheriff’s Office and the Iowa Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Van Buren County Sheriff’s Office, Illinois State Police, and the Des Moines County Sheriff’s Office ended up pursuing the suspect.

The suspect, Peterson, lost control of the car he was driving, then abandoned it and allegedly took another vehicle on 130th Avenue, just inside the Lee County jurisdiction.

Peterson then continued to lead Lee County Deputies and Iowa State Patrolmen into Van Buren County where he was taken into custody after STOP STICKS were deployed, disabling the stolen vehicle he was driving.

Assisting in this arrest were LeeComm Dispatchers, West Point Police Department, Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Van Buren County Sheriff’s Office, Henry County Sheriff’s Office, and the Des Moines County Sheriff’s Office.

Additional charges will follow from the March 14th incident, including Eluding, and multiple traffic offenses. Peterson is merely charged with these crimes, and he should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a Court of Law.

Weber said the sheriff’s office appreciates the assistance provided by the community and the other members of law enforcement who assisted in this incident resulting in the arrest.

Psychologist, C.O. hurt in ISP skirmish

FORT MADISON – Two staff members were assaulted by an inmate at the Iowa State Penitentiary on Friday, March 29, 2019 at approximately 4:30 p.m.

While a staff psychologist was meeting with an inmate in her office located in one of the housing units, the inmate began to physically assault her. A nearby correctional officer heard the assault taking place, and the inmate began to physically assault her. The nearby correctional officer heard the assault taking place, and the inmate began to physically assault her. The nearby correctional officer heard the assault taking place, and the inmate began to physically assault her. The nearby correctional officer heard the assault taking place, and the inmate began to physically assault her.

The staff and the inmate that were involved in the assault were assessed by institution medical professionals and found to have not suffered any major injuries.

This incident remains under investigation.
SCCC event boosts foundation scholarships

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silent auction items two days before the event.”
Participants can view silent auction items starting Monday, April 1. Early bidding starts on April 10. At the April 12 event, patrons will bid on silent auction items using a link on their cell phones or one of the many available iPads.

The catalog is located at www.501auctions.com.

Rump adds, “For those who don’t feel technologically savvy, we’ll have trained volunteers available all night to provide support.”
Charity auctioneers from Fraise Auction & Realty Company will auction off items donated by employees, students, alumni, and friends of SCC. Auction items include gourmet dinners, vacation homes, boat rides, original artworks, handmade jewelry, home improvement services, trips, event and athletic tickets, and many other specialty items.
Individual tickets are $50 each in advance or $60 at the door. Sponsor tables for eight people are $500 and include reserved seating. Checks are to be made payable to the SCC Foundation.

More information is also available from the following SCC Foundation Board Members:
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GIRISHBHAI PATEL
Girishbhai Patel, 71 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.
He was born August 24, 1947 in India, the son of Maganbhai and Kamalben Patel. On May 16, 1971 he was united in marriage to Shakuntala Patel in India. She survives.
Other survivors include one son, Bhavesh Patel and his wife Nisha of Canada, one daughter, Alpa Patel and her husband Jigar of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Kishan and Isha Patel both of Canada and Janvi and Jyaa Patel both of Keokuk and one brother, Arvindbhai Patel of Keokuk.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Girishbhai was of the Hindu faith. He was the owner and operator of the Chief Motel in Keokuk for many years.
He was very sociable and personable, loved visiting with others and enjoyed meeting new people at the motel. He also enjoyed traveling. A private family service will be held. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
03/21/19 – 9:53 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

03/21/19 – 3:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

03/21/19 – 3:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue N.

03/21/19 – 3:33 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue N.

03/21/19 – 2:18 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3100 block of Avenue N.

03/21/19 – 11:41 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of theft in the 2200 block of 22nd Street.

03/20/19 – 9:56 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Stormy Danette Girven, 33, of Hillsboro, at the sheriff’s office on a warrant for contempt of court. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
03/23/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls, one camper fire and one fire alarm.

03/24/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.

03/25/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

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Rauenbuehler goes for hat-trick in 4-2 win over Danville

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – The Holy Trinity Crusaders opened the season with a win on a long day of soccer Saturday at the Baxter Sports Complex, but finished the day 1-2 for fourth place at the Fort Madison Soccer Invitational.

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds lost their first match, but battled back through the consolation bracket for a 6th-place finish overall.

The Crusaders knocked off Danville 4-2 in its opening match of the day behind three goals from senior Adam Rauenbuehler.

Holy Trinity fell behind early 0-1 when the Bears’ Tristan Miller slid a ball passed the fingers of HTC keeper Blake Crabtree, who dove to the right side of the north goal on field 3.

But the Crusaders Audrae Vincent returned the favor about three minutes later with a shot of his own to the right side of goal to tie it up at 1-1.

Danville would take the lead again off a penalty kick to go up 1-2 before Rauenbuehler pulled off the hat trick in 4-2 win over Danville.

HTC’s Blake Crabtree gets upended by Danville’s Tristan Miller Saturday in opening game action. The Crusaders would get a 4-2 win to open the three-match Fort Madison Soccer Invitational.

Crusaders led through most of the game, but the Panther’s put up two goals, one off a penalty kick that slid to the left of the “wall” and past a diving Crabtree. HTC got the ball on the Mt. Pleasant side of the pitch down 2-3 with two minutes left. The Panthers keeper came out and tangled up Tyler Snaadt while help arrived to snuff out the drive and preserve the win.

The Crusaders dropped their second round game to Burlington Notre Dame.

For the Bloodhounds, an opening round loss to Mt. Pleasant 1-0 pushed them into the consolation bracket where they then knocked off Central Lee 2-1 to face Danville in the 5th place match.

The Bears would get the best of the Hounds 4-2, despite a comeback in the second 30-minute period where FM outscored Danville 2-1, but the Hounds spotted the Bears an early 3-0 lead.

“Danville put us down 3-0 and we answered with 1 and they came back with one, but we scored again to make it a 4-2 game,” Head Coach Kevin Wellman said. “We should’ve been better in that game, but maybe there was a little fatigue. Granted Danville was going through the same thing, but I would’ve like to have seen a better result in that game.”

He said the Central Lee game was probably the best teamwork he’s seen in the early season, which up to Saturday had just been two scrimmages.

“We ended up having some really neat combination play through the midfield in that game,” Wellman said. “We had a hard time converting and scoring goals in that game. We did get two, but would have been nice to get more there.”

“The boys played well. I was not displeased with what we did, we just need to do a better job of converting the opportunities we get.”

Davenport North ended up winning the tournament after knocking off Burlington Notre Dame.

Both the Crusaders and the Hounds are in action Monday night with Holy Trinity traveling to Keokuk, while Fort Madison hosts Fairfield at the Baxter Sports Complex.

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Dennis and Lampe lead Lady Hounds at MP Co-Ed meet

Hellige second in 3200, Schneider takes fourth in 400-meter hurdles for boys

MT. PLEASANT – HTHC juniors Matt Hellige and Quentin Schneider led the Fort Madison boys, while Katie Dennis and Reyna Lampe paced the girls at Thursday nights Mt. Pleasant Co-Ed track meet at the Mapleleaf Stadium.

Hellige took second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10:11.18, just 12 seconds off the pace of Ryan Thrskeld-Wiegand of Iowa City High. Schneider earned second place in the 400-meter hurdles with a mark of 59.61 a half second behind Iowa City High’s Soren Ostby.


Dennis also earned points in the 1500-meter run with a 6th-place finish at 5:39.82.

Reymohru Redd-Donald took third in the 200-meter dash with a 23.42. his best time of the year in that event. Hellige got the boys another 3rd place mark with the 1600-meter run with a 4:45.57, five seconds off pace.


“Today I ended negotiations between the State of Iowa and UnitedHealthcare became aware of terms that I believed to be unreasonable and unsustainable.

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