Arrests made after Monday manhunt

Deputies grab up suspect in chase, plus two more in search

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

ARGYLE – A Burlington man has been arrested in connection with a chase and hunt that took place near Argyle Monday morning.

Lee County Sheriff’s deputies attempted to pull over a stolen F250 truck out of Des Moines Monday morning and the driver led police on a chase through central Lee County at speeds exceeding 100 mph, before ditching the truck in a creek bed and taking off on foot.

Wednesday morning, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber released information about an arrest made Tuesday evening in the case.

According to the release, on Tuesday the sheriff’s Criminal Investigations Division, The Lee County Narcotics Task Force, and the Lee County Joint Special Response Team executed a search warrant in the 2400 block of 340th Street where they believed the suspect was located.

As a result they recovered a second truck stolen out of Hancock County and a trailer that was stolen with the F250. A resident at the address, David Alan Londrie was taken into custody and charged with two counts of theft. Law enforcement officers also arrested Michael Joe Spring on an outstanding warrant for providing false information.

At about 6:30 p.m. law enforcement responded to the 2900 block of 180th Avenue where a call had come in about a suspicious man who matched the description of the suspect from Monday, being detained by citizens.

The male was identified as Scott Andrew Flora, 50, of Burlington, and officials allege that Flora was the man driving the stolen vehicle and eluding officers on Monday.

Flora has been charged with aggravated eluding and felony theft. He was taken to the UnityPoint Emergency Room in Keokuk for possible dehydration.

Weber said the case is still under investigation and more charges could be filed. Weber also extended a thank you to the citizens involved in helping bring Flora into custody.
CORNELIUS HERMAN SCHAKEL

Cornelius Herman (Dutch) Schakel, 99, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 9:25 a.m. Thursday, September 5, 2019, at his home in Farmington. He was born on June 2, 1920, near Pella, Iowa, the son of Leonard M. and Anna (Olivier) Schakel.

Survivors include one son: John (Christine) Schakel of Spring Green, Wisconsin; his grandchildren; great grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; one brother-in-law: Simon “Jerome” (Brenda) Weber of Keosauqua, Iowa. Also surviving are his nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife: Margaretta; one daughter: Susan; son-in-law: Robert Jenks and one brother: Minnekes.

Dutch graduated from Searsboro High School in 1938 and attended Central College for two years before joining the Army three days before Pearl Harbor. He received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant on November 19, 1942, and married the great love of his life on November 23, before leaving for the South Pacific where he served in Australia and New Guinea with the 32nd Infantry Division. Dutch received a disability retirement August of 1944 as a result of his service in New Guinea.

He graduated from Iowa Teachers College in 1947, and did his graduate work at Drake University. During his thirty-seven years in education, he served as a principal, coach and classroom teacher at Monmouth, Greeley, Searsboro and Truso.

His work took him to several South American countries, Greenland, and on US Navy submarines at sea. He retired from Fairbanks after thirty-seven years of service on June 30, 1991 as their Chief Instrumentation Engineer.

He was a long-time member of the American Legion Post 41 in Keokuk. He is survived by his sister, Emma Ruth Ayers of Painted Post, NY, nieces and nephews including Steve (Cindy) Ayers of Canton, MO, Diana Ayers of Bath, NY, Donna Ayers of Raytown, MO, Paul (Blanca) Ayers of Conway, AR, Debbie (Kevin) Carr of Nutley, NJ, Tim (Rita) Hickey of Montrose, Mike (Karen) Hickey of Keokuk, Mary (Dennis) Blickhan of Keokuk and Chris (Kevin) Blind of Solon, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Betty, who died January 22, 2008.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Mike Shea officiating. Burial with military rites will follow the service at 11 a.m. in the Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 10-10:30 a.m., Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Joe’s memory to the Beloit Regional Hospice, 655 3rd Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

JOE THOMAS SMITH

Joe Thomas Smith, 90 of Beloit, WI died Monday, September 9, 2019 at The Suites Hospice facility in Beloit, WI.

He was born June 23, 1929 in Canton, MO the son of Frank William and Emma A. (Alderton) Smith. He was raised by his step-mother, Leta Smith, and his father following his mother’s early death.

Joe grew up in Canton and attended school there. Following his graduation from High School, Joe attended Calvin Stockton College in Canton, MO and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics in May of 1951.

Following college graduation, Joe answered the call of his country and entered the United States Marines in 1951. He served in Korea during the Korean War as an Electronics and Radio Repair Mechanic II. He received his honorable discharge in August of 1953 with the rank of Corporal. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Stars and the United Nations Service Medal.

On September 3, 1961 Joe wed Catherine E. (Betty) Hickey at St. Peters Church in Keokuk. After the wedding he and Betty made Beloit their permanent home. While living in Beloit, Joe and Betty became lifelong friends with George Porter, George’s wife, Kate, and their children. Joe and George spent hours discussing most everything under the sun, especially the Chicago Bears football team. There’s was one of those special friendships that not only endured over time, it grew stronger.

Joe began employment at Fairbanks-Morse in Beloit Wisconsin in 1953, working in the Diesel Engine Testing Laboratory. During his time with Fairbanks he traveled extensively doing engine data collection on remote engine installations. His work took him to several South American countries, Greenland, and on US Navy submarines at sea. He retired from Fairbanks after thirty-seven years of service on June 30, 1991 as their Chief Instrumentation Engineer.

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DAVID L. WALLINGFORD

David L. Wallingford, 59, of Lockridge, lost his battle with AML Leukemia Friday, August 30, 2019 at Parkview Care Center in Fairfield.

Born June 13, 1960, in Fairfield, IA, he was the son of Edward Wallingford and Elaine Young.

David grew up in Burlington, until joining the Army in 1977. He served one tour in Korea in 1978-79. Upon returning, he then joined the Navy for a short time. He was also a Sergeant in the National Guard out of South Carolina, as well as a Correctional Officer.

David loved any and all trains, old movies, and tinkering around on old cars. He had a love for foreign foods, and classic rock music. David was also proud to be a veteran who served his country. He believed in firmly protecting people.

Survivors include two brothers, Donald Wallingford of Davensport, Jason Wallingford of Yucaipa, CA; three sisters, Debbie Brands of Fort Madison, Teresa Wallingford of Nevada, IA, Sharon (Rusty) Wallingford Lee of Yucaipa, CA; one step-sister, Debbie (Mike) Belknap of Burlington; two daughters, Joyce (Adam) Koch of Rock Hill, S.C., Sarah Wallingford of Fairfield; one son, David Wallingford Jr., of Fairfield; a close cousin Aaron (Chrystal) Jackson of Morning Sun; and friend Tonya Gibson.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, parents and one sister. He was laid to rest at the Keokuk National Cemetery. A memorial service will be set at a later date.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report
09/10/19 – 11:31 – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested David Alan Londrie, 56, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 340th Street on a charge of 1st-degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

09/10/19 – 6:58 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Michael Joe Spring, 23, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 340th Street in Keokuk on a charge of providing false identification to law enforcement. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report
09/10/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to a scrap metal fire, two medical calls.

Lin Cramer of the Fort Madison Food Pantry offered a big thank you to Harvestville Farms’ Julie Hohl after being presented a check for $1,500 to the pantry. Their gift of $1500 will go a long way to help the nearly 5,000 residents in Lee County who struggle with food insecurity. It was a beautiful evening with the most amazing food—all with a message of giving back to our community. I am grateful for the kindness of these businesses.

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Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.
Fort Madison girls drop first two conference matches

By Chuck Vandenber
PCG Editor

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison girls volleyball team dropped it's second straight conference match Tuesday night on the road to Burlington, 17-25, 16-25, 21-25.

Head Coach Kent Bailey said the Grayhounds size and success at the net gave the Bloodhounds trouble offensively and defensively.

"We went up against a good, athletic team in Burlington. Their height and ability to get above the net caused our hitters problems," he said. "We continue to struggle with hitting errors having 25 against 13 for Burlington."

Fort Madison had a hitting efficiency of just 61% going 46 of 75 with senior Jillian Wiseman leading the way going 19 of 24 with 10 kills. The Hounds serving was much more efficient at 98% missing just one serve on the night. Lauren Bailey led the way for FMHS going 13 of 13 with three aces. The junior also led the Lady Hounds with 14 assists, which were the only assists on the night for any Fort Madison player.

Nadia Boeding had 15 digs from the back row to lead Fort Madison defensively.

"I give Burlington a great deal of the credit for our hitting errors. They put up a good block against our hitters who began to press a bit," Bailey said. "We will keep working hard and things will start to come around as our players get a feel for what the others can do."

Bailey said things don't get easier for Fort Madison as they travel to Linn Marr on Saturday and play Linn Marr, Tipton, and Center Point Urbana in their pool, before bracket play begins.

Burlington senior Angel Baylack was 22-25 hitting with 17 kills helping control the front line. Junior Madison Burton dug up 35 shots and was 14 of 17 serving to lead BHS in both categories. The Grayhounds are 4-1 on the year and are 2-0 in the conference. Their only loss was a 5-set affair with West Burlington back in August.

Fort Madison is now 2-6 on the year and 0-2 in Southeast Conference action.

FM middle school teams start with wins

By PCC Staff

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison eighth graders downed Fairfield 8-0 Tuesday afternoon on the road.

Teague Smith scored from five yards out on the ground for the game's only touchdown. Smith then found Joe Hartman in the endzone for the two-point conversion.

Smith and Isaac Thacher both had seven tackles in the shutout. Henry Wiseman and Aiden Benda each had five. Hartman and Cade Denning each had interceptions to help preserve the win.

Smith led the Hounds on the ground with 55 carries for 85 yards. Wiseman had eight carries for 28 yards.

The Hounds take on West Burlington next Tuesday at home at 6 p.m.

The 7th grade football team opened the season with a home win Tuesday against Fairfield. The Little Hounds won 28-8. Brody Cashman scored two touchdowns along with Logan Pennock and Marcus Guzman each scoring one.

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The next game for the seventh graders will be Tuesday 9/17/19 at home against West Burlington.

Hellige 2nd at Van Buren Invitational

By PCC Staff

VAN BUREN – Holy Trinity Catholic's Matt Hellige ran a 17:18.75 5K Tuesday night for second place overall at the Van Buren Invitational Tuesday evening. Hellige was the Class A champion all four years and was 2nd overall in 7th grade and 1st in 8th grade at the run. Hellige trailed only Davis County's Kenny Cronin who ran the course at 16:08.18.

Jacob Mohrfeld was second across for the Cruisers with a time of 21:34.45 good for 45th overall, along with Logan Pennock and Marcus Guzman each had five. Hartman and Cade Denning each had interceptions to help preserve the win.

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Forestry field days an annual outing for DNR

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The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

**Mexican Fiesta**
The annual Mexican Fiesta starts in the Mexican Village on Thursday at 4 p.m. and runs through Saturday at 2 a.m. Live bands, traditional food, and the carnival is back.

**Chamber Ladies Golf Outing**
The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 8th annual Ladies Golf Outing on Sept. 13. For more information or to register your team email the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com

**Riverview Games**
The Fort Madison Riverview Games are back! On Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riverview Park. Fort Madison service clubs, OCI Iowa Fertilizer, Hy-Vee, the Fort Madison YMCA, Kemper’s True Value Rental and the Chamber are sponsoring this year’s event. Volunteers are still needed. Contact the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com for details or to volunteer.

**Elks Par 3 Golf tourney**
The Fort Madison Elks Club will be holding its 2nd Annual 18-hole Par-3 golf outing on Sept. 14, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is $120 per team and includes muffin and optional skins, and dinner at the lodge after the event. To sign up call 319-470-9129 or email Scott Meller at meller.scott@gmail.com. Deadline to register is Friday.

**Pop Can Drive**
The Fort Madison Middle School bands will be hosting their annual Pop Can Drive on Sept. 4th at FMM5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off location is no north side of the school. All redeemable cans and plastic bottles will be accepted. No glass or recyclables. Proceeds help defray costs of the band department. Contact Lisa Knipe at 319-372-4687 with questions.

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**HTC Science Club Chicken Dinner**
The Holy Trinity Catholic Science Club will be hosting a fundraiser at the Charleston Board of Trade on Sept. 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is $10 for adults and $6 for children for an all-you-can-eat chicken buffet. Tickets are available from any science club member or by calling the school office at (319) 372-2486.

**Bloodhound Booster Events**
The Fort Madison Bloodhound Booster Club is hosting a BINGO night on Sept. 21, at the LULAC in Fort Madison. Also the Booster Club is having organizations in the area sponsor the Bark and Bite at home football games this year. Wilson BBQ is sponsoring this Friday with pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans.

**Girl Scouts Discovery Night**
All girls are invited to join in on a free Discovery night on Sept. 18 at the Fort Madison Public Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information visit the website at www.girlscoutstoday.org or call 800-798-0833.

**North Lee County Relay for Life**
The annual Relay for Life takes place this year on September 27th from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature Maddie Poppe in Concert. This year’s theme is “idols of strength.”

**Weekly Book Sale**
Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays at the Public Library.

**Volunteer Fair**
The United Way will be holding a RSVP volunteer fair on Thursday, Sept 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library’s Sheaffer Memorial Meeting Room Refreshments will be provided and attendees will have a chance to explore volunteer opportunities in the area.

**Small Grand Things Grand Opening**
The new venue south of West Point is having a Grand Opening on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight with food, music, and fun featuring Wilson Bros. BBQ, Calleb Booten performing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Will Stuekerjergen DJing until midnight. For more information visit the website at smallgrandthings.com.

**Fort Madison Farmer’s Market**
The farmer’s market continues through Sept. 30 on Mondays on the east side of Central Park in Fort Madison from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Every second Monday is Kid’s Day at the market.

**Kensington events**
The Kensington is offering Senior’s Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat. The Kensington is also offering a free classic movie at the Fox Theatre on Sept 23 at 1 PM. Sabrina staring Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart.

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“I want to inform and entertain our listeners on local, state, regional, and national sports and I welcome listener feedback,” O’Hara said.

Pen City Current co-owner and editor Chuck Vandenberg said the first-week run has been a different hat to wear, and is a bit outside his wheelhouse.

“You can give the platitudes to the talent. These guys get along, they have a nice rhythm and good banter and aren't afraid to test each other a bit,” Vandenberg said.

“But this I.T. stuff… I’d rather not,” he laughed.

Vandenberg said the first show featured HTC head volleyball coach Melissa Freesmeier who talked about the 2018 state runner-up Crusaders and how 2019 is shaping up. Joe Merschman of Merschman Seeds also showed up and talked about Iowa sports and fall ag news.

Numbers were surprisingly good for the first show, but Vandenberg said the stream didn’t podcast so it’s lost “in cyberspace.” The second show with Big Ten analyst Shelley Till on Tuesday also was lost after its initial airing, and the third show, with Fort Madison Head Football Coach Derek Doherty had dead time at the beginning due to a technical “oversight” but fortunately the interview itself did archive and is available on the website (click on the promotional banner at the top of the page).

Bohnenkamp said he was intrigued by the show and is excited about its future.

“I want to bring a daily show with the best questions and answers with the top area sports personalities,” Bohnenkamp said.

Vandenberg said some listeners may have logged on to listen and either couldn’t find the podcast or heard dead air at different times.

“Yeah, we tripped over our tail a bit in launching as we were dealing with a pretty new system, but we think we’ve got most of the bugs worked out and we’ve geared up for a great weekend of shows,” he said.

On Thursday, Dave and John will chat with Chicago Cubs Gold Glove centerfielder Bob Dernier about all things sports. Central Lee Head Football Coach Nick Ehret will also be on the program.

On Friday, the show moves to the new PointsBet Sportsbook at Catfish Bend Casino where Dave and John will talk Iowa and Iowa State with Mark Emmert, the beat writer for the Hawks for the Des Moines Register and Iowa City Press-Citizen, and Tommy Birch the Register’s beat writer for Iowa State.

Saturday, O’Hara, a native of Postville, Iowa, again will host from PointsBet and Catfish Bend. Bohnenkamp will call in live from Jack Trice Stadium and O’Hara will have on a host of sports and SportsBook guests, oddsmakers, and some special guests for a special two-hour show from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to kick off of the Hawks and Cyclones.

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