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FM man arrested after search

CHASE: LEOs had been hunting for about six hours for suspect in Monday chase

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - Area law enforcement captured a Fort Madison man late Monday night in connection with a highspeed chase Monday afternoon.

Lee County Sheriff's deputies and Fort Madison police were looking for Adrian Garcia, who allegedly led a Fort Madison police officer from the city's west side up Highway 2 at speeds in excess of 100 mph.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said deputies responded to the call of a suspected drunk driver who had wrecked his car in the yard of a home in the 2400 block of Highway 2.

"He ended up going off the road where there was a line of cars backed up due to the construction going on there," Weber said. "And we have reports he was going well over 100 mph through the area by Appleberry and that's a dangerous,



GARCIA

dangerous spot."

Weber said neighbors in the area were aware of the chase after reading Facebook posts about the search for the man and were locked up when deputies got to the homes.

Deputies borrowed four wheelers to look for Garcia and also employed a FLIR Drone (Forward Looking InfraRed) but Weber said

it was too hot in the evening for the sensor to be effective. They were going to run the drone again in the evening when it cooled off.

"He's gonna be held accountable for what he did and that'll start with an initial court appearance in front of a judge and we're gonna make those arrangements for him," Weber said.

Weber said the suspect may have gotten into the heavily wooded areas on along Highway 2 and was successful at eluding law enforcement.

BLOODHOUND BASEBALL



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison's Jace Burgher slides back into first on a pick off play that would get away and allow Burgher to advance to second.

Bloodhounds split with BHS in conference shoot-out

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison will have to wait until the end of the week to see if they'll get a piece of the Southeast Iowa Conference title.

The Hounds wrapped up conference play Monday night with a 9-3, 0-2 split with Burlington to finish loop play at 7-3. The Grayhounds (7-6, 6-2) have two games left with a makeup at Fairfield (2-10, 0-6) on Friday night.

BHS sophomore Juan Reyes, was a

walk away from a perfect game in the night cap as he held the Hounds hitless going seven innings in the shutout.

Reyes struck out seven Hounds in the win. Fort Madison Coach Ron Walker

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COVID-19

DHS sets up **\$76.3** million for state food assistance

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) announced Monday the distribution plan for \$76,268,223 in Food Assistance benefits for Iowa families. The Families First Coronavirus Act allowed states to issue Food Assistance benefits to households with children in Pre-K through grade 12 who lost access to Free and Reduced Price School Meals due to pandemic-related school closures in Spring 2020.

There are two ways the 247,785 eligible children will receive their \$307.80 in Food Assistance benefits. If their household received Food Assistance benefits anytime in April, May, or June, their benefits will be put on the household's EBT card on July 15, 2020. 94,354 children will receive benefits on the EBT card. The remaining 153,431 non-Food Assistance children will receive P-EBT cards in the mail between July 14 - 21, 2020.

Eligibility was determined with a detailed match through the Department of Education and Iowa schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program. Iowa is one of few states that did not require an application to receive these benefits. Any child who was an enrolled Pre-K through grade 12 student in the 2019-20 school year in either a public school or non-public school that participates in the National School Lunch Program and received Free and Reduced Price School Meals as of March 16, 2020, was deemed eligible.

"We hope to create advance awareness about the arrival of the P-EBT cards to prevent families from throwing the envelopes away, not realizing what they contain," said Janee Harvey, DHS Division Administrator of Adult, Child and Family Services. Cards will arrive in white envelopes addressed with the

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Fort Madison Police Report

07?03/20 - 9:05 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue C. 07/03/20 - 2:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue G. 07/03/20 - 4:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 07/03/20 - 6:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 700 block of 27th Street. 07/03/20 - 8:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested William Paul Cochenour. 50, of Fort Madison in the 3100 block of Avenue M, on warrants for probation violation, interference with official acts, failure to appear, and driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/03/20 - 9:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jonathan David Isaac Horn, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on warrants for assault, disorderly conduct, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia. He was expedited to the Van Buren County Line. 07/03/20 - 10:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Pierce Tavian Brown, 22 of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of 14th Street on a charge of 4th-degree criminal mischief. 07/04/20 - 1:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Isaac Daniels. 36, of Macomb, III., in the 1400 block of 20th Street, on warrants for contempt and failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/04/20 - 11:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 07/04/20 - 9:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released David Frederick Welsh, II, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of fireworks violation. 07/04/20 - 9:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Erik Ryan Swienk, 41, of Keosauqua, in the 1300 block of Avenue G. on a charge of fireworks violation. 07/04/20 - 9:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Douglas Allen Languell, 51, of Fort Madison in the 500 block of Avenue D, on a charge of fireworks violation. 07/05/20 - 10:11 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue D. 07/05/20 - 11:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Rolanda Troy Ruiz, Jr., 41, of San Diego, Cal., in the 1600 block of 20th Street on a charge of public intoxication. 07/05/20 - 12:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue G. 07/05/20 - 6:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit-and-run in the 3100 block of Avenue I. 07/05/20 - 7:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Shawna Virgil, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue G., on a charge of driving under suspension. 07/05/20 - 8:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2100 block of Avenue F. 07/05/20 - 8:36 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jeremy Abraham Atwater, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue P., on a warrant for assault while displaying a dangerous weapon. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/05/20 - 8:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Misty Ann Grant, 26, no residence listed, in the 2000 block of Avenue M., on a charge of dog running at large and no city tags. 07/05/20 - 9:38 p.m. - Fort

Madison Police cited and released Robert Lee Dunn, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for failure to appear. 07/05/20 - 9:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Travis Dean Burk, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue F. on a charge of OWI 1st offense. He was released on a promise to appear. 07/06/20 - 1:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Austin Micheal Huffman, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue M. on a warrant for 1st-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/06/20 - 5:36 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue D. 07/06/20 - 6:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of 15th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/02/20 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Roman Lee Lay, 34, of Kahoka, Mo., at the Hancock County Jail in Carthage on a warrant for violation of parole He was held in custody. 07/02/20 - 3:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Danny Grandon Lee Burgess, III, 30, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Concert in Keokuk, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. 07/03/20 - 2:22 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited and released Morgan Elizabeth McCall, 34, of Keokuk, at the intersection of S. 7th Street and the Hwy. 61 bypass on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving while barred. 07/03/20 - 9:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Raymond Paul Sourwine, 58, of Burlington at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of a

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Hancock County Sheriff's Report

06/29/20 - Kody K Turner, age 28, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespassing on Residence. Turner remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/30/20 - Christopher T Simmons, age 38, of Plymouth, IL was arrested and charged with Trespass. Simmons was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date. 06/30/20 - John R Miller, age 52, of Plymouth, IL was arrested on an Adams County warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of

Methamphetamine. Millet was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/30/20 - Kaitlyn J Stinson, age 29, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Domestic Battery. Stinson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/30/20 - Christopher T Simmons, age 38, of Plymouth, IL was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. Simmons was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/30/20 - Kimberly A Lyons, age 41, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Violation of Bond. Lyons remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance. 07/02/20 - Christopher A Barnes, age 29, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on and original charge of Resisting or Obstructing a Peace Officer and **Driving While License** Suspended. Barnes was released after posting the Required bond and given a future court date. 07/03/20 - Frank D Hoewing, age 47, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on an original charge of Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Hoewing was Released after posting the required bond and

given a future court date. 07/03/20 - Marcus D Gilpin, age 37, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Violation Of Order of Protection. Gilpin remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance. 07/04/20 - Blake E Lomax, age 29, of Warsaw IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Damage to Property.(\$500 and Aggravated Battery of Peace Officer. Lomax Remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of Bail awaiting his next court appearance. 07/04/20 - Rebecca S Billing, age 34, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Obstructing Identification and on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on an original charge of Driving While License Suspended and Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Billing remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance. 07/04/20 - Lonny D Feilen. age 23, of Keokuk, IA

was arrested and charged with Possession Of Methamphetamine. Feilen was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date. 07/04/20 - David A Laws, age 39, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended, and on Hancock County Warrants charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Laws was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & **Rescue Report**

07/03/20 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls 07/04/20 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, one river rescue assist. 07/05/20 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one false alarm.

Task Force makes another county drug bust

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Missouri woman on a felony drug charge.



BURGESS

Cora Burgess, 34, of Alexandria, MO was arrested on July 4th, 2020 in Burlington, Iowa. Burgess is charged with one count of Delivery of Methamphetamine more than 5 grams a Class B

The arrest of Burgess stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that she was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force issued an arrest warrant for Burgess for Delivery of Methamphetamine more than 5 grams.

The Burlington Police Department, Lee County Attorney's Office, and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

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Sports

Bloodhounds to honor 2000 state champs Thursday

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said he just got stronger as the night went on.

"We squared up a lot of balls up, but we just hit 'em at people and he got stronger as he went," Walker said. 'The defense made plays behind him and when defense makes plays behind you here in southeast Iowa, it goes a long ways."

The Grayhounds got on top early in the nightcap. Taylor Bunton doubled Hound starter Matt Hopper's second offering to right field. Hopper would get Mateo Rascon to fan, but Brock Dengler singled moving Bunton to third.

Tyson Power would ground into a fielder's choice at third scoring Bunton. Hopper would work a ground out in the next at bat to end the inning. Mason Fort would homer in the top of the fifth to dead center for the Grayhounds' other run.

Brandon Reichelt would work a walk with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to bring the tying run to the plate, but Vasin Thurman would pop a 1-1 pitch to Rascon at short to end the game.

Hopper went $4\,2/3$ giving up two runs both earned on six hits and three strike outs in the loss. Jason Thurman pitched the final $2\,1/3$ striking out three.

In the opener, the Bloodhounds scored in every inning but the second and freshman Kane Williams settled in after giving up a three-run 3rd to hold the Grayhounds at bay in the 9-3 win.

"I had my curve ball working most of the night and my fastball I could locate and everything worked out." Williams said.

Fort Madison would start things off with one out in the bottom of the first when Reichelt grounded into a fielder's choice scoring Jason Thurman on a close play at home. Grayhounds starter Jacob Zahner would get the inning under control coercing a pop fly and a ground out to strand Reichelt.

In the top of the third, Williams found a little trouble with two outs. After getting a infield fly and a strike out, Bunton and Fort both singled. Dengler would double to left field over the Hound's Jace Burgher for two runs. Dengler would come around to score when Vasin Thurman's throw on a Tyson Powers infield hit would get over Reichelt's head at first.

Hopper would get a strike out to end the inning.

Fort Madison would tie things up in the bottom half when Garrett Hannum and Landes Williams both got on with no outs. Hannum would move to second on a balk and then to third when Williams bunted for a hit. Hannum would score when Zahner tried a pick off move that got away at first.

Reichelt would fan for the second out, but Vasin Thurman would single to score Williams before Reiburn Turnbull popped out to third to end the inning tied at 3-3.

Williams put the Grayhounds down in order in the fourth. Tate Johnson would start the Hound half with a double followed by nice bunt single down the 3rd base line from Kane Williams that moved Johnson to third. A Burgher ground out would plate Johnson for a 4-3 Fort Madison lead.

Reichelt would add a couple insurance runs with Jason Thurman standing at second after a double to left. Reichelt would connect on his second home run of the year on the first pitch to make it 6-3.

Kane Williams would go 1-2-3 in the top of the sixth and Reichelt would come up big again with two outs in the bottom half with a three-run double to center field to set the final score 9-3.

Williams went all seven giving up three runs, two earned off nine hits. He struck out six and didn't allow a walk in the win.

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"Kane has pounded the zone all year long and the defense made plays behind him. He's a competitor," Walker said. "He hits a batter on an 0-1 curve ball and gets the next guy induced into a double play. That's what guys who compete do. They find a way."

Reichelt led the charge at the plate going 2-for-4 with the double and homer and accounted for six RBI. Jason Thurman and Garrett Hannum each had two hits for Fort Madison.

Reichelt said despite the conference title still being up in the air, his focus is shifting to the post season.

"Conference is conference and that's not really our goal. Our goal is state so we're going to move our focus to state now," he said.

Walker said he didn't have a problem with the Hounds effort on Monday.

"I don't have one problem with tonight other than

once in a while some body language after a strike out. But the way we played, you walk out with your head up," he said.

Walker said he told the Hounds in the bottom of the seventh of game two that not a lot of people had given them a chance and they had a real shot at the conference title and to go 3-0 against a good 4A school.

"Bloodhound baseball is here to stay," Walker said.
"I can't be prouder of the kids and their efforts tonight.
We've got a big week ahead of us and we're gonna take tonight as a positive – hold our head high and run with it."

The Bloodhounds have three games remaining before postseason play. The Hounds go to Van Buren Tuesday, and New London on Wednesday before senior night on Thursday where the team will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Bloodhounds 2000 State Championship.



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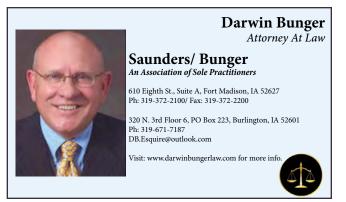


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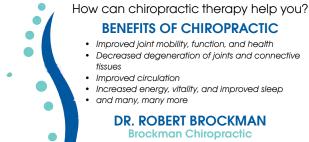
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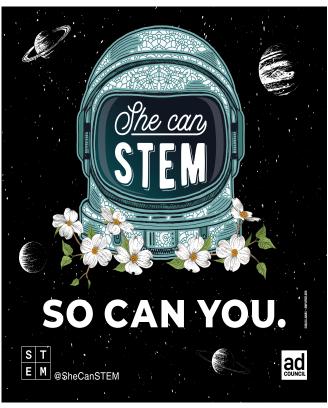
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BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON – Central Lee Community Schools has announced its Middle School honor rolls for the third quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. Pen City Current joins our advertisers and readers in congratulating these students on their academic success during this unique and trying year. Excellent job!

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Suminski, Brandon William Underwood, Andrew Brandon

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Snider, Justin James Grade 7

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Central Lee schools set new Hall of Fame programs

DONNELLSON, IOWA — The Central Lee Community School District is launching a new alumni recognition program, introducing three new hall of fames to honor past students and staff.

The Academic Hall of Fame will recognize top scholars and staff, introducing five students and two former staff members this year. The Athletics Hall of Fame, mean-

while, will honor top Central Lee athletes, teams and coaches from the past. This year will feature five inductees.

Additionally, the Central Lee Fine Arts Hall of Fame will recognize students, directors and other individuals who have excelled in band, choir, art and other areas of the fine arts. This year, the district will introduce five inductees.

"We are thrilled to launch these three new hall of fames to celebrate all the outstanding people who have made Central Lee such a wonderful place to live, work and learn over the years," said Dr. Andy Crozier, Superintendent.
"Central Lee CSD has established committees to help with the selection of this year's inductees. For individuals to qualify for a nomination, they

must have graduated from the district or have been a staff member. They also must be at least five years removed from their time in the district.

District leaders hope to announce the inaugural hall of fame inductees this fall at home football games. To nominate individuals for one or more of these honors, visit https://bit.ly/CLHOFNomination.

New state food aid should be on EBT cards by July 15

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child's name from an Austin, TX return address beginning July 14, 2020. The cards inside will be white, with black font, with IOWA P-EBT printed at the top, and will bear the name of the eligible child. Families will need to follow the included instructions to activate the card.

Families with current EBT cards will have P-EBT benefits available on July 15, 2020 as well. These benefits will just be added to cards, and families do not need to do anything to activate the additional P-EBT funds. Harvey shared, "A family with three eligible children will receive over \$900 dollars through P-EBT. That's a substantial boost during this time when many are struggling with unemployment and additional childcare costs. In cases where transportation or health concerns are a barrier to shopping in person, we hope families will take advantage of purchasing online. Both Wal-Mart and Amazon online are accepting P-EBT benefits."

"Ensuring a straightforward user process was top priority as we developed this program. Nonetheless, our call centers and stakeholder partners are prepared to answer questions about how to use or access these benefits," Harvey stated.

A comprehensive FAQ document in English and Spanish, including eligibility information, and images of the card and envelope, are available on the DHS website here. We encourage the public to visit the website to find answers to all their P-EBT questions.

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