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## Burlington woman charged with theft in Sunday incident

*24-year-old taken to jail after being treated for minor injuries*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A Burlington woman has been charged with 2nd degree theft in connection with a bizarre incident Sunday that had area law enforcement

looking for an armed suspect.

Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig said Monday afternoon that 24-year old Karissa Coughenour, of Burlington has been charged with theft and is currently in the Lee County Jail. The theft is a Class D felony under Iowa law.

The charge stems from a theft of the vehicle from a Fort Madison residence Sunday. At 4:52 p.m. Fort Madison Police were called to a scene on the crest of Old Denmark Hill where Coughenour allegedly lost control

of the vehicle and sent it vaulting into the woods southbound.

Coughenour was discovered by emergency crews in the woods after she was able to get free of the vehicle, but couldn't give police additional information on any other people associated with accident or the theft.

The woman was taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital after being tended to by emergency respond-

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## It's all a big dream... come true

*Grand opening of Montrose Dog Boarding, formerly Dave's Meat Market, Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
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MONTROSE – It may be Montrose Dog Boarding now, but they still call it "Dave's".

Amanda and Matt Mullins have been running a boarding shelter out of their home in Montrose for the past year or so, but the demand became so large they had to expand operations.

Now, the two own the former Dave's Meat Market building at 111 Spruce Street in downtown Montrose and are livin' the dream. They've converted the space into a boarding center for dogs and cats and have other ideas that Matt says are all part of Matt's Big Dream.

But the passion for the business comes from Amanda's side.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Matt and Amanda Mullins have opened Montrose Dog Boarding with a grand opening set for Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Montrose.

"I asked her if there was anything in the world she would rather be doing than what she was, and she said this," Matt said, walking through the new boarding center Monday morning.

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"The demand for boarding was growing at home so we knew we were going to have to expand and then this building came up for auction. We got it at a good price and the first thing we did was buy a ping-pong table, set it up and started playing ping-pong talking about how this would look."

The most striking marketable feature of the new business, which will be holding its grand opening on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m., is that they are open Monday through Sunday by

appointment and also can be found on site.

"We live just three blocks from here so anyone can call us and we can be down here in a matter of minutes," Amanda said. "And we've had several people call already and say, 'Can you take our dog, like immediately?', and we can do that."

Matt said the last thing he wanted was for people to think, "Oh, I don't want to call and have to make an appointment."

"We can be reached anytime day or night and even on Sundays," he said. "We can come down, if you get back in town on weekend, and get you back with your pet right away."

The grand opening will feature some special promotions like \$5 dog daycare, which is reg-

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## Buckley injured in biking mishap

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK – Former Lee County Conservation Director Tom Buckley was seriously injured in an accident on the Keokuk-Hamilton bridge on Wednesday.

According to Hamilton Police Chief Nick Jamerson, Buckley was headed back into Keokuk in the westbound lane when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Jarrod Eward of Hamilton.

Eward was issued a traffic citation as a result of the incident.

Jamerson said Buckley was already in the ambulance when police arrived at the scene and was taken to UnityPoint Health in Keokuk and then was transferred to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He said he believed Buckley was transported by air to Iowa City, but couldn't confirm that because the accident report hadn't been completed.

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## For The Record/Lottery Numbers

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

5/17/19 – 2:47 a.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of 26th St. 5/17/19 – 5:10 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Ave. F. 5/17/19 – 8:21 p.m – Albert H. Harper, 41, of Fort Madison was arrested on a charge of OWI First in the 3400 block of Ave. N. He was arrested and held at the Lee County Correctional Center. 5/17/19 – 11:08 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the Fort Madison Area. 5/17/19 – 11:10 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run

in the 1400 block of Ave. C. 5/17/19 – 11:29 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Ave. C. 5/17/19 – 11:37 p.m – Jarrod P. Holland, 40, of Fort Madison was arrested on a charge of OWI Third in the 1500 block of Ave. B. He was arrested and held at the Lee County Correctional Center. 5/18/19 – 11:51 a.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1700 block of Ave. C. 5/18/19 – 6:49 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 2800 block of Ave. A. 5/19/19 – 8:29 a.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report

of vandalism in the 100 block of Richards Dr. 5/19/19 – 3:30 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1800 block of Ave. H. 5/19/19 – 4:52 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of Old Denmark Rd. and Old Denmark Hilltop. 5/19/19 – 8:45 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1700 block of Ave. H. 5/19/19 – 9:47 p.m – Boyd Michael Sutton, 36, of Fort Madison was arrested on a charge of Harassment in the first degree in the 5700 block of Ave. O. He was arrested and taken to the Lee County Jail.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

5/17/19 – 11:49 a.m – Brett Allen Michael Montgomery, 25, of Keokuk, was arrested on a charge of Contempt – Failure to Pay Fine/ Cost, in the 2100 block of South 7th. He was released on bond on the 19th at 3:21 p.m. 5/18/19 – 12:40 a.m – David Elmer Keefe, 52, of Keokuk was arrested on charges of OWI Third, Driving while License was Revoked, and Provide Proof of Financial Liability at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. He was released the same day at 6:05 p.m on Pre-Trial REL. 5/18/19 – 1:39 a.m – Tommy Marvin Holden, 70, of Fairfield, was in a one car accident near Mile Marker 22 on Hwy 61. Holden saw a large rock and swerved to avoid it, but was unable to do so. Deputy Uriah Wheatley saw a large rock as well, "about 6" x 6" x 6"" on the side of the road near Holden's vehicle. Said vehicle had been temporarily disabled due to the front passenger rim being broken and a large puncture in the side wall

of the tire. There were no reported injuries on scene. 5/18/19 – 2:48 a.m – Nicholas Ryan Mullins, 34, of Keokuk was arrested on charges of OWI Second, Interference with Official Acts, Open Container, Unsafe Approach – Parked Emergency Vehicle, Provide Proof of Financial Liability, at Mile Marker 20 on Hwy 61. He was released the same day at 5:55 p.m on personal recognizance. 5/18/19 – 3:06 p.m – Payton Wrage Vanpelt-Vice, 23, of Fort Madison was arrested on charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Domestic Abuse/ Assault, PCS Prescription Drug in the 2100 block of Ave. H. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 5/19/19 – 4:51 a.m – Carol Ann Brewer, 52, of Keokuk, was arrested on a charge of Possession of a controlled substance, first, second, and third at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. She was released the same day at 11:41 a.m on personal recognizance. 5/19/19 – 4:57 a.m – Brandon Michael Frazier, 25, of Fort Madison was

arrested on a charge of a false report – law enforcement at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. He was taken to jail and held. 5/19/19 – 9:33 p.m – Samson Kent Padilla, 31, of Keokuk, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear/ contempt ct. No arrest location was given. He was taken to jail and held. 5/19/19 – 10:10 p.m – Darryl Keith Jr Atkins, 35, of Burlington was arrested on a charge of contempt – failure to pay fine/ cost at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. He was taken to jail and held. 5/19/19 – 10:41 p.m – Quentin Kade Beach, 19, of Fort Madison, was arrested on a warrant for simple assault at the intersection of 17th St. and Ave. E. He was taken to jail and released the same day at 11:02 p.m on bond. 5/19/19 – 11:442 p.m – Elizabeth Jonann Byrn, 52, of Argyle was cited on two counts of possession of controlled substances and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia in the 1700 block of 319th St. She was released upon citation.

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## Obituaries/From the Front

# Pet grooming, cat kennel room coming

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ularly \$20 per day. A Buy-One, Get-One dog boarding certificate and a punch card for a 7-day stay in the cat room for \$100.

Boarding rates start a \$30 for a 24-hour minimum, \$15 for each 12 hours after the first 24 and \$15 for an additional dog in the same kennel (Must be from the same home.) Daycare is included with the boarding cost and you can drop off and pick-up by appointment. Proof of vaccinations is required.

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The center currently has 10 kennels for dogs in a 1,200 square foot room with smaller day boarding kennels. The center has a 4,000 square foot gravel outdoor playground with a majestic view of the Mississippi River, a dog grooming center is currently under construction, a cat kennel room, and plenty of room for additional expansion.

Amanda even makes homemade pet treats in a double stack convection oven they purchased as part of the auction of the former meat market.

In Matt's "Big Dream" he would like to turn the center at times into a fundraising mechanism for area groups and clubs.

The idea would be to bake homemade pet treats that were pre-sold and then donate the majority of the proceeds to the group helping with the baking.

Amanda has made sugar-free pet treats from home ingredients like beef broth, oatmeal, mint leaves, flour and egg. The treats are for sale now at the center.

The Mullins said another part of the "Big Dream" would be to build a deck above the outside play park so people could watch the animals playing from above.

Amanda is also accustomed to special needs dogs and can provide those services such as for blind or diabetic animals.

"What's nice is that we don't charge extra for that. People can get all those services, including playtime with the animals, and pictures of how their pets are doing."

The Mullins also have a Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/Montrose-DogBoarding/>, and a website for additional information at [www.montrosedogboarding.com](http://www.montrosedogboarding.com). Appointments can be set by calling 515-360-8901.

## OBITUARIES

### PATRICIA A. PETTY

Patricia A. Petty, 84, of Wever, IA, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Keosauqua Health Care Center in Keosauqua, IA. She was born on April 24, 1935 in Kingston, IA to Floyd & Florence Wasson Brockway. She married Larry E. Petty, they later divorced. She worked at the Wever Bank later at the Department of Human Services. She enjoyed watching figure skating.

Patricia is survived by: 1-daughter: Lynn Petty of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Christopher Petty of Wever, IA; 3-grandchildren; 4-great grandchildren & 1-brother: Kenneth Brockway of rural Mediapolis, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents & 1-son: Wes Petty.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to Patricia's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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# Driver questioned by law enforcement, jailed

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ers and questioned by Fort Madison Police. After being treated for minor injuries she was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

"She was playing the game pretty good with officers," Sittig said.

Several reports from witnesses in the area said they heard what sounded like gun shots just prior to the incident, but Sittig said police have no information connecting those with the incident.

"At this point, we don't think they are connected at all. There's the possibility someone was target shooting in the area at that time," he said.

After the accident, based on information allegedly given by Coughenour, police, Lee County Sheriff's on and off-duty personnel, and Iowa State Patrol officers began a search of the wooded areas between 10th and 15 streets and north of Avenue B for an armed subject.

Sittig said Monday that information may have been inaccurate, but police did arrest a suspect in the area who was wanted on several warrants. That individual's name has not been released by the police as the full report has not been completed.

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## Celebrations

### STANLEE JENSEN JUAREZ

FORT MADISON – Jesse Juarez Jr., and Meagan Lawler, of Fort Madison, are proud to announce the birth of their son Stanlee Jensen Juarez on May 12, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Grandparents are Michelle Burnett of Fort Madison; Ben Lawler of Fort Madison; Jesse Juarez Sr., of Fort Madison; and Steve and Monica Carter of Fort Madison.

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## Scene in Sports



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison 3rd baseman Reed Fesheke gets ready to apply a tag to a Burlington Grayhound baserunner Monday night in Fort Madison. The runner was tagged out, but was given the base on a balk call against pitcher Jordyn Gerdes.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison pitcher Jordyn Gerdes looks for the ball after getting drilled in the leg in the fourth inning Monday night against Burlington. The Bloodhounds lost 11-7, but trailed 9-0 after four.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC striker Audrae Vincent lets loose with a shot on goal in Monday night's district game with Mediapolis. The Crusaders won 3-2 with Vincent scoring the game winning goal with 3:40 left in the first half. Holy Trinity will face West Liberty at Burlington Notre Dame on Wednesday.

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Lee County Attorney's Office has an opening for a Victim Witness Coordinator position (40 hours per week) with a start date of July 1, 2019.

The Victim/Witness Coordinator position is responsible for managing, coordinating, monitoring, and providing case assistance for juvenile and criminal cases within the County Attorney's Office. The Victim Witness Coordinator will establish communications with victims and witnesses and/or their advocates, notify victims of their rights, keep victims and witnesses informed of the status of files/cases, provide victims and witnesses with information, locate witnesses required for effective prosecution, and assist with case management.

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10. Must be a self-starter and motivator.
11. Ability to communicate with the public and act as a liaison for the victim to attorney staff in order to facilitate the communication of the victim as the case progresses.
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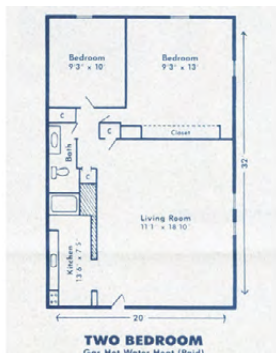
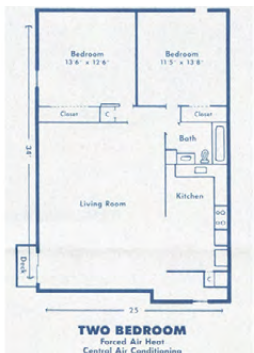
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# Keokuk's Hawthorne Elementary sees reading growth

**BY COLIN MAGNUSON**  
Radio Keokuk News Director

Mike Marsden arrived in Keokuk just under four years ago. The upstate New York native had been hired as the Assistant Principal at Hawthorne Elementary school to serve under then-Head Principal Jeremy Negus. Marsden felt that two of the biggest challenges he faced were curbing the number of behavioral issues among students and improving the reading scores of the children at the school.

One year later, Marsden moved even closer to front and center in that directive as he was named Head Principal at the Kindergarten through 3rd grade school after Negus accepted a position in Iowa City.

One of the first obstacles that Marsden identified in improving reading levels throughout the school was finding a way for teachers to spend more time with students that were struggling without sacrificing classroom time set for other learning disciplines.

Along came the concept of "Chief Time". In 2017 the Keokuk School Board adopted a district-wide policy that called for 20 minutes per day to be set aside for interventions in areas where students were struggling. This can include small group learning or one-on-one training with the teachers.

The district defines an intervention as any time above and beyond what is mandated daily by the state to be spent on a specific classroom subject. The Early Literacy Intervention (ELI) Law that was passed by the Iowa Department of Education requires that 90 minutes per day are spent on reading instruction.

Chief Time has allowed the administration teams throughout the district to properly implement interventions beyond what the ELI Law mandates but also doesn't force instructors to interrupt normal learning time set aside for classes

such as math and science. Under Marsden, Hawthorne has become a model for the district in proving the growth that can come with the proper time being set aside for these interventions.

"We wanted to be more purposeful and targeted with our interventions that we were providing to kids. That has been helpful in making sure we are getting the kids the right things because not all kids are the same in the way they learn."

Those targeted interventions have paid off as Hawthorne saw its students' scores rise significantly in the 2017-18 school year. The Iowa state assessment tests are taken three times yearly at the school and Marsden explained that the data that was compiled from those tests and it showed Hawthorne sat in the top echelon of schools in the state in terms of reading proficiency growth.

"The state puts out bench marks that we want to try to attain for the kids... We use those to assess how they're doing three times a year. Last year we had right around 13% more of our students building wide who were proficient in reading during the spring as compared to the previous fall. That led to us having the 7th highest reading growth in the state."

The delay in results of the assessment tests are due to the fact that those results are sent off to the state to be compiled and historically it has taken until well into the following school year to receive them back. The schools can see the immediate results of the proficiency tests but as far as using them as a benchmark against growth statewide, it has taken time. went on to state that he feels those numbers justify the current plan that includes the "targeted, purposeful interventions".

"That was a huge accomplishment that led us know that what we're doing is working. We continue to target those foundational skills to continue that



growth."

One of the challenges that is specific to Hawthorne is that students coming into the school as kindergartners, they have differing levels of reading abilities before they even walk in the door.

"We've got our work cut out with some of those younger grades and that's a big portion of it. Learning those foundational skills that some of those students may not come in with them in place. Some of those kindergartners may not have had much exposure to letters and numbers but by winter and spring they've grown

tremendously."

The Head Principal is heading into his fourth year as the lead administrator at Hawthorne and he closed out by saying that there is still plenty of room for growth as the school has had higher reading numbers decades ago but he felt they're trending in the right direction.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

<b>TUE 21 May</b>	Very Heavy Rain High- 50.8° F   Low - 50.6° F
<b>WED 22 May</b>	Light Rain High- 74.4° F   Low - 61.2° F
<b>THU 23 May</b>	Light Rain High- 81.9° F   Low - 71.7° F
<b>FRI 24 May</b>	Heavy Intensity Rain High- 82.4° F   Low - 71.2° F
<b>SAT 25 May</b>	Moderate Rain High- 78.9° F   Low - 71.1° F

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