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Authorities looking for man in abduction attempt

*Man allegedly approached
11-year-old at beach restroom*

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WEST POINT - The Lee County Sheriff's department is asking for help in locating a person of interest in an attempted abduction on Wednesday at Pollmiller Park.



WEBER

At about 6:02 p.m., Wednesday, the Lee County Sheriffs Office and the West Point Police Department responded to a report of an incident at the Park.

Upon investigation, it was reported that an 11-year-old girl had been approached by a white male subject, 6 feet tall, approximately 180 pounds with a bald head. The man was "drunk" according to the victim and tried to prevent the victim from going into a public restroom at the beach area in the park.

According to the victim, he reportedly asked her to come with him. The man persisted briefly and then walked away after the victim refused to allow him to touch her. The man left the area before the victim could point him out to her family members who were with her at the Pollmiller Beach.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said he was at Pollmiller at the time and was at the scene in a matter of seconds after the call came. "We scoured that park

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Knee deep in corn

It was that time again on Wednesday as residents crowded in around tons of sweet corn as part of the annual Sweet Corn Festival Shuck-Fest on Merschman Seeds property in West Point. The Sweet Corn Festival kicked off Thursday on the square in West Point. At left, Brynn Denning and Brooklyn Scheetz jump in on the fun.



Kensington's Garcia named NCAL Nurse of the Year

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FORT MADISON - A Fort Madison assisted living facility continues to get national recognition for care programs and staff achievements.

On July 31, Amanda Garcia, a registered nurse and the wellness coordinator at The Kensington in Fort Madison was named the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) Nurse of the Year. Garcia will be recognized at the 69th Annual American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living Convention & Expo in San Diego, CA, held October 7-10.

Garcia has been The Kensington's wellness coordinator for the past eight years.

"Although I have only had the pleasure of working with Mrs Garcia for a short period of time, her high energy and passion are evident. Amanda is a great representative of the values and culture that makes the Kensington a terrific place to work or live. Amanda is the kind of leader we all strive to be; one of a servant mindset. I am proud to be able to work alongside her," said Leia Morrison, Executive Director of the Kensington.

"We keep up on all certifications and what's current in dementia care and that says a lot about the Kensington that we trying to do all these things and be out in the community and do that kind of support," Garcia said. "This isn't just my award, but the Kensington's award too."

In 2017, The Kensington earned the Silver—Achievement in Quality award through the AHCA/NCAL Quality Award Program.

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Local News/Lottery Numbers



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Fort Madison emergency crews responded to a two-car accident at 15th Street and Avenue E Thursday evening. One victim driving a white Buick is being tended to by emergency crews and was put a neck brace. The other vehicle was a maroon F-150 pickup truck.

Sheriff looking for any visual evidence at Pollmiller Park

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and we couldn't find the person in question."

Additional information is being sought by Law Enforcement to identify and interview the suspect in this case.

"We are asking that if anyone witnessed this incident yesterday or have seen the man in question, to please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division immediately."

The Sheriff is also looking for anyone shooting pictures or videos of the described area yesterday during that time frame. (Especially if there were photographs taken at the beach in Pollmiller park yesterday at or around 6 PM. We would like to review them.)

The Sheriff's Office is again requesting the public to be mindful of their surroundings and report anything suspicious in nature.

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Local News

ISP K9 officers take 1st at trials

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Recently the K9 unit at Iowa State Penitentiary (ISP) participated in in the United State Police Canine Association (USPCA) Police Dog # 1 Certification Trials held in Des Moines.

ISP has utilized K9's since 1994. Since that time they have been instrumental in offender escort and drug detection efforts within the secure perimeter. K9's are also utilized in assisting outside agencies with law enforcement efforts.

Two Canine Sergeants, Michael Barnes and Dustin Yager, are employed at ISP and competed against 31 other teams from Iowa and Minnesota at the trials. Barnes and Yager train frequently to ensure compliance with safety and security standards.

During the USPCA trials each K9 and their handler were tested on obedience, apprehension agility, article and box search and criminal apprehension. The ISP team, along with Anamosa, received 1st Place Over-All. In addition, Yager placed 1st in Obedience and Barnes placed 2nd in Obedience.



Photo courtesy of Iowa State Penitentiary

Dustin Yager and Michael Barnes stand with the their K9 officers and trophies received in a recent United States Police Canine Association's K9 certification trials. All four officers of the ISP team received 1st place overall and Yager received the top Obedience award.

Celebrations

COLLIN JOHN ANDREWS

FORT MADISON - Devan and Rusty Andrews are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Collin John Andrews, on Sunday, July 29, 2018, at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

He is joined at home by his sister Lauren Andrews. Grandparents are Judy Meyers, of Fort Madison, Rick Meyers, of Marion, Andy and Susan Andrews, of Fort Madison, and Jimmye Carrel-Andrews - deceased. Great-grandparents are John and Sharon Gerveler, of Fort Madison.

The Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

ELYJAH WILLIAM KEEFE

DONNELLSON - Rosemary and Tony Keefe are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Elyjah William Keefe, on Monday, July 16, 2018, at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

He is joined at home by his sister Grayce Keefe. Grandparents are Sonny and Patty Wilson, of Montrose, David and Amy Keefe, of Argyle, and William and Tina Young, of Donnellson. Great-grandparents are Rodney and Lena Link, of Argyle, Robert and Patricia Young, of Donnellson, Harold and Carolyn Rindt, of Donnellson, and Hazel Hawes (great-great-grandma), of Argyle.

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Local News/Weather

Channel cats fair on rivers

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for southeast Iowa.

Big Hollow Lake

Largemouth Bass - Slow: Anglers are catching nice bass around the edges of the flooded timber in the early morning and late evenings.

Iowa River

Both the Iowa and Cedar Rivers are headed back up by the end of the week. Expect a water level increase of near two feet. Channel Catfish - Fair: Catfishing has picked up a little. Work the outer edges of the brush piles early in the morning and late evening. Stink baits are made for this time of year.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature held steady at 80 degrees over the last week. Water clarity is fair at 26 inches. Black Crappie - Slow: Look for crappie in front of the beach and down to the North Ramp in 15 feet of water slow trolling or drifting with the wind. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Work the flooded timber early in the morning with some weedless soft plastics.

Lake Darling

Water temperatures dropped to 79 degrees. The water has a green cast to it with a water clarity of 19 inches. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Anglers are picking up bass around the deeper habitat. In the early and late parts of the day, look for them to be in shallow but not far from the deep water ledges. Bluegill - Fair: Look for bluegills out around the rock piles and brush in 6-8 feet of water. Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are picking up some crappies while drifting over the habitat in 8 to 10 feet of water.

Lost Grove Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Crappie fishing has moved deep with anglers catching



them while slow trolling in 20 to 25 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Anglers are catching bass in the flooded brush on the north side of the lake in the early morning hours.

Skunk River

The South Skunk by Oskaloosa went up by near two feet on Wednesday. Look for that water to be down our way in a couple of days. The North Skunk is holding steady. Channel Catfish - Fair: Anglers continue to catch some nice catfish in the brush piles, the increase in water level may change that for a little while.

For more information on the above lakes and rivers, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 5.02 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is rising. We have not received any fishing report information for this pool this week. Channel Catfish - No Report: Try fishing above brush piles and snags along the side channels and main channel; use stink bait or shad. Bluegill - No Report: Look for bluegills in the backwaters around brush piles. Try fishing with worms under a bobber. Walleye - No Report: Look for walleyes on the wing dams. Cast crank-baits or troll three-way rigs with crawlers.

Tailwater stages have risen close to a foot with the recent heavy rains, but is forecast to start falling by the week-end. Main channel water temperature is around 79 degrees. Water clarity is fair. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

Garcia's passion expands into other community centers

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Garcia was nominated by former Kensington Director Rachel Benda and Linda Larkin, director of operations for AgeMark System, the corporate parent of the Kensington.

Garcia was nominated for several program she's involved including being one of the first in the county to be a certified with the Iowa Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment.

"I can teach others how to fill orders out so they become facilitators and only facilitators can fill out those forms. Myself and Debbie Green at Fort Madison Community Hospital hold a couple sessions each year to help others with that process," Garcia said.

She is also a Virtual Dementia Tour® facilitator and certified dementia care practitioner and has helped train staff at the local hospital and Iowa State Penitentiary. She also offers training to community groups and Kensington residents' family members.

"Obviously this has brought lots of attention to the Kensington," she said. "People congratulated us on our silver award last year and people in the community have congratulated me. When I received the Distinguished



Amanda Garcia was honored with National Center for Assisted Living's Nurse of the Year award on July 31. Garcia will be recognized at an NCAL Expo in California in October.

Director of Nursing Award in September, I got a lot of congratulations on that and the residents are very proud and talk about it. And they want to know what these awards are, and I'm proud of that."

Garcia said the Kensington is very generous with her time which allows her to share her knowledge with others and better serve more people and families

I'm also a certified dementia care practitioner, which means I know how to care for people with

dementia. It's a national certification that we try to get at least all of our people that have anything to do with our memory unit certified in."

"Amanda's continued hard work and dedication are an inspiration to her team and have helped them and the Kensington provide great service to our tenants. Amanda has strived for constant improvement throughout her career and is driven by her professionalism, compassion and commitment," Larkin said.



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SUN 12 Aug Light Rain
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High – 87.4° F | Low – 76.4° F

TUE 14 Aug Heavy Rain
High – 76.0° F | Low – 73.0° F

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