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Police looking for two of three stolen vehicles

Three vehicles swiped in 24 hours, one located in Quad Cities

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Area law enforcement agencies are on the lookout for two cars that were stolen in the past 24 hours. A third vehicle that was also stolen local-

ly in that time frame was recovered in the Quad Cities. According to Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig, the other vehicle is still missing. "On Saturday night, Sunday morning, there was reported a gray, 2007 Ford Edge missing from a hotel in town. This vehicle has been recovered in Illinois near the Quad Cities area and the owner has been contacted. This case is still under investigation and charges may be pending in this case.

"The second car was reported stolen early Monday

morning from the 2100 block of Ave. I and is described as a white 2004 Toyota Camry, Iowa License CQJ821 Ia. This vehicle has not yet been recovered."

Sittig said there are no suspects at this time involving the second theft.

There was also another vehicle reported stolen in Lee County overnight and Sittig said it is unknown if these cases are related or not.

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Crusaders take Classic, now 13-0

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FORT MADISON - The beat goes on....and the beat goes on. The Holy Trinity Catholic volleyball team is marching to a steady tempo of wins, stacking up five more in less than six hours at the Holy Trinity Classic Monday night.

The Crusaders have still yet to drop a set on the season rolling through the Monday eight-team tournament with two set wins over Winfield-Mt. Union, Danville, Mount Pleasant, Fort Madison, and a 21-17, 21-17 win over a pesky Central Lee in the finals to hoist the trophy.

The Crusaders were ranked 4th in Class 1A in this week's Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union volleyball rankings and have gone 13-0 since the start of the season racking up wins over state-ranked 1A New London, 2A Van Buren and now 3A



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The HTC volleyball team lifts the trophy at last night's Holy Trinity Catholic Classic with Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier. The Crusaders rolled through the tourney unscathed and have won 28 sets in a row to start the season.

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Fort Madison. The girls have won 28 straight sets which is the most to start a season since

2016 when they won 34 straight sets and ended up in the state championship against Janes-

ville.

Fort Madison struggled in pool play Monday night falling to Central Lee in the Silver See **TOURNEY**, page 9

Check this out! WiFi hotspots at city's library

Patrons in good standing can use library card to get WiFi

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - In an effort to "bridge the digital divide," the Fort Madison Public Library now offers its patrons the ability to checkout WiFi hotspot devices. These devices will allow patrons to connect to the internet with a wireless-enabled device, such as a laptop, smartphone or tablet, to the Internet. The mobile WiFi HotSpot is portable, so you can connect your device almost wherever you go, whether at home, in the park or on vacation once it is fully charged.

Patrons in good standing can use their library cards to check out the devices for up to one week at a time. Fort Madison Public Library director Sarah Clendineng said patrons would not be

charged to use the devices unless they are returned late or lost. To encourage patrons to return them on time, devices will have their service cut off if they are overdue.

"We live in a world that increasingly relies on Internet access for many basic functions. While this service is not a long-term solution for patrons, it can provide them with temporary internet access. This can be useful for, among other things, residents switching services, those waiting for new services to be installed or for patrons who don't usually have internet access but have visiting 'wired' family members," says library director Sarah Clendineng.

The devices operate on the Sprint network, so download and upload

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Scene Around Town/From the Front



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A lot of art

FMHS junior Jenna Jones paints her parking stall in the FMHS south parking lot with a volleyball theme Friday afternoon. Jones is a member of the FMHS team and was able to paint her stall for a \$15 donation to the school activities.

Officials again urge people to lock up belongings

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Donnellson/West Point police chief Brad Roberts said he is investigating a third vehicle theft of a white 2004 Toyota off property in Donnellson. He said the vehicle shouldn't be hard to identify because he believes the front and back bumpers are zip tied to the frame and there is a butterfly print on the seat covers.

The thefts could also be related to garage break-ins where tools and other implements have been reported missing.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said he was alerted to the three vehicle thefts and said these, again, appear to be crimes of opportunity. He said residents need to take proper precautions with their vehicle and belongings.

"It seems to be from people leaving keys in their cars," Weber said. "We would just remind people to make sure you get your keys out and lock your doors. Make yourself a tough target."

New hotspots are a pilot program for FM public library

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speeds could vary across the library's service area. Like other library materials, patrons can place hold on hotspots if there aren't any currently available to check out.

The library has secured several of the devices in order to launch a pilot program, using funds from the library's Special Projects Endowment fund, which provides funds to help enhance library services and launch new programs, such as this one. Future funding of the program will use funds provided by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

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Toxic Clean-Up Event in Mt. Pleasant

Great River Regional Waste Authority (GRRWA) is bringing their Toxic Clean-Up Mobile Event to the city of Mt. Pleasant and rural areas. Residential household hazardous waste disposal will be available this Friday, Sept. 21 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm by appointment only.

The collection site will be located at the Public Works Building at 1201 North Broadway Street in Mt. Pleasant. Enter on West Winfield Street – exit out on West Harlan Street.

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Although these items will not be accepted during this mobile event, they are accepted on a regular basis at GRRWA facilities or the HazChem Center.

This is a mobile event open to residents of Mount Pleasant, and rural Henry County, Iowa. This is a collaborative effort of Great River Regional Waste Authority (GRRWA) 319-372-6140 and the HazChem Center of Southeast Iowa.

Chamber Ladies Golf Outing

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Ladies only golf outing will be held Sept. 21 at Sheaffer Golf Course. To register email the chamber at chamber@fort-madison.com

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Sports



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HTC senior Emily Box pushes an attack over two Central Lee defenders Monday night at the Holy Trinity Classic at Shottenkirk Gymnasium. Below FMHS senior Josie Pumphrey lunges for a dig in the semifinals against Holy Trinity.



Above, Crusader senior Eryn Anderson (25) gets blocked by FMHS' Jassmine Bass (10) while HTC's senior Taylor Boeding watches the action. At left, Junior Avery Hopper tries to score on Central Lee's Mya Merschman (8) and McKenna Hall (9)



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Art in the Park this weekend

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Ft. Madison's Art-in-Central Park has a decade of family fun Sundays under their belt since FMAAA brought the event back to town. Plenty of visual artists will be displayed under the shade trees of Central Park. Musical performances will crank it out in the gazebo in the afternoon. The Kid's Art Activity Zone will be in flow from 11am-2:30pm. A microbrew BBQ awaits visitors in the shelter house featuring The Lost Duck Brewery. New programs evolved as well with "Yoga and a Pint". Meet instructor Alexis Taryn at the Fountain at 11:30 for half hour class before the gazebo musicians begin, bring your mat! Afterwards celebrate your zen with a "Pint" from Lost Duck Brewery special recipes. Also new, display of paintings created THAT DAY for the Lee County Plein Air painting competition from 2:30-4:00pm. Axalta Coating Systems is the Event sponsor for this cultural arena at Central Park on Sunday.

The Kid's Art Activity Zone will feature Ray McKee's graphic artistry with linguistics. Popular Sweet Mimi the Balloon Clown is back...however, without balloons. Due to an injury Mimi will be weaving yarns not balloons as storytelling will occur every 20 minutes for 4 sessions. Susan Buehler will man the Halloween figurine ceramics painting booth. Pumpkins for Painting will be available again as fall's bounty harvests.

Music in the gazebo kicks off at noon with the country twang of Paytyn Young of Basco, IL. At age 16 Paytyn has been polishing her technique since the age of 11! Veteran musicians Bluezillion headline the gazebo for a long set of funky blues. Jamaican born Victory Henigan finishes the afternoon with the sounds of reggae, mon! Thanks to music sponsors Jim Baier INC, MidWestOne Bank, and Lost Duck Brewery for setting the tempo. Just prior to Victory will be the Ft. Madison portion of the Lee County Plein Air Painting competition. Artists equipped with skills and light easels will select subject matter to paint in Keokuk on 9/22 with a display and awards near The Grand Theater from 5-7pm that day. Ft. Madison scenes are painted on Sunday and will be on display and for sale by the shelter house from 2:30-4pm on Sunday.

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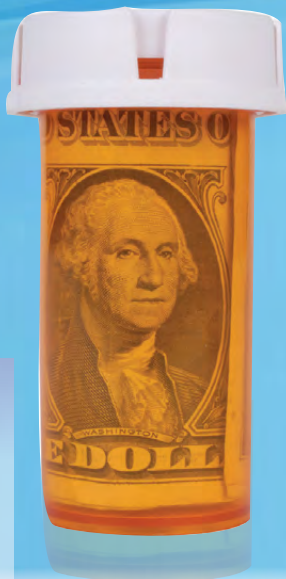
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From the Front/Weather

Fort Madison struggles in losses to Central Lee, HTC

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pool's first match of the evening 14-21, 21-17, 17-19. The Hounds then rebounded to beat Keokuk in three sets 15-21, 21-11 and 15-7 in the tiebreaker. They also beat Wapello 21-11, 21-6 in pool play to advance to meet Holy Trinity in the semifinals.

Holy Trinity made their way through pool play with 21-10, 21-10 wins over Winfield-Mt. Union and Danville and a 21-14, 21-14 win over Danville.

In the first set with crosstown rival Fort Madison, the Hounds jumped out to quick 3-0 lead on serving by senior Olivia Williams. Junior Jillian Wiseman had two quick kills at 1-0 and 2-0 to try and set a tone for the game against the big block of HTC's Emily Box and Eryn Anderson. Box can set a tone as well and did so to bring the Crusaders roaring back with three kills in four points to cut the Fort Madison lead to 4-3. Back and forth errors at the net and kill by Anderson tied the set at 6.

The Crusaders would go up 10-7, but the Bloodhounds came back to knot it at 10 on a Wiseman block. Fort Madison would get one more tie at 11 and then

would relinquish the lead for the rest of the set as the Hounds committed six hitting errors over the next eight points to put Holy Trinity in the driver's seat 18-13. Junior Avery Hopper, who drew special praise from head coach Melissa Freesmeier, had a kill to end the set 21-13.

"We're really deep this year and it's nice to go to the different kids and see what happens when we're able to use her like we did against taller teams like Van Buren and then tonight against Fort Madison," Freesmeier said.

Holy Trinity left little doubt in the second game running away with a 21-9 win.

FMHS Head Coach Kent Bailey said the Bloodhound struggled with errors they usually don't see often.

"I think we've got some different things happening with the kids," Bailey said. "A couple of them weren't feeling great tonight and it showed. We have the capability to play better than that and our kids understand that. There are nights you're on and nights you're off and unfortunately this was a night we were off."

Against Central Lee, Bailey said the match got away from the Hounds in

the tiebreaker.

"We made a couple of uncharacteristic errors that we really haven't made a lot of, and gave away points that we thought we had won. We had the chance to win that match and we would have been playing Danville instead of Holy Trinity in the semifinals," Bailey said.

The championship match against the Lady Hawks looked to be short-lived affair as the Crusaders raced out to a 18-6 advantage. But Central Lee got a big block from sophomore Mya Merschman to get things going.

Central Lee would go on a 7-1 run with Merschman collecting two kills while HTC got mired in some defensive errors. With the gap closed to 19-12, freshman Kassi Randolph ended the first Lady Hawk run with a nifty fake set that found the floor for a side out. But senior Taylor Boeding had an attack go long to start another Central Lee 4-1 run capped by a block from senior Kennedy Mercer at 20-17.

Box would end the first game on a kill on Central

Lee's service to end it 21-17.

The second game of the title match had HTC out 5-0 before sophomore Abby Wellman got in a kill to make it 5-1. The Lady Hawks then went on a 6-2 run mostly on serves by senior Kaylynn Summers including an ace to get Central Lee within one at 6-5. Scoring would go back and forth until Box got called for a line error under the net at 13-12 HTC. Merschman would get a block and kill in back-to-back points to give Central Lee its first lead of the night at 14-13.

Katie Denning would get a kill from the outside to tie it back up on the next service point and then the Crusaders went on a roll outscoring Central Lee 7-3 the rest of the way with sophomore Claire Pothitakis getting the final attack to find the floor from the right side of the HTC offense for a 21-17 win.

Anderson said the depth of this year's squad is making the season fun and team stronger than previous years.

"I think, all around, this year is one of our strongest years since we

“*There are nights when you're on, and nights when you're off, and unfortunately this was a night we were off.*”

-Kent Bailey, FMHS head coach

won the state tournament in 2014," she said. "We have a really deep bench and our seniors, and the underclassmen two, work really hard every day. So I think us coming out strong like this, we're gonna just get better."

She upcoming tournaments like the conference tournament and the Urbandale tournament will really test the Crusaders.

"Urbandale will probably be our toughest competition. Up there we'll play Western Christian and other big schools and Southeast Polk in our bracket. We're looking forward to that because we need to play teams like that, but I think conference will be tough matchups as well."

Freesmeier said the girls we're pushed a couple times Monday night, but the adversity is good.

"Our kids just all stepped up. They won this tournament and beat two good teams in Fort Madison and Central Lee," Freesmeier said.

"Every night we step on the court we're gonna have a fight, so I like to see what they can do when they get pushed and tonight we were pushed. At the end of the day, they stayed calm and got the wins. We get it competition every night and I just love it."



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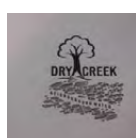
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