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## CL staff catches man in HS

**MENTALLY ILL:** Man posed as a "transfer student" and slipped in with other kids

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier confirmed Thursday morning that a man slipped into the district high school Wednesday morning posing as a transfer student.

The man, who wasn't identified, but was said to have been approximately 21 years of age, sneaked into the school alongside a military recruiter.

He wasn't identified by staff greeting students.

The man slipped through the halls and into a desk in a classroom where a teacher and a counselor realized the man didn't belong and called the office.

School Resource Officer and Lee County Deputy Tommy Oberman and Principal Nicole Herdrich immediately responded to the classroom and escorted the man to the office and then out of the building until he was taken by



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ambulance to Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said the man was transported at about 3 a.m. to a mental hospital out of the area.

Weber said the man was unarmed and no one was injured in the incident. The school went on a short soft lockdown and deputies, including Weber, walked the hallways of both buildings to assure students and staff everything was safe.

The man apparently had been in the parking lot in his vehicle prior to school and then changed clothes to fit in with the student body entering the building.

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## ANAMOSA MURDERS

# More details released in prison deaths

BY PCC STAFF

ANAMOSA – State officials released the names and images of the two Anamosa State Penitentiary inmates who are accused of killing a nurse and correctional officer at the facility Tuesday morning.

Iowa Department of Corrections officials identified Thomas Woodard and Michael Dutcher as the inmates who bludgeoned nurse Lorena Schulte and correctional officer Robert McFarland with hammers at about 10:18 a.m. Tuesday.

Officials also released the criminal complaint against the two accusing each with two counts of murder, one count of attempted murder and one count of kidnapping. Early reports Tuesday indicated the attack was by just one inmate.

A third victim, inmate McKinley Roby was found in the same room as the Schulte and McFarland with multiple injuries to his head. Roby was transported to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics where he was treated. Roby is expected to survive his injuries.

The incident allegedly occurred on the ground floor of the facility in a break room in the health services lobby. The building is on the northeast side of the penitentiary grounds.

Officials said Wednesday the incident was part of an escape attempt planned by both individuals. Working together the two shattered a glass window of the break room, exposing metal bars that were cut with a grinder that was found at the scene.

The two hammers were obtained by other unknown personnel from the maintenance shop in an adjacent building.

According to the criminal complaint a third victim, Lori Mathis was in an adjacent room and walked across the hall after

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WOODARD



DUTCHER

## VACCINES

# LCHD to open hotline to 350 on Friday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Lee County Health Department will be opening up their COVID Hotline number to schedule 350 appointments for the March 30 COVID Vaccination Clinic at the LCHD Offices (#3 John Bennett Drive) in Fort Madison.

This includes those who are 64 and under with certain underlying medical conditions. Some of those conditions include: cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, Down Syndrome, heart conditions (heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies), Immunocompromised

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## Chamber Ribbon Cuttings



Photos courtesy of Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce

Odd Marvel, above, and Jus" Try It, below are two recipients of Ambassador Calls in the past week. Fort Madison Chamber Ambassadors presented ribbon cuttings at both downtown Fort Madison locations.



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FRI 26 Mar.....Overcast, 57° F/ 44° F  
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SUN 28 Mar.....Clear Skies, 54° F/ 37° F

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LOTTO AMERICA 03/24.....137 39 40 42, Star Ball: 2, All Star Bonus: 2  
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# Obituaries/Lee County News

## OBITUARIES

### DONOVAN W. JOHNSON

Donovan W. "Don" Johnson, 90 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Tuesday, March 23, 2021. He was born May 28, 1930 in Montrose, Iowa, a son of George Edward Sr. and Leota M. (Bailey) Johnson. On December 19, 1954, he married Betty Lee Howe. She preceded him in death.



JOHNSON

Don owned and operated D-Signs, a custom sign business in the Fort Madison area. In later years, he stayed active restoring neon signs and doing small custom projects. Many of his signs and work are still hanging in Fort Madison today, including the sign at Alphas and the awnings at the Fort Colony Family Diner. He enjoyed cooking, reading, and playing solitaire on his computer. He was a member of the Fort Madison United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his children, Debra (Matthew) Sheets and Michael (Mary) Johnson; grandchildren: Heather Hagmeier, Hope Schroer, Grant Johnson, and Wesley Johnson; great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, including Darla (Shawn) Stromquist, Kim (Mike) Gregan, Tonya (late Ed) Newberry, and Phyllis (Duane) Gorrell; and other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers: George, Dale, Gene, and Duane; three sisters: Corky, Dorothy, and Phyllis.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. Family and friends will gather to celebrate his life from 5:30 - 6:30 pm Monday, March 29 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. A private burial will be Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made directly to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Johnson family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

### Milestones holding zoom public hearing

FORT MADISON - Milestones Area Agency on Aging will be holding a public hearing to receive public input and comments regarding the agency's Area Plan for State Fiscal Years 2022 - 2025. The hearing is scheduled to take place at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the agency's website [milestonesaaa.org](http://milestonesaaa.org).

Milestones is one of 6 Area Agencies on Aging in the state of Iowa and serves 17 counties in southeast Iowa. The area plan will cover program goals for fiscal years 2022-2025.

Milestones Area Agency on Aging is committed to working with communities and community-based organizations to increase awareness for aging successfully with dignity and independence.

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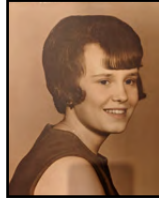


## OBITUARIES

### MARY SUE STANBARY

Mary Sue "Suzi" Stanbary, 70, of rural Niota, Illinois, passed away at 1:34a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2021 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

She was born November 17, 1950 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the daughter of Arthur Lee and Ruth Lucille (Freeland) Olson. On December 26, 1981 she married Delbert William Stanbary in Macomb, Illinois. He preceded her in death on March 16, 2021.



STANBARY

Suzi was a 1967 graduate of the Dallas City High School and in 1971 graduated from college in Kirkwood, Missouri. She also attended Southeastern Community College and Carl Sandburg College.

She was a phlebotomist and a computer programmer. She previously worked in graphic layout for the Hawk Eye Newspaper. Suzie also worked at area nursing homes and in home health care.

Surviving are one son, Tony (Angela) Cisneros of Dallas City; one daughter, Maria Stanbary of Burlington, Iowa; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one son, Arthur Cisneros; two sisters, Sandra Dowell and Tammy Olson, and one brother, Frank Olson.

A Celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City is assisting the family. A memorial fund has been established to help with expenses. Contributions may be mailed to; Suzi Stanbary Memorial, c/o/ Banks & Beals Funeral Home, PO Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330

To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Suzie's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

### County Dems to hold organizational meeting in Donnellson Saturday

The Lee County Democratic Party will hold its Organizational Meeting on Saturday, March 27th at 10am at the Donnellson Legion Hall, 419 N. Oak in Donnellson. They will begin the meeting with the election of officers for the next two years. There are current officers planning on running for reelection and the floor will be open for nominations. The remainder of the meeting will be a continuation of the caucus/meeting that was held on March 11th. Precinct level planning fundraising, local races, and issues will be addressed. The Affirmative Action Chair plans on creating a committee so those interested in being a part of the committee are encouraged to attend. A Rural Action Committee will also be formed so interested parties should attend to have their voices heard. The Lee County Democratic Party encourages members from every wing of the party to be involved so all viewpoints are shared. If you have any questions please call Mary Jo Riesberg, chair, at (319) 526-3160 .

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# For the Record

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### Fort Madison Police Report

03/23/21 – 8:16 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue E.  
 03/23/21 – 8:39 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue E.  
 03/23/21 – 10:23 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue.  
 03/23/21 – 12:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue G.  
 03/23/21 – 1:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Avenue E.  
 03/23/21 – 7:16 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Avenue G.  
 03/23/21 – 7:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 600 block of Avenue E.

03/23/21 – 8:56 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue E.  
 03/24/21 – 8:11 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Michael Anthony Weldon, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of 32nd Street on a charge of driving while barred.  
 03/24/21 – 8:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue G.  
 03/24/21 – 9:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Tricia Theresa Friant, 37, of Fort Madison in the 4700 block of Bluff Road, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of driving under suspension. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/24/21 – 2:26 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jeffrey George Sniegowski, Jr., 37, of Keokuk, in the 1000 block of 28th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear and driving under suspension. He was

taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/24/21 – 2:33 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Marc Anthony Dumas, 44, Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of 28th Street, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to Des Moines County line and transferred.  
 03/24/21 – 3:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3300 block of Avenue N.  
 03/24/21 – 9:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of Avenue H.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

03/23/21 – no time listed – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joseph Robert Decker, 29, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.  
 03/23/21 – no time listed – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Patrick

Dale Wright, 47, of Fort Madison, at the Van Buren County Jail on a warrant for a sex offender registration violation. He was held in custody.  
 03/23/21 – no time listed – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jordan Dale McCormick, 30, of Fort Madison, on Hwy. 2 in Donnellson on a warrant for failure to appear.  
 03/23/21 – 7:04 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chance David Beach, 28, of Wever, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/23/21 – 5:46 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kenneth Eugene Bair, 22, of Memphis, Mo., at the junction of Hwys. 103 and 218, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, eluding a police officer, having an open container and speeding. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.  
 03/23/21 – 9:08 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Candi Isabella Kay Medina, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Chalk Ridge Road in Fort Madison on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/24/21 – 2:25 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Richard Anthony Grundy, 24, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/24/21 – 8:10 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle vs. deer accident in the 2000 block of Hwy. 103. A vehicle driven by Monte Lee Helenthal, 65, of Fort Madison collided with the deer eastbound. No injuries or citations were issued.  
 03/25/21 – 3:45 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jody Everett Zohfeld, 43, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/25/21 – 4:08 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies

responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of Hwy. 218. According to reports a vehicle driven by Michael James O'Hara, of Bono, Ark., struck a coyote, causing a fire in the engine that engulfed the vehicle. Donnellson Fire & Rescue assisted. No injuries were reported.  
 03/25/21 – 7:03 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Renny Joe McCarty, 30, of Birmingham, Iowa, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

03/23/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls and one car accident  
 03/24/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, one smoke detector activation, one baseboard heater malfunction, and one false alarm.

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### CURRENT-LEE

#### Egg-Stravaganza

FORT MADISON – Shug's Tiny Town in Fort Madison will be holding a children's Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 27, from 10 to noon for 4 and under, and from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 5 to 8. Space is limited and cost is \$25 per child. Prizes and treats for the egg hunters.

#### Family Fixins

LEE COUNTY – ISU Extension and Outreach will be hosting a one-skillet meal cooking class for the whole family on March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Madison YMCA. The class is free for the whole family and the family will prepare one recipe to take home. To register, call the ISU Extension office at 319-835-5116.

#### Understanding Dementia

FORT MADISON – The Kensington will be hosting a virtual event featuring Cheri Theesen on "Understanding Changes as Dementia Advances". Theesen will offer insights for those who love and care for someone with dementia. The event is Monday, March 29 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. RSVP to Cindy Greer at [cgreer@kensington-evergreen.com](mailto:cgreer@kensington-evergreen.com) to receive an event link.

#### Read Across Iowa

WEST POINT – Preschool story time through the Iowa State University Extension is being held on Mondays in March beginning at 10 a.m. at the West Point Public Library. This year's theme is agriculture.

#### Faeth's Annual Tractor Show

FORT MADISON – The event will be held at Faeth's Cigar Store in Fort Madison on Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a parade at 1 p.m.

#### YMCA registering for programs

FORT MADISON – Little Tykes Soccer and Lee

County Soccer registration is now open through the Fort Madison YMCA. Call 319-372-2403 to register and for more information. The YMCA is also scheduling private youth gymnastics lessons for boys and girls ages 10 and up.

Y Kids & Company preschool enrollment is now open for the 2021-22 school year. Call the YMCA for additional information.

#### Blue and Silver Celebration

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic will hold it's annual Blue and Silver celebration, an annual tribute to teachers. This year's event will be Saturday, March 27, 2021 and limited to teachers and guests only. The HTC Teacher of the Year will be announced.

#### Community Clean-up

FORT MADISON – The annual community clean up has been set this year for April 24. Contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

#### United Way Golf Outing, Virtual 5K

LEE COUNTY – The United Way annual golf outing will be held on May 7 this year with a noon shotgun start. Registration and sponsorships are now available by contacting Karen at 319-524-4504 or at [director@unitedwaygrr.org](mailto:director@unitedwaygrr.org). The group is also sponsoring a virtual 5K event from May 21, to May 31. Registration is ongoing with a cost of \$20 per person including a t-shirt, \$15 to participate with no shirt. Shirts can be picked up at 511 Blondeau St. in Keokuk or you can include an additional \$5 to have it shipped to you.

#### Jack Morris Florida of Iowa

LEE COUNTY – After being canceled due to COVID in 2020, the annual Jack Morris Memorial Florida of Iowa Golf Outing is set for June 11. Sponsorships are available and registrations are being taken by contacting the Chamber at 319-372-5471 or by email at [chamber@fortmadison.com](mailto:chamber@fortmadison.com).

#### FMCH Foundation Golf Classic

LEE COUNTY – The Fort Madison Foundation golf outing will be held Friday, June 18 at Sheaffer memorial Golf Course with morning and afternoon flights. Sponsorship and Team opportunities are now available. All money raised benefits Fort Madison Community Hospital. Contact Carrie at 319-376-2747 or [cgreen@fmchosp.com](mailto:cgreen@fmchosp.com) for more information.

#### Easter on the Go

The Salvation Army is presenting Easter on the Go March 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. at store locations in Keokuk and Fort Madison. Keokuk is at 31 S. 30th Street and Fort Madison is located at 1415 Avenue M. This is a drive thru event so follow the cones when you enter the parking lot for Easter treats. For more information call Amy at 524-1144 or Tammy at 372-2770.

#### Adult Easter Egg Hunt

Appleberry Orchard is again hosting their annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt April 9th and 10th starting at 7 p.m. with a social and meal. The hunt begins after dark rain or shine with a cash bar, games, contests and entertainment. Prizes both nights including Riverside Casino package, Tri-State Rodeo tickets, cash, Keith Urban tickets. Tickets available online only at <https://appleberry.ticketspice.com/adulteaster>.

#### Green Team Fundraiser

The Fort Madison Green Team is soliciting funds for One Tree Planted, a non-profit whose mission is to plant trees in every corner of the world. To make a donation, click on the link provided: <https://www.bonfire.com/the-green-team-fundraiser/>.

#### Fort Madison Public Library

All Booked Up! is held Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. This week discussion will focus on the Underground Railroad. At 3:30 each Thursday is Thursday Crafternoons at the library. Facemasks are required.



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## Opinion/From the Front

### Letter to the Editor

# Iowa's Pate says 2nd District election results should stand

Dear Member of Congress:

Iowans take their voting very seriously and I firmly believe we are the best state in the nation for civic engagement. Despite the pandemic, the people of Iowa made their voices heard in record numbers in 2020, both in the June primary and November general election. I'm extremely proud of the way our voters, poll workers and county election officials stepped up.

Our state had the closest U.S. House race in the country, with Mariannette Miller-Meeks defeating Rita Hart. Following a recount in all 24 counties in the Second Congressional District, Miller-Meeks won by six votes.

The general election and recounts were conducted in a bipartisan manner. There are 12 Republican county auditors and 12 Democratic county auditors in the Second District. Bipartisan teams of precinct election officials staffed the polling places and processed the absentee ballots.

The recount boards in all 24 counties were bipartisan, comprised of one representative from the Miller-Meeks campaign, one representative from the Hart campaign, and a third member who was agreed upon by the other two representatives or appointed by a district court judge. The Hart campaign signed off on the recount procedures and results in all 24 counties.

Following the recount, the bipartisan State Canvassing Board unanimously accepted the results and officially certified the election. At the end of this bipartisan process, Mariannette Miller-Meeks won: 196,964-196,958.

Iowa law provides for a nonpartisan process if a candidate for federal office wishes to contest the results of an election. A panel of Iowa District Court judges, presided over and appointed by the chief justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, hears the contest and delivers a ruling. Both my office and the Supreme Court were ready, willing, and able to facilitate a fair and thorough contest process.

Every step of the way, the administration of Iowa's elections is either bipartisan or nonpartisan. Unfortunately, Rita Hart chose to bypass the nonpartisan Iowa process and take her challenge to the U.S. House of Representatives where her political party has the power to grant her a seat she did not win.

Ms. Hart has stated that her reason for failing to give Iowans a voice in this process is that Iowa law does not allow for sufficient time to review her claims. That assertion is in stark contrast to the fact that Iowa's Judicial Branch has always gone above and beyond to issue expeditious rulings in cases concerning election law.

The Hart campaign should have exhausted all state avenues before asking a federal chamber controlled by her party to make the final determination. Iowans should have the final say in all Iowa elections, not Washington, D.C. politicians.

Now, Rita Hart is asking you to "depart from Iowa law" and give her an election victory she did not earn. I strongly urge you to reject any attempts to overturn the will of Iowa voters. Mariannette Miller-Meeks is the official U.S. House Representative for Iowa's Second District and is serving the district capably. Let her continue to do the job Iowans elected her to do.

Sincerely,

**Paul D. Pate**  
Iowa Secretary of State

## Hotline for those 18-64 with underlying conditions

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state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant, obesity, pregnancy, Sickle cell disease, smoking, Type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Anyone who falls under that tier, along with those 65 and over, health care workers, first responders, K-12 school staff, child care staff, tier 2 essential workers (food processing, agricultural production, distribution, manufacturing), and individuals with disabilities living in home settings and their

direct care staff can call (319) 376-1077 beginning Friday, March 26 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to schedule an appointment.

Currently around 350 appointments need to be filled. After the appointments are filled no names will be taken for call back, and the hotline number will be closed the remainder of the day and until further announcements are made.

LCHD asks people wanting to make an appointment to only call the

COVID Hotline number, to be patient as phone lines will be busy, and to please not call the main office number. After all appointments are filled a message will indicate that. Please do not to leave a message with your information as we are no longer establishing a call back waiting list.

LCHD will continue to update with their website ([www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org)), their Facebook page, and the media for future clinic time availability.

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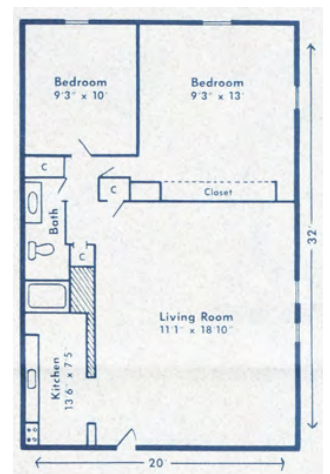
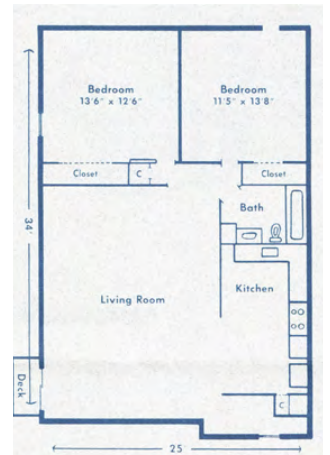
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## From the front

# Crozier happy with staff's handling of dangerous situation

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"He looked very young – his actual age was 21, but he appeared to be 16 or so wearing blue jeans, boots and a t-shirt, not unlike many students at our school or other schools in southeast Iowa," Crozier said. "He did attempt to sit down in a first period class and was recognized by a counselor and a language arts teacher. They contacted the office where our principal and SRO instantly intervened."

Crozier said the man was escorted under supervision from the building where they realized there were some mental health concerns.

Crozier and Weber both agreed that school staff handled the situation appropriately to minimize the situation.

"Having that school resource officer is a way of deterring these kinds of events and showed its value today. But also I couldn't be more proud of the way our staff handled the situation. Nicole Herdrich just has the skill set of keeping things calm and controlled and everything worked the way it was supposed to."

When asked how that type of thing can be prevented in the future, Crozier said there's no way to prevent 100% of all safety concerns.

"Obviously we'll have other security measures when construction is complete, but you can't prevent everything. I look at this as how we responded once someone was identified in our building. I'm proud of our communication, the calmness, and the composure of staff in resolving the situation.

"Never was there a point where it was violent, and there were no weapons on him. This is truly why we employ an SRO at Central Lee — to keep these kids safe when there is a concern for students and our campus. Being able to respond at a moment's notice is of the highest concern. And we did just that."

He said staff was greeting students, but most staff don't see and recognize every student.

"Someone teaching a high level math or science class may only see 40% of the students and doesn't know the other 60%. If this man had been 62 with a goatee or something, we might have been able to identify him as not belonging, but he looked and acted like he belonged here and was in close proximity to the recruiter," Crozier said.

Weber said the man was identified on a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as a missing and endangered person out of the Chicago area. Weber

said he was not listed as a dangerous person.

"With all the construction going on, it's difficult to keep track of everyone coming and going. He came in with a group of kids and what appeared to be a Naval recruiter. Everybody assumed he was with him and he went to the same class," Weber said.

Weber said the man's car was towed and he wasn't wanted back on the property in Illinois so the determination was made to get him into the mental health system in Iowa.

"We certainly didn't feel like it would be right to let him go," Weber said.

The man did try to escape from Weber and Oberman at one point and they had to subdue and handcuff him. Weber said his state of mind deteriorated at the hospital and he had to be put under guard.

"I'm extremely proud of how this was carried out. I've had people call me and they are upset by this. Yesterday isn't any different than any other day in any way shape or form," Weber said, regarding how students enter the high school.

"The new construction will help prevent some of these things. The only difference was that Tommy was in the building. He and Nicole went to where the problem was and dealt with the person quickly. No one was hurt, there was a soft lockdown for a short time, and once he was removed it was business as usual.

"One thing I will remind the students is that if they ever see something, they should always say something."

In a letter sent to parents, Crozier said the student claimed to be a "transfer student", and wrote that it was critical for everyone to be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activities or individuals to school or district administration, or law enforcement, right away.

## Evidence piled up against two inmates

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hearing the commotion and was grabbed by Dutcher with Woodward still in the room. Mathis was told she "would be next if she didn't cooperate". She was eventually released and Dutcher would run from the room.

Dutcher, covered in blood, was apprehended by officers while running into an adjacent yard in the facility. Officers found Woodward laying in the breakroom with the two staffers. No reason was listed as to why Woodward was laying on the floor.

An employee on the floor above also heard the commotion and went to the break room where she discovered the victims laying on the floor and alerted staff of a possible escape attempt.

Interviews with the inmates and staff turned up evidence supporting the charges against the two men.

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