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Report released on collision that killed FM couple

Investigator shows cell phone, speeding led to collision that killed Bontas

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz., - A Maricopa County, Arizona investigator's report has found that distracted driving may have been the cause of a collision that killed four people in Arizona, including Bob and Karen



BOB BONTA



KAREN BONTA

Bonta of Fort Madison. At an initial court appearance at 5 a.m. PST in Maricopa County Superior Court, Alex John Bashaw, 28, was charged with four counts of reckless manslaughter, which are Class 2 felonies in Arizona. His bond was set at \$750,000 with an arraignment set for July 27.

Class 2 felonies carry up to a five-year state prison sentence in Arizona.

Bashaw was extradited to Arizona from Dayton, Ohio,

where he has a home, and was jailed in Fountain Hills on Thursday.

According to a probable cause statement submitted to the Maricopa County Superior Courts, Bashaw was not found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the accident, but he had just finished a phone call and was traveling at a minimum speed of 53 mph in a 35 mph zone.

The report alleges that Bashaw failed to negotiate a slight curve in the road and traveled across a bicycle lane and then struck a raised cement curb before spinning

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Hudsyn Lambert, 5, of Fort Madison, scans in some of the goods his mother, Erica, purchased at the "FreshMART" Saturday at Dollhouse Dreams' Toy Tinkering Experience. The event was geared toward letting children come in and sample toys for about four hours.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

PAW inks property deal with Hoenigs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After reaching a deal to take ownership of the land the current PAW animal shelter sits on, officials are now looking to the future, including building a new facility.

The animal shelter's board of directors recently reached a deal to take ownership of about 4.5 acres of property south of the Hoenig Brother's dairy farm. It's the first time the the shelter has owned the property since the shelter opened there in the 90s.

Director Sandy Brown said the shelter will now spend the next two years paying off the mortgage held by the Hoenigs, for the property.

"The Hoenig brothers have been more than gracious to us," she said. "We've never owned the property until now."

PAW Board President Tom Schulz said the next step will be to look into building a new structure that will take the shelter into the future.

"We've got a two-step process. The first thing was that we needed to secure the property," Schulz said. "We were leasing and everything there didn't belong to us. If we vacated, all the improvements would revert to the property and we'd lose all that we'd put into that little shelter."

Now that PAW has secured the property, a new shelter is being planned, and the current facility will still serve as the shelter during construction.

"We're hoping to raise enough money to have the \$130,000 paid off over the next couple of years," Schulz said.

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Deadline near for Little Miss Rodeo, All-Around Cowboy

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - With the Tri-State Rodeo six weeks away, contestants are still being accepted for the annual Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy Contest.

This year's event is to be held on Monday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-State Rodeo Arena.

The contest is open to children ages 5-7. Contestants must be age five by August 1st, and no

older than age seven at the time of the contest.

An entry form is available on the Tri-State Rodeo website at www.tristaterodeo.org under the "Ready to Rodeo Week Events" tab.

Entry forms and contestant photos must be postmarked by Aug. 1st and can be mailed to Trish Eaves-Fedler, 1930 303rd Avenue Fort Madison, IA 52627. For more information, contact Trish at (319) 470-8030

or Lisa Frederick at (815) 343-0911.

Canisters, with each child's photo and name, will once again be placed in area businesses for family and friends to cast a vote by dropping their "spare change" into the canister.

The night of the event, contestants will be interviewed and have a chance to showcase their talent. Judges will score the children on personality, attire, interview and

talent. Judges have no knowledge of how much money each contestant has collected in their canister. In the event of a tie, the amount in the canister will help determine the winner.

A portion of the money collected in the canisters goes to Miss Rodeo Iowa to help defray traveling expenses as she competes for the coveted title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas this coming December.

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Dragon Boat Practice: 3pm - 7pm
Commercial & Craft Open: 4pm - 7pm
Food Vendors Open: 4pm - Close
Entertainment Area Open: 4pm - Close
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 5pm - 5:15pm
TEEN STREET DANCE (Live DJ): 9:30pm - 11pm

Saturday:

5k Fun Run/Walk: 6:30am - 8:30am
Commercial & Craft Open: 8am - 5pm
Food Vendors Open: 11am - Close
Dragon Boat Races: 9am - Close
Kan-Jam Tournament: 10am - 2pm
Pickleball Tournament: 10am - 2pm
Volleyball Tournament: 10am - 2pm
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 12pm - 12:15pm
Entertainment Area Open: 3:00pm - Close
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 4:45pm - 5pm

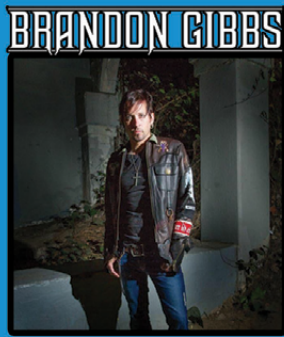
Sunday:

Legion Charity Breakfast (benefiting area veterans): 8am - Noon
Motorcycle Stunt Show: 8am - Noon
Commercial & Craft Open: 8am - 3pm
Food Vendors Open: 11am - 7pm
RiverFest Float Trip (Kayak, Canoe, SUP Float): 9am - Noon
Harmony Sunday Services: 10:30am - Noon
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For the Record/Local News

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Reports

7/18/18 - 9:03 a.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Malik Husan Trotter, 22, of Fort Madison in the 3200 block of Ave H. on a charge of domestic abuse assault-serious misdemeanor. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/18/18 - 11:42 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Ave. H.
 7/18/18 - 1:10 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Ave. L.
 7/18/18 - 3:30 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Hamilton E. Parker, 31, of Fort Madison in Ave. F, no location listed, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/18/18 - 4:22 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of Ave. H.
 7/18/18 - 4:31 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Shaunna Lynn Ellingson,

24, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Ave. H, on a charge of criminal mischief 4th-degree. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released with a court date.
 7/18/18 - 4:53 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Ave. G in the alley.
 7/18/18 - 11:58 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of burglary in the 1300 block of Ave. G.
 7/19/18 - 12:09 a.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Brandon Lee Hayes, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Ave. N, on a charge of domestic abuse assault- simple misdemeanor. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/19/18 - 6:57 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of 27th St.
 7/19/18 - 5:05 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 400 block of 12th St.

7/19/18 - 5:49 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of 53rd St.
 7/19/18 - 8:17 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 2000 block of Ave. L.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

7/18/18 - 12:00 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Leanna May Baker, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Ave. G. on three separate warrants for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/19/18 - 8:51 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cammie Lynn Donaldson, 35, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 187th St. and Hwy. 61 on a charge of driving while barred. She was released on promise to appear.
All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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Many know Lori Illner-Greene as Ft. Madison Main Street's Volunteer of the Year. However, she is a skilled artisan as well. Illner-Greene will be working on pastels at the FMAAA gallery from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday this week. She will also speak after Lunch-ala-Art this Friday. Vel's Amigos is the food vendor. Register a slot at 372-3996 for \$7 lunch and learn.

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Obituaries/Area News

Reynolds gives Lee County disaster aid after Thursday storm

Grants available based on income guidelines for victims of Thursday's storm

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation Friday for Lee, Marshall, Polk and Van Buren counties in response to severe storms and tornadoes July 19 and continuing. The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of this se-

vere weather and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along with the Disaster Case Management Program.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level or a maximum annual income of \$41,560 for a family of three. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Human Services website. Poten-

tial applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

Disaster Case Management is a program to address serious needs to overcome a disaster-related hardship, injury or adverse condition. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referral to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Management Program, contact your local community action association or visit www.iowacommunityaction.org.

Residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to report damage to help local and state officials better understand the damage sustained.

Damage to property, roads, utilities, and other storm-related information may be reported. This information will be collected by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies. Report damage through the form provided by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

In addition, Gov. Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation Thursday to extend normal hours of service for commercial vehicle drivers assisting with power restoration in Marshall County. The proclamation temporarily suspends regulatory provisions of the Iowa Code pertaining to hours of service for disaster repair crews and drivers delivering goods and services while responding to disaster sites in Marshall County during the duration of this disaster.

OBITUARIES

JERRY LEE BURDETTE

Jerry Lee Burdette, Sr., 77, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 9:36 p.m. Thursday, July 19, 2018 at his home in Donnellson.

Born March 25, 1941 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Delbert Elihue and Ruby Katherine (Wagner) Burdette.

On July 13, 1963 he married Jeanette Helena Legg in West Covina, California.



BURDETTE

Survivors include his wife: Jeanette of Donnellson; four children: Jerry Burdette, Jr. of Donnellson, Jim (Shari) Burdette of Argyle, Jesse (Tammi) Burdette of Donnellson and Jason (Tawnya) Burdette of Donnellson; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren and one sister: Barb (John) Nelson of Donnellson. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter-in-law: Julie Burdette.

Jerry was a graduate of Donnellson High School. He was a United States Navy veteran having served four years during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Jerry worked as a superintendent for Crandons Paper Mill. He was a member of Embury United Methodist Church and the Goldwing Road Riders. Jerry enjoyed riding mules and motorcycles, camping, woodworking and his dogs.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Sunday, July 22, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2018 at Embury United Methodist Church at Rural Donnellson with Nancy St. Clair officiating.

Burial will be at Embury Cemetery, rural Donnellson with full military rites presented by the Donnellson American Legion Post #474. A memorial has been established in his memory for Embury Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa is assisting the family with arrangements.

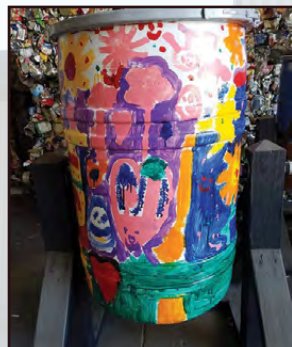
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You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on August 7, 2018 or delivered before the hearing is closed.
Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

fortmadison-ia.com for more information on how to apply for the Council Seat.

Electors of the City of Fort Madison have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. Any petition requesting a special election must be signed by eligible voters equal in number to 15% of those voters who voted for that candidate for the office at the proceeding regular election at which the office was on the ballot. The petition must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen (14) days after the appointment is made.

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You may appear at this hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the City Clerk or delivered before the hearing's close on the above date at 811 Avenue E, P.O. Box 240, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627.

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From the Front/Weather

New shelter in the future with bigger lot

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He didn't know the actual cost of the new facility because the board hasn't secured a design or pricing.

"I would assume with ventilation and code requirements, I could easily see that building costing a half a million," he said.

"We needed something to take us into the next decade. The last time we talked with them they had no interest, but things have changed on that end with their circumstances and they made us a very good deal."

Schulz said the new building would probably be functionally similar to the current facility but larger. They would look at a metal framed building that's more pet and consumer friendly.

"The current facility isn't consumer friendly and it's not what we wish it was, but we're cognizant of our primary responsibility which is to get pets into people's homes," he said.

He said Fort Madison through the years has been a tremendous help to the facility.

Brown said it's just too early to tell what the cost of the building would be.

"In that two years we're paying that off we will start getting a design on what we need. We don't want a bazillion dollar building, and it won't be designed to care for more animals. We have 200 a day and that's enough with the staff and budget we have that is at max," Brown said.

"But we would like a facility to care for animals with separate laundry rooms, an isolation room for new animals, and a nursery for puppies and kittens so we don't have moms trying to nurse with barking dogs."

She said the current facility is very confined with a

very small area to receive customers and handle the transfer of pets. Then the main room houses the smaller dogs, laundry, food, and dishes all in the same room as the animals. Larger dogs are still housed outside the shelter in kennels.

An open house is being planned in either the first or second week of October and Brown said she welcomes everyone out to see the shelter and kennels.

"We are the largest no-kill animal shelter south of Des Moines and I think there are still people that don't know what we do here. We take animals from all over if we have the space and there is a need. We are much more than a Fort Madison animal shelter."

In 2017, the shelter found homes for more than 600 animals, which is the biggest year they've had. And animals from the shelter are now in homes across the continental United States.

She said a capital campaign will begin after shelter staff and the board have worked out what it will look like. Brown said she didn't want to jump right into the campaign without having everything planned out because that's how most of them fail.

"The property is easy because people can see it, it's right there. I'm assuming to get the building up and get what we need, it's going to be a couple million. So we want to make sure we talked to the right people and have our ducks in a row."

PAW staff will be at Riverfest selling t-shirts this year and will also be taking over the Santa Store in Fort Madison, but officials have yet to find a place to hold the fundraiser.

Bashaw's next hearing set for Friday

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counterclockwise and striking two pedestrians. The report alleges that Bashaw was traveling approximately 40 to 43 mph when the first collision occurred.

The vehicle continued to spin and entered the intersection against a red light where the right front corner of the vehicle struck the other two pedestrians who were legally in the crosswalk.

The report had redacted which victims were in what location. The investigator reported that after the vehicle stopped spinning and came to rest, Bashaw said he jumped out and began performing CPR until rescue personnel arrived.

The investigator reported that Bashaw said he was not using his cellphone at the time of the collision, and that his cellphone was in a cradle for hands-free use.

The statement also read that a search warrant was served on Verizon Wireless to obtain data from Bashaw's phone, and the data indicates that Bashaw received a call at 9:11.46 which lasted about 55 seconds to 9:12.41. Video allegedly shows the collision with the first victim occurred at 9:12.45, indicating the call ended four seconds prior to the first collision.

A local business security

camera captured the collision. The investigator said the video shows the traffic signal at the intersection transitioning from green to red about 12 seconds prior to the first collision.

The grand jury warrant carries the reckless language because Bashaw is alleged to have violated five Arizona statutes: speed, failure to stay in a traffic lane, driving on a sidewalk, failure to obey a traffic signal, and failure to yield to pedestrians, in the deaths of the four people.

The Bontas were walking northbound on the east sidewalk of Saguaro Blvd. at Palisades Blvd. where they stopped to cross Saguaro Blvd. The two other pedestrians, husband and wife Ronald and Patti Doombos, both 60, of Canada, were also walking northbound on the same area when they were all struck by Bashaw's 1998 gold Ford Explorer SUV.

Karen and Patti were pronounced dead at the scene, Bob was pronounced dead at Scottsdale Osborn Hospital shortly after his arrival and Ronald died as a result of his injuries on June 12 in Calgary, Canada.

A video of the arraignment is available on Pen City Current's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/JYhVaPvA3jQ>.



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THU 26 Jul Light Rain
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