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# One hurt in Wed. fire



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Two Fort Madison firefighters drag a small hose around to an east side bedroom window at 1733 Avenue L Wednesday night. One person was hospitalized as a result of the fire.

## BEDROOM FIRE: Police pull man from smoke and fire through bedroom window

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A Fort Madison man was taken to the hospital Wednesday evening following a basement fire in the city.

The man who, has not been identified under HIPPA regulations, was transported to Iowa City hospitals with injuries. A condition report was not available.

Fort Madison firefighters responded to the call at about 9:15 p.m. to 1733 Avenue L for what was believed to be a basement filled with smoke and a subject still

inside the home.

Fort Madison Police arrived shortly before firefighters and officers Dakota Worley and Greg Warosh pulled a subject through a first floor window.

The subject was treated by Lee County EMS and taken to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison and was then transported to Iowa City.

According to Fire Chief Joey Herron, the fire was contained to the lower level of the house, but seems to have originated in a first floor bedroom.

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## MURDER TRIAL

# Meredith murder trial should go to jury Friday morning

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The trial of an 18-year-old man accused of shooting his best friend in 2021 is set to go to jury deliberation Friday.

Dimari "DJ" Meredith is charged with 2nd degree murder in the shooting death of Deeuntae Ceasar, then 15, on Nov. 3, 2021.

The shooting took place in Ceasar's bedroom at his grandmother's home in the 4200 block of Avenue L in Fort Madison.

On Friday, the state, represented by Israel Kodiaga and Susan Krisko of the state's Attorney General's office, presented a second day of testimony.

Thursday's testimony included a tox-

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## EDITORIAL

# EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



# Cat and doll debunk weird closet noises

I heard a voice. It was a young female voice coming from, it sounded like, the inside of the wall, or maybe the attic, or guest bedroom. Or maybe even from town. We live a couple of miles from Mt. Pleasant, and sometimes we hear loud-speaker voices coming from that direction, especially at Old Threshers time.

But I didn't have my hearing aids in, after all I had just gotten out of bed at 2:00 am, and when I don't have my hearing aids in, I can be confused as to what direction sounds are coming from (something to look forward to as you age, guys).

Also, when I get up, the first thing I do, like most people, is use the bathroom. So, there I was standing each morning, when I get up, using the bathroom, hearing this young female voice, "Hi, what are you doing? Can you come play?" or some such nonsense. The voice was hard to decipher because, as I said, I didn't have my hearing aids in. I thought it might be Stormy, our cat, or my cat. Cats can yowl like children you know. Stormy had been rubbing up against my legs wanting attention. When I wouldn't give him any, he disappeared.

I told Ginnie about "the voice" I was hearing in the mornings, only when I was using the bathroom. I didn't hear it any other time. It sort of spooked her. "Do we have a ghost?" she asked.

"Dunno," I said. "All I know is I hear this young girl's voice in the morning when I get up and use the bathroom. It might be Stormy."

It was about this time that I lost one of my hearing aids, my right one. I had been watching television and napping in the

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### BETTY R. VAUGHN

Betty Rose Vaughn, 100, of rural Lomax, Illinois, passed away at 6:46 a.m. Thursday, November 10, 2022 at Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst, Illinois.



VAUGHN

Betty was born February 8, 1922 at home near Durham, Illinois, being delivered by a country doctor, the daughter of Millard and Annice (Clark) Myers. The same doctor had delivered her future husband, Haven D. Vaughn, the day before. Soon after her family moved to Pontoosuc, Illinois, where she would spend her childhood years. They later moved to Dallas City where she met her high school sweetheart, Haven. They were married August 2, 1942 in Dallas City. Haven preceded her in death October 7, 2008.

Following their marriage the couple resided in a home on the Mississippi River in Dallas City for 25 years, before moving to the farm near Lomax. She enjoyed being a farm wife and took pride in raising their children. During World War II she worked as an inspector of dials for airplanes at Sheaffer Pen in Fort Madison. In later years she worked at Younkers in Burlington, Iowa.

Betty enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan. She also enjoyed traveling, especially to Arizona. She was an excellent seamstress and master bridge player. Mrs. Vaughn was a member of the former Hend-Co Hills Golf Course in Biggsville and the Dallas City Christian Church, where she was active in the Women's Fellowship.

Survivors include one daughter: Joyce (Randol) DeSotel of Dallas City; one son: Jeffrey Vaughn of Lomax; two grandchildren: Tyler (Alison) DeSotel and Jill (Kent) Rigg and six great-grandchildren: Marie, Kate and Nora DeSotel and Avery, Ella and Owen Rigg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Haven, and one brother: Jack Myers.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

Private family inurnment will be held at a later date in Crane Cemetery, near Lomax.

A memorial fund has been established for The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Iowa. Memorials and cards may be sent to Joyce DeSotel, P.O. Box 208, Dallas City, Illinois 62330. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Betty's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

## OBITUARIES

### STEVEN F. BAUM

Steven Francis Baum, 64, of Queen City, Texas, formerly of Keokuk, IA, passed peacefully at home on Sunday, November 13, 2022 after a hard fought battle with cancer. Steve was born to Donald Francis and Mary Katherine (Lucas) Baum in Keokuk, IA on July 22, 1958. Steve met his wife Kelly RoGene (Egley) Baum in August 1988 and they married August 13, 1994 at Bluff Springs Church.



BAUM

Steve is survived by his wife Kelly, four sons, Jacob (Heather) Baum of Keokuk, IA, Zeth (Megan) Baum of Keokuk, IA, Kyle (Samantha) Baum of New Boston, Texas, Zachary Baum of Nacogdoches, Texas; six grandchildren, Natalie, Payton, Brielle, Anakin, Hayes and Bo; his mother, Mary Baum of Keokuk, IA; Brothers, Randy (Carol) Baum of Triangle, VA, Mike Baum, David (Cassie) Baum, Andy (LeAnn) Baum all of Keokuk, IA; sister, Mary Jo Bowen of Keokuk, IA; brothers-in-law, Victor Egley of Keokuk, IA, Brian Egley of Murray, NE; numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces including his Angel, and Lil Spoily; and cousins.

Steve is preceded in death by his father, Don Baum; sisters, Cindy and Linda Baum; nephew, Joshua; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gene and RoseMary (Hale) Egley; brother-in-law, Scott Egley; and two brothers and one sister in infancy.

Steve was honorably discharged from the Army in December of 1980. Steve had many different jobs over his lifetime including EMT and Safety Manager.

Steve's greatest joy was his family, he was very proud of the men his four sons have become. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and even convinced Kelly to ride with him until she; with his encouragement, learned to ride on her own. They spent many happy miles enjoying the view from behind the bars.

Per Steve's wishes he was cremated. Memorial services will be 4:00 pm, Thursday, November 17, 2022 in the Hanner Funeral Chapel with Bro. Tony Roberts officiating for his extended Texas Family.

Services in Keokuk, Iowa, will be held at 10:30 am, on Friday, November 25, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, Iowa. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:30 to 10:30 am on Friday directly before the service.

Please wear your favorite Harley Shirt or American Proud shirt in Steve's memory and honor.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or to the family who will donate to a local charity in Keokuk, IA.

Hanner Funeral Home of Texas and DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk, Iowa are assisting with arrangements.

Guest registry is available at [www.hannerfuneralservice.com](http://www.hannerfuneralservice.com) and [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).



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### MARILYN K. YOUNG

Marilyn Kay Young, "Pink Rose in the Desert", 71, of Montrose, IA, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

She was born on February 17, 1951 in Quincy, IL the daughter of Edward A. and Betty (Paup) Huggins. Marilyn graduated from Fort Madison High School with the Class of 1969. At the age of 40, Marilyn continued her schooling and received her Associate's Degree from Southeastern Community College.



YOUNG

On August 3, 1974, Marilyn was united in marriage to Alvin "Soaring Eagle" Young in Kahoka, MO.

He survives.

Other survivors include her daughter, Heather Martinez (Claude) of Keokuk, her son, Joshua "Eagleclaw" Young of Keokuk, ten grandchildren, Noah Gould, Austin Brockett, Dakota Martinez, Jonathan Young, T.J. Thornburg, Brayden and Jada Young, Scottie and Taylor Calhoun and Jenny Johnson and three great-grandchildren, Kayson and Keelyn Calhoun and Amiah Gillham. She is also survived by one sister, Sally Newby of Arkansas, three sisters-in-law, Leona Young, Vera Morris and Betty Young all of Kahoka, one brother-in-law Larry Young (Joyce) of Kahoka, her two best friends, Carla Mikolajczyk and Judy Miller and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her grandmother, Mary Meyers, her parents-in-law, Skeet and Ava Young, one child at birth, four brothers-in-law, Larry Newby, Dennis York, Joe Young and Lyle Davis and two sisters-in-law, Jeanette Zinnert and Wanda Davis.

Marilyn had been employed as a CNA and Activity Coordinator at several area Nursing Homes.

She was a member of the Church of New Beginnings in Keokuk.

Marilyn was very proud of her Native American Cherokee Heritage and enjoyed celebrating the traditions and customs of the Native American people. She was a great cook and fixed meals for the Hubinger workers while they were on lockout. She and her husband loved to travel in their RV. She collected Pez candy dispensers and on their travels she was always looking for dispensers to add to her collection. Marilyn had a heart for people and was willing to give and help others. She loved her church family and every Wednesday following church she prepared a meal for everyone. She lived by the motto, "If I fed you, I loved you."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday at the Church of New Beginnings in Keokuk with Pastor Bob Payne and Pastor Kim McNamar officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the PAW Animal Shelter in Fort Madison or to the family.

Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

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### MARK K. STRINGER

Mark K. Stringer, 73, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 6:53 a.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, in the company of his loved ones.



STRINGER

Born on December 3, 1948, in Alhambra, Los Angeles, California, the son of Jack and Rana (Truitt) Stringer. On December 19, 2009, in Alpine, Utah, he married Esther Smith.

He is survived by his wife; six children; three step children; three sisters and one brother. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mark was a United States Army veteran and served two tours in Vietnam. He was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A graduate of the Brigham Young University school of law, Mark served professionally as a lawyer, international negotiator, judge, and juvenile court guardian ad litem. He was a celebrated community actor and an outstanding lyric baritone vocalist, whose favorite stage performance was as the lead actor in a 1986 production of King Arthur in Camelot. He recently served on the creative team at the Flood Museum in Nauvoo, Illinois and was an avid collector of curiosities.



His body has been entrusted to the funeral home of Schmitz-Banks & Beals for cremation.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 17, 2022, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Nauvoo, Illinois with Bishop Ken Anderson officiating.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com).

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## Local News/Education News

# Fire may have started with smoking materials

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"We know the point of origin and we're leaning to it being caused by smoking materials," Herron said

"We didn't have to use much water, it kinda put itself out. I don't think we used 100 gallons. They told us originally when it came in that it was in the basement with smoke and flames showing, but it was actually on the first floor."

Herron said he didn't have a condition report on the subject pulled from the building other than he was transported to Iowa City with injuries.

The state fire marshal's office has been contacted about the fire, but have not been on scene to investigate pending the condition of the victim. Firefighters were on the scene for about two hours.

Lee County Sheriff deputies also responded to the incident.

## City, county offices announce closures

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison City offices will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving and will reopen Monday, November 28th, 2022. Thursday's garbage route will be collected on Wednesday, November 23rd and Wednesday's recycling route will be collected on Tuesday, November 22nd. Friday's garbage route will be collected on Monday, November 28th. All other garbage and recycling routes will be unaffected.

The Lee County Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 28th.

# HTC releases Q1 honor roll

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic Schools has announced its first quarter honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year. Pen City Current joins our advertisers and readers in congratulating these students on their academic success. Job well done!

### 4.0 Honor Roll

7th Grade - Cooper Boylan, Morgan Krogmeier, Emma Menke

8th Grade - Eva Denning, Elizabeth Griffin, Ellie Hellman, Max Kruse, Emma Scheetz, Emmalyn Snaadt, Brooklyn Todd, Tanner Williams

9th Grade - Chase Hemann

10th Grade - Koby Jones

11th Grade - Mary Kate Bendlage, Michael Chapman, Taegan Denning, Conner Gehling, Jenna Hellman, Sheldon Kruse, Natalie Randolph, Maddox Rung

12th Grade - Emily Boeding, Kayla Box, Alexa Dingman, Jenna DiPrima, Laura Mehmert, Rachel Menke, Anayi Navarro, Jacob Pothitakis, Riley Timmerman

### A Honor Roll

7th Grade - Olivia Bendlage, Carter Gehling, Calli Kruse, Chase Menke, Mason Roach, Noah Schinstock, Layne Schmitt, David Vradenburg,

Faith Ward

8th Grade - Kat DiPrima, Jack Hellman, Megan Holtkamp, Sydney Jarvis, Adalyn Kruse, Kara Lake, Caleb Rea

9th Grade - Nathan Box, Johnathan Hummel, Addison Link, Presley Myers, Carson Pauly, Brock Scheetz, McKayla Schinstock, Isabella Wheatley-Behne

10th Grade - Anna Bendlage, Luke Hellige, Teagan Snaadt

11th Grade - Daltin Boeding, Andrew Mehmert

12th Grade - Mary Hellige, Brooke Mueller, Taylor Nelson, James Scheetz

### B Honor Roll

7th Grade - Jacob Baker, Jay Ellison, Kinnick George, Natalie Meller, Tanner Snaadt

8th Grade - Sara Boeding, Peyton Howard, Elijah Kline, Corbin Moeller, Gavin Peitz

9th Grade - James Denning, Jameson Denning, Lia Fullenkamp, Emily Hummel, Ethan McManus, Sarah Menke, Blake Mohrfeld, Emma Mohrfeld, Layne Rung

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Original Dates of Public Notice: October 4- October 10, 2022 PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE FORT MADISON HOUSING AUTHORITY ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY UPDATE

PUBLIC NOTICE The Fort Madison Housing Authority is soliciting public comment on updating its Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) for public housing. The proposed plan will be available for review in the lobby at

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FMHA, beginning October 4, 2022. Comments may be submitted by October 26, 2022, to be considered by FMHA staff and decision-making authorities. Please submit written comments by mail to: Amy Myers/ACOP, Fort Madison Housing Authority, 1102 48th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627, or email your comments to [amy@fmhousingauthority.com](mailto:amy@fmhousingauthority.com)

SUBJECT In it: Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy, FMHA describes updates to activities intended to increase programmatic efficiencies and provide quality, affordable rental housing for eligible low-income families in the City of Fort Madison.

FMHA is soliciting public comment on planned programmatic updates, which include updates to the background screening process, a revised unit offer approach for approved applicants, and policy changes to reexamination procedures. These updates support the onboarding of new residents and low vacancy rates for FMHA's public housing units.

**UPDATE**

PUBLIC HEARING: FMHA will hold a public hearing on the proposed Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy on December 21, 2022, at 4 PM during the regular meeting of the board of commissioners.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Original dates of Public Notice: October 4- October 10, 2022 PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE FORT MADISON HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8/ HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN UPDATE

PUBLIC NOTICE The Fort Madison Housing Authority is soliciting public comment on updating its Section 8/ HCV Administrative Plan. The proposed plan will be available for review in the lobby at FMHA, beginning October 4, 2022. Comments may be submitted by October 26, 2022, to be considered by FMHA staff and decision-making authorities. Please

submit written comments by mail to: Amy Myers/ HCV ADMIN PLAN, Fort Madison Housing Authority, 1102 48th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627, or email your comments to [amy@fmhousingauthority.com](mailto:amy@fmhousingauthority.com)

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voucher offer approach for approved applicants, and policy changes to reexamination procedures. These updates support the onboarding of new participants and low attrition rates for FMHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program.

**UPDATE**

PUBLIC HEARING: FMHA will hold a public hearing on the proposed Section 8/HCV Administrative Plan on December 21, 2022, at 4 PM. Information on how to attend will be provided at FMHA's lobby.

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Meredith claims fatal shooting was accidental

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icologist, a weapons expert, both with the state's Department of Criminal Investigation, David Doyle, former lead investigator with the Fort Madison Police Department, and a forensic pathologist with the state Medical Examiner's office.

The defense presented Ceasar's uncle Jeremiah Turner and then Meredith took the stand to wrap up testimony for the day.

Compelling testimony was given by Victor Murillo, a firearms expert with DCI.

Murillo told the jury it would be difficult to accidentally fire the weapon, a Ruger 9 mm semiautomatic pistol, due to passive and locking safeties. He said his investigation of the weapon showed it was functioning properly.

"It was functional and fired correctly," Murillo said.

"You have to pull that trigger back. It would be hard to fire accidentally."

Meredith testified that he and Ceasar had smoked marijuana prior to getting the gun out of a shoe box and then were playing with the gun when it accidentally went off striking Ceasar in the back side of his neck on the right side.

Autopsy photos were also produced showing where the bullet entered at the neck.

Smith said the bullet went up into Ceasar's brain where it was recovered and entered into evidence. He said otherwise Ceasar had no natural diseases or conditions that would have contributed to his death.

Smith ruled the death a homicide, but said that wouldn't preclude an accidental death. Only that another person caused the death.

"From the trajectory of the bullet, it couldn't have been self-inflicted. That would be impossible," he said.

Meredith testified that he and Ceasar were best friends and spent a lot of time together moving back and forth between each other's homes, playing games, and smoking marijuana.

Krisko pushed Meredith on his statements to police which didn't indicate any accidental firing of the weapon. She also pointed to statements Meredith allegedly made to police pointing to several other people as possible shooters.

"You told them you were asleep when it happened," Krisko asked.

"Yes ma'am," Meredith answered.

"You told them that Deeuntae shot and killed himself," Krisko pressed.

"Yes ma'am" Meredith answered.

"But today, you're telling the jury this was just an accident?" she asked.

"Yes ma'am," he said. "I was scared. Something happened, so I lied."

Meredith testified he didn't try to help Ceasar after the shooting and eventually ran from the room after someone in the room kicked him in the face.

Friday morning will open with closing arguments on both sides and then jury instructions, before the jury is handed the case for deliberation.

## Burlington's Lighted Holiday parade grows

BURLINGTON - One of the region's favorite events, Downtown Burlington's Annual Lighted Holiday Parade will take place Saturday, November 26 at 5 PM. Dozens of floats and entries will participate in this year's parade, with the theme of "Merry & Bright." A special visitor from the North Pole will also be on hand. The parade will begin at Eighth and Jefferson and proceed east toward the riverfront. For more information, call Downtown Partners at 319-752-6365 or visit [www.greaterburlington.com](http://www.greaterburlington.com).

After the parade, head to the riverfront for music from the marching band and hot, delicious drinks as we count down to light the

big tree on the riverfront. This year, the tree will stand tall and majestic on the concrete stage on the south end of the Port of Burlington. Donations for food banks will be collected.

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# Logical reasons behind spooky early morning noises

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recliner (Monday Night Football). When Ginnie got me up to go to bed, I noticed the hearing aid missing. I looked all over. Ginnie and I both looked—under the recliner, in the blankets, in the waste basket beside the recliner. Nada.

Great. That's all I needed is the expense of replacing a hearing aid. But then I found out I can hear pretty well with just one hearing aid in my left ear, which has the most hearing loss. So, I was sporting around with just one hearing aid, and getting along marginally well. Except when I was driving and Ginnie was beside me in the passenger seat, my right side. I found out I couldn't hear her all that well, which was sort of a benefit. "Would you please just get new hearing aids?" she said rather pointedly.

"Harrumph."

Then Ginnie was poking around in a closet that is on the other side of the bathroom wall. She moved some stuff and heard a young woman's voice. "Can you come out to play?" Startled, she moved some boxes and there was a child's doll house that we keep for the grandkids. We had left the switch on, and every time the doll house was jostled, it would set off the voice.

"I found your ghost," she told me gleefully, and showed me the doll house. Evidently Stormy was going in the closet in the morning when I wouldn't pay attention to him and setting off the dollhouse voice.

"Well, I'll be," I said.

It was shortly thereafter that I walked into the kitchen and spied my missing hearing aid, lying on Stormy's rug. As near as I can figure, Stormy had found my hearing aid and hid it in his secret hiding place. Knowing I needed my hearing aid (he is my cat, you know), he decided to return it.

We pay more attention to Stormy now. He's my muse cat and I need inspiration.

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