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COUNTY NEWS

Keokuk police looking into death

PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - On August 24, 2024 at approximately 3:30 a.m., Keokuk Police Officers were dispatched to the intersection of 8th and Concert streets for a report of a male lying on the ground with injuries.

Three officers arrived at that location at 3:32 a.m. and secured the scene. They observed a male subject, identified as Scott Clifford Finch, 42, of Keokuk, unconscious and breathing, in the roadway with injuries. The specific cause of the injuries

cannot be confirmed at this time.

The Lee County Ambulance Service arrived on the scene at 3:33 am and began life-saving measures. Finch would be transported from the scene to a medical facility via ambulance at approximately 3:58 am. Finch succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the medical facility. The cause of death will be determined after an autopsy is completed.

Officers contacted the Criminal Investigations Division of their department and requested detectives respond to the scene.

An agent from the Iowa Department of Public Safety Division of Criminal Investigation was also requested to assist with this investigation.

The area was canvassed for potential witnesses and evidence. Interviews were conducted, photographs were taken, and possible evidence was collected for further processing. This is an ongoing investigation and no arrest has been made. This is believed to be an isolated incident

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COMMENTARY



Election forums are for voters, and candidates

There are things that shape who we are as a country, and our process of elections is one of them.

As we enter the heavy part of the 2024 general election, a couple things are starting to become very apparent

We've always engaged in what is referred to as electoral math. That's where campaigns consider statistical data to determine where to concentrate resources. It's mostly a state and federal dynamic and usually doesn't factor into local elections unless you're in a major metropolitan area.

However, we're seeing a different kind of electoral math in local elections and that's where candidates decide for themselves whether there's voter value in participating in candidate forums.

It's certainly taking a que from state and national races, but local races are almost always grassroots efforts. Since the pandemic, you don't really see people going door-to-door anymore. You're seeing more and more meet-and-greets where the public can come for a couple hours and shake hands with local candidates and maybe ask them about this issue or that.

But the onus here is completely on the shoulders of the voters to get out and engage with candidates. That's fine on the surface, but the downside of that is maybe a couple people overhear a conversation at a meet-and-greet so candidates can focus their answers to the one-on-one. Still, not really a deal-breaker for me, but we have a better system.

Candidate forums, specifically this year where every seat on the ballot locally from auditor to sheriff to supervisor to state representative and state senator are contested, are one of the main ways we get to question

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Photo courtesy of Jacob Mohrfeld

Over the Pen City Current's summer break, Shuckfest for the 2024 West Point Sweet Corn Festival took place on the docks of the Merschman Seed's warehouse in West Point.

Redd sentenced to at least 17 years for Hardee's robbery

SENTENCING: Conviction on robbery, assault charges lead to concurrent sentences for FM man

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - An 8th District judge has sentenced a Fort Madison man to at least 17 years in prison after a conviction on charges of felony robbery and assault.

On Friday, Shaukim Redd, 31, of Fort Madison was ordered to serve 25 years for Robbery in the 1st Degree, and five years for



REDD

assault while participating in a felony in connection with a robbery at the Fort Madison Hardee's at 15th Street and Avenue H..

The mandatory minimum for count one requires that Redd is to serve a minimum of 17.5 years within the Iowa Department of Corrections before he can be considered for parole. The sentences are to run concurrently, or at the same time. Redd was immediately placed into the custody and was transported to the Iowa Department of Corrections.

Redd was found guilty of the charges on June 20.

The incident occurred November 7, 2023 when Redd entered the-

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

08/15/24 - 3:32 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of Avenue G.

08/15/24 - 8:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue C.

08/15/24 - 10:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue F.

08/15/24 - 11:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle reported at the police department.

08/15/24 - 1:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

08/15/24 - 3:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

08/15/24 - 3:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

08/15/24 - 5:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of Avenue D.

08/15/24 - 7:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue D.

08/16/24 - 2:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 36th Street.

08/16/24 - 4:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joseph Theodore Gene Gray, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 5800 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for pretrial

release violation and enticing a minor for a sexual purpose. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/16/24 - 11:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Rod Wayne Knustrom, 61, of Fort Madison, on River Hills Road on charges of driving while license revoked/revoked, eluding and OWI. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/17/24 - 5:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of stolen vehicle in the 2000 block of 35th Street.

08/17/24 - 11:31 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of 33rd Street.

08/17/24 - 4:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of Avenue G.

08/18/24 - 3:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Ashley Renee Etka, 34, of Fort Madison in the 400 block of 35th Street on charges of unauthorized use of a credit card and 2nd-degree fraudulent theft. She was held in Lee County Jail.

08/19/24 - 11:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Avenue I.

08/19/24 - 7:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue P.

Keokuk Police Report

08/14/24 - 9:09 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of S. 7th Street.

08/14/24 - 11:40 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the

3500 block of Main Street.

08/14/24 - 2:18 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 100 block of N. 27th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Zechariah Dale Echols, 37, of Carthage, backed out onto N. 27th and struck a vehicle driven by Diana Lynn Meyers, 75, of Keokuk. Echols was cited for failure to provide insurance and unsafe backing. No injuries were reported.

08/14/24 - 2:40 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of S. 8th Street.

08/15/24 - 1:51 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of Decatur Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Nancy Mae Isenmann, 69, of Keokuk on a failure to yield struck a vehicle driven by Dale Frederick Weigand, 79, of Keokuk. Isenmann was cited for failure to yield and no insurance card.

08/15/24 - 1:51 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at Decatur Street and Hawthorne Place.

08/15/24 - 7:07 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Emily E. Pierce, 39, of Fairfield, in the 900 block of Johnson Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

08/15/24 - 11:06 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited James Stephen Manganello, 64, of Keokuk, in the 3400 block of Main Street on a charge of driving while license denied or revoked.

08/16/24 - 8:45 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of

Johnson Street.

08/16/24 - 9:54 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Johnson Street

08/16/24 - 2:09 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1800 block of Blondeau Street.

08/16/24 - 3:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Leighton Street.

08/17/24 - 10:47 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 3500 block of Hwy. 218.

08/17/24 - 3:15 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of N. 10th Street.

08/17/24 - 8:18 p.m. - Keokuk police cited Chad Lawrence Stark, 34, of Keokuk, in the 1200 block of Main Street, on a charge of assault with bodily injury.

08/17/24 - 9:26 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Holly Lynn Roth, 54, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Timea Street, on a charge of domestic assault with bodily injury. She was held in Lee County Jail.

08/18/24 - 12:01 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Trisha Michele Jones, 39, of Iowa City, in the 1600 block of Orleans Avenue, in a charge of 1st degree burglary. She was held in Lee County Jail.

08/18/24 - 12:01 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Brittany Lane Picton, 37, of Burlington, in the 1600 block of Orleans Av-

enue, on a charge of 1st-degree burglary. She was held in Lee County Jail.

08/18/24 - 2:31 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of S. 10th Street.

08/18/24 - 8:06 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Main Street.

08/18/24 - 8:37 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Main Street.

08/18/24 - 8:59 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Main Street.

08/18/24 - 9:15 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block Main Street.

08/18/24 - 2:39 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of N. Park Drive.

08/19/24 - 10:36 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 3400 block of Main Street.

08/19/24 - 11:19 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of Blondeau Street.

08/19/24 - 11:39 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Main Street.

08/20/24 - 3:50 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Lindy Marie Bell, 36, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Oak Street, on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was held in Lee County Jail.

08/20/24 - 4:46 a.m. - Keokuk police cited Dereck Franklin Harwood, 42, of Keokuk, in the 2700 block of Main Street, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/15/24 - 10:05 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stacy Lynn Elston, 52, of Keokuk, in the 3400 block of Argyle Road on a charge of 3rd-degree harassment. She was held in Lee County Jail.

08/15/24 - 2:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Robert Ates, 43, of Fort Madison at the N. Lee County Courthouse on a judgment hold. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/15/24 - 5:05 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies ar-

rested Shaukim Uria Redd, 31, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a temporary hold. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/17/24 - 10:25 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Scott Peel, 25, of Galesburg, Ill., at the sheriff's office on an active warrant. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/17/24 - 11:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in 2100 block of Johnson Street Road. According to the report deputies contacted the driver of vehicle, Jenean Joyce Brockett, 49, of Burlington.

Brockett advised she lost control and entered the ditch but didn't have insurance and had left the scene. One passenger Mercedes Anne Wyatt Young, 27, of Burlington, was injured in the accident. EMS was called to the scene, but transport was refused. Brockett was cited for failure to maintain control.

08/18/24 - 9:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam Paul Carson, 42, of Fort Madison, at the Sheriff's office on a charge of simulating public intoxication. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/18/24 - 5:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody Scott Glasgow, 33, of Montrose in the 100 block of Pine Street in Montrose, on charges of 3rd-degree criminal mischief, child endangerment and domestic assault with intent. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/18/24 - 11:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Lee Enke, 25, of Denmark in the 606 block of Turner Avenue in Denmark on a charge of interference with official acts. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/19/24 - 2:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Troy William Phillips, 55, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a temporary hold. He was held in Lee County Jail.

08/19/24 - 6:07 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Michael Spivey, 38, of Keokuk, in the 3100 block of Mississippi River Road on a charge of OWI. He was held in Lee County Jail.

Those listed above should be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Local News

FMHS alum named to athletic dept. post at UNI

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison native Jerry Wollmering was named as the University of Northern Iowa's Senior Associate Athletic Director-Chief Financial Officer on Tuesday.

Wollmering, a 1983 graduate of Fort Madison High School, has been director of athletics at NCAA Division II Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., for the last 25 years. He will take over his new role at UNI on August 22, and will be responsible for the budgetary and account management for the university's 17 varsity sports teams and athletic facility and equipment operations. He will also serve as a primary advisor to UNI athletics director Megan Franklin on financial operations and strategic planning.

"Jerry Wollmering has served the athletics industry for 26 years gaining a national reputation thanks to his business acumen and creative strategic vision," Franklin said in a statement. "It is our gain at UNI Athletics that he will lend his expertise in serving as the Chief Financial Officer. As we embark on this Legacy Era, Jerry's insights and experiences will provide the acuity to plan and navigate the opportunities and challenges predicated on a sound business plan."

Wollmering was tied as the longest serving AD in Truman



WOLLMERING

State history.

"I'm humbled by the opportunity to join Director of Athletics Megan Franklin and her leadership team in this new era of Panther Athletics and energized by the chance to work with a talented group of staff and coaches at an outstanding institution," Wollmering said in a statement.

Wollmering helped transform the athletics facilities at Truman State in the past decade by leading the students to approve the Student Athletic Fee, which led to new turf and lights at Stokes Stadium, and resurfacing projects at tennis, soccer, baseball and softball venues. A new timing system and bulk head in the Natatorium, as well as new chair seating and bleachers in Pershing Arena and a new athletics weight room facility also were added under his leadership.

Truman State has finished in the top 10 in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Directors' Cup standings six times during Wollmering's tenure. Wollmering led the athletics program to a third-place finish in the national standings, the highest ever for an active member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association at that time.

Truman State regularly ranked among the top schools in

Division II in graduation rates and produced numerous CoSIDA/College Sports Communicators Academic All-Americans. Truman State also earned the Presidential Distinction award for having over a 90 percent Academic Success Rate for the past five years.

Wollmering also helped guide the Bulldogs from the MIAA to the Great Lakes Valley Conference beginning in the 2012-13 academic year. He also served on the MIAA's Finance Committee and on the NCAA National Swimming & Diving Committee.

Before going to Truman State, Wollmering served as Associate Athletics Director of Finance and Administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He was also the Assistant Athletics Director for Financial Affairs for two years at Bowling Green. He also spent 18 months as an Assistant Athletics Director at Southeast Missouri State.

Wollmering earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Drake University in Des Moines in 1987, where he was a varsity letterwinner on the Bulldogs' cross country and track team. He later earned a master's degree in physical education and athletic administration from Kent State University in 1993, where he served as an athletics graduate assistant. Wollmering is also a certified public accountant with experience as an auditor.



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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

TERRISUE SOBASKI

Terrisue "Terrie" Sobaski, 70, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 8:37 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at the Washington County Hospital in Washington, IA. She was born on July 27, 1954 in Fort Madison, IA to James & Jean Workman Sampsell.



SOBASKI

She retired as a conductor on Amtrak. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, trivia and spending time with her children & grandchildren.

Terrie is survived by: 1-daughter: Kristina Sobaski of Kalona, IA; 1-son: Joseph (Sabrina) Sobaski of Nixa, MO; 4-grandchildren: Isabella Sobaski, Ruby Newton, Samuel Newton & Ava Sobaski; 1-sister: Launa Sampsell of Fort Madison, IA; 1-step sister: Linda (Thomas) Wagenknecht of Bettendorf, IA & 1-step brother: Rick Huff of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents & 1-step brother, Joe Huff.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Dave Poland officiating. A memorial has been established for Washington County Hospice. Online condolences to the Sobaski family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

ANTONIO PEÑA

Antonio Peña, age 31, of Le Sueur, MN, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2024 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, IA.



PENA

Antonio was born on November 16, 1992 in Mission, TX and later came to Le Sueur, MN with his family where he spent the majority of his life. He graduated from Le Sueur-Henderson High School and worked many jobs around Le Sueur, including the Holiday gas station where he met his best friend and love, Mary. They married in 2017 and welcomed their daughter Emilia a couple years later.

They moved to Fort Madison, IA to pursue new adventures in 2023. Unfortunately, that plan was quickly sidelined by his cancer diagnosis. Throughout his journey with illness, he maintained his positive nature and connected with the many nurses, doctors, staff and fellow patients he met along the way.

Antonio loved playing with his daughter, golfing, movies and telenovelas. Despite not being a natural rider, he loved motorcycles and never gave up trying to keep his balance. He was generous, thoughtful and always made time for his family and friends. He had a kind sense of humor and a way of making those around him comfortable. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Antonio is survived by his wife, Mary Peña; 1-daughter, Emilia Peña; his mom and dad, Juanita & Arturo Espinoza; 3-brothers, Jorge (Brenda) Peña, Christopher Peña & Arturo Jr. Espinoza and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and extended family who loved him.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Minnesota. Online condolences to Antonio's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.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.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT E. STUECKER

Robert E "Bob" Stuecker, 90 years, of West Point, Iowa died on Monday, August 19, 2024 at his home. He was born at home near Denmark, Iowa on November 20, 1933, a son of Robert T and Esther (Mueller) Stuecker. On October 28, 1961, he



STUECKER

married Martha Ann Moeller at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Houghton, Iowa. They had four sons: Steve, Greg, Brian, and Scott.

Bob started his education at the Denmark School in Denmark. When his family moved near St. Paul, Iowa he continued at St. James Catholic School, St. Paul. He was drafted into the United States Army, and served his country as requested. He completed his high school education during his military time. Bob worked for J.J. Nichting for 36 years. He was the foreman of the set up crew. In his earlier days at the company he also worked at their lumberyard. Over the years, he helped his brothers farm. He was a former member of the Three Rivers Tractor Club. He was a member of St. James the Less Catholic Church, served on the God's Acre Sale Committee, and was a member of the West Point Knights of Columbus. Bob enjoyed hunting. He always had a huge garden, and they raised rabbits, chickens, ducks, and geese. He loved spending time with his family, and he and Martha Ann could always be found at the boys and the grandkids sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Ann Stuecker of West Point; four sons: Stephen (Stephanie) Stuecker of Danville, Iowa; Gregory (Judy) Stuecker of West Point; Brian (Deanna) Stuecker of Donnellson, Iowa; and Scott (Cathy) Stuecker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Amy, Grant, Sara (Jamie), Cady, Nick, Ashlyn, and Taylor; two great grandchildren, Gideon and Poppy; two brothers, Leroy (Viola) Stuecker and Larry Stuecker; brothers and sisters-in-law: Pam Stuecker, Adele Stuecker, Jane Meyer, Richard (Mary Ann) Moeller, and Ralph (Patti) Moeller; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three siblings: Donnie Stuecker, Mark Stuecker, and Betty (Jim) Sanders, and brother-in-law Carl Moeller.

His family invites you to pray the Rosary with them at 3:30 pm Thursday, August 22, 2024 at St. James the Less Catholic Church, St. Paul. Visitation will follow and continue until a Christian Vigil Service is held at 6:30 pm Thursday evening at the church. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Friday, August 23, 2024 at St. James the Less Catholic Church, with Reverend Jake Griener as Celebrant. Burial with military rites will follow at St. James Cemetery, St. Paul. A memorial has been established for the St. James Cemetery Fund or Lee County Hospice. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Stuecker family, and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

PHYLLIS M. MONDORF

Phyllis Merle Mondorf, 98, of Burlington, Iowa passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the Klein Center in West Burlington, Iowa. She was born on July 19, 1926 in Burlington, Iowa to LeRoy and Blanche Hunter



MONDORF

Leaverton. Phyllis spent her childhood in Burlington, Iowa. She graduated from high school in 1945. Phyllis married Wayne "Jack" Mondorf on August 12, 1968 in Low Moor, Iowa.

Together, Phyllis and Jack built a life filled with baseball, cats, and traveling. In her later years, Phyllis enjoyed singing and visiting with friends. When family and friends asked how she was feeling, Phyllis would respond with an energetic, "I'm still here!" Though she may not still be with us, she will always be here in our hearts.

Phyllis is survived by Kathleen Leaverton Murray, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three brothers, and six sisters.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

No arrest in man's death

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with no ongoing threat to the public.

The Keokuk Police Department extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Mr. Finch during this time of grief.

The LeeComm Dispatch Center, Keokuk Fire Department, Lee County Ambulance Service, and the Iowa Department of Public Safety provided valuable assistance during this event.

The public is encouraged to contact the police department with any additional information regarding this event. The community plays a large role in helping the department suppress crime and keep the community safe.

You can reach their department through their social media (Facebook Messenger), the LeeComm Dispatch Center (319-372-1310), Lee County Crime Stoppers (anonymously), calling the department directly (319-524-2741), or coming to the police department in person (1222 Johnson Street, Keokuk).



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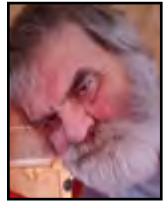
Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS C. CARVER

Douglas C. Carver, 69, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away at 12:32 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at the Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua, Iowa.

He was born on June 8, 1955, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Edmond Carl and Maxine Cadillia (Cunningham) Carver. On March 25, 2017, he married Lola Groseclose at the Melrose United Methodist Church.



CARVER

He is survived by his wife: Lola; children: Stacey Powell, Angela Carver, Douglas Carver II, Joey Carver, Amanda Karhoff, Jack Mortimer, Jr., Breanna Groseclose; four brothers: Steven Carver, Floyd Carver, Byker Mark Carver, James Carver; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Son: Edmond Carl II; three grandsons: Cody Ray, Tanner Ray and Stephan Karhoff.

Doug enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, being outdoors, watching Westerns, family gatherings and he loved his Mountain Dew.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, with Byker Mark Carver officiating.

Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

VIRGINIA L. WHITE ALVIS

Virginia L. White Alvis, 91 of rural Kahoka, MO passed away at 4:58 a.m. Friday, August 16, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

She was born September 29, 1932 near Gregory Landing, MO the daughter of John N. and Nellie J. Powell White.



WHITE ALVIS

On December 31, 1949 Virginia was united in marriage to Clarence L. Alvis. To this union, one son, Randy L. Alvis was born.

She is survived by one son, Randy L. (Kathy) Alvis, four grandchildren, Heather (Joel) Hughes, Randi Alvis, Jerad (Brandi) Alvis, Lacey (Eric) Ferrel, twelve great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Joe Dean White and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, her parents, two brothers, Ralph and August Carlyl "Whitney" White and four sisters, Margaret "Sis" Littleton, Thelma (Katy) Curfman, Pauline (Poly) Stinson and Edna (Pete) Deuce as well as several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was also preceded in death by longtime friend, and companion, Jim Andrews.

A graveside service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 24, 2024 at the Forest Grove Cemetery in Canton, MO with Pastor John Happs officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Blessing Hospice or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

BARBARA J. KOKJOHN

Barbara Jo Kokjohn, 84, of Pontoosuc, Illinois, passed away Monday, August 19, 2024 at the Montrose Healthcare Center in Montrose, Iowa.

Barb was born March 21, 1940 in Carthage, Illinois, the daughter of Arthur Ray and Lucy Pauline (Admire) Walker. She married Gary Harryman Sr. He preceded her in death. Later, she married Leonard Dennis Kokjohn. He also preceded her in death.

Barb was raised and educated in Dallas City. She worked numerous jobs, including Sheaffer Pen, Sylvania and retired from Methode. She enjoyed flowers, riding horses, animals, especially cats and was fan of Elvis Presley.

Survivors include one sister: Georgia (Dick) Pardall of Franklin, Iowa; one brother: Tom (Nancy) Walker of Pontoosuc, one daughter-in-law: Caroline Harryman; numerous nieces and nephews and a special friend: Patty Gilpin.

Besides her husbands, she was preceded in death by two sons: Gary Harryman Jr. and Darin Harryman; one daughter: Valerie Bengé; one grandson and a brother: Denny Walker.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 26, 2024 at Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City with Rev. Jim Luder officiating.

A memorial fund has been established for PAW Animal Shelter or the Pontoosuc Community Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Barb's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

JOHN L. WILHELM

John Lane "Jack" Wilhelm, 85, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 1:56 p.m. Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

He was born on September 6, 1938, in New Boston, Iowa, the son of John S. and Mildred G. (Smith) Wilhelm. On July 12, 1959, he married Marjorie A. "Marge" Salter at New Boston Methodist Church.



WILHELM

Survivors include his wife: Marge; sister: Bonnie Randolph of Fort Madison, Iowa; brother: Barry Wilhelm of Bernice, Louisiana and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister: Donna Doyle and two brothers: Larry and Robert in infancy.

Jack was a 1956 graduate of Argyle Consolidated High School. He excelled in basketball and baseball. He served for six years in the Iowa Army National Guard Unit (Armored Division) as a tank driver and also served as a cook for his unit. Jack worked for ten years at Dryden Rubber Company/Sheller Globe as a pre-former and he worked for twenty-seven years at J.C. Hubinger Company/Heinz/Roquette America, retiring in 1992. Jack also farmed, raised cattle, hogs and Arabian horses. He was a member of the Donnellson United Methodist Church where he held various church offices over the years. He also served on the Argyle Memorial Garden Cemetery board for many years. He loved hunting as a young man and also enjoyed mushrooming, gardening, farming, traveling, reading, cooking and listening to music. Jack loved animals, especially his Arabian stallion "Bay Rafgez" and his special cat "Tiddly Winks".



A visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 22, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Nancy St. Clair officiating.

Burial will be at Argyle Memorial Garden, rural Argyle, Iowa, with a flag presentation by the Donnellson American Legion Gillaspey - Moodie Post #474.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in his memory for Argyle Memorial Garden, Donnellson United Methodist Church or Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House.

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

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Fall Sports

LADY HOUNDS VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Bloodhounds bring youth, experience into 2024

BY JOHN
BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison High School's volleyball team is "young, but not inexperienced," coach Kelly Knustrom said, a sign that the foundation that Knustrom has built heading into her fourth season as head coach is starting to take hold. The Bloodhounds lost plenty of production from last year's team that

went 6-32 overall, but 4-5 in the Southeast Conference. But Knustrom still has a core of returning players that has picked up on what she has been teaching. Knustrom saw that when she took the Bloodhounds to a team camp in Nebraska this summer. "They're really willing to try things, try new things, and I just really liked that they were willing to jump in, take new experiences, and put them into use almost

immediately," she said. "We would drill in the mornings, then play in the afternoon and evenings, and they were trying those things they learned almost immediately. So I really enjoyed seeing that. "They're just willing to learn, right out of the gate." The Bloodhounds lost several key seniors, including Taylor Johnson (180 kills, 40 blocks, 76 digs), Ajia Jenkins (122 kills), Lauryn Helmick

(105 kills), Elle Ruble (390 digs) and Amy Yasenchok (204 digs). But Fort Madison brings back junior Dayonna Davis (141 kills) and sophomore Sydney McEntee (120 kills), along with junior Mara Smith (601 assists, 169 digs) and senior Brylie Lorence (11 kills, 8 blocks). Junior Kenzie Huebner will move into the libero spot. "Dayonna put in a lot of work in the offseason," Knustrom said. "Syd-

ney will be there in the middle for us. Brylie got some time last year — she came into some big games and really helped us. Kenzie didn't get a lot of game time in last year, but she was huge for us in practice, and I think she's going to do some really good things this year." Knustrom only has four seniors, but the rest of her roster has benefited by all of the work in practice last season. "We practice vari-

ty and (junior varsity) together, and those younger kids were really pushing the older kids," Knustrom said. "So there were a lot of kids behind the scenes who were helping us out, and now they'll see bigger roles this season." Davis' experience has helped her move into more of a leadership role, Knustrom said. "She has that willingness to work with her teammates," Knustrom said. "I've seen her open up more at practice. She and I communicated a lot in the offseason, and I think those benefited her and they'll benefit the team. I really see her stepping up as a leader, in general, and that's going to make us a lot better." Knustrom said she is seeing the roots she has established in her time with the Bloodhounds. "I think there's more work to be done, but I see more of our principles coming through," she said. "When we talked to the sophomores this year, they reminded me that I coached them in sixth grade. It doesn't feel that long ago, but now we're starting to get kids who have been around me for a while. I saw it the last couple of years, but now I'm seeing a lot more of those core foundations coming through. "These are extremely athletic and talented kids, and I think figuring out how to come together and play as a team will be a key for us. This is a really good group, and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do."

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HOUNDS CROSS-COUNTRY PREVIEW

Bloodhounds bring youth, experience into 2024

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Coming off last year’s cross country season, the Fort Madison Hounds and Lady Hounds are poised to be in the “running” at most events this year and a shot at the state meet in Fort Dodge.

The Lady Hounds are anchored by junior Avery Rump who has qualified for state in 3A the past two years. Rump captured fourth place last year as a sophomore with a personal best 18:54, and head coach Brian Mendez said she is locked in again this coming season.

“She’s Avery. She has one speed. It’s fast and she loves to compete and she loves to be up front. We look for her to be a state qualifier and a conference champion and see what goes from there,” Mendez said.

“She has drive. She runs at practice like she does at a meet. It’s very hard to get her to run a controlled practice. If we say to take it easy, she’ll go ‘awwww’ because she knows one speed and it’s fast. She’s a true gem. No chip on her shoulder, so kind. She goes to the line, the gun goes off, and it’s on.”

Addison Rump will also score regularly for the Lady Hounds. The twin just missed qualifying last year with a 19th-place finish at the Pella qualifier. The top 15 make the cut with five at-large placements based on team qualifiers. Rump also finished sixth at the Southeast Conference meet at Rodeo Park.

The other Lady Hound to make it to the state meet last year was Paetyn Weigand, who graduated this spring.

“Seeing her qualify for state last year was big for me. She got cheated out of a year when she got injured and we lost her for a year,” Mendez said.

The Lady Hounds will also benefit from the possible addition of Mara Smith, who emerged this spring during track as a force in the open 800 and on middle distance relays. Smith also plays volleyball, but Mendez said she’s going to try to compete in both this fall.

“I don’t think it’s a secret. But we may share her this year with volleyball and that certainly changes things,” Mendez said. “She’s such a strong athlete. That really changes things.”

Holy Trinity Catholic’s Ellie Hellman will also be part of the squad this year as the schools have a co-op agreement for the sport. Mendez said her, along with McKayla Schinstock, give the Lady Hounds a very strong top five going into the season.

Mendez said he’d like to see a healthier number at the junior varsity level, but he said both boys’ and girls’ squads should be competitive this year.

“It would be nice to have a deeper jayvee squad, but our varsity squads are very strong. And we’re going to prove that here in a couple weeks,” he said.

The boys have a contingency that has been running together for close to five years led by senior Jacob Shottenkirk, who finished 34th at last year’s boys’ 3A state meet, his second consecutive trip to the meet. His 16:49 was a minute-and-a-half off the pace.

Shottenkirk will run with a bevy of juniors, including Nolan Guzman, Mason McLey, and Riley Tripp, who helped the Hounds shock the field and qualify as a team in 2022. Calvin Johnson and Payton Lambert will again run for Fort Madison in their senior campaigns.

Mendez said everyone is healthy right now, but he always has to pinch himself going into the season.

“They’re all back with a couple strong seniors. Payton is back and we’ve never had him healthy, but he feels as good as he ever has,” Mendez said.

“Jake always peaks at the right time and that junior class of Nolan, Mason, Riley are fast. We feel really good about being healthy,” he said.

The veteran coach said he sees a season where the top boys runner on the squad will be different from race to race.

“Jacob surprises us. Kids can peak at the right time and he’s one that does that. But I think those boys will trade jabs all season long. I don’t think our No. 1 runner will be the same two weeks in a row.”

He said underclassmen Jacob Walker and Noah Schinstock are coming in to varsity competition for the first year and without any timed challenges yet, they could fight for a spot in the top five. Senior Calvin Johnson is also going to challenge for a top five spot.

“If he’s our sixth runner, we’re in pretty good shape,” Mendez said.

This year’s state meet is a week later than past years with 3A running at Kennedy Park in Fort Dodge on Nov. 1.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DENMARK HILL BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENTS FORT MADISON, IOWA

The City of Fort Madison will meet in the City Council Chambers at the City of Fort Madison, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627 at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd day of September, 2024, and hold a public hearing on the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Denmark Hill Booster Station Improvements project and any interested person may appear and file objections to said plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost of said improvements.

The work will include but is not limited to the following improvements:

DENMARK HILL BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENTS

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Published by the order of the City of Fort Madison.

CITY OF FORT MADISON, IOWA
Matt Mohrfeld, Mayor
ATTEST: Laura Liegois, City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-116

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

LOCATED BETWEEN AVENUE A & AVENUE B ALONG 4TH STREET

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby vacate a portion of the platted right-of-way located south of Avenue A and north of Avenue B along 4th Street, legally described as:

THE ABANDONED PART OF 4TH STREET

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SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged, invalid, or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged, invalid, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND AP-

PROVED by the City Council this 20th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
City of Fort Madison, Iowa
ATTEST: /s/ Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

All the qualified Electors of the Van Buren Community School District of Lee County, Iowa are hereby

notified that a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Polling Location open AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

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Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at the telephone number or e-mail address listed below.

Telephone: 319-372-3705 E-mail address: elections@leecounty.org I, Denise Fraise, hereby certify that the following public measure will appear on the Special

Election Ballot:
Public Measure MW
Shall the following public measure be adopted?
Yes No
Shall the Board of Directors of the Van Buren County Community School District in the Counties of Davis, Henry, Lee, and Van Buren, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$3.75) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this public measure shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall

only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?
Certified by: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor And Commissioner of Elections

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **MONDAY August 26, 2024 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 10:00 A.M. 933 AVE H**

-----AGENDA-----

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Consider Approval of Bids for Health/EMS Building
Consider Approval to Replace Sign Specialist II in Secondary Roads
Consider Approval of Purchase of Crushed Rock Stockpile at Wayland Stone
Consider Approval of Contract with Iowa DOT for Construction of Side Road Fillets
Along Hwy 218, Project No. HSIPX-218-1(086)-3L-56

Discuss and Consider Approval of Proposal to Labor Union for Rent at Newberry Center
Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Interfund Loan for EMS
Consent Agenda
• Monday, August 19, 2024 Board Minutes
• Claims for Payment
• Class C Retail Alcohol License for Green Bay Bottoms Up Reports:
A. Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting
Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST POINT CITY COUNCIL WEST POINT, IOWA 52656 AUGUST 12, 2024

Mayor Gary Peitz called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the West Point Library, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on August 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Gary Peitz indicated the following Council Members were present: Wendy Vonderhaar, Larry Buchholz, Bruce Wellman and Will Stuekerjuergen. Brian Meierotto was absent.

Mayor reported the following: Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.; Next regular City Council Meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the West Point Public Library. The City Administrator Report, Public Works Report and Police Department reports were all discussed with board members in detail.

A motion was made by Councilor Stuekerjuergen and seconded by Councilor Wellman to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Stuekerjuergen and seconded by Councilor Wellman to approve a liquor license for St

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Mary's Fall Festival.

A motion was made by Councilor Stuekerjuergen and seconded by Councilor Vonderhaar to approve City Council Rules of Procedure.

A motion was made by Councilor Wellman and seconded by Councilor Stuekerjuergen to approve the FYE24 Annual Financial Report.

A motion was made by Councilor Buchholz and seconded by Councilor Wellman to approve the FYE24 Street Finance Report.

On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of July 8, 2024, were approved as presented.

On motion, the Treasurer's report for July 2024 was approved as presented.

er's report for July 2024 was approved as presented.

On motion, the Warrant's Payable report for August 2024 was approved as presented.

On motion, the Proceedings from the regular council meeting of July 8, 2024, were approved as presented.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. August 12, 2024.

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From the Front

Forums are best way for voters to learn about candidates

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our candidates.

This year the Pen City Current is co-sponsoring, alongside Mississippi Valley Publishing, three forums to give voters a chance to hear candidates react instinctively to questions specific to their races.

We've given more than a month's notice, but we're seeing several on the Republican side share concerns about attending. Reasons include everything from perceived biases, relationships with candidates and the media, to no benefit to debating opponents.

First off, news organizations have hosted and moderated candidate forums for decades. However, we have no intention of moderating the forums. We're organizing and sponsoring them. We will help put questions together based on bodies of work of the candidates and issues facing the constituents of Lee County. And, although people can have opinions based on coverage, we are the most uniquely qualified to set the tone because we are the ones who regularly attend and report on the doings of local governmental agencies and elected officials. There is no arguing that point.

Every journalist has relationships with elected officials. It's part of the source-building process and it's a must in news gathering. It's the profession and, if you don't get that it's understandable, but nonetheless a part of the process.

The other, most disheartening, reason is to say there is no value to the forum. This would mean the candidate has nothing to gain and everything to lose by engaging with their opponent.

Not only is that absurdly disingenuous to the electorate, but it subverts the process. That's trying to win by default. You don't get to be coronated in this country. Your ideas always have to be better than your opponents' in the mind of each voter and if you refuse to engage in a formal debate with your opponent, it's a sign of weakness that isn't deserving of a vote...any vote.

America is in a tailspin. You cannot deny it. Our leaders are not the great leaders of the past and we're more about control and majority than we are about improving lives. We saw a multitude of votes cast over the past two to four year where votes were based on caucus direction and not knowledge of the bill. The Back the Blue is one that stands out. But it's becoming clear the new restrictive property tax law may be a similar case study where state senators and representatives didn't really understand the impact those restrictions would make and there may be movement to undo some of that passed legislation.

As a constituency, we can't be comfortable with candidates, be it incumbents or their opponents, just holding serve, if you will. They need to be engaged and take on all com-

ers if they want to hold that revered seat. They are revered seats, and if we don't think they are, we undervalue the system.

There are eight candidates for Lee County Supervisor in the general election. Garry Seyb, Jr., Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler, Denise Fraise, Joey Herren, Jim Steffen, Ginger Knisley, and Theresa Murray, There are two candidates for Lee County Sheriff - Stacy Weber and Elliott Vandenberg; two candidates for Lee County Auditor - Sherri Yasenchock and Roslyn Garcia; two candidates for District 100 State Rep. - Martin Graber and Nic Atwood, two candidates for District 99 State Representative - Matt Rinker and James Beres; and two candidates for District 50 State Senator - Jeff Reichman and Nannette Griffin.

We're asking each and every one of these candidates to participate in the respective forums being scheduled for the end of September and beginning of October. We're also asking you, the readers, to let them know you value a well-organized and professionally-run candidate forum.

These are covered by local news media so those not able to attend can still get information from the forums that can help frame your opinion as you head to the ballot box.

We've got to get back to politics based on ideas for a greater county, state, and country. Not politics based on candidates dictating dialogue. They work for you, they should be subject to interrogation by you.

Contrary to current sociopolitical climates - we still get to question our leaders - But that's Beside the Point.

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Sentencing wraps up robbery/assault

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store between 7:45 p.m. and 8 p.m. His face was covered with a cinched black hooded sweat-shirt to conceal his identity. He hopped the counter, armed with a knife and began demanding the cashier open the cash drawer. The cashier was unable to comply and prior to fleeing the scene the man punched the shift manager in the face resulting in significant injuries. He cut his hand when he punched her and left a trail of blood leading out the west door.

Fort Madison Police Department officers arrived on scene and secured the scene. Witnesses were interviewed, video of the robbery was obtained, and the blood was collected and sent to the DCI criminalistic laboratory in Ankeny. The DNA from the blood collected matched that of Shaukim Uriah Redd. Upon Redd's arrest officers seized shoes he was wearing which matched the tread pattern left from a footprint on the counter at Hardee's. A black hoodie consistent with that worn by the perpetrator was also found, and Redd had a fresh scar on his left middle knuckle.

After two and a half days of evidence at the trial in June, the jury returned guilty verdicts to both counts after approximately 30 minutes of deliberation.

The Fort Madison Police Department was the responding agency and led the investigation on the case. This matter was prosecuted by the Lee County Attorney's Office.

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