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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Schreck provided calm, cool leadership for 35 years

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Greg Schreck's interest in becoming a firefighter, leading to a remarkable 35 years as Carroll Fire Department chief, began at a very young age.

"My dad was always a volunteer for the Templeton Department, and I'd see him take off for fires," Schreck said. "Of course it sparked a curiosity in me. Then the older I got, the more I thought I'd like to serve the community as a volunteer."

Feeling that call to serve, Schreck himself has been taking off for fires the last 50

years, for 10 years (1972-82) on the Templeton Fire Department and the last 40 with the Carroll department.

After holding the lieutenant's title in the Carroll department a few years he was elected chief in 1987 to succeed Harold Grundmeier, who served 52 years on the Fire Department including 18 years as chief.

But Schreck had some apprehension about becoming chief.

Having more than a dozen years of firefighter experience, he was confident he was ready for the responsibility; however, he worried that with his work in environmental

health and safety at the General Electric manufacturing plant in Carroll he might not have sufficient time to devote to fire-chief duties.

Schreck said Jack Thein, who was assistant chief at the time, told him, "Just do it for a year, and see what you think."

"They gave me the blessing to go ahead and pursue the job," Schreck said of GE officials, adding, "GE was very accommodating. They understood the value of a volunteer department, and I was pretty much free to use time that I needed as long as I made up the time I was gone from work."

After the GE plant (now home of Rueter's Red Power on Radiant Road) closed in 1998, Schreck was one of the last employees to leave the company, as he oversaw its environmental cleanup. He then came very close to going to work for Union Pacific, which would have forced him to resign from the Fire Department. He was ready to join the railroad as a brakeman, which likely would have led to an engineer position; however, at that time the City of Carroll also began looking for help in its Building Department. The city hired



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Greg Schreck recently retired after 37 years as Carroll Fire Department chief. Construction of the current fire station at 801 N. Bella Vista Drive was completed in 2006.

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Students from Adams Elementary School cheer and wave to entries in the Carroll High School homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 7. The celebration theme was "Casino Night — You Can Bet on the Tigers," and homecoming week activities included a pep rally, coronation, parade, football game and students' dance. The Carroll High School Alumni and Friends also hosted a number of activities. More photos of the events will be posted in the online edition of this photo package. **MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 12**



Senior football player Dominick Sims, who also was a homecoming king candidate, presents his football jersey to retired elementary teacher Peggy Hamilton.



Cheerleader Piper Fineran waves to parade spectators from her ride aboard the Carroll Fire Department's 1960 Seagrave truck.

COURTS

New court documents reveal details in Lake City falsified documents case

Alspach enters plea deal, Snyder motions to sever

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Newly filed court documents reveal new information in the investigation into the alleged submission of falsified documents by Lake City's city administrator and

two former Lake City police officers.

Former Lake City Police Officer Aaron Alspach has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of tampering with records after entering a plea agreement.

In the written guilty plea, Alspach specifically admits, "I signed an official document with false information regarding my physical test prescribed by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The

information included in the report regarding my physical test was false, and I understood that the information was false."

The plea agreement further states Alspach must provide truthful testimony if called upon as a witness by the state in the coming trials and he must provide truthful information to law enforcement if questioned about "any matter pertaining to offenses charged in the

present trial information or otherwise relating to current or former Lake City officials and employees."

Alspach along with Lake City's City Administrator Eric Wood and former Lake City Police Officer Anthony Snyder were arrested and charged together in September following an investigation beginning in November 2021 by the Sac

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EDUCATION

Ten CHS library books will be reconsidered

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With reconsideration request forms for 10 Carroll High School library books now submitted, the Board of Education voted to solidify a committee to review the books and discussed potential policy changes on library materials during their meeting Monday night.

Beginning in August, a group of parents and community members began attending Carroll school board meetings to raise concerns over library books in the Carroll High School library they have deemed "sexually explicit" and "pervasively vulgar." The three books known to the Times Herald are "Red Hood" by Elana Arnold, "Tricks" by Ellen Hopkins and "Sold" by Patricia McCormick.

The number of books in question has now grown, and Superintendent Casey Berlau confirmed Monday night the submission of 10 reconsideration request forms by parents for 10 library books. School board members voted to approve a committee that will review each book and make a final recommendation to either remove the book, limit the use of the book or take no action.

Initially before the reconsideration forms were submitted, the first three books in question were pulled from the high school library and were being reviewed by a group of school staff members including Director of Teaching and Learning Karinne Tharaldson.

Berlau said with the reconsideration committee

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CRIME

Roop arrested in connection to Jan. theft of Wild Rose ATM

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A fourth and final suspect in the theft of an ATM from Wild Rose Casino in January has been apprehended following a months long search.

Jacob Roop, 26, of Marshalltown, was charged and transported to the Greene County jail for first degree theft, second degree theft and second degree criminal mischief on Thursday, Oct. 6.

Roop was arrested in Marshall County last month for possession of methamphetamine, which led to the discovery of his outstanding warrants.

The Marshalltown native was one of three initial

co-conspirators on Jan. 28 who stole an ATM from the Wild Rose Casino lobby. The two some of Richard Harris and Jorge Palacios entered the casino around 5:45 a.m. and proceeded to load the ATM onto a hand cart, lifting it into a white, 2002 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck. The vehicle, which was also stolen out of Boone County, contained a suspect later identified as



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