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Two men arrested after 90 mph chase in stolen vehicle

Jasper County Sheriff's Office says pursuit ended after car struck tree and rolled into a yard

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

Two men were arrested after allegedly stealing a car Nov. 3 and then leading authorities in Jasper County on a pursuit that reached speeds of 90 mph.

William McCaskill, 27, of Rock Island, Ill., and his

passenger, Joseph Lund, 32, of Davenport, are now in custody at Jasper County Jail. Both men are felons and were also accused of carrying firearms



McCaskill



Lund

and of being in possession of marijuana and methamphetamine by local law enforcement.

Jasper County Sheriff's Office stated in a press

release that dispatch received a call at 8:26 a.m. from a victim of a vehicle theft that occurred north of Lynnville on Highway T38 South. About an hour later, a deputy discovered the stolen vehicle occupied by two men on Highway 224 near the 173 interchange of Interstate 80.

The deputy followed the

vehicle until other units could assist with the felony traffic stop. Upon exiting Interstate 80 at the 179 interchange, the deputy activated his emergency lights. The driver of the stolen vehicle, McCaskill, failed to stop and a pursuit began.

At about 9:40 a.m. the

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NEWTON GETS A SECOND WIND

TPI Composites will return in 2024 after signing 10-year agreement with GE Renewable Energy



Submitted by TPI Composites

TPI Composites announced Sept. 30 that it will suspend operations of its Newton-based wind blade manufacturing facility at the end of December.

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

TPI Composites, Inc. announced today in a press release that it signed a 10-year lease extension with General Electric Renewable Energy to produce wind blades out of its Newton-based

manufacturing facility in Iowa, which had closed down at the end of last year. Production is expected to start again in 2024.

"We are pleased to announce our unique partnering approach with GE to secure the long-term availability of our Newton, Iowa facility for GE's future blade pro-

duction needs," TPI President and CEO Bill Siwek said in the release, noting the agreement is possible in part due to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

When TPI announced in September 2021 it was suspending

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Economic hurdles call for changes to Arbor Estates agreement

NHDC reported 2 new home building permits in 2022

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

Economic conditions have slowed lot sales of the Arbor Estates subdivision in Newton, which prompted city council members on Oct. 24 to amend their real estate development agreement with Newton Housing Development Corporation that allows lot prices to be paid at the time a new home is finished and sold.

NHDC entered into a real estate development agreement with the city in March 2018. The purpose of the agreement was the finance the purchase of a 70-acre parcel of land in northeast Newton, now known as Arbor Estates. The agreement also ensured the future development of the land and sale of residential lots.

However, the city has found in recent conversations with potential builders and developers — who previously expressed interest in spec home construction in Arbor Estates — that the market and economic conditions have slowed any further development. The

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Newton certified enrollment is up but students served data shows different

Open enroll ins and outs have also increased from last year

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

Enrollment at Newton Community School District has increased by about 17 students this year, at least according to the certified count. But the amount of students served — colloquially referred to as "butts in seats" — has decreased by about 13 students, administrators said at the Oct. 24 school board meeting.

In total, there are an estimated

2,957 students enrolled in Newton public schools this year, according to the school's data.

Newton Superintendent Tom Messinger said that number is what the district counts for the state. The amount of students served is about 2,751, which is less than the certified count. With the district's preschool, non-resident and limited English students, the grand total of all students receiving instruction is 2,857.

Students served determines the

amount of the students the school keeps the money for, Messinger said. To him the most important number is students served.

At the same time more students are open enrolling out and open enrolling in to Newton schools. Compared to the previous school year there are 246 students open enrolled out, versus the 200 from last year. Likewise, 40 students are open enrolling in to Newton compared to the 26 students the year before.

School board member Travis Padget asked Messinger if the district is confident in these numbers, especially considering the process in getting to the final count. A few weeks before the final count was certified, Newton's enrollment was seeing a big boost. But the numbers could fluctuate. One week later they did.

Administrators and school board members were frustrated with the discrepancies and rapid fluctuations, which many attributed to the Iowa

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