



The Lady Warriors have entered positive territory with some strong wins. Page 9



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Erin Go Bragh

David and Janice Byrne were announced by John Reicks as the 2023 Grand Marshalls for the Ninth Annual Lawler Irish Fest Friday during the opening ceremony. See more photos Page 2. Photo by Michael Hohenbrink

TV Approves Agreements

By Michael Hohenbrink
Editor

JACKSON JUNCTION - Annual approval was given to staff sharing with superintendent, maintenance director, transportation, vocational agriculture and school business/HR with New Hampton and industrial technology with South Winneshiek.

During its June meeting, the board of education approved the sharing agreements.

Board members also discussed an agreement with The Lion Electric Company, of Joliet, Illinois, to help with securing an electric bus, pending grant approval for Turkey Valley as the company seeks to work with multiple school districts to bring electric buses to the districts.

If the district were to secure a grant, competitive bidding would still be required, but the current price quoted for the district is \$738,750.

Funding would be through a federal grant.

The district had previously applied for this but was not one of the winning districts selected for the previous year.

A School Safety Grant application was also discussed with \$50,000 per building or \$100,000 total for the district possible.

Turkey Valley has had its assessments completed with additional security cameras recommended. The district also has a visitor management system on its application.

Actual purchases will be approved when the district receives notice it has been awarded funding.

A resignation was approved for Honor Langreck with appointments: Jr High Volleyball Coach 23-24 for Hailey Gage; Jr High Football Coach 23-24 for Adam Hanson (pending certification); Jr High Boys Basketball Coach 23-24 for Simon Schmitt and Volunteer Baseball Coach for Simon Schmitt.

County Hears Townline Plea

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By Michael Hohenbrink
Editor

Work on 175th Street is continuing, according to Assistant County Engineer Isaac Wiltgen.

"Today, they are going to be prepping for the painting," said Wiltgen during Monday's supervisors' meeting.

A key right now is updating landowners and others affected on where crews will be and when work will take place.

"People tend to be a little bit happier if you let them know," said Wiltgen.

Meanwhile, blade work on Winneshiek County's gravel roads can move forward thanks to precipitation over the weekend.

"We haven't had rain in like forever," said Wiltgen.

That recent moisture will allow the Secondary Roads Department to have at least a few days to work on the gravels.

The department is also working to fill a staff opening.

"Applications are due on Friday," said Wiltgen. "We've

got eight applications, I think."

Additionally, Chairman Dan Langreck briefed the board on the latest regarding a dispute between the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office and WMT and its tractorcade.

Langreck said WMT corporate had apologized to the sheriff for disparaging comments regarding his reluctance to utilize staff on the clock for a minimum of four hours to provide traffic control for a private entity.

Consensus by supervisors was that the sheriff was prudent in that decision.

"It's not a good use of our money," said Supervisor Shirley Vermace.

Langreck also pointed to a possible reason that WMT might want to stay on positive terms with Winneshiek County.

"The rumor mill has it they want to come to Decorah next year," said Langreck.

Supervisors also heard from Rhonda Olsgard about Townline Road.

Olsgard reminded supervisors plans going back 20 years

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St. Lucas Talks Building Sale

By Michael Hohenbrink
Editor

ST. LUCAS - Selling the former fire station and animal complaints were on tap as the St. Lucas City Council met.

A public hearing on the sale of the current public works building, formerly home to the fire department was up first for council.

Since the fire department uses it, there was reluctance to completely part with the public works building.

No firm action on sale was taken.

Additionally, a dog concern was presented to council with a resident asking whether the city has something in its ordinances.

Council heard multiple issues have arisen, ranging from dog droppings to mating issues.

City Clerk Carrie Davis said she would post applicable City Code information to notice dog owners.

With the city recycling bins in a new home, a light has also gone up, said Mayor Nick Busta.

Three seats are up for city council coming up with the filing period Aug. 28 to Sept. 21 with 10 signatures needed, said Davis.

Judge Stops Sword Trial Proceedings

By Michael Hohenbrink
Editor

HAWKEYE - A judge has ordered proceedings suspended in an attempted murder trial for a woman accused of going after a man with multiple swords.

Kim Renee Cannon, 58, of Hawkeye, is accused of attacking her victim back in January with a pair of swords, injuring him with multiple lacerations to the head and one cut that had gone through his eye socket, leaving him bleeding following the assault.

According to a sworn statement in court records by Deputy Joshua Barker, the defendant allegedly attacked the man with one sword, left him injured and then came back with another

sword to continue attacking him.

When law enforcement arrived, she was found to be in the kitchen, blood on her face and clothing and the victim on the bathroom floor as the defendant refused to follow law enforcement orders to leave the house, so the victim could be tended.

Bond was set at \$25,000 with the defendant eventually posting it as a protective order was served on the defendant.

Her trial was original set for May 10 as she had entered a plea of not guilty.

Now, the court has ruled to suspend proceedings pending a competency hearing on psychiatric grounds, with the judge finding "probable cause that the defendant is suffering from a mental disorder."

Remaining Prostitution Cases Headed for Trial

By Michael Hohenbrink
Editor

FORT ATKINSON - Following plea deals for multiple prostitution suspects, remaining cases for subjects involved in pimping, prostitution and a client are moving ahead to trial after arrests that began in January at a residence in Fort Atkinson.

Jenna Beth McLaury, 30, of West Union, has entered a plea of not guilty and is set for trial Aug. 16 at 9 a.m. in Fayette County while Kaylee Jo Harting, 38, of Aurora, has also entered a plea of not guilty with trial set for July 2 at 9:30 a.m. in Winneshiek County. Both women are accused of prostitution.

Trent Jason Fitzpatrick, 53, of Oelwein, who is accused of pimping, will head to trial Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. in Winneshiek County.

Accused client Bradley Joseph Kamaus, 49, of Fort Atkinson, has likewise entered a plea of not guilty. After a judge rejected Kamaus' request for a public defender, his new attorney successfully filed for a continuance, arguing she had just

met him and needed time to prepare a defense.

Kamaus is the only defendant not utilizing a court-appointed defender.

Trial is set for Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. in Winneshiek County.

So far, Nicole Burgos, 29, of Oelwein, and Ashley Rochford, 38, of Oelwein, have both taken plea deals after the women were charged with prostitution.

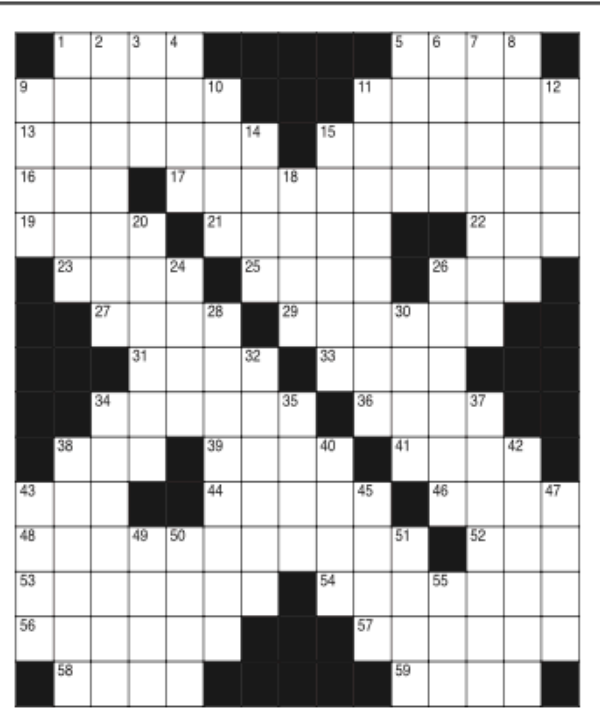
Fitzpatrick, for his part, has ignored the warning of his defender and insisted on a trial, with a specific note that he could be liable for part of the costs of his own defense for pursuing a full trial, court records note. The court granted an exemption to the normal public defender pay for Fitzpatrick beyond what is typically allowed.

The multi-county investigation has spanned months with trials now set to take place in two counties and with defendants drawn from three counties with multiple law enforcement divisions taking part in the investigations that resulted from a bank employee noticing suspicious activity as the alleged prostitutes sought to get paid, with payments in hundreds of dollars per each time allegedly involved.

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This Week's
CROSSWORD
& **SUDOKU**



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Understand intuitively
- 5. Two of something
- 9. Not involving computer tech
- 11. Acclaimed
- 13. Undermine
- 15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
- 16. Irritate
- 17. The process of developing a theory
- 19. Ceramic jar
- 21. Not fresh
- 22. Dad's fashion accessory
- 23. Popular review site
- 25. New Mexico county
- 26. ___ death do us part
- 27. Fees
- 29. Takes with force
- 31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- 33. Gordon and Snider are two
- 34. Body parts
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Fiddler crabs
- 39. Mimics
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. They ___
- 44. Lasso
- 46. Runs down
- 48. In response to
- 52. Bird-like dinosaur
- 53. Metamorphic stages
- 54. Conditions of incapacity
- 56. Sodas are sold in these units
- 57. Break away from
- 58. Ethereal
- 59. Boggy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mangled
- 2. Ruffled some feathers
- 3. Not young
- 4. Lakers legend
- 5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 6. Direction (Scottish)
- 7. Intestinal inflammation
- 8. Spring back in fear
- 9. Owl genus
- 10. Girls
- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Force unit
- 14. Expired trade agreement
- 15. Went alone
- 18. Animal noises
- 20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
- 24. The very top
- 26. Organs in males
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 35. A place to get off your feet
- 37. More disreputable
- 38. Kidney condition
- 40. Cease moving
- 42. Quick
- 43. Extra seed covering
- 45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
- 47. Six
- 49. One who inspects lamps
- 50. Small parrot
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. ___ fi (slang)

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	7			5	2	1		
				4		8		
			7		8	2		5
2		4	8					1
						6		9
	9	6	4	1	7			2
9			1				2	3
	1		2			5		
7	4	2	3	8				

Level: Beginner

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All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Winneshiek County

Traffic
Orreonna Devonni Saunders, of Alta Vista, driving under suspension; Susan Mary Henkels, of Farmersburg, failure to stop in an assured clear distance, speeding; Zachary Allen Turi, of Eyota, Minnesota, speeding; Troy Roger Holland, of Mabel, Minnesota, seat belt; Debasis Kumar Mishra, of Plymouth, Minnesota, speeding; Ezra Bjorn Vorvic, of Decorah, speeding; Paul Glenn Hunter, of Decorah, seat belt; Rodrigo Gonzalez Castillo, of Hector, Minnesota, failure to possess valid license; Allison Pavlovec, of Decorah, speeding; Corey L. Tieskoetter, of Ossian, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way; Joseph Charles Knoke, of Decorah, failure to pay trout fishing fee; Zechariah I. Brink, of Waukon speeding; Ryan Jacob Houghton, of Embarrass, Minnesota, speeding; Sholom Dovber Goldstein, of Postville, speeding; Darshaun Tobacco, of Cresco, speeding; And Renee Villalpando, of Amery, Wisconsin, speeding; Karen Kittelson Clay, of Verona Wisconsin, speeding; Marvin Yobani Lopez Bartolon, of Worthington, Minnesota, no valid driver's license; Susanna Marie Johannmeier Sisk, of Westcliffe, Colorado, speeding

Civil
John Alexander Retterson, of Lowell, Massachusetts, versus Jennifer Amanda Anderson, of Decorah, and Navy Federal Credit Union, of Pensacola, Florida, order setting trial, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.
Merit Thora Anna Olsen versus Decorah Woolen Mill, LP and Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp., dismissed with prejudice

Small Claims
Midland Credit Management, Inc., of West Des Moines, versus Timothy John Huinker, of Calmar, order for judgment
Midland Credit Management, Inc., of West Des Moines, versus Christopher

Malone, of Decorah, order for judgment
Spring Oaks Capital SPV, LLC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Zack Sisk, of Decorah, original notice
Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, of Des Moines, versus Cindy Koch, of Decorah, original notice
Capital One Bank, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Realyann Ann Hawkins, of Calmar, original notice
Capital One Bank, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Karson R. Deeny, of Calmar, original notice
Discover Bank, of New Albany, Ohio, versus Jody L. Livingood, of Ridgeway, original notice

Criminal
Jon Francis Moreland, of Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin, probation revocation
Robert Anthony Neuzil, of Fort Atkinson, motion for continuance
Bradley Joseph Kamaus, of Fort Atkinson, motion for continuance
Jesse Aaron Seelinger, of Decorah, order for arraignment
Dylan R. Sweet, of Decorah, hearing for an initial appearance
Tyler James Price, of Clarinda, order of arraignment
Heather Marie Quandahl, of Decorah, order for arraignment
Adam Hamilton Carson, of Ridgeway, hearing for an initial appearance
Matthew Dale Doda, of Cresco, order of disposition, theft - fifth degree, found not guilty
Seth Eldon Pash, of Calmar, guilty plea
Andre Shalamar Kashif Richards, of Calmar, hearing for an initial appearance
Michael Levi Koch, of Cresco, order for arraignment
Ritheha Veang, of Decorah, order for arraignment
Lowell Mark Dehning, of Ossian, order for arraignment

OWI
Jennifer Lee Steene, of Decorah, order for arraignment
Sabina Martin Chilel, of Decorah, order for arraignment
Amanda Joyce Mueller, of Decorah,

order for arraignment
Jordan Adam Gerard Schaller, of Decorah, order for arraignment
Jacob Daniel Eastman, of San Francisco, California, hearing for an initial appearance
Isaac Rueben Fish, of Decorah, hearing for an initial appearance

Fayette County

Traffic
Jeanette Mildred Wilker, of Clermont, failure to obey traffic control device; Shyann Lynn Zahnd, of Dunkerton, no insurance; Nathan David Bolte, of Cedar Falls, speeding; Jeffery Coonrad, of Lamont, using an electronic communication device; Savanna Sue McNally, of Waterloo, speeding; Sawyer Wickham, of Waucoma, speeding; Chester A. Kauffman, of Hawkeye, dark window or windshield; Abner Lopez, of West Union, no valid driver's license; Joyce Kay Fay, of Waverly, speeding; Tyler James Gephart, of Oelwein, speeding; Zane Michael Wemark, of Cresco, speeding; David Joseph Triem, of Cedar Rapids, speeding; Chad Matthew Romoser, of Coralville, speeding; Cheyenne Jasmine Kracht, of New London, speeding; Megan Olivia Neifer, of Waterloo, speeding; Stephanie Irene Salow, of Rochester, Minnesota, speeding; Juan Solis Mejia, of West Union, failure to maintain control, no insurance; Kaitlin Rose Richards, of Oelwein, failure to maintain registration plate; Kevin J. Passick, of Aurora, speeding; Gavin J. Emery, of Oelwein, seat belt; Leon Marvin Kool, of La Motte, speeding; Besmir Rishiti, of Fairbank, speeding; John Herman Nauholz, of Cedar Rapids, speeding; Jesse Joe Kalb, of Oelwein, failure to obey traffic control device

OWI
Leonel Manzano, of Hawkeye, motion for continuance
Derek Douglas Schroeder, of Postville, motion for continuance

Criminal
Lawrence Edward Robbins, of Decorah, criminal complaint

Sheriffs' Reports

Winneshiek County

Sheriff's Office

June 14
Brendon Ryan Denecke, 22, of Genoa Bity, Wisconsin, was cited for no valid driver's license after an accident on Pleasant View Road at 5:38 p.m. when he failed to notice the vehicle in front of him slowing and took to the ditch to avoid a crash.
Logan Clements, 35, of Decorah, was arrested and charged with D felony controlled substance violation, two counts of aggravated misdemeanor possession of controlled substance - third or subsequent and possession of drug paraphernalia after a search warrant was executed at a residence on Julian Street in Decorah.

June 15
Wayne Joseph Huinker, 66, of Decorah, was westbound on Lincoln Highway when James Allen Bork, 59, of Postville, stopped and was waiting to turn left into a quarry. Huinker crested a hill and clipped Bork. Huinker's 2018 Chevrolet had \$20,000 in damage. Bork's 2003 Mack had \$100 in damage.

June 17
Jonathan Lynn Hougen, 63, of Decorah, was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device after a crash on A18 at 6:17 p.m. as he was northbound on Bluffton Road and approaching the intersection on A18 and failed stop, going straight through a culvert.

Fayette County

Sheriff's Office

June 12
At 8:44 a.m. the Fayette County Sheriff's Office took a call of a two-vehicle accident two miles west of West Union on Highway 18 in the construction zone. Once deputies arrived, they discovered that a Ford Truck pulling a horse trailer had failed to stop at the construction zone and struck a Semi truck in the rear of the trailer. The driver of the truck, Randy Paul Burgart,

70 of New Hampton, was arrested for operating while intoxicated - second offense and charged with following too closely.

June 13
At approximately 11:46 p.m. a call was received about an accident near the intersection of 120th Street and K Avenue. Gary Jaquier, 69 of West Union was northbound when he struck a deer, which ran across the travel portion of the roadway. The vehicle was deemed a total loss. No injuries were reported.
Lawrence Robbins, 38, of Decorah, was arrested and charged with two counts of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of a minor.

June 14
Tony Lester Hertrampf, 53, of West Union, was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation for failure to register as a sex offender.
At approximately 10: p.m. a deputy arrested Michael A. Normann, 40, of Clermont, at a residence in Elgin. He was wanted on three outstanding arrest warrants from Fayette County for domestic abuse assault, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) - second offense and probation violation.

June 15
At approximately 1:50 a.m. a deputy initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Lincoln Road and Lion Road north of Eldorado. Theresa Ann Sherman, 64, of West Union, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

June 17
At approximately 9:36 p.m. the Fayette County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about an accident on Highway 3 just west of Palace Road. Angela E. Szanajda, 52, of Iowa City, was eastbound when a deer entered the roadway and was struck by the vehicle. The vehicle sustained approximately \$4,000 in damage, and no one was injured in the accident.

PLEA FROM PAGE 1

had been proposed for Townline Road but never followed through.
A request for commercial application for dust control on the road were met by being informed that "without extreme" amounts of chemical such an effort would be a fool's errand.
"I feel like we've exhausted every effort to make it better," said Olsgard.
With high traffic numbers and its importance, Townline Road should be paved, rather than remaining gravel, according to Olsgard.
Supervisors were sympathetic but some issues are in the way of undertaking work right now.
Vernace said while the Engineer's Office is unfilled, things could not be begun.
Moreover, funding is an issue.
"Something would have to get pushed. There's not any more money," said Auditor Ben Steines.
Funding is not insignificant.
"There's a reason you haven't turned a gravel into a hard surface road in 20 years," said Steines.
Langreck agreed.
"We can't keep up the ones we got," said Langreck.
Also up Monday, County Attorney Andrew Van Der

Maaten raised the idea of the county doing the work of recording meetings of the Board of Supervisors on online viewing.
The county attorney said years before police officers used to be reluctant about adding body cameras to their uniform.
Today, you would have to pry the cameras from officers since the footage has often helped to exonerate officers from false complaints.
Van Der Maaten said private recording of the meeting broadcasts has been taking place with the Winneshiek County meetings viewable online already, just not in an official capacity.
"I think it's time to give some consideration," said Van Der Maaten.
Steines raised a concern about the county's responsibility with regard to the creation of a new form of public record, one that would be required to be maintained.
What happens when and if a private vendor, such as YouTube has its site go down and how this might affect the county's liability was raised.
Van Der Maaten said he would work to get some information together and then report back to the board of supervisors with the results of what he is able to find out on the subject.