

Obituaries FD man gets 30 days for contempt of court

ERNEST R. BOWMAN

Ernest R. Bowman, 89, of Fort Dodge, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023, at Journey's a Friendship Haven. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Gunderson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Mark Hanson officiating. Burial will follow at North Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on Thursday prior to the service at Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Ernest was born on the family farm outside of Rockwell City, IA, on February 14, 1934, to Wesley and Mable (Gerjets) Bowman. He grew up and attended school in Barnum, then after his father died, he moved to Illinois for a few years until moving back to the Fort Dodge area. He then began working for Hormel where he worked various positions over his 50 years until his retirement. He was united in marriage to Joanne Horak on July 5th, 1956, in Homer, NE. They made their home in Fort Dodge and then the Clare area where he also farmed and served as a volunteer firefighter for the Barnum Fire Department. He was a former member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Creek Township. He enjoyed watching and going to NASCAR races and going on motorcycle trips with Joanne. He loved his family above everything and was always there when they needed him.

Ernest is survived by his wife Joanne; his children JoLynn (Stanley) Greene of AR, Steven (Gail) Bowman of NY, Debra (Daniel) Clinton of IA, Mark (Stephanie) Bowman of TX, Brian Bowman of IA, and Robert (Diana) Bowman of IA; 21 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; his siblings Verda Crimmins, Bill Bowman, Jerry (Karlene) Bowman, Roger Johnson and Barbara Miller and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Verta Davidson, Karen Hill and Connie Miller.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.



BRIAN W. JONES

Brian W. Jones, 78, of Fort Dodge, died Friday, May 19, 2023, at the Paula J. Baber Hospice Home.

A service honoring Brian's life will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 25, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Danielle Rogers officiating. Interment will follow in the Dumont Cemetery at Dumont. The visitation is from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials may be directed to the discretion of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Brian is survived by his wife Patsy; his children and several grandchildren. He is also survived by Patsy's children, Peggy Sue (Ken) Parton, Diana (Rick) Johnson, Michael (Janet) Henning, Scott (Peggy) Henning, and Patrick Henning; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and his brother Larry Lawrence Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Wendell, and his sister Annette.

Brian Wesley Jones, the son of Leo and Eloise (Hutchison) Jones, was born December 13, 1944, in Fort Dodge. He graduated from Fort Dodge Senior High School. Brian and Priscilla "Patsy" Lou Hudson were united in marriage on September 4, 1981, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Brian was employed with Hormel for 16 years, Van Diest for 9 years, Fort Dodge Labs for 12 years, along with Poet and the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. Most recently, he was employed with Woodruff Electric.

Brian was a member of First Baptist Church, and he enjoyed performing all sorts of maintenance duties for the church. He enjoyed having breakfast with his high school classmates once a month and his coffee group at Tom Thumb.



GEORGE LONG

George Long, 79, of Fort Dodge, died May 21, 2023, at the Marian Home Village.

Visitation will be held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Interment will be held in North Lawn Cemetery. Gunderson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is entrusted with the arrangements.

George Irving Long, son of Irving and Gertrude (Sindlinger) Long, was born March 22, 1944. He was a 1962 graduate of FDSH. In 1966, he married Barbara Johnson, and the couple made their home in Fort Dodge. George was employed with Davidson T.V. and Mead Containers, later retiring from the sanitation department for the City of Fort Dodge in 2005.

George was an avid Hawkeye basketball fan. Survivors include his children; Kristi (Channing) Greene of Humboldt, and Brian Long of Fort Dodge; his grandchildren Mitchell (Ashley) Williams, McKenzie Long, and Jadelyn Greene, great-grandchildren; Esme, Theodore, Vincent; his brother Ronald (Peggy) Long. George was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Barbara in 1989.



House reprimanded for juror misconduct

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A Fort Dodge man who admitted to trying to get thrown off a jury for a trial last month has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for contempt of court.

According to court records, District Court Judge Angela Doyle handed down the sentence to Gene House, 69, of Fort Dodge, on Monday, for displaying "contemptuous and insolent behavior toward the Court."

In April, House was among the pool of jurors called in for jury selection for the trial of Jordan Webb in Webster County. After a day and a half of jury selection, House was one of 14 picked for the trial (12 jurors, plus two alternates).

Opening arguments and testimony began immediately after jury selection. As the court played a video of Webster County Attorney's Office Investigator Larry Hedlund interviewing the defendant, attorneys for both the state and the defense — as well as at least one other juror — noticed that House was not paying attention, going as far as to look in the opposite direction of the video screen to "make a display of refusing to look at it," according to an order filed by District Court Judge Christopher Polking.

"Throughout the entire jury selection process Mr. House was not very pleased to be here," Polking said during a conference with the attorneys the following morning. "He made that evident. He was quite shocked when he was picked to be on the jury. He looked directly at me with a questioning look as to how this was allowed to happen."

Polking gave the attorneys an opportunity to share their thoughts as to how to move forward.

"I don't want him to think this type of behavior is tolerated or appropriate," said Assistant Webster County Attorney Bailey Taylor.

Webb's attorney, Dean Stowers, said that House's act of ignoring the evidence seemed to be "in a protest" and his actions amounted to juror misconduct.

Polking agreed with the attorneys that House should be removed from the jury for the remainder of the trial.

"I do not in any way want to risk him causing a mistrial or any other way interfering with the job of the other jurors," he said.

House was then brought into the conference with the attorneys and judge and was asked by Polking about his behavior in the jury box the prior day. According to transcripts from the conference, House admitted he was not listening to the testimony did not watch the video and intentionally looked away from the video. House also admitted that his actions were done in an attempt to be thrown off the jury.

"You have disrespected the court," Polking said to House. "You have disrespected your fellow jurors. You have disrespected yourself, and you have disrespected all the parties involved in this. Your behavior is some of the most immature behavior I've ever witnessed in court. To say that your behavior was childish would be an insult to most children who put much more good faith in their efforts to do a good job and do the right thing."

A hearing was held Monday, during which Doyle found House to be in contempt of court and sentenced him to 30 days in the Webster County Jail.

"Jury service is a test of character and citizenship," Doyle wrote in her ruling. "The good citizen will not only serve willingly when called, but will use his best efforts, intelligence, and integrity in deciding the case which is placed before him. No higher responsibility rests upon the citizen than that of taking his place on the jury, when called, without evasion or complaint. Any other attitude on the part either of the juror or the court destroys the effectiveness of the jury system. Any lesser degree of performance makes a mockery of the jury system."

News of Record

Magistrate Court

WEBSTER COUNTY Saturday

Operating while under the influence, first offense — Michael Dean Conrad, 61, 1004 N. 29th St., preliminary hearing June 7.

Monday

Perjury — Kennedy Elizabeth Colby, 18, 719 N. Ninth St., preliminary hearing waived.

Obstructing prosecution or defense — Kennedy Elizabeth Colby, 18, 719 N. Ninth St., preliminary hearing waived.

Domestic abuse assault, second offense — Lonnie Dale Gerken, 56, 1590 220th St., preliminary hearing June 2.

Possession of marijuana, first offense — Sanya Marie Huerta, 18, 628 N. 23rd St., preliminary hearing waived; Destiny Fay Ann Grohs, 19, 1113 S. 25th St., preliminary hearing waived.

Operating while under the influence, second offense — Gerald Anthony Dillard, 48, 1628 8½ Ave. N., preliminary hearing waived.

Interference with official acts — Gerald Anthony Dillard, 48, 1628 8½ Ave. N., continued 180 days.

Domestic abuse assault, first offense — Kyle Patrick Lowe, 39, 723 Seventh Ave. N., trial June 19.

Fifth-degree theft — Troy Shaffee Habhab, 57, no address given, trial June 21.

Police Log

FORT DODGE Friday

One domestic call was reported.

A person with a gun was reported in the 1200 block of South 28th Street.

A burglary in progress was reported in the 100 block of Avenue M West.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of South 15th Street.

An unknown problem was reported near B Street and Avenue E.

A nuisance was reported in the 1600 block of North 30th Street.

An assault was reported in the 800 block of North 32nd Street.

Harassment was reported. A noise disturbance was

reported in the 300 block of First Street Northwest.

A runaway was reported in the 200 block of Avenue M West.

Harassment was reported. An unknown problem was reported in the 500 block of South 16th Street.

A car accident was reported in the 100 block of North 22nd Street.

Juvenile problems were reported in the 900 block of South 16th Street.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of Northwood Avenue.

An unresponsive subject was reported in the 1200 block of North Seventh Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of 2½ Avenue North.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of Central Avenue.

A car accident was reported at South 32nd Street and Fifth Avenue South.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Kenyon Road.

Loud music was reported in the 300 block of First Street Northwest.

An unknown problem was reported in the 300 block of South Eighth Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 10 block of South Eighth Street.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Avenue M West.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of Fourth Avenue North.

Shots fired were reported in the 300 block of Fifth Avenue Northwest.

Saturday

One domestic call was reported.

An intoxicated pedestrian was reported in the 1500 block of Third Avenue Northwest.

Loud music was reported near 10th Avenue Southwest and 10th Street Southwest.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of K Street.

An unknown problem was reported in the 1400 block of Fourth Avenue South.

A stabbing was reported

in the 800 block of Kenyon Road.

Harassment was reported in the 2800 block of 10th Avenue North.

Theft was reported. An unknown problem was reported in the 1700 block of Second Avenue North.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Central Avenue.

Theft was reported. A suspicious vehicle was reported near 12th Avenue Southwest and 15th Street Southwest.

A drug violation was reported in the 1500 block of 27th Avenue North.

A fire was reported near Paragon Avenue and 130th Street.

An unknown problem was reported near South 17th Street and 12th Avenue South.

A shoplifter was reported in the 1200 block of First Avenue South.

Loud music was reported in the 300 block of First Street Northwest.

A person with a weapon was reported in the 800 block of South 17th Street.

A suspicious person was reported near Kenyon Road and South Eighth Street.

A fight was reported in the 100 block of Avenue M West.

Theft was reported in the 3000 block of First Avenue South.

An unresponsive subject was reported in the 200 block of Avenue O.

An unknown problem was reported in the 200 block of Avenue M West.

An intoxicated pedestrian was reported in the 100 block of South 29th Street.

A fight was reported near First Avenue North and North 10th Street.

An unknown problem was reported in the 22000 block of Old Highway 169.

An unknown problem was reported near Avenue C and K Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of South Fourth Street.

Sunday

Three domestic calls were reported.

Shots fired were reported near North 15th Street and Second Avenue North.

Loud music was reported in the 800 block of Ninth Avenue Southwest.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Sixth Avenue North.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South 12th Street.

A suspicious person was reported near Seventh Avenue North and North 13th Street.

An unsupervised child was reported in the 1400 block of A Street West.

An unknown problem was reported in the 700 block of Westridge Road.

A suspicious person was reported near South 17th Street and 12th Avenue South.

A suspicious person was reported near First Avenue Northwest and 10th Avenue Northwest.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of South 25th Street.

A car accident was reported in the 100 block of Kenyon Road.

An unknown problem was reported in the 300 block of North 13th Street.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North 14th Street.

Theft was reported in the 3300 block of Fifth Avenue South.

Shots fired were reported in the 1300 block of South 27th Street.

A burglary in progress was reported in the 1900 block of 11th Avenue South.

Loud music was reported in the 300 block of First Street Northwest.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of South 29th Street.

Trespassing was reported in the 100 block of 10th Street Northwest.

Juvenile problems were reported in the 800 block of North 25th Street.

An unknown problem was reported in the 300 block of South Eighth Street.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of North 22nd Street.

MARIE RUNDLE HUMBOLDT

Funeral service is 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Mason-Lindhart Funeral & Cremation Service, Humboldt. Visitation is 12:30 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home. www.masonlindhart.com

MICHELLE STANLEY HUMBOLDT

Visitation 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Lentz Funeral Home, Humboldt, with graveside services at 12 p.m. at Union Cemetery, Livermore. lentzfuneralhome.com

TIMOTHY BIGGS

Timothy Biggs, 53, of Fort Dodge, died May 20, 2023. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family. www.brucetfuneralhome.com

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