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'I told you so'

Retired Shepard principal pleaded with Iowa Board of Medicine to revoke her attacker's license

By Scott Campbell

North Scott Press

Sherri Moler likes to tell her children that her four favorite words are "I told you so."

So when the Iowa Board of Medicine met in emergency session on Monday, July 3, Moler was ready.

For the past three years, beginning in July of 2020, she has attended every meeting of the board by Zoom, and shared her painful story of being sexually assaulted by Dr. Lynn Lindaman in July of 1975.

Every time, she's practically begged board members to revoke his medical license. Nearly every time, the board's reply has been the same: "Thank you, and as you know, we can't comment." Eventually, they even quit thanking her.

On July 3, in response to events that had played out five days earlier, the board convened again, and again, Moler's face popped up on the screens of those in attendance by Zoom.

This time, the 62-year-old Eldridge resident wasn't allowed to say a word, but she sent a loud and clear message by holding up a sign that read: "I told you so."

"I knew from my experience in dealing with the board, and how they worded the agenda, that they wouldn't be taking any public comment," said Moler. "I had it all planned out. My sign was ready."

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'I kept saying there are other victims, and now there is another'

Ever since 2020, Sherri Moler has meticulously filed every piece of documentation concerning Lynn Lindaman.

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Trial set for UI athletic trainer 8/27/15

Girl recalls alleged molesting

A 15-year-old girl testified in District Court Tuesday that she had been sexually molested by a former UI athletic trainer, Lynn Lindaman, while she was attending a summer sports camp at the UI last summer.

Lindaman found guilty Press 2/27/16

Walcott honors German sister city at weekend festival

Bredenbek Bash is theme for 2023

By Erin Gentz

NSP Editor

"Prost" is German for "cheers," and Walcott Day organizers are hoping there's plenty of cheer to go around at the annual festival.

This year's theme, "Bredenbek Bash," pays tribute to Walcott's German sister city, a relationship that started in 1997.

Bredenbek is in the Schleswig-Holstein region of Germany, where many Walcott residents trace their heritage. A group of Scott County residents and fans of the soap opera "The Young and

the Restless" paid a visit to Bredenbek in the 1990s, as it was the birthplace of the television program's star, Eric Braeden. "They had a great time in the town," Jack Schinckel told The North Scott Press in 1998. "When they got back to Iowa, they kept up communication with the village, eventually asking them to come over and become a sister city."

In 1997, a delegation from Bredenbek, including Braeden and the town's mayor attended Walcott Day to join in the festivities and sign the sister city agreement. Since then, the towns have enjoyed a positive relationship, with many trips between the two cities.

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After meeting in closed session for just over an hour, the board reconvened in open session and unanimously voted to approve what it called "an agreement not to practice."

The board didn't disclose the terms of the agreement, disseminate a copy, or even announce the name of the physician to whom it pertained. They did not take any comments from the public.

The board was initially scheduled to meet on Friday, July 12, but the meeting was most likely moved up after Lindaman, 72, was arrested on Wednesday, June 28, following a joint investigation by the Ankeny Police Department and Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

Police allege that on Monday, June 26, Lindaman committed a sex act in Ankeny against "a child born in 2015" by using his hands to touch the child over the child's clothing. The next day he allegedly touched the same area of the child through "skin-to-skin contact" according to police records.

He was charged with two counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree (Class B felony) against an 8-year-old child, and was booked into the Polk County Jail where he is being held on \$1 million cash bond.

For nearly her entire adult life, Moler has been an advocate for children.

As the former principal at Alan Shepard Elementary in Long Grove (she legally changed her name from Marceau for personal reasons), and during a 34-year career in education, Moler has always championed what she believes to be best for kids.

Now, she is left to try and process how "the system" failed an 8-year-old girl, and how a man, convicted of lascivious acts with a child 48 years ago, was allowed to practice medicine.

After a three-year fight to get Lindaman's medical license revoked and bring some sense of closure to her own story, Moler was ready to celebrate on July 3.

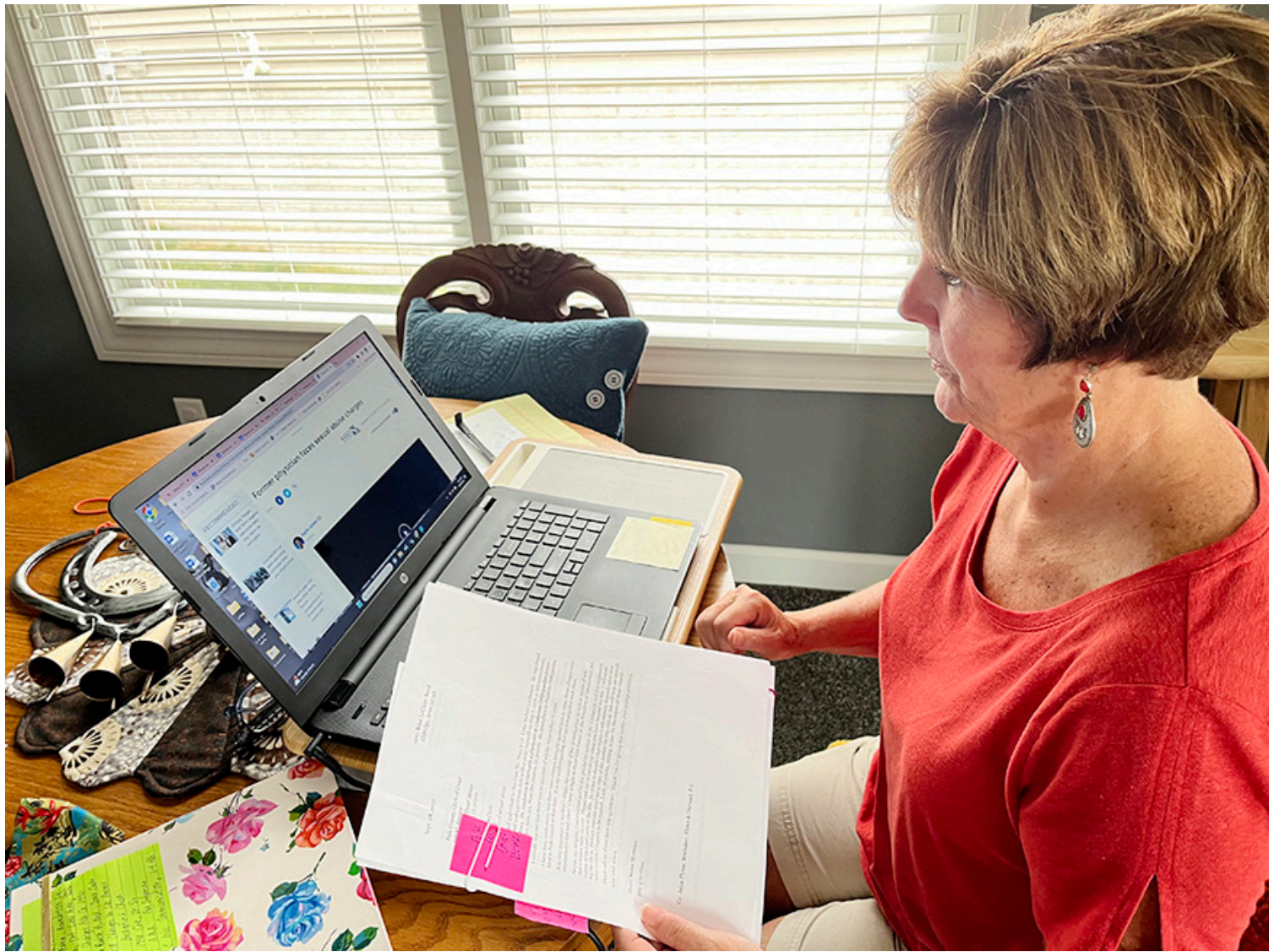
Once again, just like it has at every meeting since July 2020, the board disappointed her by not revoking his license.

"I had a cold beer sitting next to me, and ready to pop it," said Moler. "I had so much hope that they were going to the right thing."

"I'm pissed, and it's extremely frustrating because I was so sure they were going to revoke his license. He's in jail. Why would they not? They are a bunch of cowards."

Since she wasn't allowed to speak at the meeting, Moler took to her computer and almost immediately sent a letter to Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds. In her July 3 letter, Moler again outlined her journey, asked Reynolds for a private meeting, and to take action against the board.

"I firmly believe that the medical board needs a complete overhaul," she



Sherri Moler documents all of her communications with the Iowa Board of Medicine.

NSP photo by Scott Campbell

wrote. "They have failed me. They have failed me, they have failed the public, and they quite obviously failed this young child."

"Their choice to ignore his conviction and my pleas are an absolute stain on the entire state of Iowa. I am wondering how many more victims will need to come forward before something permanent is done. I believe I deserve an answer as to why they ignored his previous felony conviction of Lascivious Acts with a Child (ME)."

An emotional week for Moler

While Moler had been dealing with the board for the past three years, the previous week had been extremely emotional, ever since Lindaman had been arrested on June 28.

Sitting in her Eldridge home, exactly 24 hours after his arrest, Moler was still trying to come to grips with what had just transpired.

"This is about three years too late," said Moler, her voice cracking with emotion. "My biggest fear was that there was another victim, and that's what I kept telling the Medical Board, that research is going to tell us that I'm not the only one."

"The frustrating thing is that I told my story constantly. I told them details that I hadn't told my own kids. They had the opportunity to revoke his license. If you look at the law, there are eight reasons or criteria that a license can be revoked, and he met four of them. Not just one, but four of them."

Moler, who retired as Alan Shepard

principal in 2018, but still teaches at St. Ambrose University, wasted no time in sharing her anger with the Iowa Medical Board, and immediately fired off an email to executive director Dennis Tibben within hours of learning of Lindaman's arrest.

She wrote: "I assume you already know this. I just received a phone call from the Polk County Prosecutor's Office. Dr. Lindaman was arrested today. There is another victim. The abuse took place within the last three years, since I have been begging you to take action. To revoke his license. He is in jail."

"This never should have happened. I hope you and your entire board can sleep well tonight. You failed this child. Had you done the right thing - what you all KNEW was the right thing - that child would have been safe. I will not be quiet about this. I am sick. You should be, too."

Moler knows she did everything she could to convince the board to revoke Lindaman's license, but like any true educator, she can't get the recent victim out of her mind.

"I am in no way responsible for what happened to the victim, and I'm amazed at the courage it must've taken to come forward," said Moler. "I also know that they're going to be 62 years old some day, and this is always going to be part of their life. I know what they're in for. The system is broken. Hopefully this will help fix it."

Moler certainly has done her part. Ever since she found out that Linda-

man was practicing medicine in Iowa, and along with attending every meeting of the Iowa Medical Board for the past three years, she's written over 1,000 emails, mailed more than 200 letters, and spent thousands of dollars in her quest to have his license revoked.

However, to fully understand the passion and anger that fueled her fire, it's necessary to chronicle her entire journey.

A shocking discovery

In March of 2020, North Scott's boys' basketball team was playing in the state tournament in Des Moines. Moler's son, current North Scott High School assistant principal Dan Marceau, was the school's assistant basketball coach.

"My grandson had been born five weeks premature, and Jessica (Dan's wife) couldn't drive," said Moler. "We went to the basketball tournament, and I was in my hotel room in the middle of the night. I was scrolling on my phone, and an ad popped up for Lindaman's practice in Des Moines."

"I don't know if it's because I bought my tickets electronically, or because he was an orthopedic doctor that had advertised in the tournament program. I have no idea why or how I got that ad."

What Moler does know is that she immediately recognized Lindaman's name. She clicked on the website, saw his picture, and knew instantly that the man staring back at her was the same man who had sexually assaulted her when

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Lynn Lindaman, 2023



Lynn Lindaman, Early Photo

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MOLER: Iowa Board allows Lindaman's work with children despite conviction

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she was 14 years old.

Moler was stunned, shaken and scared, and in the days, months and years since, memories of the assault, recollections of the ensuing trial, followed by endless questions of how a convicted man could be practicing medicine, crept to the forefront of her mind.

COVID hit two days later, and the world shut down. Moler contacted her attorney, John Flynn of Brubaker, Flynn & Darland in Davenport and was told she needed to get the court records from Johnson County, where the assault occurred.

"Because of COVID, they wouldn't let anybody in the courthouse," said Moler, "and when I called, they said there was nothing there. My attorney then sent an FOI (Freedom of Information) request, and I received an eight-page document. Although it's very difficult to read, and if you look at it carefully, the words 'convicted, guilty, lascivious acts with a child and deferred judgment' are all crystal clear."

Moler also received copies of three articles that were printed in the Daily Iowan (DI), the University of Iowa student newspaper, detailing a February 1976 trial.

Moler doesn't want this story to be about her, but she is the central figure in a tragic drama that began playing out when she first crossed paths with Lindaman on July 10, 1975.

It was then that Moler was a participant at a University of Iowa sports gymnastics camp, where Lindaman, then 24, was serving as a counselor and athletic trainer.

Moler went to the trainer's room at the University of Iowa Field House after injuring her back, and that's where she met Lindaman, who assaulted her during the appointment. She immediately reported the incident to a resident's assistant, who called campus security.

Lindaman was interviewed twice over the course of the next four days, and on Aug. 4 he was arrested and charged with committing lascivious acts with a child.

According to a story in the DI, Lindaman admitted to molesting Moler during his first interrogation, but later denied it, saying he'd been confused. Lindaman eventually pled not guilty, and at his trial, on Feb. 25, 1976, he said he didn't remember the extent of his contact with her.

Forty-five years later, after reading the DI articles and other case reports, Moler began remembering details of the assault, and the trial.

"Over the course of the last three years, a lot of things came back to me," said Moler. "I remember what I wore, and it was the first time my mom let me wear pantyhose, instead of tights, with my saddle shoes. I had on a white blouse and a pink wool skirt. The night before the trial, my dad and I stayed at The Highlander, which was a big deal."

The trial lasted one day.

"When they called me into the courtroom, I had to see him (Lindaman),"

said Moler. "He was wearing a white neck brace. I remember the county attorney tried to just ask me yes-and-no questions, but the defense attorney objected immediately, claiming the questions were leading. So, I had to tell everything that happened."

"The county attorney was a big guy, so he stood where I wouldn't have to see the defendant, and he kind of blocked my view."

Moler also had to listen to Lindaman's testimony, and one thing she doesn't recall is what was reported in the DI coverage of the case.

According to the article: "During his testimony, Lindaman said, 'no force, no assault, no emotional harm' had been done to the girl. He said he had 'suffered' more than she had. When Lindaman said this, the girl left the courtroom."

"I don't remember running out of the courtroom at all," said Moler.

That day was the last time she would set eyes on Lindaman, until she saw the picture on his website 45 years later.

The next day, a jury of seven women and five men deliberated for more than four hours before finding Lindaman guilty, and Moler, who had returned to her Maquoketa home the day before, found out about it when she came home from school.

"I remember walking in the back door and seeing my mom hanging up the phone on the wall in the kitchen," said Moler. "She said, 'He was found guilty.' And I remember thinking, 'Of course he was, this happened. How could he not have been found guilty?'"

Sentencing was set for April 2. The maximum sentence for the crime was five years in the state penitentiary, but the judge gave Lindaman a deferred judgement, meaning that after he served 12 months probation, the court sealed the public documentation.

Lascivious acts with a person under the age of 16 is not a forcible felony. Moler never went to the sentencing hearing. She just assumed Lindaman had been sent to prison.

That was far from the case.

Lindaman graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1984 and did his orthopedic surgery residence in Grand Rapids, Mich. He eventually moved back to Iowa, and the Iowa Medical Board approved his license in 1990.

His pediatric orthopedic practice apparently thrived, and he became an active member of the track community. According to his Facebook page, he was a nationally certified jumps coach, a national level official, and head of U.S. Track and Field in Iowa.

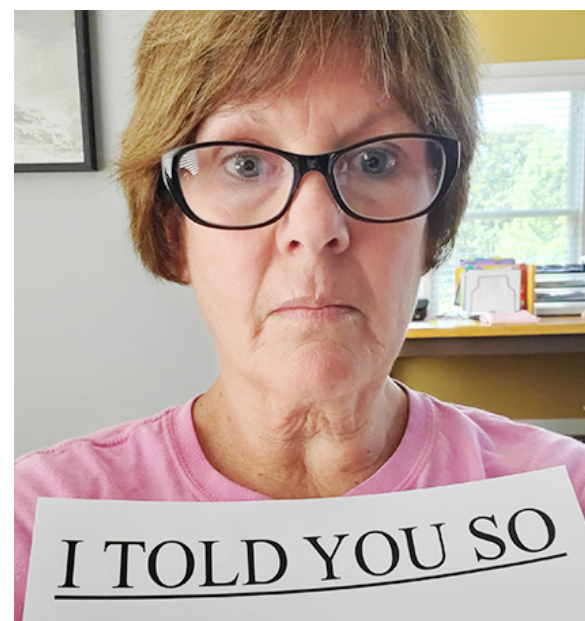
The fight begins

After her discovery in March of 2020, Moler was infuriated with Lindaman's continued involvement with children. She filed her initial formal complaint with the Iowa Medical Board in July of 2020, and felt confident she'd been heard when she and her attorney attended their first board meeting.

"I thought, 'This is it. We did it! It was

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Sherri Moler



Sherri Moler displayed this sign July 3 during an Iowa Board of Medicine online meeting in which she was not permitted to speak.

a celebratory feeling," said Moler. "And the board was like, 'No, we aren't going to do anything.'"

Two months later, the board sent her a form letter saying that the complaint and all related information "are confidential and cannot be shared with the public" under Iowa law.

Moler received another letter in January of 2022, and the board reaffirmed its decision.

"After careful review of the investigative materials obtained in this matter, the Board voted to close this matter at this time without taking public disciplinary action against Lindaman," the letter states. "Although this may not be the outcome you were seeking, you can be assured that your complaint was investigated, and the Board reached its decision after full review of the investigative record."

Moler refused to give up.

Meeting after meeting, Moler kept returning to tell her story, and meeting after meeting, her request to have Lindaman's license revoked was never addressed.

Eventually, she took on a grassroots approach, and started contacting the organizations and businesses that were listed on Lindaman's website and got favorable responses from many.

Among them, his privileges at the Surgery Center in West Des Moines were revoked; he was no longer allowed to be a preceptor with Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine; and USA Track and Field, through SafeSports, initiated a no-contact order.

Lindaman was banned from working with University of Iowa athletes and schools associated with the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Unions, was not allowed to attend the Drake Relays, and he is no longer listed as a provider for Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

When she spoke at the Medical Board's October meeting, she said the

vast majority of organizations listed on Lindaman's website had "severed ties and demanded that their organizations be removed."

"There were 11 organizations listed, and now one remains," Moler told the board. "Make no mistake, I have sent them a follow-up letter as well."

In addition, thanks to a previous suggestion by the Medical Board, Moler had contacted the state ombudsman, which led to a terse email exchange with the Iowa Attorney General. She had also sent letters to state and federal politicians, including Gov. Kim Reynolds. State senator Mark Lofgren was the only one to respond.

"Please know that my endgame was never the Iowa Board of Medicine," Moler told the board in October. "Had you done your job, by revoking his license, this could have been handled quickly and professionally. He is over 70 years old and could have quietly resigned without incident."

"Because you passed the buck, stating that other organizations recommended this action, which is nothing, it is now causing the Medical Board to look unprofessional and inept. You chose to protect one of your own."

"You know he should not be practicing medicine in the state of Iowa," Moler continued. "It makes no sense to me that essentially every single organization, facility and college took action. Except for you, the one organization that is designed to protect the public from dangerous physicians. You had one job, and you did nothing."

"I am not done. I am not quitting. I am not going away. I think by now, you know that."

A potential compromise denied

When the board met again in January, Moler was in attendance. This time, her

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request was simple. All she wanted the board to do was change the wording on the renewal applications that would prevent doctors who have deferred judgments in abuse cases from practicing medicine.

"Eventually I became a thorn in their side," she said. "They became very short with me. I'm sure they were sick of hearing from me, and I was telling them the same thing they'd already heard over and over again."

When he applied for his initial license in 1990, Lindaman checked "no" on the question, "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?" He was right in doing so, because in 1975, lascivious acts with a child was not considered a felony.

It's not certain when the change was made, but new applicants are now asked to disclose any deferred judgments. However, the current renewal application asks licensees to disclose "any" criminal charges since the date of their last renewal, regardless of whether these charges were later dropped, or if the case had not yet been fully resolved by the courts.

"I finally said, 'OK, you want me out of your hair, and frankly, I don't blame you, but can we come to an agreement?'" said Moler. "All I was asking is that the renewal application language match the initial licensure language, including, 'Have you ever been convicted, given a deferred judgement, an administrative pardon, any of those things.'"

"I had finally decided that if I could get that language changed, I would have closure, and could walk away knowing that I've done something. That's all I was asking, and I would quit bugging them. They said, 'No.' It would have been a simple fix."

Lawsuit filed

While Moler didn't receive good news from the medical board in January, it proved to be a monumental month on another front.

Last September, Congress passed The Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex Abuse Victims Act of 2022, which

"When the advocate called, she said, 'Sherri, there's a chance

that when this child reported it, and I assume to her parents, that her parents knew

to ask questions very carefully because of the publicity you brought to this.'



allows sex abuse victims to sue their attackers decades after the fact.

Moler's attorney, John Flynn, took note.

"When the law changed, John asked what I wanted to do," said Moler. "For me, it's never been about the money, but I said if that's the only way we have to bring some awareness to this, and some level of accountability to the board, then I'll trust his judgement. He said, 'I think you have a suit.'"

In January, Flynn filed a petition in Johnson County to get Lindaman's initial confession from University of Iowa campus security, which was not public record. Lindaman and his attorney were notified that the hearing was taking place, but didn't show up.

"I still think he was arrogant enough to think that nothing would happen," said Moler.

She said that Flynn said the judge didn't even hesitate in granting access to the document.

"The university was happy to turn them over, but they just needed a judge's authority," said Moler. "Lindaman had confessed in a 27-page typed confession, and I read every single page. He lied and lied and lied and lied, but the investigator was very skillful at getting to the truth."

"In his confession, He did eventually say most of what happened. There were several lies of omission, but he owned it. Still, he pled not guilty."

Moler and Flynn continued to gather information, and then found out that Lindaman posted a message on his practice's website that he was retiring as of May 1, and Moler filed her lawsuit on Tuesday, May 23 in U.S. District Court.

The lawsuit alleges that Lindaman's 1975 assault caused Moler to experience emotional problems, including major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and generalized anxiety throughout her adult life, and that she has suffered financial injury in the form of expenses related to therapeutic services.

The lawsuit seeks actual damages of \$150,000, as well as punitive damages and attorney fees.

According to Moler, the Polk County attorney's office had a hard time tracking Lindaman down, and he was finally served on June 9. On Friday, June 23, Lindaman's attorney asked for an extension in responding to the suit, and Flynn agreed to 20 days.

Lindaman was in jail five days later.

What's next

The phone call that Moler received on June 28 changed everything, and it's going to take time for the former educator to process and plan her next steps.

"My anxiety is quite high to begin with, and when I got the phone call I didn't answer because it was a number I didn't recognize," she said. "The woman left me a voice mail, and then texted me, and said she was a victim's advocate and that the Polk County prosecutor had reached out to her to contact me and let me know that there was a second victim."

When Moler returned the call, she "lost it."

"That's been my biggest fear," she said. "I'm a kid person, and as a mandatory reporter, I've sat on the other side of the table with kids pouring their hearts

works at dusk.

Saturday promises a full day of activities, starting at 8 a.m. with the 5K run/walk at Victory Park.

Registration for the parade will start at 8:30 a.m. in the east end of the Walcott School parking lot. The parade will step off at 10:30 a.m.

Registration for the car show will begin at 8 a.m., with judging at noon and awards presented at 2 p.m.

Drop-off for the peach pie contest will start at 9 a.m., with judging at 11:30 a.m., and the pie auction at 2:30 p.m.

Kids' games, including a bounce house, big slide and kiddy playground

Iowa Board of Medicine disclosures

The Iowa Board of Medicine staff did not respond to an NSP email and phone call seeking their inclusion in this story. Here is all the Iowa Board of Medicine has disclosed in its public minutes on Sherri Moler's concerns about Dr. Lynn Lindaman.

Board minutes consistently misspell her last name as "Muller."

Feb. 18, 2021: Sherry Muller Marceau spoke regarding her July 2020 complaint to the Board regarding an incident from 1974, in which a man who was convicted of lascivious act with a child involving herself and several other children. She thanked Mr. Nebel for keeping her in the loop and the Board for investigating her claim. She said that she wants answers on how this man was granted a license to practice medicine with his criminal history involving children.

April 15-16, 2021:

Sherry Muller Marceau spoke about her July 2020 complaint to the Board regarding an incident from 1974, in which a man who was convicted of lascivious act with a child involving herself and several other children. She said that she is still seeking resolve on the complaint she filed and wants answers on how this man was granted a license to practice medicine with his criminal history involving children.

March 24-25, 2022

Miss Muller spoke about her case and investigation with the Board. She said she has made progress in her own endeavors, to alert the public as well as other treatment providers, of her experience as a child, with Dr. Lynn Lindaman.

April 21, 2022:

Public member Sherri Muller was present. She spoke of her experience of being sexually assaulted as a child, by a licensed practitioner.

May 19-20, 2022

Sherri Muller, from the public, spoke about her childhood experience with Dr. Lynn Lindaman.

About the Iowa Board of Medicine

Iowa Board of Medicine is appointed by Gov. Kim Reynolds with seven physicians and one public member, and six physicians as alternate members.

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Dr. Rodney Zeitler, M.D., Iowa City

out about things that have happened to them, and always, always, always, I've encouraged my teachers to call it in. It's not their job to call it abuse, but their job to report it. DHS will decide if it's abuse.

"This woman kept asking if I was alone, and if I had a support system. She asked if I wanted to keep talking, and asked if I was safe. I told her I was, but that my biggest fear all along was that there was another victim, and now it was an 8-year-old."

Up until now, Moler's public journey had included her attendance at medical board meetings, two television interviews, one in 2022, an interview with blogger/journalist Lyz Lenz in February, and an Iowa Capital Dispatch story at the time of her lawsuit in May.

"I tried to get The Des Moines Register to write a story along the way because I wanted his name and picture out there," said Moler. "I begged them to do a story, and now, suddenly, they're calling me."

"What I'm trying to wrap my head around is that I know that I did everything I possibly could've, and then some. When the advocate called, she said, 'Sherri, there's a chance that when this child reported it, and I assume to her

parents, that her parents knew to ask questions very carefully because of the publicity you brought to this.'

"That's helping me, but the bottom line is there was another victim, and I firmly believe this was 100-percent preventable. That tells me that I probably wasn't the first, and I hope she's the last, but we weren't the only two."

Moler doesn't know what the future looks like, but she's trying to move forward.

"I'm done with the victim shaming, and I'm done hiding behind it," she said. "It was not my fault, and it was nothing I did. I'm not comfortable talking about it, but I'm not going to be embarrassed or humiliated any longer."

"This is my story, but I don't want it to be about me. Instead, it's about the fact I kept saying there are other victims, and now there is another one. The Iowa Medical Board is made up of physicians, and it seems they protect their own. Somebody owes a lot of people some answers."

Moler didn't get any answers on July 3, but at least she was able to tell the board "I told you so."

WALCOTT: German flavor for Friday and Saturday events

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While this year's Walcott Day won't feature dignitaries or soap stars, it will still take on a decidedly German flavor, combined with family fun.

And that fun starts Friday at Prairie View Park, where packet pickup for the 5K and kids' fun run will start at 4 p.m. A pork chop dinner will be served from 6-7:30 p.m., with proceeds going to the Walcott Lions Scholarship Fund. An ice cream social will be held at Courtyard Estates from 6:30-8 p.m.

The kids' fun run will start at 7:30 p.m. at Prairie View Park, followed by fire-

will open after the parade and run until 4:30 p.m. The Gamez2Go video gaming bus will also be available from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Following a flag raising ceremony at noon, a bags tournament will kick off at 12:15 p.m.

The annual outhouse races will be at 1 p.m. (registration at 12:30) The kids' pedal tractor pull will be at 2 p.m. (registration from 12:15-12:45 p.m.) There will also be a scavenger hunt at 2:30 p.m. Teams of four ages 10-18 may register from 12:15-1 p.m. at the Communications Tent.

The Walcott Historical Society will

host an open house from 1-4 p.m. Entertainment by Buddy Olson will run from 3-6 p.m.

The evening meal starts at 4:30 p.m. and will be served until 8 p.m. The evening ceremony, including the coronation of the Walcott Day Princess, will start at 6 p.m., when prize drawings will also start.

The festivities will close with a concert by the Dirt Road Rockers from 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Events are subject to change, so for the most up-to-date information, check the Walcott Day Facebook page for details.