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Marshalltown man guilty of sexual abuse

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A jury determined a Marshalltown man was guilty of child sexual abuse on Monday after a trial was held last week.

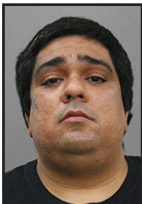
Rudy Singh, 35, was found guilty of two counts of second degree sexual abuse, four counts of child endangerment and one count of domestic abuse assault causing bodily injury. A sentencing hearing has been set for Aug. 28 and Singh remains in custody.

He could face up to 25 years in prison for each count of sexual abuse.

The charges involve sexual abuse of a child younger than 12 during a five-year period from 2014 to 2019.

The child endangerment and domestic abuse charges stem from 2020, during which a minor was present, when Singh physically assaulted a victim numerous times by punching in the face and chest. He also punched and kned the victim in 2021.

The charges were investigated by the Marshalltown Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant County Attorney Travis Conder with the Marshall County Attorney's Office.



Singh

Marshalltown man arrested on felony robbery charges

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A Marshalltown man was arrested late Monday night after allegedly assaulting a victim in presence of a witness in the 100 block of 1st Street.

At approximately 10:11 p.m., Marshalltown police officers were dispatched to the scene after receiving a report of a male who had been seriously assaulted as the suspect was fleeing the scene. After arriving, they observed the suspect attempting to flee and took him into custody immediately.

The alleged victim, a 47-year-old Marshalltown man, was suffering from significant injuries as a result of the assault, which was observed by a witness, and transported to UnityPoint Health by ambulance for treatment. According to a police report, the suspect "instantaneously and without reason, seriously injured the victim by striking the victim's face, leaving multiple contusions, in addition to breaking the victim's left ankle, which left the bone protruding from the skin."

Alexander James Brenner, 27, of Marshalltown, was arrested for first degree robbery, a Class B felony, willful injury, a Class C felony, and public intoxication, a simple misdemeanor. He was transported to the Marshall County Jail, where he was still being held as of Wednesday morning.

Bond was set at \$25,000 cash or surety, and a preliminary court hearing is scheduled for July 28.



Brenner

'So God made a farmer'



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE IOWA FARM BUREAU

Matthew Burt, pictured, a sixth-generation farmer on his family's land north of Marshalltown, was recently selected as one of three winners of the Iowa Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Leadership award.

Burt recognized with Young Farmer Leadership Award

By JAKE RYDER

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Guided in part by the words of one of America's most eloquent speakers, Matthew Burt has embraced working on the family farm where he grew up.

Burt was one of three Iowa farmers selected as winners of the Iowa Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Leadership award, announced last month.

The award, created in honor of former Iowa Farm Bureau President Bob Joslin, recognizes farmers from ages 18 to 35 who contribute and show leadership within the communities where they live and the agriculture profession.

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Time to look forward



T-R PHOTOS BY ROBERT MAHARRY

Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO John Hall, left, and Marshalltown Central Business District Executive Director Deb Millizer, right, pose for a photo together outside of their new office space at 34 W. Main St., where they have moved within the last month after Janell Carter and Cutler Developments worked to revitalize the property.

Five years after tornado, local leaders envision future of downtown area

By ROBERT MAHARRY

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(Editor's note: This is the sixth and final installment in a series of stories looking back at the July 19, 2018 EF-3 tornado leading up to the fifth anniversary, but also looking forward and detailing rebuilding and revitalization efforts since then.)

Five years have officially passed since the July 19, 2018, EF-3 tornado ripped through Marshalltown and left the downtown area in shambles, and thousands of words have been written about that day in this publication and many others. Television crews have come and gone, and rebuilding and revitalization efforts have been documented at great length. But a simple and yet incredibly daunting question still lies in front of local leaders: what comes next?



A special commemorative series celebrating 5 years of continuous growth after the July 19, 2018 EF-3 tornado

Neither Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO John Hall nor Marshalltown Central Business District Executive Director Deb Millizer held their current titles when the storm hit — Millizer came to her role in 2019 and Hall to his in 2021. Nonetheless, both have been heavily involved in the recovery process and crafting the answer to the

aforementioned question, and it isn't a task they take lightly.

Conventional wisdom generally says it takes about 10 years to fully recover from a major natural disaster, and despite the work that remains to be done, both Hall and Millizer feel they're headed in the right direction at the halfway point.

"Our community leaders said that they wanted to move things forward faster. To sit here at five years out and say 'Well, we've really accomplished that' is just not true. We've made some great strides and some tremendous progress, but if we can get here in another two, three, four years and say 'Hey, we're where we wanna be,' it means we accelerated that timeline," Hall said. "And I think that bringing in leaders like Deb

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Lending a helping hand

Catholic Heart WorkCamp returns to Marshalltown for those in need

By LANA BRADSTREAM

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Teams of campers can be spotted at various locations in Marshalltown working on home projects, such as painting, deck building and more. They are with the Catholic Heart WorkCamp, a mission-based camp bringing youth in eighth-grade and older together to help out people in need. Close to 240 young people and adults from Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin arrived in Marshalltown on Sunday for the camp.

Bethany Jablonski, co-manager of the camp along with CJ Scales, said this is the second year the camp has been



T-R PHOTO BY LANA BRADSTREAM

Mark Rapant of Milwaukee, Wis., makes measurements to build a deck in front of a Lincoln Way home in Marshalltown on Tuesday. The project is part of the Catholic Heart WorkCamp.

held in Marshalltown, and that Miller Middle School has served as host.

"Huge shout-out to Miller Middle School," she said. "We can't have the

camp without the support of the school district."

The school is really the base camp.

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