Jury finds Lilly guilty of aiding bank robber

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG** | PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - 52-year-old Kenneth Lee Lilly of Fort Madison was taken into custody Friday morning after a North Lee County jury returned a guilty verdict that Lilly aided the 2016 robbery of a Fort Madison bank.

With Lilly’s girlfriend in attendance three rows behind the bar, Judge Mary Ann Brown polled the jury of six women and six men individually as Lilly sat emotionless in his chair in a red polo and khaki pants watching the polling. After all had confirmed the unanimous verdict, Brown excused them and asked sheriff deputies to take Lilly into custody.

Brown tentatively set sentencing for Nov. 22. Lilly faces up to 25 years in prison for aiding and abetting first-degree robbery, a Class B felony.

Lilly’s attorney, Jonathan Stensvaag, a public defender out of Burlington said Lilly maintains his innocence.

“This is one of those cases where Kenneth always said he was innocent. Juries are unpredictable and you don’t know how they are going to decide, but he maintains his innocence and we’ll appeal,” Stensvaag said after the ruling.

He said Lilly will have to wait until after sentencing to file for the appeal.

“After he gets sentenced he has the right to appeal and we plan to do that. We’ll go through that process and he’ll get appellate counsel and they can appeal it and either bring it back down or look for a remedy that way,”

Assistant Iowa Attorney General Andy Prosser didn’t want to comment on the specifics of the case after the verdict.

“The evidence was sufficient to satisfy the jury. I wouldn’t say it was one piece,” Prosser said after the trial. “But I don’t want to comment about the specifics of the evidence”.

The state focused its case on Lilly dropping Lafayette Antonio “Tony” Evans off at the parking lot entrance to the Fort Madison Bank & Trust’s west end location near 48th Street and Avenue L. Evans then went into the bank, fired his weapon to get the attention of everyone in the bank, and then spent approximately six minutes gathering cash before running out.

According to evidence presented at the trial, Evans tried to go out one door, but saw law enforcement and ran out a different door into an adjacent field behind the Dollar General Store. Evans fired at a Lee County Sheriff’s deputy, striking the vehicle several times before being shot and killed by Fort Madison Police who had also responded to the scene. Evans was also connected to several other burglaries in Illinois and Alabama.

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**Sensational Chef tickets on sale**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG** | PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Join Fort Madison Main Street and our celebrity Chef Travis Long of Orange Ember for a night of culinary delight and wine pairings on October 14, 2017 at Sensational Chef. A Perfect Pairing. Sensational Chef features local chefs who prepare a multi-course meal, based on their own favorite dishes, with wine for 25 guests.

On October 14th, Travis Long, Co-Owner & Chef of Orange Ember will be serving a meal that will make taste buds explode with flavor. Guests will begin their meal with a spinach salad with homemade honey mustard vinaigrette. Seared scallop with pea puree as well as homemade butternut squash ravioli with a brown butter and herb sauce will follow as entries. Guests will finish with apple pie flowers accompanied by homemade ice cream. Each dish will be served with a wine, paired for taste and experience. A Hy-Vee Wine Specialist will be on hand to help explain the reasoning behind each pairing so our guests can use the knowledge later if they wish.

Orange Ember is a family owned food truck business in Burlington, Iowa started by husband and wife team Travis and Ashlyn Long. They started with the help of their son Brody. Orange Ember specializes in farm to table meals with a hint of smoke. They started their adventure at the Burlington Farmer’s Market and have been expanding ever since. Please check our website [http://www.orangemberiowa.com](http://www.orangemberiowa.com) for more photos and information! Sensational Chef will be held at SiP Bistro, 616 7th Street in downtown Fort Madison. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm. Dinner begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $75 per person. Please call 319-372-5471 or email agilbert@fortmadison.com for questions or to purchase tickets.

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**Bloodhound football recap**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG** | PCC STAFF

SOLON - The Fort Madison Bloodhound football recap.

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Community foundation gives $9,100 to local organizations

P.O.R.T., Elliott Test Kitchen, and Baxter Rec Plex get funds

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Community Foundation of North Lee County, based in Fort Madison, recently awarded money to 3 organizations in Fort Madison as part of their annual grant program. PORT, or Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails, received $5,000. The money will be used in the group’s second phase of its hiking/biking trail located on the west end of Fort Madison. The Elliott Test Kitchen of Fort Madison, was granted $2,050. The money will be used to purchase tables and chairs for the patio viewing area. The Community Foundation of North Lee County was formed in 2005 by Steve Koellner, and then Mayor of Fort Madison, Joe Kowzan. The Foundation is comprised of over 85 endowment funds and has awarded $2,769,903 in grants since its founding. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in North Lee County and surrounding areas by providing an avenue for local citizens to support local charities through endowments. Giving to a Community Foundation in Iowa lets donors receive a 25% Iowa Tax Credit in addition to normal State and Federal tax deductions. The Community Foundation of North Lee County presently has $16 million in total assets and is the largest affiliate of the Community Foundation of Great River Bend, based in Bettendorf. Its board represents all areas of North Lee County and is comprised currently of 13 members. Steve Koellner and Dennis Osipowicz serve as President and Vice President. Jan Woodruffe and Jane Krellib are Secretaries. Board members are, Joe Kowzan, Dick Feheke, Merlin Hellman, Dianne Hope, Dr. Charles Holmes, Dan Steffensmeier, Josh Denning, Laurie Breen, and Dr. Larry Smith.
FM eyeing winning record with favorable schedule

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Spartans and forced Solon to punt, but a 57-yard kick pinned the Hounds at their own 6. Fort Madison went four and out and punted just 25 yards giving Solon the ball at the FM 31. Solon’s Kendrick Harris carried five times in the next series scoring from 5-yards out to make it 14-0.

The Hounds went four and out again after the kickoff to the 31. Barker had three straight incompletions and then punted to the Solon 29-yard line. Miller threw an errant pass and Harris ran for 12 on 2nd and 10 before Miller hooked up with Bandy on a 54-yard touchdown and hooked up with Bandy on 2nd and 10 before Miller getting a punt away to the Solon 29-yard line. Miller threw an incomplete pass and then Harris broke free for a 41-yard scamper into the endzone to make it 28-0.

On the next set, the Hounds had two incomplete passes and a two-yard carry by Gulli forcing a punt which sailed over Barker’s head and the Spartans recovered at the 31. So-Morton’s Kendrick Harris carried five times in the next series scoring from 5-yards out and the rout was on 3-4. Miller would find AJ Coons down the left side and Solon was up 41-0. The Spartans would score on an interception before the half to set the score 48-0 at the half and activate the running clock for the entire second half.

The Hounds were also without senior Shance Redd-Donald who didn’t dress for the game due to a back ailment. Barker gave way to freshman Will Larson on the second half after hurting his throwing hand in the second half after freshman Will Larson took over.

“Shance was hurt all week and we knew he wasn’t going to be playing today,” Shiffman said.

“We had to move forward without him. That’s a good football team. I don’t know if Shance even helps us against these guys. That’s a loaded, stacked football team. I don’t know who really challenges them. I don’t know who scores on them the rest of the year. It was just a buzzsaw.”

Diego Lozano had six carries for 20 yards and Larson had five carries for -11 yards. Danen Settles led the Hounds on defense with 8 tackles and two assists.

Miller said the Hounds just aren’t at the level of Solon just yet, but it’s a program that he wants his squad to take notice of.

“We’re just not there yet,” he said. “That’s a program we strive to be at where our kids are walkin’ and talkin’ the game and eating it up.”

He said the Hounds did some good things in the first quarter but just couldn’t keep up with the athleticism of the Spartans.

“The first quarter we stopped them. They didn’t just come right down and score, we had a couple of big plays in there defensively and got some turnovers late. But this is what makes Mt. Pleasant such an important game for us to have won,” Shiffman said.

“At this point we’re looking for 6-3 and we’re working for a winning season. That’s what we’re gonna work our butts off for and that’s what we’re striving for.”

The Hounds are now 3-3 and return home next week for homecoming against Fairfield.

Diego Lozano gets some rare running room on Friday night for the Hounds. Lozano finished with 20 yards on six carries on the night.
FMHS downs MEPO in four games

Bloodhounds go 92-95 serving with 15 aces in win.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds downed Mediapolis in four games Thursday night in girls high school volleyball action.

Mediapolis took the second game 25-21 after dropping a close first game to the Hounds 25-23. Fort Madison went on to easier wins in games three and four 25-14, 25-17.

Leigh Johnson set the Hounds front court all night with 34 assists on the court all night with 34 assists on the

The Hounds are 17-5 on the season and undefeated in the Southeast Conference. They travel Tuesday to Fairfield.

Kaeli Hutson was 23-28 hitting with eight kills and served with one ace and she had 14 digs.

Kamiyra Bailey went 21 of 21 serving with two aces and had five kills of her own.

Kaeli Bailey was 17-of-18 hitting with six kills. Olivia Williams was 21 of 23 serving with one ace and she had 14 digs.

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Shottenkirk partners with FMCH on breast cancer fundraiser

FORT MADISON - Early detection is the key to cancer survival, and during the month of October, Shottenkirk, the GM Giant is partnering with the Fort Madison Community Hospital to raise awareness and raise money for the FMCH Foundation’s Breast Health Fund.

The two organizations hope to raise several thousand dollars this year during national Breast Cancer Awareness Month which will be used to provide free or reduced cost mammograms or necessary follow-up tests to women who are uninsured or who otherwise could not afford them. Fundraising activities will be conducted in both the sales and service departments of Shottenkirk in Fort Madison all month long.

"Nationally, Chevrolet and GM Certified Service will be promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Month and dealers are encouraged to join in the effort with localized events," said Lonnie Schulyer, General Manager. "Since most families, including my own have been touched in some way by Breast Cancer, we jumped on board right away and got in touch with our friends at FMCH to see how we might partner to focus on defeating the disease," Schulyer said.

Since early detection figures so prominently in cancer survival rates, the two organizations agreed that making mammograms more widely available would be one way to have an immediate and lasting impact in the local area. The charitable FMCH Foundation will receive and disburse the funds raised during this month. Individuals who are interested in learning more about the Breast Health Fund can contact Kevin Rink with FMCH at 376-2110.

The GM Giant will spearhead the fundraising effort in several ways. Shottenkirk, Fort Madison will make cash donations for every test drive taken and all service work performed, and a larger donation for each vehicle sold in October. Those who take the test drive will also receive a commemorative pink bracelet to show their support and increased awareness.

Additionally, patrons may make voluntary cash donations. One of the unique activities is “Cover the Crueze for a Cure” where visitors who donate a dollar or more can sign a miniature pink t-shirt card and place them on a Chevy Crueze until it is completely covered. For customers who do not take a test drive, for another donation of a dollar or more they can get the pink bracelet. For a donation of $5 or more donors will receive a commemorative Chevy/Pink Ribbon lapel pin. And for $10 or more they will receive the official hot pink event t-shirt.

As part of the national campaign, GM Certified Service is giving customers the option to donate all or part of their mail in rebates to Making Strides against Breast Cancer which will be matched by GM. And Shottenkirk will make an additional cash donation to the local fund for all service visits in October.

Executive Director

United Way of the Great River Region which serves Lee County in Iowa, Hancock County in Illinois and Clark County in Missouri is seeking an Executive Director to manage all aspects of a non-profit organization dedicated to improving lives in the area of health, education and financial stability.

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Lilly’s attorney says verdict will be appealed

DONNELLSON - George Austin of Donnellson will be celebrating his 80th birthday on October 5, 2017. George was born in Nora Springs, Iowa where he married Gayle (Fisher) Austin on July 15, 1961. He has two children, Lori (David) Mehl of West Point, Iowa and Robert Austin of Salt Lake City, Utah. He has three grandchildren, Ashley (Eric) Hocker, Daniel (Katelyn) Mehl all of Donnellson and Brian Austin-Weischled of Salt Lake City, Utah. George is great grandpa to Brinley and Brody Hocker & Brycen Mehl. Please drop a line or a card to George at 204 South Main Street, Donnellson. He would like to hear from you.

By PCC Staff

Fort Madison - Families are invited to Old Settlers Park in Fort Madison on Beggar’s Night, October 31st from 5-7 p.m. In its 2nd year, Old Settlers Association members, businesses and neighbors will be handing out treats. Fraise Real Estate is furnishing a light supper for families participating. Any individual who no longer gets “beggars” but loves Halloween is invited to join in the fun. To set up a table, registration is required by Oct. 15 and can be done by calling Sheryl Decker at 372-7813. There is no fee to participate, but you will be given a table you can decorate as you wish. You can wear a costume if you wish or you can come as yourself. Those registered should report to Fayer Shelter and set up by 4:30 pm. In 2016 over 500 children participated. You will have time to go downtown for safe trick or treating as well as Old Settlers Park in the two hours allotted for the city trick or treating. OSA is offering good lighting, an open restroom, flat sidewalks for strollers or wheel chairs, and a fun night of fellowship.

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FORT MADISON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Fort Madison Community Hospital would like to remind all women to take charge of their health and help win the fight against breast cancer.

The greatest weapons in the fight against breast cancer are prevention and early detection, which includes having an annual exam; getting the recommended screenings including a mammogram for women over forty; and adopting healthy habits when it comes to making wise food choices, taking enough sleep.

Breast cancer is often an individual, her health, and other serious illnesses. Age alone should not be the reason to stop having regular mammograms. As long as a woman is in good health and would be a candidate for treatment, she should continue to be screened with a mammogram.

Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam (CBE) as part of a periodic (regular) health exam by a health professional, at least every 3 years. After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a health professional every year. With breast cancer being the leading new cancer in females in the state of Iowa, according to the 2017 Cancer in Iowa Report, all women need to take their breast health very seriously. An estimated 2,300 new cases of breast cancer will be detected in Iowa in 2017 with 370 deaths resulting from breast cancer, second only to lung cancer for women.

Fort Madison Community Hospital offers the latest in breast cancer screening technologies. Genius™ exams, developed by Hologic, Inc., a worldwide leader in Women’s Health, utilizes advanced breast tomosynthesis technology. Genius exams are clinically proven to significantly increase the detection of breast cancers, while simultaneously decreasing the number of women asked to return for additional testing.

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"Fort Madison Community Hospital is leading the way in breast cancer detection by investing in the latest screening technology - 3D Mammography. As a Radiologist, this allows me to provide my patients with the highest quality of care that leads to better results, while reducing unnecessary stress that false positives or additional tests raise," said Dr. Pil Kang, Radiologist, Davis Radiology. The team of Radiology professionals at FMCH partner with the Doctors of Radiology from Davis Radiology to provide compassionate, competent care.

Through the FMCH Foundation, Breast Health Fund, paying for a mammogram or associated tests should not be a barrier from getting this important screening. If a patient is in need of financial assistance, they can contact Kevin Rink in the Patient Financial Services department at 319-376-2110.

To schedule your mammogram appointment, please contact FMCH Radiology, 319-376-2745.