Hwy. 61 shooting suspect in custody

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - - Fort Madison police arrested a man Sunday morning suspected of shooting a vehicle on Oct. 20, just north of Fort Madison on Hwy 61.

Police arrested Tourmairia Resean Baynes, 27, who's listed as homeless, at a bar located in the 1100 block of Avenue E for a warrant issued out of the Lee County Sheriff’s office for attempted murder and intimidation with a dangerous weapon.

Baynes is currently being held at the Lee County Jail. He was also charged with possession of marijuana by Fort Madison police following his arrest.

Fort Madison Chief of Police Tim Sittig said Baynes was apprehended without incident.

"I don't know if we got a call or they were just doing a bar check, but they entered the bar, saw him and realized there was a warrant out on him, so they picked him up."

The incident stems from a shooting that was reported by a motorist traveling on Hwy 61 southbound. Shots were fired at the motorist's vehicle as a vehicle Baynes, also known as "Whammy," was a passenger in.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said a bullet was pulled from a vehicle that had been shot at and local law enforcement, including the Fort Madison police, tried to locate a vehicle fitting a description given by the motorist whose vehicle had been shot at. Weber said Tuesday that the department is not actively seeking anyone else in connection with the shooting.

Baynes is currently being held at the Lee County Jail on a $25,000 bond. The attempt to commit murder charge is a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

City Council gives Varley 8 percent pay bump

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison City Council approved an 8 percent increase in pay for City Manager David Varley at its Tuesday regular meeting.

An agenda item had been listed for the meeting calling for approval for a 5 percent increase, but 1st Ward City Councilman Chris Greenwald referenced an email that had come out prior to the meeting and then asked to amend the motion on the agenda for an 8 percent increase. Varley was currently making $101,920 and the pay raise will take him to $110,074 per year.

"The thing that I thought about yesterday, for some reason my mind went to, to compare this to an industry and say this was a 96-employee industry, what would the plant manager be bringing in a year. Then I compared this job to that job and this job is a lot broader than that job," Greenwald said.

Varley's third year anniversary date was in October. He received pay increases as part of his 6-month and one-year review. All city employees get annual cost of living increases and Varley has received those, but Mayor Brad Randolph said a step was actually skipped with Varley last year when no pay increase was given on his second anniversary date.

All city employees get an annual cost of living increase and then step or merit increases.

City Councilman Kevin Rink asked Varley if he was happy with Fort Madison and whether he was looking to retire here in Fort Madison.

Varley said he would probably work for eight more years and said his family has made Fort Madison its home.

"I may look 75 but I’m not quite that old yet, but I’ve got a few good years left in me. So I hope so," Randolph said the pay increase was warranted because Fort Madison is behind the curve in pay to the city manager's position and has been during Varley's tenure and also during former City Manager Byron Smith's tenure.

"One of the reasons we lost Byron was because of a lack of a pay increase," Randolph said after the meeting.

"Since I’ve been on the council, this is my second city manager. We’ve been fortunate to get the caliber in Byron and David for what would be considered fortunate to get the caliber in Byron and David for what would be considered"

The Fort Madison City Council met in its improved chambers Tuesday night. The Council Chambers recently were painted and then art highlighting historic elements of Fort Madison, donated by Larry Wright, was hung on the wall.
Lee County Jail and held.
01/13/18 - 10:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police Department on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and carrying weapons. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/13/18 - 11:44 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jodi Ann McFadden, 38, of Fort Madison at the Fort Madison Police Department on charges of felony burglary, vehicular burglary, criminal mischief and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/14/18 - 1:12 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tour-maria Resean Baynes, 27, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of Avenue I for a warrant for attempted murder and intimidation with a dangerous weapon, and a charge of possession of marijuana. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/14/18 - 9:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Lisa Marie Johnson, 29, of Fort Madison in the 3000 block of Avenue K, on a warrant for special violation and intimidation with a dangerous weapon, and a charge of possession of marijuana. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/15/18 - 7:38 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2500 block of Hwy. 2. A vehicle driven by Jennifer Lynn Forbes, 41, of Fort Madison was turning left when it struck a vehicle driven by Michael Adrian Fullen-kamp, of Donnellson who was driving. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released after paying a fine, 10/15/18 - 7:16 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the intersection of Hwy 16, and Hwy 61. A vehicle driven by Ashley Jean Dietl, 27, of New Windsor, H., struck a vehicle driven by Mary Kaylynn Norman, 39, of Boone. Dietl was cited for failure to yield the right of way while attempting to cross the U.S. 61 cross through. She lost traction and could not clear oncoming traffic 01/15/18 - 1:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27. A vehicle driven by Darla Linh Allen, 21, of Houston, Texas lost control and ended up in the west ditch. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene.
01/16/18 - 1:51 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of 5th degree theft. She was released with a court date. 01/13/18 - 10:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Charles Zachari-as Shaver, 42, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail and released, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/12/18 - 8:08 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jasen Scott Tripp, 42, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff’s office, on warrants for theft in the first and second degree and a charge of burglary in the 3rd degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/13/18 - 10:19 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Quentin John Spencer, 19, of Keokuk on a warrant for violation of probation and voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to the Lee Count Jail and held.
01/14/18 - 11:10 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Joseph John Reynolds, 31, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue D.
01/14/18 - 10:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager
Charles Vandenberg, Editor
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01/13/18 - 5:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Ann Marie Nebel, 54, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue H on a charge of possession of marijuana. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/13/18 - 10:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Henry Allen Thullen, Jr., 52, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H on a charge of interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
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City to detour 7th Street beginning Feb. 5
From the City of Fort Madison
FORT MADISON - The City of Fort Madison will be performing storm sewer repairs on 7th Street from Avenue G to Avenue H beginning February 5th and continuing through April 1st. At times, 7th Street and Avenue H will be closed; therefore, please follow detour signs when posted.

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Teen was tried in adult court after transfer denied

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and a $750 fine.

He was also in court in Des Moines County this morning for sentencing on a conviction for unauthorized possession of offensive weapons stemming from a Burlington Police complaint in March of last year. 8th District Judge William Dowell sentenced Virgil to a suspended five-year prison term and placed him on five years probation with a $750 fine and 80 hours of community service.

Virgil was asked about robbing the Garner Oil gas station on Jan. 7 at gunpoint, along with Noah Gasaway, 18, of Fort Madison, who is also facing charges in connection with the robbery. Gasaway was charged with first-degree robbery, and two counts of using a juvenile to commit an indictable offense. Gasaway has a trial tentatively set for April 17 in North Lee County Court.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said Virgil’s hearing was a contested sentencing and he was asking for a term in prison.

“I was arguing for incarceration. He was 16 at the time the crime was committed, but if he had been 18 it would have been mandatory prison.”

Both cases were handled in adult court after transfers to juvenile court were denied in both Des Moines and Lee Counties.

Great River Regional Waste Authority is looking forward to continuing our efforts to manage our environmental footprint and help educate our communities on ways to help in 2018!

Things to remember in 2018 when recycling:

Please do not place plastic bags in recycling bins.

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• HHW Collection Available by appointment during regular business hours at our Ft. Madison and Keokuk locations

Thank you to all of our customers who helped us reduce our environmental footprint in 2017!
FORT MADISON - A balanced scoring attack and some solid team defense proved to be too much for visiting Burlington as Fort Madison dumped the Grayhounds 53-36 Tuesday night at the Hound Dome.

It took a couple of minutes for the Hounds to get in the right gear as Burlington jumped out to a quick 4-2 lead with the Hounds suffering through some cool shooting early on.

But Brandon Keester came off the bench and hit his only three pointer of the game from about 22 feet out and that seemed to get the Hounds back on track and gave them their first lead at 7-6.

The Grayhounds got a 3-pointer from freshman point guard, Michael Alexander to retake the lead. Bloodhound junior Logan Rashid converted a runner to tie the game at 9 and the two teams traded a bucket to end the quarter square at 11 all.

The Hounds then went on a 17-7 second quarter run highlighted by six points from senior Treavor-James Kokjohn and five from senior Kaleb Cresswell to push a 30-18 lead. Both teams turned to defense in the third quarter as a total of 13 points were scored combined by both teams. Rashid had five for the Hounds in the quarter.

The fourth quarter was evenly matched with Fort Madison outscoring Burlington 14-12. Cresswell hit back to back 3-pointers, one from the right side and one from the left with about four minutes left in the game and contributed a nifty inlet pass to senior Lorenzo Riles would got fouled on the play, converting the back end of the two freebies.

Cresswell led the Hounds with 15 points on the night. Rashid had 13. Kokjohn, who didn’t score from the field in the second half, had six for Fort Madison, as did Jayden Fedler. Sheymouhr Redd-Donald had four points, Keester and Riles each had three points. Jace Burgher had two points and Romeo Maestro added a point for Fort Madison.
Cresswell gave all-around effort

Head Coach Ryan Wilson said he was impressed with the defensive effort of the team and Cresswell’s overall performances. “We worked yesterday on some different things to make us a little more focused and to try and be in the passing lanes a little more, just trying to make things a bit more difficult,” he said. “It could have been better at times. We gave up some open looks but when you hold a team to 36 points, you’re doing something right.”

He said Cresswell did some good things with the ball and away from the ball. “Kaleb did a great job all around, finding open players and knocking down some shots. And defensively he held a couple guys in check so I was happy with his all around effort.”

The Hounds move to 9-4 on the season and have won six of their last seven games. They host crosstown rival Holy Trinity Catholic on Saturday in a boys/girls doubleheader.

City Manager salary ranked last among comparable cities

• Council unanimously reappoints Carol Foss to Old Fort Commission, Mike Pulis to Parks & Rec Board

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a lower salary. When we try to decide what the city manager is worth a lot of times you look at prevailing wage and you balance a whole lot of things. What are his strong points - what does the city need - will it be more efficient. We try to weigh all those options but still try to keep city costs down in providing that.”

Several data sheets were presented that showed 10 cities of the similar population with smaller property valuations that showed Fort Madison was last in salary for the city manager. Another sheet listed groups of cities in the 5,150 to 9,500 population and Fort Madison ranked 14th in City Manager salary.

“The data kind of speaks for itself in terms of us being at the lower end of the spectrum, and we need to be competitive,” Randolph said. “David’s done a great job with his ability to streamline city services and find efficiencies and we certainly benefit from his 35 years of experience.”

The motion to approve the 8 percent pay increase passed 7-0.

In other action, the council
• voted 7-0 to approve a structural engineering contract with Calhoun-Burns and Associates for the inspection, design, and bid for a rehabilitation of the 14th Street bridge over French Creek not to exceed $42,000. City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said he wanted to try a 10-year rehab on the structure to see if there is a cost benefit to that rather than replacing the whole structure at some point. He said he hoped rehabbing the bridge, a deck overhaul, and steel support rehab would give the bridge 10 more years of life.
• voted 7-0 to reappoint Carol Foss to the Old Fort Commission and Mike Pulis to the city Parks and Recreation Board.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

I. Other reports
1. Director moved and Director seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the documents submitted in the absence of personnel

A. Ruth Applegate, Central Office secretary
B. Kenneth Steeples, Head baseball coach
C. Chad Bowen, 8th grade basketball coach
D. Sarah Hines, Middle School food service
E. Tabitha Helmsick, Richardson associate
F. Christian Dunn, Richardson associate
G. Nancy Butler, Lincoln associate
H. Consider contract modifications

II. Special Ed

A. Angie Williams, change in hours and classification
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

III. Sunrise

A. 501.3-R-1 - Attendance
1. Consider approval of

1. 2017-2018 District Calendar Discussion
2. Calendar Update
3. Building Instructional Tour
4. Board Member Attendance
5. Certified Employee Attendance
6. Board Member Attendance
7. Nancy Butler, Lincoln associate
8. Tabitha Helmick, Richardson associate
9. Angie Williams, change in hours and classification
10. Superintendent – Erin Slater

IV. Future work sessions

A. 503.1 - Student Exclusion
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

V. A Special Election on the

A. School board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
FMCSD will host area school districts for a full day of instructional rounds and professional development on February 5, 2018 at the Middle School.
Future work sessions

A. 501.3-R-1 - Attendance
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

VI. General Obligation

A. The February regular board meeting will be held
1. First Day of Employment
2. Employee Benefits
3. Future work sessions

A. Review policy #507.1
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

VII. Action Items

A. 501.3-R-1 - Attendance
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

IX. Comments from the

A. Review policy #507.1
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

X. Legislative update

A. Review policy #507.1
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

XI. Announcements

A. Review policy #507.1
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

XII. Adjourn

1. Review policy #507.1
2. Superintendent Evaluation process
3. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
4. Comments from the
5. Superintendent Evaluation process
6. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
7. Comments from the
8. Superintendent Evaluation process

XIII. Adjourn
OBITUARIES

PAUL LEROY BUNNELL, SR.

Paul LeRoy Bunnell, Sr., 73, of Argyle, Iowa passed away at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at his home.

Born May 24, 1944 in Rochester, Minnesota the son of Eugene Hart and Hattie Jane (Purtle) Bunnell. On December 8, 1963 he married Nancy Bryant at the First Christian Church in Keokuk, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife Nancy of Argyle; four sons: Michael (Claudette) Bunnell of Keosauqua, Paul Bunnell, Jr., of Montrose; Andrew (Terri) Bunnell, Sr. of Farmington and David (Mescha) Bunnell of West Point; one daughter Marca DeTrucklerie of Argyle; twenty grandchildren: Evan, Jessica, Cheyenne, Matthew, Dakota, Josh, Dakota, Jacki, Andy, Jr., Michael, Noah, Elijah, Abigail, Kelsie, Kimberly, Tanner, Bethany, Hope, James and Kassidy; six great-grandchildren: Aubree Jo, Austen, Jack, Izzy, Amira and Beau and three brothers: Roy Bunnell of the state of Washington, Ray Bunnell of Williamston, South Carolina and Delbert Bunnell of Wayland, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Carl and Donnie.

Paul was a 1963 graduate of Hamilton High School. He attended IBEW electrical school from 1965 to 1969. He retired as a Union Electrician for IBEW #13 being a fifty three year member. Paul was a member of the Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Keokuk, Iowa. He enjoyed playing high school athletics and coaching his sons throughout their youth sports. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal football and baseball fan. Paul also enjoyed mushroom hunting, deer hunting and being outdoors.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 19, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastors Andy Bunnell and Larry Wallingford officiating.

Burial will be at the Argyle Memorial Gardens in rural Argyle, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in his memory for Diabetes Research.

A memorial service will be held at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Andy Bunnell officiating.

BUNNELL

WILLIAM EARL BOON

William Earl Boon, 69, of Missouri and formerly of Ft. Madison passed away on January 10, 2018 in Oregon as a result of a vehicle accident.

He was born on March 14, 1948 in Ft. Madison to Charles and Shirley Senf Boon.

On May 4, 1992 he married Pamela and she survives. Bill served in the US Army during the Vietnam War in Germany. He owned and operated his own welding shop and enjoyed music.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela Boon of Branson, MO; a daughter from a previous marriage, Laura Munson of Bella Vista, AR; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Boon of Hannibal, MO and Daniel Boon of Ft. Madison. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Pamela Newman.

Cremation has been entrusted and burial will take place at Eagle Point National Cemetery in Eagle Point, OR. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Fareway donates $111K to Toys for Tots

Fareway Stores, Inc. recently presented a check for $111,193 to the U.S. Marine Corps for their Toys for Tots campaign, which provides toys to less fortunate children during the holiday season. In addition, more than 90 pallets of toys were collected and donated. Monetary and toy donations were accepted at all 120 Fareway store locations from Friday, November 24 through Saturday, December 23.

“We want to thank our generous customers for helping make this a record-breaking year. Monetary donations increased over 30 percent from the prior year, and the toys donated were outstanding,” said Fareway Stores, Inc. CEO Reynolds W. Cramer. “We are proud to partner with the U.S. Marine Corps on Toys for Tots and help spread joy to thousands of children through this campaign.”

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