Boulders joins Wisconsin hotel group

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Boulders Inn & Suites Fort Madison is excited to announce it is now a member of the Cobblestone Hotels family. The addition of the successful and rapidly growing Boulders Inn & Suites company and its 15 properties (Atlantic, Boone, Clarinda, Clarion, Denison, Majestic Hills, Denison, Oakridge, Fort Madison, Holstein, Lake View, Manning, Milford/Oakoboji, Monticello, Newton, Oelwein, Iowa and Maryville, MO) brings Cobblestone Hotels’ portfolio to more than 130 open locations in 27 states.

Area teacher faces drugs, weapon charges

Van Buren teacher allegedly pulled a gun on college student, demanded ride to West Point for marijuana

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

WEST POINT - A teacher in the Van Buren Community School district was apprehended by Canton, Missouri police Saturday and charged with felony weapons and drug charges.

Adam James Hardin, 37, who owns property in West Point, was arrested after he allegedly demanded a ride from a Culver-Stockton student from Canton to West Point, at one point brandishing a semi-automatic pistol.

Canton police officials said the incident is still under investigation and could be turned over to Iowa law enforcement depending on where and when Hardin allegedly produced the weapon. Hardin was arrested for unlawful use of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance. Hardin was released after posting $2,500 on $25,000 10% allowed bond.

Hardin is currently listed on the Van Buren Community School district’s website as physical education and health instructor at the Van Buren Middle School.

According to a probably cause document, Canton police were called to a fraternity house on Culver-Stockton’s campus at 7:35 p.m., where a student informed police that Hardin had made him transport him back to West Point where a cooler was placed in the toolbox of the pickup truck the student was driving. The two then returned to the frat house.

Hardin was arrested after the student filed a complaint with police. When he was taken into custody, the police found produce reports showed a loaded Walther PPX semi-automatic handgun was found in the truck, and 98 grams of marijuana in multiple containers were recovered as well.

Clark County school employee jailed on threat charge

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

KAHOKA - An employee of the Clark County School District has been placed on a 24-hour hold at the Clark County Jail after allegedly making a terrorist threat at the Clark County Middle school.

According to a press release from the Clark County Sheriff’s office a threat was discovered on the morning of Oct. 25 in a stall in the girls restroom. The threat read “I’m going to kill everyone at this school today.” The threat resulted in all Clark County School’s being cancelled.

On the morning of November 1, 2018 the Clark County Sheriff’s Office arrested Amanda Joy Miller, age 38 of Kahoka Missouri following a thorough investigation by the Clark County Sheriff’s Office. She was booked into the Clark County Detention Center on a hold with no formal charges as of this publishing.

In a statement from Superintendent Richie Kracht, said Miller is no longer employed with the district and school officials notified law enforcement immediately upon discovery of the threat.

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Apri-Poe

Chicago’s Duffy Hudson asked guests to “suspend disbelief” as he spent more than an hour bringing about the enigmatic Edgar Allen Poe at the Fort Madison Public Library. Hudson brought Poe out in a retrospective of his personal life, including interpretations of “Tell Tale Heart” and “The Raven”.

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DAVID S. STIFFLER

David S. Stiffler, 43, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 8:22 p.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. He was born on June 25, 1975, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the son of James and Diane (Southard) Stiffler. On August 18, 2007, he married Melissa Erb in Argyle, Iowa. They later divorced.

Survivors include his three sons: Luis Cordova of Fairmont, Minnesota; Jacob Stiffler of Argyle, Iowa and Joshua Stiffler of Argyle, Iowa; mother: Diane Stiffler of Arkadelphia, Arkansas; two siblings: Missy Daly of Dardanelle, Arkansas and Travis (Mona) Vance of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father: James Stiffler; one sister: Sandy Marion and grandmother: Fern Southard.

David was a truck driver for NCI Supply Company. He was a member of the Fort Madison Eagles Club. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and riding motorcycles. David loved playing his guitars and enjoyed all genres of music, he never knew a stranger and could always make a person laugh.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. that evening. A Funeral Service will be held at 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Jamey Stout officiating. Following the service his body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Eagles Club in Fort Madison, Iowa. Burial and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

HENRY A. HANNA

Henry A. Hanna, 86 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Monday, October 29, 2018 at his home.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. No services are planned. Online condolences to the Hanna Family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Local authorities not yet involved in investigation

Canton Police Chief Ryan Crandall said the investigation into the case is still open and could result in other law enforcement agencies filing charges depending on where the weapon was produced.

Crandall said the student told police he was the designated sober driver and confirmed transporting Hardin to his residence in West Point. According to the report the student said Hardin produced a gun and set in on a console in the pickup and said “this is for you to listen and not tell what we’re gonna do.”

He said the student also told police there were no weapons or drugs in the vehicle before he picked up Hardin.

West Point Police chief Brad Roberts said he has not been involved in the investigation to this point and said he believed Hardin lived in Van Buren County, but owned property in West Point. According to the Lee County Assessors office, Hardin owns a home at 203 Avenue C in West Point.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said his department has not been involved in the investigation to this point.

Quick action noted by school officials

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Holy Trinity Catholic hosted an induction ceremony for the newest members of National Honor Society on Wednesday. The students newly inducted include: Taylor Boeding, Connor Holvoet, Yulu Zhang (honorary), Blake Crabtree, Abigail Dingman, Reed Fehseke, Reagan Garrels, Claire Graham, Matthew Hellige, Wyatt Hellman, Mason Holvoet, Ryan Otte, Nicole Pothitakis, Samantha Pothitakis, Elle Rashid, Quentin Schneider, Mââille Sheerin. Current chapter members include Joshua Barr, Emily Box, Kyle Bredermeyer, Mya Lawlor, Alec Mehmert, Elyse Pothitakis, Adam Rauenbuehler, Kyle Scheetz, Katie Scoville, Hannah Torgle, and Jorie Whitaider.

Holy Trinity National Honor Society

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Trout, bass still hitting at local lakes

Tagged rainbow trout stocked last week are still active at Wilson Lake

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for area fishing holes in southeast Iowa for the week ending Nov. 7.

Environmental Discovery Park North Pond
The fall trout release was last Saturday. Anglers were catching trout before the stocking truck got to the dam.

Rainbow Trout - Excellent: Trout were biting nearly as fast as they hit the water; 23 of the 100 tagged trout were caught before 4 pm.

Lake Belva Deer
Water temperature continues to hold onto the low 50’s. Bluegill - Good: Bluegill fishing picked up after the winds died down last weekend. They are in fairly shallow; start in 5 to 6 feet of water. Channel Catfish - Good: Catfishing has remained pretty good since the big rains a couple of weeks ago. These fish are trying to fatten up for their winter nap.

Lake Darling
Water temperature is 50 degrees. Little brown tint to the water, but not bad. Light fishing pressure this week. Bluegill - Good: Bluegills are still out in about 4 to 5 feet of water, but if the sun shines they could move in shallower. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappies are out in 10 to 12 feet of water. Slip bobbers and minnows or small jigs vertical jigged work best.

Wilson Lake
The Fall trout release was last weekend. Plenty of trout are left for this weekend. Rainbow Trout - Good: It took about an hour after they were released for the trout to start hitting, but after that they caught a lot of trout for the rest of Saturday and Sunday; 47 tagged trout were caught in two days.

For more information on the above lakes and rivers, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Mississippi River Pool 19
Tailwater stage is 10.76 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is falling. Flood stage is 10 feet. Fishing has been slow with the high water conditions. River stages have been falling this past week. River stages are still high and some ramps are still closed. Main channel water temperature is around 49 degrees. Fishing has been slow with the high water conditions. If you have questions on fishing Pool 16-19, contact Seniors Rutson, McGhghy, Pumphrey, Williams and junior Jillian Wiseman, the only underclassman to get first-team status.

Pumphrey named Co-Player of the Year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - Senior Josie Pumphrey was named co-Player of the Year in the Southeast Conference volleyball on Tuesday.

Pumphrey played libero and had one ace in the conference with digs at 471 on the year behind co-Player of the year Dลานz Dhish of Fairfield who had 569 in 13 more sets of play.

Also named to the first team were Senior Kaedi Hutson and junior Jillian Wiseman, the only underclassman to get first-team status.

Wiseman was second in the loop in kills with 273 behind Fairfield’s Alison Godwin. Hutson was fourth in the conference with kills at 197. Hutson was also third in league behind Dhish and Pumphrey in digs with 335.

Sophomore Lauren Bailey was named 2nd team all-conference. Bailey led the Southeast Conference in assists on the year with 710, almost double that of Fairfield’s Lily Hoskins who was second with 363. Bailey was also tied for 5th in the league with 31 aces, and had one of the highest serving percentages in the league at 95.7% success.

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