Keokuk woman murdered outside mall

24-year-old man in custody after stabbing woman several times in mall parking lot

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK – A Keokuk murder Tuesday was a result of domestic argument that turned tragic.

Adam Golden McCain, 24 of Keokuk, was arrested by Lee County Sheriff’s deputies Tuesday evening after LeeComm dispatchers sent Keokuk Police to the River City Mall for an injured woman, Calove Sackman of Keokuk.

McCain was allegedly identified to a witness by Sackman, who had suffered multiple stab wounds to the torso area, and eventually died from those injuries at UnityPoint Hospital in Keokuk Tuesday night.

According to the complaint filed in South Lee County Court on Wednesday, McCain and Sackman, had been in a long-term relationship and were arguing when Sackman jumped from McCain’s vehicle in the mall parking lot in the 300 block of Main Street.

After being taken into custody, McCain allegedly told authorities that he was driving Sackman around in his vehicle and became upset with her and then she jumped from the vehicle, according the complaint information.

McCain then got out of the vehicle and allegedly stabbed Sackman once and she was able to get away from him. But then he got back into his vehicle drove over to her and stabbed her repeatedly before leaving the scene.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said deputies came across McCain vehicle on the side of the road after they were informed a possible hit and run in the area.

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Barkers have Kingsley Inn about ready

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The public is invited to the Kingsley Inn’s Ribbon Cutting on Friday, February 15 at 10am and the Open House on Saturday, February 16 from 10am-4pm. The hotel is located at 707 Avenue H.

Guests will be treated to coffee from Swed & Co, punch and snacks after touring the 19 room property. There will also be drawings for a night’s stay in a river-front spa room and the Kingsley Guest House.

Barker Financial Group took possession of the property back in October and hired Mark Schickedanz’ Schickedanz Construction to rehab the property.

Barker was also responsible for getting the downtown upstairs apartment project completed above the Old Lee County Bank building and Cattermole Library.

Chi Eastin is the General Manager of the newly remodeled property.

“We are very excited to open the Kingsley Inn for the public to see the changes that have been made. It’s a beautiful hotel and we are ready to share it with guests.”

The Kingsley Inn will take bookings online and on its Facebook page booking button. The prepaid online bookings will then allow self check-in after 3pm. Guests will receive their personalized code for the front door and their room door through email the week of

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Andy Mehmert, a 12-year-old at HTC wanted to look at the impact of certain levels of manure on corn growth as well as how planting with manure would impact water runoff.

“I put manure into a bucket and planted seeds and I waited for the corn to grow. I weighed the ears of corn and then I tested the runoff water and sent it into a lab.”

Mehmert said he sent the runoff water to Midwest Laboratories where he had them analyze the liquid for potassium, nitrogen, and phosphate levels.

That he could track the impact of the

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VIRGIL H. HELLIGE

Virgil H. Hellige, 65, of Ft. Madison passed away at 8:14 AM on Wednesday, February 06, 2019 at his home.

He was born on July 10, 1953 in Ft. Madison to Henry and Dorothy Nolte Hellige. On November 24, 1984 he married Jeanne Klesener in Nauvoo. Virgil worked at ISP and retired after twenty-nine years of service. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, The Moose and The Izaak Walton League. Virgil enjoyed hunting, fishing, bingo and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan. His greatest love was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Hellige of Ft. Madison; his children, Mike (Mary) Hellige, Susan (David) Jeffries and Sarah (BJ) Pohl-peter, all of Ft. Madison; six grandchildren, Madison, Connor, Mason, Tanner, Wesley and Benjamin; one brother, Arnold Hellige of Hannibal; four sisters, Mary Wenke of Donnellson, Rosie Becker of Farmington, Pauline Smith of Kahoka, and Genevieve Martin of Venice, FL; mother and father in law, Dennis and Barb Klesener of Nauvoo and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, twin grandsons, Emmett and Wyatt Jeffries and a brother in law, Randy Klesener.

The funeral mass will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. The family will meet with friends on Friday from 4:30 PM-6:30 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A rosary will be recited at 6:30 PM at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Hotels will follow popular BNB model

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He said in the process of investigating the hit-and-run LeeComm dispatchers put together that the man they had detained in the hit and run, could be the same person wanted in connection with the stabbing.

“LeeComm did a good job of putting that information together and making that connection,” he said.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said District Judge Ty Rogers has set bond at $1 million cash. McCain was booked into the Lee County Jail at about 1 a.m. Wednesday morning and remains in custody. He is facing a charge of murder in the first degree, a Class A felony carrying a penalty of lifetime imprisonment.

Radio Keokuk contributed to this report.

The Shrimp Shack Shooters

February 9th at 8p.m.

Purchase tickets at the door or before hand from your local firefighters

West Point Fireman's Ball

Captain Geech

Fort Madison Kiwanis' President, Shirley Hoening, presents Angie Budnik with $100 to P.O.R.T of Fort Madison to help defray costs associated the P.O.R.T. trails.

Bond set at $1M for murder suspect

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Watercolors on display at FMAAAA in February

An artists’ reception is planned for Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the center on Avenue G.

FROM BRIAN RIGGS
Fort Madison Area Arts Association Director

FORT MADISON – Best of the Best is so worth the wait. Ft. Madison Area Arts Association is the next stop in southeast Iowa for the Iowa Watercolor Society’s 2018-2019 traveling show. Reception will occur February 9th from 2:00-4:00pm. At 3:30pm the current president of IWS, Mayela Fonseca, will give a watercolor demonstration. Member Jan Vander Linden will be on hand to answer questions as well. Two Rivers Insurance is the sponsor for the exhibition.

The Iowa Watercolor Society (IWS) is an organization with over 170 members that are beginning, amateur, and professional artists. The organization offers the opportunity for watercolorists of all skill levels to network with the artists statewide. The only requirement for membership is an interest in watercolor painting. IWS was organized in 1977 by a group of devoted artists that loved to paint. They were led by Joe Messner of Cedar Rapids. Each year the organization sponsors an annual meeting, a juried exhibition, and a luncheon with an award ceremony and workshops. The organizations primary purpose is to promote and encourage interest in water based media in Iowa.

Coming from Osmond Florida, artist Janet Rogers juried and judged this year’s annual IWS exhibition that consisted of 60 paintings chosen from 150 entries from Iowa Watercolor Society members across Iowa. Janet has been a professional artist for 30 years and a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society. She is a member of the prestigious American Watercolor Society and a nationally recognized watercolor instructor.

The traveling exhibit of 30 paintings is selected from the main exhibition and includes the five IWS Awards of Excellence, Best Transparent Watercolor, and seven Honorable Mentions. The 30 paintings in the traveling show represent the work of 26 IWS members. One can truly say that the IWS Traveling Show is the best of the best. The watercolors are for sale available after completion of the southeast Iowa tour. The show has been in Ottumwa and Fairfield prior to arriving in Ft. Madison. Muscatine and Iowa City will be the last destinations in this territory.

Viewing available all month of February with new hours at 825 Avenue G when weather permits 10am-7pm Tuesday-Saturday. Adult Beginning Painting Class will be offered by Bill Hall on February 20th at 5:30pm with Hall’s Ice Cream treats. Next Early Out for students age 6-12 will be on February 27th from 2:30-4:30 with Native American molla paintings with instructor Lois di Prima. Call 372-3996 for to register. FMAAA is Painting Out in February! Rinse your brushes….and spark your creativity!
BURLINGTON – Fort Madison senior Logan Rashid put up 26 points in a losing effort Monday night as the Fort Madison boys basketball team fell to Burlington 67-61 Monday night.

Rashid was a perfect 12-of-12 from the free throw line in the win, but Fort Madison suffered through a final minute where the Grayhounds went on a 7-0 run to win the game.

Fort Madison trailed by as much as 11 in the first quarter, but battled back to knot the score at 28 with three minutes left in the first half. Burlington then went on a 10-4 run to close out the half and take a 38-32 lead into the locker room.

The Grayhounds hit a three pointer to open the scoring in the second half and went up 41-32, but Fort Madison would put together a 7-2 run of their own that spanned three minutes to cut the lead to four at 43-39.

The Grayhounds would then hold leads ranging from three to seven points until the final two minutes where the Bloodhounds cut the lead to 61-58 and then 61-60 with under a minute to play before the BHS shut the Hounds down until the buzzer.

Junior Jayden Fedler had 13 points on the night and freshman Dayton Davis scored 12 in the loss. Junior Parker Denning added four, while senior Brandon Keester hit a 3-ball in the third quarter for his only points. Freshman Miles Dear had two points and senior Jordyn Gerdes had one to round out the scoring.

The Hounds fall to 7-12 on the year. They’re game tonight with Davis County has been cancelled due to weather and will not be rescheduled. The Hounds wrap up the regular season in Friday with a trip to Fairfield.

Fedler, Rashid 2nd and 3rd in Southeast Conference scoring

Fort Madison senior Logan Rashid, shown here in earlier action this year, scored 26 points Monday in a 67-61 loss to Burlington. The Hounds (7-12) wrap up the regular season with a trip to Fairfield on Friday.

Rashid was second in the conference in scoring at 13.8 points per game. Rashid is second in the conference in assists with 58 and Davis is tops in the league in steals with 46. Davis and Rashid are also tops in the league in turnovers with 61 and 59 respectively.

Post season information for the Bloodhounds is scheduled to be released on Friday.
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New Year. Fresh Start.

Thank you to all our customers who worked to reduce their environmental footprint last year. We’re looking forward to helping you continue your efforts and to educating our communities on more ways to help this year.

Here are just a few ways you can help:

- Don’t put plastic bags in recycling bins
- Rinse & clean all food jars & cans before recycling
- Flatten empty boxes for better storage & volume reduction
- Place all recyclables loose in bins
- Don’t recycle wrapping paper
- Properly dispose of all electronics and household hazardous waste

Projects show students science skills in practice

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runoff as well as determining the benefit to the corn. “I wanted to find out which amount of manure would be the best on the corn,” Mehmert said.

Mary Kate Bendlage, a 7th grader at HTC did a study on whether home-made honey or store bought honey was healthier for consumers.

Bendlage said she has a beehive at home and works it with her grandfather. “We got it going about two years and we thought if we did this we’d have more fun and get to spend more time together so we started it.”

She said they feed the bees sugar water but it has a its downside. “I found out pretty quickly that if you don’t suit up properly you’re gonna get stung.”

She said she’s only been stung a few times, but it’s fun to work on the hive with her grandfather. She said by boiling the honey the homemade honey at 400 degrees as a form a pasteurization, helps it becomes a better product in terms of antioxidant bacteria. She tracked the impact of the different honeys on an apple and then tracked the results with an enzyme table.

Johnson makes Dean’s List for fall at Simpson

INDIANOLA – Leigh Johnson, a 2018 graduate of Fort Madison High School has been named to the Dean’s List at Simpson college for the fall semester. Johnson is the daughter of Jill Johnson of Fort Madison and Daniel Johnson of Wever. Johnson also is a scholarship player on the Simpson College volleyball team.

The Dean’s list at Simpson requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.70 to 3.99 on 4.0 scale. Pen City Current congratulates Johnson on her success as a student-athlete.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 07 Feb
Light Snow
High – 29.8º F | Low – 8.0º F

FRI 08 Feb
Light Snow
High – 6.6º F | Low – -4.1º F

SAT 09 Feb
Light Snow
High – 15.7º F | Low – 12.0º F

SUN 10 Feb
Light Snow
High – 28.7º F | Low – 18.1º F

MON 11 Feb
Snow
High – 16.8º F | Low – 3.9º F

OpenWeatherMap
FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to en City Current.

State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency announces February “Quotes for Good”
State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency is excited to help out another Non-Profit Organization in our community. In February 2019 we will be giving back to Lee County K-9 Association by donating $5 for every new Auto Insurance Quote in the month of February 2019. So tell all your non-State Farm family/friends/coworkers to reach out to us for a quote and share this event to spread the word! If you are a current State Farm auto insurance customer, reach out to us for a Life Insurance or Disability Income conversation and we will donate $5 for that also. Contact Jess or Sam at 319-372-5982, 2623 Ave L Fort Madison, or email: jess@fortmadisoninsurance.com or samantha@fortmadisoninsurance.com.

Fish & Shrimp Fry this Friday
The FM Eagles Club is hosting a Fish & Shrimp fry this Friday to benefit the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Dinner is served 5-7:30pm. Music by The Hillisliders starts at 5pm. 50/50 Drawing, Live Auction starts at 6:30pm. Auction items include 4-2019 Cardinals’ box seats tickets; Sheaffer Golf Course Greens Fees & Cart, 25 Punch Card, and 10 Punch Card; and more! Desserts provided by The Kensington, Kim’s in West Point, & others! 4821 Avenue O (Behind Burger King), Fort Madison.

Local artist on display at SCC
Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her “Raptors and Evening with Chuck Long
Former Iowa standout and NFL quarterback Chuck Long will be at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for presentation, including a social hour and dinner with doors opening at 4:30. The social hour and dinner will be from 5 to 6 and Long will speak at 6 p.m. with a question and answer to follow. For more information, contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 or by email at mcmillan@sheaffergolf.com.

Ribbon-Cutting
A ribbon cutting for The Kingsley Inn and River Rocks Bar & Grille will be held on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner
The Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner will be held Feb. 22 at McAleere Hall in Fort Madison. A night of gaming, food and fun has been planned. Contact Partners at 372-5471 for more information.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington
Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington
The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington’s private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information. The next luncheon will be held January 22, 2019.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for $15. Add a photo for $5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of $10 per 25 words and $3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.