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NEWS ROUNDUP

CEDAR RAPIDS

Program cuts focus of forum

■ Likely cuts in Linn County's programs to the disabled will be discussed at an "Action Night" Thursday at Options of Linn County, 1019 Seventh St. SE. The discussion, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., will revolve around Senate File 69, which has forced counties into a managed system of care for the disabled and limits the amount counties can spend on care. The new law could force as much as \$1 million in cuts to programs in Linn County. Service professionals and volunteers as well as several people with disabilities will be speaking.

GARRISON

Children's troupe tour still on

■ The Young People's Touring Company of the Old Creamery Theater Company is still alive — for now, at least. The National Endowment for the Arts is eliminating a program that for 20 years has helped maintain the theater's Young People's company, which performs at schools throughout the state every spring. Unchanged are the theater's plans to go on the road from March through May, said Thomas Johnson, producing director. The theater secured a \$17,000 grant last year for the upcoming tour, he said. The grant is the only one the theater gets directly from the NEA. Ticket sales account for more than 75 percent of the theater's budget of about \$600,000. Public and private funds make up the rest.

MUSCATINE

Suspect sought in 2 robberies

■ Authorities last night were looking for a suspect in two armed robberies in the Muscatine area.

Deputy Steve Lawrence of the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office said a car was taken in one of the robberies, which occurred just before 8 p.m.

One robbery occurred within the Muscatine city limits; the other occurred on Highway 22, east of Muscatine. Lawrence said the same man is believed to have committed both robberies.

Lawrence said authorities were told the man may be carrying a rifle and a Beretta pistol.

WINNESHIEK COUNTY

State may keep seized items

■ There will be no criminal charges filed over illegal gambling machines seized from Winneshiek County taverns last month, but the state is seeking to keep the 14 machines and cash seized with them.

Winneshiek County Attorney Andy Van Der Maaten said the civil forfeiture notices were filed because it was illegal to possess the property seized and the money in the machines resulted from illegal activity.

If the court orders that forfeiture is appropriate, Van Der Maaten said all the seized property would be turned over to the state.

The forfeiture notices were filed against the VFW, Silver Dollar, Silvercrest Golf Club, Country View, McCabe's Corner Bar and Elks Club, all in Decorah; Chatter Box, Ridgeway; Whiskey Grove, Calmar; Farr Side, Spillville; and Bambinos, Ossian. Notices also were filed against Red Line Vending of New Hampton and Glen Little of West Union, who leased machines, Van Der Maaten said.

NORTH LIBERTY

Contract awarded for center

■ The City Council last night awarded a \$2.25 million contract to O.F. Paulson Construction of Cedar Rapids for construction of the North Liberty Community Center.

The project will get under way in the spring.

The 25,000-square-foot, two-story community center, to be built on Cherry Street, will house an indoor track, a weight room, an aerobics room, a game room with pingpong and pool tables, locker rooms, a service kitchen, a gymnasium, two meeting rooms and a library.

The project will be financed with money from \$1.28 million in bonds to be repaid with tax increment finance proceeds, \$680,000 in private and corporate pledges and \$600,000 in general obligation bonds.

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The Gazette

Mom grilled on tot's death

Defense questions C.R. woman in murder trial of former boyfriend

By Rick Smith
Gazette staff writer

Only one may be charged, but two people seem to be on trial in Linn County this week to answer for the shaken-baby-syndrome death last Christmas of 2½-year-old Rylee Gray.

Matthew Lewis, a 23-year-old, oft-unemployed Cedar Rapids man who was the short-term boyfriend of Rylee's mother, is charged with first-degree murder in the baby's death.

Until now, the boyish-looking Lewis has languished in jail since his arrest a week after Rylee died.

But on Tuesday at the hands of

Lewis' defense team in Linn County District Court, it was Rylee's 21-year-old mother, Elise Gray, the prosecution's first witness, who had the trial's early explaining to do.

Defense attorneys Duane Rohovit and Faye Hoover-Grinde painted a picture of Gray as an immature and even promiscuous woman, a poor parent and a mother who did not grieve for a dead daughter.

The defense attorneys made it clear to jurors that detectives did not easily seem to give up on Gray as being culpable in the case. Hoover-Grinde noted that of the three rounds of interrogation by detectives, one lasted into the night and a second was prompted by a troubled funeral director who thought Gray acted "cold and indifferent" before and during Rylee's funeral.



For updates on this story, call CITYLINE at 363-7000 or 337-7000, category 2551.

"I was in shock," Gray testified, admitting that the funeral director had called detectives.

From the first to the second time Gray talked to detectives, she also fundamentally changed her story, she admitted.

The first story had her putting Rylee to bed at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 22 and checking on her twice through the night.

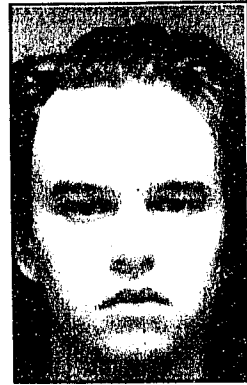
The true story, Gray said she subsequently told detectives, is that she and boyfriend Lewis fought, and he stormed out of his northeast Cedar Rapids apartment she had come to share. Then she awakened Rylee at 10:30 p.m. and headed out on a late-

night drive to Lost Nation in hunt for an old boyfriend. Not finding him, she returned to Lewis' apartment at about 3 a.m. and put her daughter to sleep.

Time lines will be crucial in the trial.

Gray, who now resides in Oxford Junction, and authorities maintain that Rylee was seriously injured later that morning, in a period of 20 to 30 minutes after 8 a.m. Dec. 23. That's when Gray left Lewis and Rylee and went out to buy a gallon of milk and

■ Turn to 2B: Lewis



Matthew Lewis
Accused of murder

Expansion eyed for Linn landfill

By Douglas Neumann
Gazette Linn County reporter

Possible expansion of the landfill on County Home Road would add two years to the dwindling capacity of landfill space in Linn County.

The extra time could be enough to get a new landfill constructed before the Bluestem Solid Waste Agency would be forced to ship trash to distant landfills at a high cost.

Officials have estimated that the two current landfills will be full by the year 2000. The search has begun for a new landfill site, but the process is expected to take about five years.

The Bluestem board on Tuesday authorized an engineering study of expansion options to the south of the County Home Road landfill on land already owned by Bluestem. Excavated dirt from the area has been used as cover material at the landfill for several years.

The proposed expansion area was part of the original landfill plan, so no public hearings would be required. A design of a new landfill cell would need approval of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Further expansion, which surely would be vehemently opposed by landfill neighbors, would require an extensive process of studies and public hearings.

Neighbors often have been vocal at meetings about operations at the landfill and have accused officials of planning further expansion. Officials insist no plans have been made.

While the two years of additional capacity would be valuable, the engineering study actually was spurred by a recent DNR inspection that said the steep slope at the back of the landfill was an erosion concern.

The expansion would start from the steep slope, and a more gradual slope would be formed at the back of the expansion.

"Any extra time is valuable, even if it's only six months," said Bluestem Director Dave Hogan. "The question now is whether the economics make sense to do this expansion."

Midwest Environmental of Marion will do the engineering study. The board accepted the company's bid for \$14,480, the lowest of four bids. Other bids ranged from \$22,000 to \$34,750.

C.R. charter plan nears completion

By Lonnie Zingula
Gazette City Hall reporter

As the Cedar Rapids Charter Commission puts the finishing touches on its version of the strong mayor system, the debate has begun over which form of government the city should use.

At its meeting last night, the commission opted not to include a provision in its charter proposal for citizen initiative and referendum. In addition, members said they support gender balance on city boards and commissions but decided not to include it as a requirement in the charter proposal.

"I think if we address gender discrimination, then we have an obligation to address other forms of discrimination as well," said Chairman Dave Shay.

However, noted Bev Mitchell, gender bias is the only form of discrimination against a majority of the population. Females comprise

■ Turn to 3B: Charter



Gazette photo by Dave Gosch

Nearly all of Jones County's recycling is done in the shadow of the prison walls at the Iowa State Men's Reformatory. Glen Hansel, the prison's power plant manager, started the successful program eight years ago. Next to him are smashed tin cans ready to be shipped out and recycled.

Recycling reformatory

Anamosa project benefits all of Jones County

By Dave Gosch
Gazette staff writer

ANAMOSA — The Iowa State Men's Reformatory is doing its part to make sure garbage doesn't get a life sentence in the landfill.

The Anamosa prison's recycling program started out small eight years ago. Now the program has grown to where it does 95 percent of Jones County's recycling.

"Our whole idea is to keep it out of the landfill and keep it out of the ditches," said

Glen Hansel, the reformatory's power plant manager. "I realize we can't do the whole state, but we're going to do what we can."

Hansel started the recycling program modestly in

1987 as a way to cut the prison's cost of taking garbage to the landfill.

They started out with a baler leased from Iowa City-based City Carton. Eventually they were taking recycled items from two trash haulers in Anamosa.

Currently, the prison takes in items from Anamosa, Stone City, Fairview, Monticello, Wyoming, Olin and the surrounding rural area. City Carton donates about 200 tons of newspaper collected from Johnson and Cedar counties.

The program has gone from recycling 92,545 pounds of material in 1988 to process-

ing 1,688,808 in 1994.

Recent figures show that the program took in 403,068 pounds of newspaper in October alone.

Hansel has put money made on the recycled material back into the program. He's been able to purchase eight balers, a glass breaker, a can smasher and a skid loader.

"At no end of it are we going to cost the taxpayer any money," he said.

Inmates run the various machines that process plastic, metal, paper and other items so they can be easily shipped to companies that recycle the materials.

Two more buildings are being added to the operation. A warehouse with three loading docks is expected to be completed by next week.

The other building, which could be completed by late spring, will be used for composting food and other biodegradable waste that is generated at the prison.

Even the main building, located outside the prison walls, is a by-product of recycling. Hansel and several inmates removed the building from Maquoketa Caves State Park.

"This building was donated to us," he said. "It's a recycled building."

Hansel said the program has one staff member and 18 inmates working during the day shift.

"We use the guard tower to keep an eye on it," said Hansel, adding that the inmate employees are considered minimum- and medium-security risks.

Top pay for the inmates is \$2.66 per day. They can work every day at the recycling center if they desire.

"It runs seven days a week," said Hansel.



Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

Teen hears murder charge

Gazette staff report

A preliminary hearing has been set for Luke R. Snyder, 15, charged with first-degree murder in the death of a man whose pickup Snyder had reportedly stolen.

First-degree murder charges were filed Aug. 16 against Snyder, of Cedar Rapids, in the death of Charles Serbousek, 42, also of Cedar Rapids.

District Associate Judge Robert So-

Luke R. Snyder is escorted from the Linn County Courthouse after an initial court appearance Tuesday. Snyder, 15, will be tried as an adult in connection with the death of Charles Serbousek.

salla on Tuesday set the preliminary hearing as Nov. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Linn County Courthouse.

Snyder, who is being tried as an adult, allegedly stole Serbousek's truck on Aug. 3. Police said Serbousek saw the truck the night of Aug. 4 with Snyder behind the wheel and tried to reclaim it by reaching in the driver's side window.

Snyder is accused of driving off, with Serbousek dangling from the seat belt. Police said Snyder hit Serbousek's hands with a metal bar to loosen his grip; Serbousek let go of the seat belt and tumbled to the street. He died at St. Luke's Hospital on Aug. 10.

Snyder did not talk to reporters Tuesday. He is being held at the Benton County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

DEATHS/EASTERN IOWA

CEDAR RAPIDS

Gwendolyn E. Baldwin, 72, of 320 19th St. NE, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in Mercy Medical Center after a long illness. Arrangements are pending at Turner Chapel East.

Wilma M. Bates, 88, of Heritage Acres Care Center, formerly of the Eldon and Ottumwa area, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in the care center after a long illness. Services: 2 p.m. today, Campbell-Kremer Funeral Home, Eldon, by the Rev. David Albert. Burial: Eldon Cemetery. Friends may call after 9 a.m. at the funeral home. Local arrangements are with Stewart Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Alice Patten of Cedar Rapids; and two brothers, Verne Jones of Eldon and Walter Jones of Ottumwa.

Also surviving are two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Jeanne and Doris.

Wilma was born March 22, 1907, in Wapello County to Essery and Elva Schaffer Jones. She married Raymond Bates. He died in 1980.

Memorials may be directed to the Eldon Fire & Rescue Unit or left at the funeral home.

Ruth Averill Ebbert, 76, of Vallejo, Calif., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Friday, Nov. 10, 1995, in her home after a long illness. There were no public services. Burial: Vallejo, Calif.

Survivors include her husband, William; a stepson, Scott of Vacaville, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Marilee Swails of Napa, Calif.; and two sisters, Lucille Lockhart of Woodland Hills, Calif., and Esther Schuyler of Cedar Rapids.

Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Duane Schuyler, and a niece, Jane Schuyler.

Ruth was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Beryl and Gene Averill.

Ruth married William B. Ebbert on Dec. 11, 1959.

Irvin R. Gosenberg, 72, of 423 11th St. NW, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, 1995, in St. Luke's Hospital after a lengthy illness. Graveside services: 11 a.m. Friday, Memory Gardens Cemetery, Iowa City, by the Rev. Harlan Gillespie. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at George L. Gay Funeral Home, Iowa City.

Survivors include a sister, Vera Wood of Iowa City.

James Henderson, 68, of 3204 Wood Ave. SE, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in his home after a long illness. Services: 11 a.m. Thursday, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, by the Rev. Lloyd Brockmeyer. Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Murdoch Funeral Home, Marion, and after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Surviving is his wife, Tarcia.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

James was born the son of Fred and Helen Pinaoff Petroff on Aug. 22, 1927, in Ellsworth, Penn. On July 29, 1967, he married Tarcia Ann Ayers in Cleveland. James was employed by Armstrong's department store, retiring in 1978. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

He will be greatly missed by his wife and cats.

A memorial fund has been established.

Paul Konecny, 84, of Heritage Acres Care Center, died there Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, after a long illness. Arrangements are pending at Turner Chapel East.

MARION

Mary Loretta Fernow Barnes, in her 80s, of Silver Spring, Md., formerly of Marion, died Friday, Nov. 10, 1995, in a Silver Spring hospital after a sudden illness. Memorial services were Monday in Silver Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Byron.

Patrick Eric Livingston, son of Eric and Patricia Rochford Livingston, of 1440 Seventh St., Marion, was stillborn Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids. There will be private family services. Arrangements are with Murdoch Funeral Home, Marion.

Survivors include his parents; and a sister, Alicia, at home.

Also surviving are grandparents, Francis and JoAnne Rochford of Monticello and Ronald and Janet Livingston of Marion; great-grandmother, Katherine Hogan of Monticello; and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Peggy Schweitzer, 69, of 980 Orchard Rd., Marion, died of cancer Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, 1995, in her home. Arrangements are pending at Goettsch Funeral Home, Monticello.

Lewis: Medical experts to testify

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make a quick stop at a friend's.

Rylee was rushed to the hospital that morning and died two days later.

Prosecutor Todd Tripp, assistant Linn County attorney, told jurors in opening statements that a University of Iowa medical expert will pinpoint the time of Rylee's fatal injury to the short time Lewis was alone with the child in the apartment.

Defense attorney Rohovit ridiculed such a claim and said several other medical experts will testify that such precision is impossible.

Tripp told jurors that in November 1994, life seemed to be going well for Gray. She was living at home with her father, Don, in Central City and was working at a Cedar Rapids company where he worked. She loved her daughter and she had met a new boyfriend, Lewis, the prosecutor said.

But Tripp said Gray soon quit her job and the quick-moving relationship with Lewis began

to sour. Gray began to worry about how Lewis was treating her daughter. Rylee began to shy away from him.

Gray testified that Lewis turned out to be a boyfriend who wanted to control her every move. He also often complained about how she cared for Rylee. Lewis wanted more disciplining, she said.

Defense attorney Hoover-Grinde shifted the focus to Gray. She had Gray admit that she went home with Lewis the first night she met him at a bar; that Gray and Rylee moved into Lewis' apartment two days later; and that she forced her daughter to put up with two of Lewis' "at-loose-ends" friends who crashed in the apartment for three weeks in December.

To Hoover-Grinde's questioning, Gray also admitted that Lewis had cared for Rylee alone on several occasions without problem; that she had told detectives that Rylee had fallen in the bathtub at one point and that

Lewis had reported a fall from the crib at another point; and that Gray was still with Lewis after the child's funeral.

Just when Lewis was reading a pediatric medical manual given to Gray by her mother is a point of dispute.

Gray testified that Lewis was on their apartment couch reading from the manual when she returned after having gone out for milk and after Rylee apparently was injured.

Hoover-Grinde read an earlier sworn statement from Gray in which Gray said Lewis had begun to read the medical manual before she went out. Gray disputed her earlier recollection.

Much of the trial testimony ahead will be about how Rylee was injured, evidence that defense attorney Rohovit said mattered little.

That Rylee was murdered is not in dispute, he said.

"The only question is who did it, not whether it occurred," he said.

CEDAR RAPIDS

Ruth M. Bartling Stitzel, 82, of The Meth-Wick Community, died there Saturday, Nov. 11, 1995, after a long illness. Services: 10 a.m. Thursday, St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, by the Rev. Joseph Griffin. Burial: St. John Cemetery. Friends may call from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Teahen Funeral Home.

Survivors include a cousin, Fern Bartling of San Marcos, Calif.; and a good friend, Jane Anderson of Cedar Rapids.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Born May 14, 1913, in New York City, she married Robert Stitzel on Aug. 29, 1975. He died in 1978. She was a secretary at IES Utilities for 27 years, retiring in 1978. She was a candy stripper at Mercy Medical Center during World War II and a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and Beta Sigma Phi. A memorial fund has been established.

Evelyn E. Warmuth, 80, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, after a short illness. Services: 10 a.m. Thursday, Bethany Lutheran Church, Columbus. Graveside services: 9:30 a.m. Friday, Linwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 tonight at Schoedinger East Chapel, Columbus. Local arrangements are with Stewart Funeral Home.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Mark Behrens; sister and brother-in-law, Mabel and Ivan Klingelhofer; and brother and sister-in-law, Oliver and Mildred Nyman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean, in 1975.

Evelyn was retired from the Woolworth department store.

Those who wish may contribute to Bethany Lutheran Church in Evelyn's memory.

BELLE PLAINE

Charlotte T. Swagert, 82, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in Belle Plaine Care Center after a long illness. Services: 2 p.m. today, Hrabak Funeral Home, Belle Plaine, where friends may call after 11 a.m. Burial: Norway Cemetery, Norway. The Rev. Matthew Vesey will officiate.

Survivors include a sister, Margaret Toney of Belle Plaine.

CLERMONT

Matilda (Mrs. George) Pape, 88, of rural Clermont, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, 1995, in Palmer Lutheran Health Center, West Union, after a brief illness. Arrangements are pending at Schutte's Clermont Funeral Chapel.

CORALVILLE

Robert "Bob" Wenman, 58, of 106 Seventh St., died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Iowa City, after a long illness. Services: 10 a.m. Thursday, Lensing's Oak Hill, Coralville. Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Coralville. Friends may call from 5 to 8 tonight at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; a stepdaughter, Annie and husband Joe Tuttle, and a grandson, Trinity Tuttle, all of West Branch; four sisters, LaVern and husband Dale Flansburg of Tiffin, Della and husband Don Hartvigsen of Coralville, Stashia and husband Jim Jones of Lost Nation and Frances Rogers of Wellman; two brothers, Art and wife Hazel of Riverside and Jim and wife Virginia of Coralville; a sister-in-law, Jan Wenman of Coralville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Lynn and Roy.

Born Sept. 1, 1937, in Coralville, the son of Henry Lynn and Lara Fulkerson Wenman, he married Ann Potter on April 16, 1976. A lifelong area resident, Robert worked as a truck driver. He served in the Army and was a member of the American Legion. A memorial fund has been established.

DYERSVILLE

Estelle Fortmann White, 97, of Chicago, formerly of Dyersville, died Friday, Nov. 10, 1995, in Edgewater Nursing Home, Chicago, after a long illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Friday, St. Francis Xavier Basilica. Burial: church cemetery. Friends may call after 8 a.m. Friday at Kramer Funeral Home, Dyersville.

There are no immediate survivors.

HOPKINTON

Mable Peck, 85, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Manchester, after an extended illness. Services: 11 a.m. Thursday, St. Luke's Catholic Church. Burial: Hopkinton Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Goettsch Funeral Home, Hopkinton, where a Scripture service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Survivors include four daughters, Irene Lindsey of Springville, Frances Cole of Hopkinton, Roberta Allchin of Muscatine and Patricia Heller of Newhall; two sons, Robert and Richard, both of Montpelier; two sisters, Thresa Henderson of Marion and Wilma Tharp of Iowa City.

Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

IOWA CITY

Okie L. Seydel Emmert, 92, of Wilmington, Del., formerly of Iowa City, died of heart failure Sunday, Nov. 5, 1995, in her home. Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, George L. Gay Funeral Home, by the Rev. Dick Watkins. Burial: Memory Gardens Cemetery. Friends may call after 9 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Survivors include a son, Richard E. "Dick" Emmert of Wilmington; a sister, Dorothea Lawson of Madison, Wis.; three grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Emmert was manager of ladies retail clothing at the Iowa City J.C. Penney store, retiring in the early 1960s after 31 years with the company. She married Frank T. Emmert on March 11, 1928, in Anamosa. He died in May 1982.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of choice.

LAMONT

Ray Estling, 83, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in his home after a sudden illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial: St. Albert's Cemetery. Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Fawcett Funeral Home, Lamont, where a Scripture service begins at 7 p.m.

Survivors include four sons, James of Dubuque, Richard of Cedar Rapids and Patrick and Michael, both of Lamont; a daughter, Mariena Brady of Hiawatha; a brother, Leonard of Iowa City; and three sisters, Helen Bowers of Toddville, Vera Newman of Marion and Dorothy Stick of Houston.

MEDERVILLE

John William Robbins, 82, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in Prairie Village Senior Citizen Housing, La Porte City, after a brief illness. Services: 1 p.m. Friday, United Methodist Church, Strawberry Point. Burial: Strawberry Point Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Roberson Funeral Home, Strawberry Point. The Revs. Anita Bane and Leland Hammond will officiate.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; a son, Harry of Elkader; three daughters, Celia Proctor of Kissimmee, Fla., Cleo Nightingale of Cedar Rapids and Martha Marrah of La Porte City; two sisters, Eva Scholdt of Volga and Mildred Smith of Lamont; and two brothers, Clarence of Lewiston, Idaho, and Harold of Morrilton, Ark.

Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

MONTICELLO

Mary Regina O'Rourke, 95, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, 1995, in the Senior Home after an extended illness. Services: 2 p.m. Friday, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where friends may call after noon Friday. Burial: church cemetery. Monsignor Neil Tobin will officiate. Arrangements are with Goettsch Funeral Home, Monticello.

Survivors include five daughters, Jennie O'Rourke, Dorothy Clement and Claire Giese, all of Monticello, Marjorie O'Rourke of Cedar Rapids and Regina Schmidt of Dubuque.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Ambrose, in 1975; and a daughter, Helen in 1955.

NORTH LIBERTY

Judith A. Fountain, 52, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in University Hospitals, Iowa City, after a lengthy illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Friday, George L. Gay Funeral Home, Iowa City, by the Rev. Royce Phillips. Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Coralville. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Survivors include three sons, Curtis of West Branch, David of Martelle and Robert of New Market; a brother, Jack Blaha of Amana; and two sisters, Alta Smith of North Liberty and Bonnie Evans of Windam.

OLON

Rose Florence Vislisel, 91, a resident of Northbrook Manor Care Center, Cedar Rapids, formerly of the Solon area, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in the care center after a short illness. Services: 11 a.m. Thursday, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Solon, by the Rev. Joseph Sparks. Burial: St. Peter and Paul Cemetery near Solon. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Brosh Funeral Home, Solon, where a vigil service begins at 7 p.m.

Survivors include nephews Joe Vislisel of Robins and Francis Vislisel of Solon; a niece, Martha Kimm of Marengo; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and a sister-in-law, Emma Vislisel of Cedar Rapids.

Born Nov. 25, 1903, near Ely, Rose was the daughter of Matias and Josephine Henich Vislisel. She was a resident of Linn and Johnson counties all of her life. Rose was a housekeeper before her retirement.

PALO

Gladys V. Keller, 87, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1995, in the Belle Plaine Care Center after a long illness. Services: 10 a.m. Friday, St. Jude Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids, by the Rev. Donald Brugge-man. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery, rural Cedar Rapids. A vigil service begins at 7 p.m. Thursday at Teahen Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids, where friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Survivors include nine sons, Carrol of Casa Grande, Ariz., Glen of Carrier Mills, Ill., Darrel of Cedar Rapids, John of Phoenix, Gary of rural Vinton, Eldon of Palo, Kevin of Watkins and Robert and Richard, both of Palo; five daughters, Etheldean Garringer of North English, Doris Keller and Dorothy Keller, both of Jefferson, N.C., Mary Keller of Cedar Rapids and Karen Nito of Lomita, Calif.; and a sister, Catherine Johnston of Keswick.

Also surviving are 36 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Gladys was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth and Francis; and a daughter, Marian.

Born Feb. 10, 1908, in Victor, she married John G. Keller on Jan. 17, 1927, in North English. He died in 1982. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and a past secretary for Congregate Meals.

A memorial fund has been established.

STRAWBERRY POINT

Harold Hartman, 75, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Manchester. Arrangements are pending at Roberson Funeral Home, Strawberry Point.

TIPTON

Dorothy Marie Jackson Wright, 90, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in Cedar Manor Nursing Home after a lingering illness. Services: 1:30 p.m. Friday, Tipton United Methodist Church, by the Rev. Marvin Ceynar. Burial: Tipton Masonic Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Fry Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Helen of Plymouth, Minn.; and two sons, Earl of Brighton and Alvin of Tipton.

WALKER

Edmund W. Michael, 84, of rural Walker, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, 1995, in his home of an apparent heart attack. Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Urbana, by the Rev. Paul McManus. Burial: St. Mary's Spencer's Grove Cemetery near Walker. Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Reiff Funeral Home, Independence, where there will be a rosary at 3 and vigil service at 5 p.m.

Surviving are six grandchildren: Lisa Zieser and Dave Gericke, both of Coggon, Jeremy, Jody and Lucinda Michael, all of Independence, and Jon Michael of Walker; and three great-grandchildren.

WEST LIBERTY

Madeline Howard, 84, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, 1995, in Simpson Memorial Home after an extended illness. Services: 10 a.m. Friday, St. Joseph Catholic Church, by the Rev. Tim Bernemann. Burial: Mount Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at West Liberty Chapel of Barker Funeral Home, where a wake service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Survivors include two sons, James of West Liberty and John of Lodi, Calif.; two daughters, Leta Mae Christensen and Gertrude Nath, both of West Liberty; and a brother, John Summitt of Loveland, Colo.

WINTHROP

Kevin N. Payne, 43, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in University Hospitals, Iowa City, after a short illness. Services: 11 a.m. Friday, Church of Christ United. Burial: Fairview Cemetery. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Thursday at Fawcett Funeral Home, Winthrop.

Survivors include his mother, Verla of Independence; his wife, Marilyn; two sons, Chad of Oelwein and Jeff of Winthrop; and two daughters, Lisa and Laura, both of Winthrop.

Mrs. Frances Peyton, 88, of rural Winthrop, died Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 14, 1995, in her home of an apparent heart attack. Arrangements are pending at Reiff-Harris Funeral Home, Quasqueton.

'Nutcracker' tree tops festival

St. Luke's event opening today at Five Seasons

"Sometimes You Feel Like A Nutcracker, Sometimes You Don't" was named the "Showmanship Tree" of this year's Festival of Trees after winning the highest point total in judging last night.

The festival, a project of St. Luke's Auxiliary, opens to the public today from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Five Seasons Center and continues through Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and senior citizens, and free for youngsters 4 and under. A pass for unlimited visits is \$8. Proceeds will benefit St. Luke's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The "Nutcracker" tree, which also won the Whimsical category, was sponsored by Westdale Mall. The design sponsor and designer was Colony Gardens.

First-place winners in other

categories were:

Most Creative — "Many Strong and Beautiful Women," sponsor and design sponsor, Women's Care Advisory Board; designers, Kathy Colli-son Good, Katherine Friesen, Karma Smith.

Elegant — "Vanilla Frosting," sponsor and design sponsor, Millhis-er-Smith Agency Inc.; designer, Karma Smith.

Old Fashioned/Country — "Peonies and Poinsettias," sponsor, Insurance Corporation of Iowa; design sponsor, Amelia's; designer, Amelia Warner.

Traditional — "Winter Solstice," sponsor and design sponsor, OB-GYN Associates; designers, Julie Majerus and Cyndi O'Brien.

Best Child's Theme — "Sesame Street Holiday," sponsor, Data Scope; design sponsors, Sesame Street Live and KCRG-TV (Channel 9); designer, Stephanie Williams; special thanks, Jack's.

Natural/Woodland — "Home For the Holidays," sponsor, Coldwell Banker Hedges; design sponsor, Fleming Landscape and Peck's Flower and Garden; designer, Mark Fleming.

Student tree — "Children of the World," Marion High School, Ceramics Classes I, II and III.

Miniature tree — "Tealite Tan-nebaum," sponsor, Robert L. Koenig; designer, Kathy Koenig.

Basket — "Celebrate the Season," sponsor, Superior Collections; designer, Mary Cantaberry.

Religious wreath — "24 Kt Christmas," sponsor, Hy-Vee Floral Shop (Oakland Road); designer, Beth Hennessy.

Traditional wreath — "Christmas Splendor," sponsor, Madeleine's Garden; designer, Debra Hansen.

Whimsical wreath — "Santa's Catch," sponsor, Hy-Vee Floral Shop (Marion); designer, Jodi Olson.

Formal wreath — "Christmas Garland," sponsor, Best Buy Floral; designer, Jim McNeill.

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