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DEAR ABBY

Grandparents fear for toddler's safety in unsanitary home

DEAR ABBY: Our son and his girlfriend had our first grandchild 18 months ago. We helped them move out of their rental house before the baby was born and buy a cute little house, which we made sure was in good shape before they moved in. (They had ruined the rental property with a couple of cats they had and their refusal to clean it at all.) We told them they had to keep the new house clean for themselves as well as our new grandson.



ABBY VAN BUREN

The new house is now disgustingly filthy and filled with trash and the smell of cat urine. We watch our grandson several times a week, even keeping him overnight. We don't ask them for anything, and they

don't offer. We feel he's better off staying with us rather than in their nasty house.

We have gone over several times to help clean their place and purchased many items to help them keep the place cleaner, to no avail. We are at our wits' end. We don't want to involve children's protective services, but we don't know what we can do to get them to understand the gravity of this situation. What do you suggest? — **CAREFUL GRANDPA IN OHIO**

DEAR GRANDPA: By now it should be clear to you that your son and his girlfriend have no intention of keeping their house clean, even for the baby's sake. As I see it, you have three choices: Turn a blind eye to what is happening and do nothing, hire a cleaning crew once or twice a month to do what they are unwilling to do, or contact child protective services because the home is a

danger to your grandchild. Please let me know what you decide.

DEAR ABBY: I am the only daughter in a family with four brothers. My family treats me like I don't exist. My father constantly hurts my feelings intentionally. When I express how he (and the others) make me feel, I am ignored. It hurts deeply knowing my father doesn't even like me. It feels like knives in my heart and my back.

I have been dealing with this for 44 years. I am sad all the time. I don't trust anyone because of the lies and hate I get from my family. I have done nothing to deserve this treatment. All I do is exist. My husband and I are both ill, but we receive no compassion. I can't afford a psychologist. If I could, I would go to one. My heart aches for someone in my family to care about me. How can I make this pain go away? —

FAULTED FOR BEING HERE

DEAR FAULTED: I am sorry for your pain. You may be able to get the help you need by contacting your county health department and asking about low-cost counseling services, or by reaching out to the nearest college or university that has a department of psychology and asking if any of their graduate students could see you (under supervision). I cannot fix your family — no one can. But that doesn't mean you can't strengthen yourself, which is what you may need to do in order to stop hurting and find your indignation.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Man falls asleep at wheel, crashes Jeep into Sioux City restaurant

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SIoux CITY — A 2014 Jeep Cherokee plowed through the front doors of a downtown Sioux City café early Monday morning, after the driver fell asleep at the wheel.

Brightside Café & Deli, 525 Fourth St., sustained an estimated \$35,000 in damage, according to Community Policing Sgt. Tom Gill.

"The report says that nearly the entire vehicle was inside the building when it came to rest," Gill said.

Gill said the driver of the Jeep, Chol Atem Aguang, 30, was charged with failure to maintain control. He was not injured.

At 5:55 a.m. Aguang was northbound on Nebraska Street, when he

veered off the road just before coming to the intersection of Fourth and Nebraska streets.

"He went off the road, hit a light pole, which is on the southwest corner of that intersection, took out the light pole and continued across Fourth Street and, then, went up the curb and right through the front of the Brightside Café," Gill said.

The café acknowledged the crash in a social media post Monday, and shared a photo of the crash.

"Brightside will be temporarily closed," the post said. "A car crashed into the front (of) our restaurant early this morning. We are still in the process of cleaning up and figuring things out. We are grateful the driver is doing well and no one was injured."

BRIEF

Sioux City counselor gets probation for theft, fraud

SIoux CITY — A Sioux City mental health counselor was placed on probation Monday for defrauding a health insurance company and Iowa's Medicaid program.

Amy Hecht, 40, had pleaded guilty in January in Woodbury County District Court to single counts of second-degree theft and third-degree fraudulent practice. As part of a plea

agreement, 12 counts of fraudulent submission to an insurer and one count of tampering with records were dismissed.

District Judge Jeffrey Neary deferred judgment on the theft charge and, in accordance with the plea agreement, suspended a two-year prison sentence on the fraudulent practice charge. Neary placed Hecht on two years' probation, fined her a total of \$1,880 and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service.

WOODBURY COUNTY COURT REPORT

Before Judge Patrick Tott

Gene Ryan Boykin Jr., 44, Sioux City, stalking, third-degree criminal mischief; sentenced April 21, 12 years prison suspended, three years probation.

Manton Maymar Sepety, 25, Sioux City, second-degree criminal mischief; sentenced April 22, five years prison suspended, three years probation.

Kenard Jeremiah Smith, 19, Houston, second-degree theft; sentenced April 22, deferred judgment, two years probation.

Malik Jamir Emannuelle Lacey, 21, Sioux City, credit card fraud; sentenced April 21, 30 days jail.

Marc Aaron Hanslip, 32, Sioux City, possession of a controlled substance — third offense (two counts); sentenced April 21, 10 years prison.

Deshawn Defang, 20, Sioux City, second-degree criminal mischief, assault on a peace officer; sentenced April 18, deferred judgment, three years probation for criminal mischief, 10 days jail for assault.

Before Judge Roger Sailer

Tonya Lee Karma Cole-Cabera, 41, Sioux City, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; sentenced April 16, 10 years prison.

FAQ

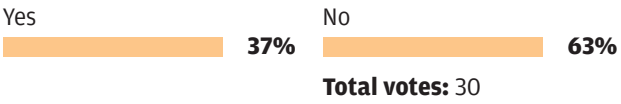
Is there an official flower of Sioux City? Yes, there is. The silphium laciniatum or "compassplant" was selected in 2013. The petite petunia held the honor between 1957 and 2013. And, before that, the hollyhock was the official flower. By the way, the compassplant is a native prairie flower, so you might have some growing in your yard and you didn't know its illustrious reputation.

If you have a question for FAQ, send it to bmiller@siouxcityjournal.com or mail it to Bruce Miller, Sioux City Journal, 2802 Castles Gate Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51106

ONLINE POLL

Today's Question: Have you gone to a concert in the past year?

Yesterday's Poll Question: Have you watched coverage of Pope Francis' death and funeral?



SPEAKOUT

Today's Question: What were your opinions on the NFL Draft?

Sound off at www.facebook.com/SiouxCityJournal

QUOTE

"Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."

William Shakespeare (1564–1616)
English dramatist

LOTTERIES

SATURDAY Powerball 1-12-14-18-69 PB: 2 Lotto America 1-9-14-31-34 SB: 2	Dakota Cash 7-13-14-20-28 FRIDAY Mega Millions 38-40-60-62-70 MB: 9
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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses issued recently in Woodbury County:

Whitney Nicole Lester, 22, Sergeant Bluff; Drew Matthew Widman, 28, Hornick, Iowa
Darin Curtis Cripe, 59, Sioux City; Dixie Kaye Gors, 63, Sioux City
Christina Rose Szawicki, 27, Blair, Nebraska; Devin Issac Harward, 30, Sioux City
Gabriel Dane Lamprecht, 21, Ponca, Nebraska; Ashlyn Elizabeth Kingsbury, 20, Ponca
Greta Jo Rogers, 44, Sioux City; Scott Andrew Sirovatka, 53, Sioux City
Raymond Edward Coenen, 58, Sioux City; Georgia Evangeline Healy, 56, Sioux City
Techla Jasmine Ferguson, 27, Sioux City; Ralph J. Stephane L. Voltaire, 34, Sioux City
Sensi Raed, 34, Sioux City; Achew Siren, 34, Iowa
Thomas Joseph Van Den Hemel, 67, Sioux City; Kimberly Jan Schroeder, 66, Sioux City
Jenna Lee Terry, 33, Sioux City; Jonathon Riley Fields, 39, Sioux City
Calvin Eugene McManigal, 51, Walthill, Nebraska; Rosa Angelina Herrera Reyes, 46, Sioux City
Samantha Jo Baldwin, 32, Sioux City; Abigail Dawn McMillan, 28, Sioux City
Jasmine Tamonnie Nichole Burns, 22, Sioux City; Karen Faye Rangel, 21, Sioux City
Katherine Elaine Trimble, 35, Sioux City; Stevie Ray Harris, 33, Sioux City

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