

Sentence Clarence Man One Drunk Driving Count

Samuel Choate, 21, Clarence, was sentenced to seven days in the Cedar county jail, with all but two days suspended, Feb. 6 in district court for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence. He was given credit for any days already served.

Choate was also fined \$1,250, plus a 15% criminal penalty surcharge, and placed on unsupervised probation for one year.

He was charged with OWI at 10:22 p.m. Sept. 10, 2025 at highway 38 and 120th Street, Stanwood.

Deputy Sheriff Tyler Scott said Choate was operating a blue Ford Taurus with no license plates attached. The vehicle was crossing the center line and onto the gravel shoulder. After stopping the vehicle, Scott said Choate had bloodshot watery eyes, slurred speech and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage.

He failed standardized field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test was over the legal limit. He was arrested and taken to the Cedar county jail in Tipton.

Deferred Judgment For Theft in the Fifth Degree

Ryan Arling, 50, Dubuque, received a deferred judgment in Cedar county district court Feb. 6 for theft in the fifth degree.

Arling was placed on unsupervised probation for six months.

He was charged with theft in the fourth degree in

February 2025 for an incident that occurred on Jan. 5, 2025 at North Cedar Trucking in Mechanicsville. The company reported the theft of a credit card and noticed some unauthorized charges.

Mechanicsville Police Chief Rick Scott said Arling had been employed by the company and had said he was low in funds, using the card to purchase gas. He was terminated by the trucking company. The credit card charges totaled \$502.48.

Sentenced Tipton Woman on Assault Charge Feb. 6

Amber Galarza, 25, Tipton, was sentenced to 10 days in the Cedar county jail, with all 10 days suspended, Feb. 6 in district court for assault. She received credit for any time served.

Galarza was also fined \$105, plus court costs, and placed on unsupervised probation for up to one year.

She was charged with child endangerment at 9:25 p.m. Aug. 12, 2025 by Officer William Wagner.

He responded to an incident in Tipton for a report of a domestic dispute. The victim reported being struck more than once and sustained an injury from falling. A child was present in the household at the time of the incident.

Driver Escapes Injury as Vehicle is Struck by Train

Kim Beardsley, 76, Anamosa, escaped injury when his vehicle

was struck by a Union Pacific freight train at 11:26 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Cherry Street crossing in Mechanicsville.

The Cedar county sheriff's office said Beardsley was entering the railroad crossing on South Cherry Street from highway 30 when red flashing lights came on. Beardsley stopped his truck to back up, but said something happened to the shifter and the truck would not go into gear.

Damage to the 2021 Ford F15 truck was estimated at \$15,000.

Charge Tipton Man With Second Offense of Domestic Abuse Assault

Cornelius Dunkirk, 34, Tipton, was charged with his second offense of domestic abuse assault following an incident at 4 a.m. Jan. 18 at a residence on 10th Street in Tipton.

Officer Charles Adolph said Dunkirk bit another male and hit him on the chest. He also said the victim had a bite mark on his left forearm and marks on his chest.

Dunkirk was taken into custody and transported to the Cedar county jail.

Driver Taken to Hospital Following SUV-Deer Accident

Makya Brimeyer, 22, Iowa City, was taken to University hospitals in Iowa City by private vehicle after she swerved to miss deer on 210th Street in Cedar county and crashed in the south ditch at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 18.

The sheriff's office said Brimeyer was eastbound in the 1100 block of 210 Street, swerved to miss the deer and ran off the road to the right. She overcorrected and then swerved to the left before overcorrecting again, going into the south ditch and rolling.

Damage to the 2015 Nissan Rogue was estimated at \$15,000.

Vehicle Strikes Deer On Harding Avenue

David Godber, 62, Marion, escaped injury when the car he was driving struck a deer on Harding Avenue (X-40) at 7:10 a.m. Jan. 20.

The Cedar county sheriff's office said Godber was southbound on Harding Avenue near Green Road when the accident occurred.

Damage to the 2018 Ford Fusion was estimated at \$2,500.

Tipton Man Charged With Driving While Barred

Shawn Lurkins, 56, Tipton, was charged with driving while barred, driving while license under suspension and driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked at 10:45 a.m. Jan. 21 on Delta Avenue, rural Tipton.

Deputy Sheriff Jeff Smith observed Lurkin driving a black Chevrolet truck and knew that he was barred and suspended due to prior conversations with him.

A records check showed that he was barred from driving from March 22, 2025 to March 21, 2027 and also had 18 suspensions for non-payment of Iowa fines between March 19, 2015 and Jan. 20, 2026.

Lurkins was unable to provide DOT form 431009 to make his driver's license valid and he did not have required SR insurance on file.

Two Vehicle Accident at South Madison and Hwy 30

A car-truck accident at 5:45 p.m. Jan. 22 at South Madison Street and highway 30 in Mechanicsville resulted in suspected minor injuries to two people.

The Cedar county sheriff's office said Elayannah Beaman, 19 and Adryannah Beaman, 13, were taken to St. Luke's hospi-

tal in Cedar Rapids by the Mechanicsville ambulance.

Elayannah Beaman was eastbound on highway 30 behind another vehicle operated by Sean Poduska, 36, Mechanicsville. Poduska said he was attempting a left turn from highway 30 onto South Madison. There was a train going across South Madison and Poduska was attempting to stop on South Madison to wait for the train to pass. The Beaman vehicle continued to drive straight ahead, striking the Poduska vehicle on the front left side.

Beaman said she witnessed Poduska briefly turn into the right turn lane before turning left, but he disputed that claim. Both vehicles were disabled and towed from the scene.

Damage to the 2014 Hyundai Elantra operated by Beaman was estimated at \$10,000.

Damage to the 2022 Chevrolet Silverado truck operated by Poduska was also estimated at \$10,000.

Estimated \$35,000 Damage In Two Vehicle Accident

A Tipton man was taken to University hospitals in Iowa City with potentially serious injuries following a two vehicle accident at 9:40 a.m. Jan. 24

near 1029 highway 38.

Robert Bird, 68, was transported by Tipton ambulance.

The Cedar county sheriff's office said Bird was northbound and making a U-turn on highway 38 and drove into the path of a southbound vehicle operated by Bobbie Lieser, 44, Tipton.

Bird was charged with unsafe turn or failure to give signal.

Damage to the 2013 Toyota he was driving was estimated at \$15,000.

Damage to the 2013 Chevrolet Suburban operated by Lieser was estimated at \$10,000.

Bennett Man Charged With Public Intoxication

Richlen Harmel, 25, Bennett, was charged with public intoxication at 2 p.m. Jan. 25 at 711 East South Street, Tipton.

Deputy Sheriff Cory Barclay said Harmel arrived at sheriff's office lobby to serve a three-day sentence. Corrections officers said he had unsteady balance, slurred speech, red and bloodshot eyes, and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Barclay said he observed the same things.

The deputy asked Harmel to take a preliminary breath test and he refused. He also refused field sobriety testing.

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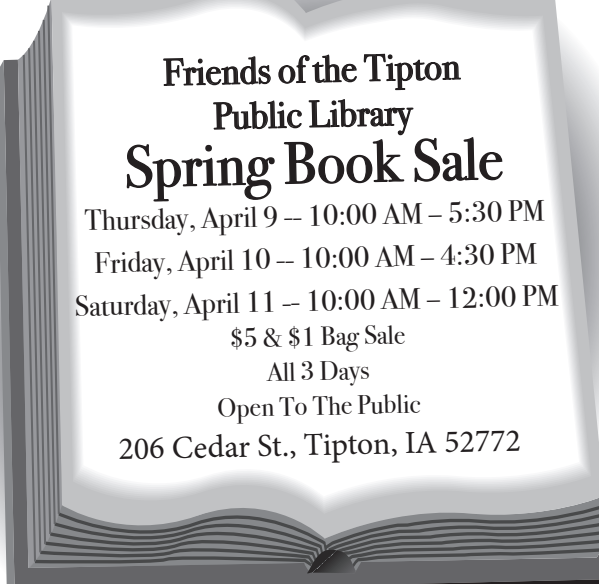
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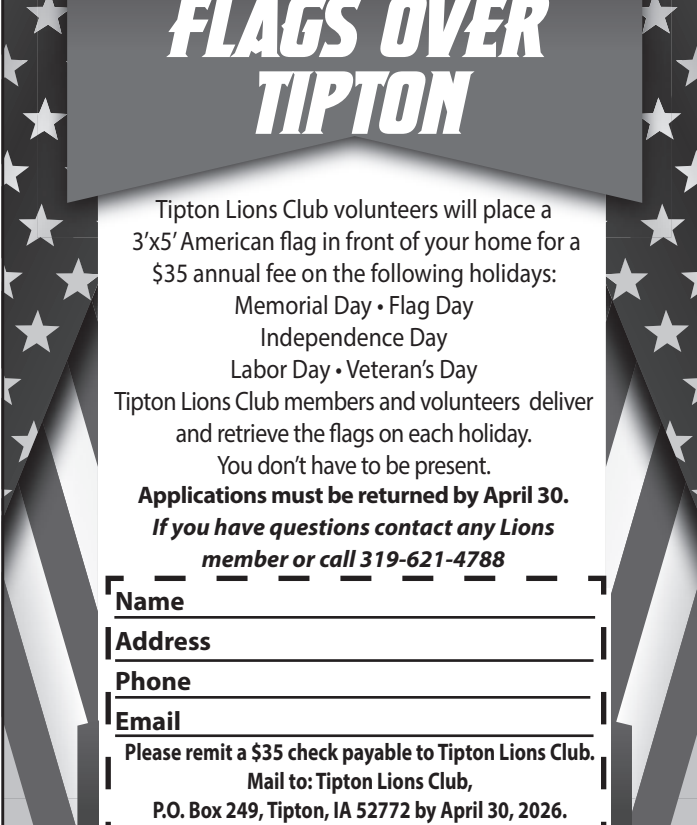
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