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GOODBYE, DEAR NEIGHBOR JACLYNN SNYDER



Jackie Snyder

'The sun rays peeked through and shined down'

NSP photo by Scott Campbell

It was a beautiful outdoor funeral, Thursday at Faith Lutheran. I had commented that my mom looked over us. As we sat down, the billowing clouds moved over us and shaded us with a blanket of comfort. And when we reached the graveside and said our last goodbyes, the sun rays peeked through and shined down. It is a tough, but good memory of the day. We miss her so much.

Jackie's daughter, Michelle Mess

Jackie Snyder had been a familiar face in downtown Eldridge for more than 40 years, having worked as a hair stylist in at least three different buildings. When Chris Henzen would cut my hair at CJ's, I loved the banter between the two, and their dedication to their craft and customers. A visit with Jackie, no matter how brief, was always sure to brighten your day. I so admired her faith and willingness to serve others.

NSP Editor Scott Campbell

No matter the weather, Jackie Snyder's smile and wave warmed my coffee walks from The NSP's downtown Eldridge office to Eastern Iowa Bakery. I'd pop in to our NSP next-door-neighbor's salon occasionally for pleasantries, and always a history lesson. Jackie and her clients told me stories that help me better appreciate Eldridge's past and enduring distinctions.

NSP Assistant Editor Mark Ridolfi

'Worst day for a felon
to pick Park View'

Shooting call comes as tactical
team trains just minutes away

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

Thursday was the worst possible time for a fleeing felon to be in Park View, Scott County Sheriff Tim Lane said.

The 911 emergency call came in at 9:11 a.m. as Scott County Sheriff's tactical team left patrol headquarters for monthly training. Capt. Joe Caffery's team raced 5.3 miles down Scott Park Road to Park View and found the suspect's car in the Casey's General Store parking lot. Deputies evacuated the store, found the suspect in the restroom and arrested him without incident less than 10 minutes after the shooting.

Lane said the crew "handled the situation according to training. This is why we train. So scenarios play out this way.

"This was the worst possible day for a felon to pick Park View," Lane said.

Lane theorizes the suspect ducked into Casey's to hide from the swarm of officers responding to the shooting at 44 Manor Drive. Deputies said a woman survived a gunshot wound to her leg.

Deputies searched trash cans throughout Park View Friday. Crime scene tape at the Manor Drive home had been removed by Monday morning.

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Scott County deputies and Eldridge police chief Dave Kopatich outside the Park View Casey's Thursday after deputies safely arrested a felony suspect within minutes of the shooting.

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NORTH SCOTT SCHOOLS

Pandemic forces
early-out Fridays

By Mark Ridolfi
NSP Assistant Editor

North Scott will dismiss school two hours early every Friday beginning Oct. 9 as another pandemic precaution, as quarantine numbers subside, and the Iowa health department is considering a "game changing" rule on masks.

Board members Monday unanimously approved seven early-out Fridays, through the end of the semester. Superintendent Joe Stutting said teachers need the time to manage pandemic workloads, particularly preparing lessons for in-school and at-home students.

He expected district-wide quarantines to fall below 100 after spiking above 200 at the high school alone last week. And he's hopeful about news that those who wear masks in school no longer require quarantine if exposed to an infected person at school.

"That will be game-changing," Stutting said.

Most student quarantines come after exposure closer than six feet for more than 15 minutes. Stutting said properly masked students no longer would be subject to that rule.

If enacted, he expects school-based quarantines to drop significantly.

"This would relieve a lot of pressure off of us," he said.

Lunchtime fuels the most quarantines. The district spread lunch tables through The Pit and lobby areas, but students still crowded. Stutting said those were

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