

## **Report of Chemical Odor Led Police to Arrests**

The Schuyler County Sheriff's Department and Rushville Police arrested two people early Wednesday on drug charges.

Terry Lee Baker II, 22, and Heather L. Danner, 38, both of Rushville, were charged with multiple counts of manufacturing and possession of methamphetamine.

The arrests came after police received information of a strong chemical odor coming from a garage behind the residence owned by Danner. A search warrant was issued by the Schuyler County State's Attorney's office and law enforcement entered the garage shortly after midnight on Wednesday.

Authorities found a large amount of chemicals used to make methamphetamine inside the garage and the home.

Danner and Baker are being held in the Schuyler County Jail pending a court appearance scheduled for November 5.

## **Man Running From Wal-Mart Jumps Onto Hood of Car**

QUINCY, ILL. -- A Lewistown, Missouri man is being evaluated Friday afternoon at Blessing Hospital's Behavioral Center following an incident late Friday morning at the Quincy Wal-Mart.

The unidentified man had been arguing with his mother inside Wal-Mart, took her car keys and ran from the store.

Quincy Police and eyewitnesses said the man was seen running from Wal-Mart onto Broadway where he jumped on to the hood of a moving car.

Police took the man into custody and he was transported to Blessing for a psychological evaluation.

Stay with this story for more details as they are released.

## **Head On Crash in Taylor Injures Three**

Three people were transported to Blessing Hospital early Tuesday morning following a two car crash in Marion County, Missouri.

According to Missouri Highway Patrol, a car driven by 21-year-old Austin Raleigh of Monticello crossed the center line of Route 6 near Taylor and collided head on with a car driven by Randall Bennett of Maywood, Missouri.

A passenger in Bennett's car, identified as Glenda Bennett, was also injured.

Marion County Ambulance, the Palmyra Fire Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office all responded to the scene at around 5:45 a.m.

## **One of three Quincy men facing drug charges after traffic stop sentenced**

QUINCY, ILL. -- An Adams County man was sentenced to nine and half years in prison Wednesday.

Ryan Currie received the sentence after pleading guilty to delivery of methamphetamine.

His sentence will be served concurrently with separate charge of manufacturing of methamphetamine, which he also pleaded guilty to Wednesday morning in Adams County Court.

Currie was arrested along with two other men, Gregory Miller and Jason Keller, in July following a traffic stop by officers with the Quincy Police Department.

Miller's attorney requested a continuance due to his client's medical condition. Miller will appear in court again October 15.

Jason Keller will appear in court for a jury trial on December 8.

If you recall, Keller was also one of the three inmates involved in the recent attempted escape incident at the Adams County Jail.

### **Trial date set for man accused in Adams County marijuana grow**

A trial date has been set for an Adams County man charged with growing marijuana.

Mathew S. Schmitt pleaded not guilty Wednesday to producing between 50 and 200 cannabis plants.

He was arrested at his home in July along with Patricia Crist Schmitt.

Mathew Schmitt will appear in court again for a jury trial on Dec. 8.

### **Two Children Injured in Single Car Crash**

ADAMS COUNTY, ILL. -- Two children are recovering after a crash early Friday morning in Adams County.

The 4 and 11 year olds were taken to Blessing Hospital with minor injuries.

An SUV driven by 24-year-old Kelly Carstens of Barry blew a tire and flipped over on Highway 96 east of Payson Road.

Tri Township Fire and Adams County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the incident at around 5:30 a.m.

### **Quincy Red Cross to lose Executive Director in restructuring**

QUINCY, ILL. -- The American Red Cross is making some major changes nationwide in an effort to provide more volunteer opportunities with fewer paid staff. And the change is hitting home in Quincy.

Effective Oct. 29, Amanda Stotts will no longer be the Executive Director of the Quincy Chapter.

In a telephone interview with KHQA Friday afternoon, Stotts said the restructuring will not affect blood collection services or disaster response services out of the Quincy office.

She said Illinois will reduce the number of American Red Cross regions from three to two.

The consolidation will mean fewer chapters in the newly redrawn regions leaving one serving the northern half of the state and the other the southern half.

Quincy will be served by the regional office based in Moline.

The restructuring nationwide is not expected to affect either blood collection or disaster relief services that the American Red Cross has provided since 1881.

## **Duck's To Get a Reprieve**

After more than 60 years in the grocery store business, Kenneth "Duck" Whittaker is retiring Saturday.

This past summer, his retirement announcement came as bad news to the folks who live in Nauvoo.

That is because when Whittaker retired, it was supposed to mean the end of the town's only grocery store.

A committee was formed in late summer to try to raise enough money to buy the building and keep the grocery store open, but their fundraising efforts fell short.

But now there's some good news, thanks to area residents who are forming a co-op with plans to keep the store open.

Now people won't have to drive 10 miles to Fort Madison, or 15 miles to Keokuk to get their groceries.

Whittaker says he's seen a lot of changes in the grocery business he's been a part of since 1952.

Customers have stopped paying with cash and are using credit cards, and the added expense of using the plastic cuts into his already narrow profit margin.

And salesmen from Kellogg's, Nabisco and other food companies have stopped doing business in person, and prefer to take orders over the phone.

Whittaker was asked what he will miss the most about the business, and without hesitation, he said he'd miss his customers.

"I'll miss the people the most," Whittaker said, "I like the people, a lot of my customers have become my friends."

The good news for Nauvoo is that there's a co-op to keep the store open and save people from a long drive for food.

The good news for Whittaker is that he has time to fix up an old house he has in the country and time for some traveling in his motor home.