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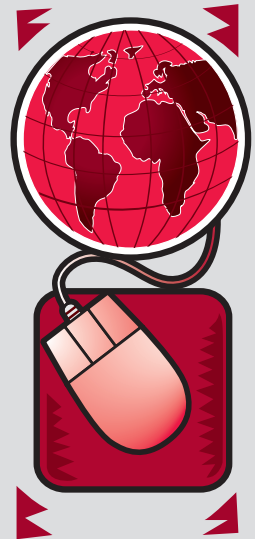
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# Family suffers tragedy in fire

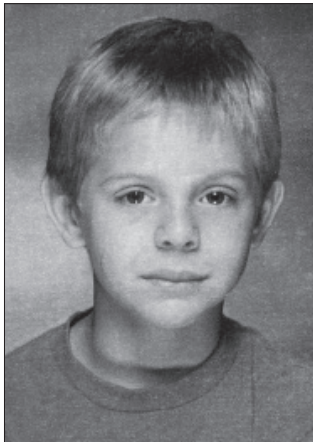
**By DOUGLAS MELVOLD**

The son and two grandchildren of a Maquoketa man died last week in a house fire and explosion in the St. Louis, Mo., area.

James Manning, 39, died when he went back in his burning home in the predawn hours of New Year's Day to try to rescue his two young children.



JAMES MANNING



AUSTIN MANNING



CARALYN MANNING

25 feet from the front door.

Fire investigators speculated that they may have been trying to find an alternative to the front door as an escape route.

They said the explosions may have been the combustion of a pressurized well tank and a barbecue propane tank.

Ironically, James Manning was employed as a fire alarm safety inspector, Vicki Manning said.

"He was a very good dad, a very quiet, gentle man," she said.

No one other than the four family members were in the home at the time, she added.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

A grown son of Deena Manning also lives nearby.

She said the family had lived in Missouri for about 22 years.

Austin Manning was in the fourth grade and Caralyn was in the second grade.

Austin Tyler Manning, 11, and Caralyn Grace Manning, 7, didn't make it to safety, either.

James Manning's wife, Deena Manning, 37, was severely burned. She was in critical condition Monday, Jan. 5, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

The fire broke out at about 4:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, in Victoria, Mo., a small unincorporated community in Jefferson County about 30 miles south of St. Louis.

James Manning is the son of James Manning of Maquoketa. Both are natives of LeClaire. Deena also is a Quad Cities native.

Vicki Manning of Maquoketa said funeral services for James "Jamie" Manning and the two children are pending.

She said she has been contacted by many Maquoketa area residents inquiring about services and expressing condolences.

Authorities are investigating to determine the cause of the fire and two explosions that were heard after the predawn blaze broke out from an unknown cause.

She said James and Deena managed to get out of the house, but James went back in to try to rescue his children.

As he did so, an explosion was heard from inside the home, followed by a second explosion, according to news reports.

Firefighters found the bodies of James Manning and the children near a window at the rear of the house, about



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

## Helion lodge spreads holiday cheer

**More food will fill** the shelves at the Maquoketa Community Cupboard, located at First United Methodist Church in Maquoketa. Maquoketa Helion Lodge #36 A.F. and A.M. donated its annual contribution – in the amount of \$1,000 this year – to the food pantry. The Maquoketa Community Cupboard has been struggling to find funds to purchase food to feed the area's neediest people and all donations have been greatly appreciated. Shown presenting the check are, from left, Lodge members David Grosskruger and George Griffin, and Gary Eggers representing the Maquoketa Community Cupboard.



**Snowfall could not prevent** members of the Helion Lodge #36 A.F. and A.M. from delivering hefty baskets of fruits to local nursing homes and lodge widows this month. Members delivered fruit baskets to Maquoketa Care Center and Crestridge as well as to widows of lodge members, taking care to share good tidings for the holiday season as they went. Shown with the baskets are, front from left, Bruce Kinrade, Ross Mitchell, George Griffin, Brian Oliver and Cecil Bentley. Standing in back are Melvin Randolph, David Grosskruger, Lynn Diney, Robert Christensen and Jerry D. Barnes.

# Officials sworn in by county attorney

**By DOUGLAS MELVOLD**

Jack Willey will preside over Jackson County Board of Supervisors meetings this year.

The Maquoketa Republican and District 2 representative, who is starting his 19th year on the board, was unanimously elected chairman at the supervisors' annual organizational meeting Friday afternoon, Jan. 2.

The board departed from its regular Tuesday morning meeting schedule to hold the annual post-New Year's Day session.

Willey replaces District 1 Supervisors Larry "Buck" Koos of LaMotte, who had held the chairman post the past two years.

District 3 Supervisor Steve Flynn of rural Maquoketa was unanimously elected vice chairman, succeeding Willey.

County Attorney Chris Raker also con-

ducted swearing-in ceremonies, administering the oath of office to Koos, county Auditor M. Joell Deppe and Sheriff Russ Kettmann, all of whom were re-elected to their respective jobs in last November's general election.

Each also signed affidavits.

Koos and Deppe begin their second four-year terms while Kettmann is starting his fourth term. All are Democrats.

Koos recognized his wife, Sandy, his daughter, Nicole, and his son, Steven, who attended the brief swearing-in ceremony. He thanked his family for their support during the election campaign. A second daughter, Danielle, was unable to attend.

"I'll try to be quiet over here, although

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