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## Reynolds gets J&J vaccine

**AT PRESSER:** Governor gets vaccinated during press conference

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds took a Johnson & Johnson vaccine during her weekly press conference Wednesday.

At the regular conference held at the Iowa PBS station in Des Moines, Reynolds took the vaccine, along with her husband, to show the safety of the newly FDA authorized vaccine.

Reynolds said information about the lack of testing and safety of the new vaccine is unjustified and brought in a University of Iowa doctor to drive the point home.

“Unfortunately some critics are suggesting Johnson & Johnson is inferior to Pfizer and Moderna,” Reynolds said.

“That’s misleading and, frankly, irresponsible when it’s undergone the same rigorous trial for efficacy. Especially at a time when vaccination is paramount to recovery and our supply is limited.”

A reporter asked Reynolds how she was feeling about 10 minutes following the injection.

“I feel fine. Hardly felt it and I’m happy to have received it.”

Reynolds said Iowa received just over 25,000 Johnson & Johnson doses last week and the state will be allocating



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Staffers with the Lee County Health Department work through vaccinations during a drive thru clinic last month. More vaccination clinics were held this week at the old prison parking lot.

those who live and work in congregate settings to include the state’s food processing centers.

She said the state has more than 51 companies in 17 counties that will get the vaccines and that will take about five weeks at current supply projections to get everyone the single-dose vaccine.

In another development, Reynolds announced the Iowa 211 Call Center is bringing on 75 “navigators” to help get the 30% of the state’s remaining population 65 and older scheduled for vaccinations.

Reynolds said at least 70% of the state’s population of 65 and older have received at least one dose of vaccine, but Iowa 211 is geared to help finishing

up vaccinating that portion of Iowa’s population.

The center won’t be starting that effort until Tuesday, but Reynolds said seniors who haven’t been able to get a vaccine scheduled can call and the navigators will work to get them scheduled at the state’s Hy-Vees.

Seniors will need to provide their full name, date of birth, phone number and email address, if they have one, to get the vaccinations scheduled. No other information will be required.

Once scheduled, seniors should arrive 10 minutes early for the vaccination and bring their insurance or medi-

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### FATALITY

## Gladstone man killed in Tuesday night crash

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – A 62-year-old man from Gladstone was killed as a result of a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 southbound just north of the Hwy. 2 exit Tuesday evening.

According to Iowa State Patrol reports, Andy Joe Annegers, was killed when the Zetor tractor he was driving was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Robert Lavern Keith, 25, of Fort Madison.

The ISP report said Keith, driving a 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix approached Annegers vehicle from behind and collided with the tractor’s rear. The tractor then went into the ditch on the west side of the road.

The report says Annegers was not wearing a seat belt, or if a seat belt was available in the tractor. Annegers was transported by Schmitz Funeral Home to Ankeny, Iowa.

No citations were reported on the ISP crash report. ISP officials in Mt. Pleasant said the accident is still under investigation.

Lee County Sheriff’s deputies, Donnellson/West Point Police and West Point Fire assisted at the scene.

### BOOSTER AUCTION

## Timed online auction subbed in for FMHS Cake Auction

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhound Booster Club chose not to have their annual winter cake auction this year and is instead currently holding an online auction.

The boosters chose to move away from the auction for just this year in an effort to help sidestep possible pandemic issues with large gatherings.

The innovative timed online auc-

tion is being hosted on the Fraise Auction & Real Estate website at the following link.

<https://fraiseauction.hibid.com/catalog/266452/bloodhound-booster-club-online-only-auction/>.

Bids are being accepted until Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

More than 40 items are up for auction including reserved seating, reserved parking, FMHS Bloodhound gear, a metal fire pit from Fort Madison Pallet Co. and Fraise Real Estate



and Auction, ultimate fan packages, and many others items.

Bidders just need to register to bid on the site and then start bidding.

## Warsaw man arrested for felony sex abuse

BY PCC STAFF

CARTHAGE - Hancock County Sheriff Scott M. Bentzinger reports the arrest of Jerry L. Blackwell, age 28, of Warsaw, IL. On Tuesday March 2, 2021 at approximately 3:35 PM Hancock County Deputies arrested Blackwell outside of his home on a Hancock County Warrant, without further incident. The warrant had been issued for

Blackwell’s arrest for Aggravated Crimi-

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### WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap  
**THU 04 Mar**.....Sunny, 52° F/ 33° F  
**FRI 05 Mar**.....Partly Cloudy, 49° F/ 30° F  
**SAT 06 Mar**.....Scattered Clouds, 52° F/ 32° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

**MEGA MILLIONS 03/02**.....4 8 13 34 64, Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 2  
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# Obituaries/For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

03/01/21 - 9:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Sophia Susan Becerril, 55, of Wever, in the 2600 block of Avenue L., on a warrants for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.  
 03/01/21 - 1:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Zachary Taylor Garthwaite Debrackeleire, 27, of Keokuk, in the 1500 block of 48th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.  
 03/01/21 - 4:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue F.  
 03/01/21 - 3:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Shelby Lynn Johnson, of Dallas City, Ill., in the 1600 block of Avenue I, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.  
 03/01/21 - 5:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.  
 03/01/21 - 6:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue E.  
 03/01/21 - 7:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.  
 03/02/21 - 11:01 a.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2900 block of Avenue J.  
 03/02/21 - 12:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Scott Allen Gilman, 53, of Burlington, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 03/02/21 - 3:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue J.  
 03/02/21 - 4:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Elliott Scott Hemphill, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue P, on a warrant for contempt. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/02/21 - 5:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Joshua Luke Caruso, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 3700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.  
 03/02/21 - 11:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue O.  
 03/03/21 - 8:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of Avenue C.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

03/01/21 - 2:50 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Darrell Baldwin, 73, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's dept. on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/01/21 - 5:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Samantha Suzanne Kellum, 32, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. She was held in custody.  
 03/02/21 - 5:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Darin Michael Bleything, 34, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's dept. on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 03/02/21 - 9:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Taylor Lee Stevenson, 20, of Edwardsville, Ill., at the Des Moines County line on a warrant for violation of a no contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/28/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls, one smoke detector and one false alarm.  
 03/01/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls.  
 03/02/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical and one false alarm.

## OBITUARIES

### RUTH A. JOHNSON

Ruth Ann Johnson, 79, of Hamilton, IL, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February, 28, 2021 at the Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.

Born on April 14, 1941 in Rushville, IL, Ruth was the daughter of Gene and Nedra Shores Lung. She graduated from Rushville High School.



JOHNSON

On January 6, 1960 Ruth was united in marriage to Bobby Gene Carr. He preceded her in death on August 26, 1998. On November 23, 2002 Ruth was united in marriage to Leonard W. Johnson. He preceded her in death on November 26, 2019.

Ruth had been employed at Murphy's Peoples Store in Warsaw, IL and while working there she obtained the name of "Aunt Gook". She had also been employed at Dadant's in Hamilton, IL.

She was a member of the Assembly of God in Warsaw. Her faith was an active and vital part of her life and her daily Bible reading was a great source of strength.

Ruth had a big heart and was a friend to many and generous to all. Her family was the most important thing in her life and she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Michael (Kathy) Carr of Jefferson City, MO and Kevin (Kimberly) Carr of Warsaw, IL, one step-daughter, Della Suzanne Sutton of Canton, MO, four grandchildren, Stephanie (Adam) Swisegood of Hamilton, IL, Casey (Heidi) Carr of Keokuk, Logan Carr of Eugene, OR and Lauren Carr of Warsaw, IL, one step-grandson, Sidney (Alison) Sutton of Canton, MO, one step-granddaughter, Stephanie (Les) of Canton, MO, seven great grandchildren, one great-great grandson, one very close friend, Doris Grant who loved Ruth's family very much.

Ruth was also preceded in death by three sisters, Sharon Beadles, Sue Morrell and Kay Lee and three brothers, Frank Lung, Roy Lung and Ronnie Lung.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Steve Hendricksmeier officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw, IL.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10 am - 11 am at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time. Masks will be required and social distancing is encouraged.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorial-home.com](http://www.vigenmemorial-home.com).



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# Obituaries/Local News

## OBITUARIES

### DORINDA WHITE

Dorinda "Dee" White, 64, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

She was born on December 25, 1956 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of John Joseph and Jackie Burnett Stark. She married Harold White and he survives.



WHITE

She is also survived by two daughters, Briana White of Keokuk and Dana Garrelts of Columbus, OH, one step-son, Tanner White of Keokuk, five grandchildren, Timothy Elder and Gage Elder both of Keokuk, Toby Garrelts of Mansfield, OH, Daniel Garrelts of Tucson, AZ, and Zack Garrelts of Columbus, OH, two great-grandchildren, Jordan Garrelts and Kaiden Stanley both of Mansfield, five brothers, Larry Brewer, David Brewer, Ricky Brewer, Ron Brewer and Joey Fichtenkort, five sisters, Kathy Crowell, Rena Rose, Pam Whitaker, Sandy Brewer Conn and Carla Fichtenkort, many nieces and nephews and several life-long friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and step-mother, John and Florence Stark, her mother and step-father, Jackie and Joe Fichtenkort, two brothers, John Brewer and Bob Brewer and her son-in-law, Stacy Kinkeade.

Dorinda owned her own cleaning business for thirteen years and provided excellent cleaning services to many factories and homes in the area.

She was a member of God's Way Christian Center in Keokuk.

Dorinda loved to be outdoors and enjoyed working in her yard and planting flowers every spring season. She loved to collect and fill her house with knick-knacks. In her younger days she was very adventurous and could drive just about any type of heavy machinery. She loved spending time with her dog, her faithful and loyal companion, Bacca.

A Memorial Service will be held at noon on Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Beverly Ailes officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 11 am - 12 noon at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time. Masks are required and social distancing is strongly encouraged.

A time of food and fellowship with the family will be held following the service at the Southside Boat Club in Keokuk

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

### City sets cemetery clean up dates in March

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Cemetery Department will begin Spring Clean Up at Sacred Heart, Elmwood, Oakland & City Cemeteries on Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26, 2021. ALL items must be removed from the gravesites before Monday, March 22. Any items left will be disposed of during cemetery clean-up. No items are to be placed on the graves until Monday, March 29, 2021.

For further information, call (319) 372-7700, ext. 206 or email [mblind@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:mblind@fortmadison-ia.com).

## OBITUARIES

### WANDA I. BOYER

Wanda I. Owens Perry Boyer, 97 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 7:16 pm Thursday, February 25, 2021 at The Kensington, Fort Madison. She was born March 4, 1923 at Sandusky, Iowa, a daughter of Oscar Earl and Freda I. (Hancock) Owen. On November 9, 1942, she married Manford David Perry at Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death November 21, 1988. On September 13, 1997, she married Charles N. Boyer. He preceded her in death June 13, 2008.

After high school, Wanda worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company. Wanda and Manford moved to Valparaiso, Indiana after WWII. She worked in the book-keeping departments at J.C. Penney at Fort Madison and Valparaiso for nine years. She was the Assistant Vice President of the First National Bank, Portage Branch, of Valparaiso for 20 years. After living in Indiana for over 40 years, they returned to Fort Madison to retire. Throughout the years, she volunteered at the local elementary schools helping students with their reading, and also volunteered as a "pink lady" at the hospitals, sometimes in the family waiting area of the surgical department and the gift shop. She was a member of PEO-BS Chapter, Historical Society and the Fort Madison United Methodist Church circles. She loved all types of music and sang in the Fort Madison United Methodist Church choirs for over 48 years. At home there was always music playing in the background, quite often the big band tunes. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crafts and loved cooking and baking.

She is survived by her son, David (Sue) Perry, of Valparaiso, Indiana; two step-sons: Mike (Karen) Boyer, of California; Jeff (Teri) Boyer, of Littleton, Colorado; one step-daughter, Barbara (Keith) Caro, of Parker, Colorado; one son-in-law, Clarence Unternahrer, of Ainsworth, Iowa; four grandchildren: Jennifer (Davin) Lindner-Green, of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; of Ainsworth, Iowa; Matthew Perry, of Valparaiso, Indiana; Adam (Tracie) Perry, of Valparaiso, Indiana; Douglas (Erin) Perry, of West Lafayette, Indiana; seven step-grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; several step-great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, daughter Linda Unternahrer; daughter-in-law Susan Perry; one step-son Steven Boyer, one brother Keith Duane Owen, three sisters, Norma Lee Morton, Lolita Curtiss and Nedra O'Neil, and one granddaughter Julie Lindner-Reid.

Her family will greet friends 9:30 - 10:30 am Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, funeral services will follow and begin at 10:30 am Saturday with Rev. Kayle Lange-Carney and Jan Garza officiating. Private burial will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Madison.

A memorial has been established for the Fort Madison United Methodist Church and the Washington United Methodist Church, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Perry - Boyer family and online condolences may be made at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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## Sports/From the Front

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Davis scores 19 in FMMS girls win

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison 7th grade girl’s basketball team wrapped up their season last week with two wins over Mount Pleasant.

In the A game Fort Madison won 31-24. Dayonna Davis led the team in both points and rebounds finishing with 19 and 14 on the night. Hallee Menke was next with six points, followed by Ellie Huebner with four. Mara Smith scored two points while Hadley Wolfe chipped in a free throw. Wolfe led in assists with five. The A team finished with a 9-1 record on the year.

Fort Madison won the B game 28-15. Dynasty Bell-Washington led in both points and rebounds with 16 and 10. Addison Rump and Jaycee Fullenkamp each scored six points for the Lady Hounds. Avery Rump chipped in with four steals. The B team finished the season 8-1. Also playing for the 7th grade girl’s team was Brook Johnson, Kayreena Sterling, and Megan Curtiss.

#### Central Lee boys end year with split

DONNELLSON – The Central Lee junior high boys finished the year with a split against Danville Tuesday night.

In the 8th grade game, Brayden Wyrick had 13 points in a 35-21 loss. Kegan Damico, and Kayden Calfee each had three points. Ostyn Moore added two.

The 7th graders won 35-20 with Owen Swan leading the way with nine points. Will Hayes had eight points and three boards while Caleb Larson, Ward Fraise and Nathan Newberry all had four points. Brody Moeller, Brant Kraciun and Colton Taft each added two.

# Davis named SEC Co-player of year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Bloodhound junior Dayton Davis was named co-Player of the Year in the Southeast Conference.

The 6-4 junior guard was 4th in the league in scoring with 326 points, but was first in rebounds with 226, a full 60 ahead of the field. That number was also second best in the state in Class 3A, but his 96 offensive rebounds was best in the state in 3A and 8th best in all classes.



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He was also tops in the conference in steals with 59, 4th best in 3A.

He joined Burlington’s Amarion Davis with the honor.

Fort Madison’s Miles Dear was named 2nd team all conference. Juniors Reiburn Turnbull and Tate Johnson both received honorable mention for the 8-12 Hounds.

### Lady Hounds

On the girls side, some could make a case that the Bloodhounds Malarie Ross should have been considered for Player of the Year honors. Ross was named to the first team along with senior Brandy Walker.

Ross scored 405 points on the year, which was tops in the Southeast Conference.

Ross was also tops in the conference in steals with 109. She also lead the conference in 3-point percentage, free throws made and free throw percentage.

The junior 120 made free throws was the third best mark in all classes.

Walker was third in the Southeast Conference with 10 blocks and was fifth in field goals with 75.

Keokuk’s Abby Wolter was named the Conference Player of the Year.

Camille Kruse, a first team selection last year was named 2nd-team All conference. Senior Nadia Boeding and freshman Irelynd Sargent earned honorable mention.

### Wrestling

Fort Madison’s Henry Wiseman (Fr. 106 lbs), Emmett Kruse (So. 113), Teague Smith (Fr. 152) and Levi Lowney (Sr. 195) were all named 1st team All-Conference.

Gavin Wiseman (Jr. 138), Aiden Pennock (So. 145), Mason Schau (Sr. 160) and Isaac Thacher (Fr. 170) were all named to 2nd team for the 4-0 Hounds.

Keokuk’s Tate O’Shea was named Wrestler of the Year.

### Academic All-Conference

Fort Madison Owen Kruse, Brock Califf, Gavin Wiseman, Ace Meierotte, Will Gager, Austin Miller and Schau were named to the wrestling all academic team.

Johnson, Landes Williams, Davis and Philip Goldie were named to the boys academic list, while Ross, Boeding, Kylee Cashman, Lauren King, Maddie Rashid and Walker all earned academic all-conference for the Lady Hounds.

# Johnson & Johnson vaccines to go to food workers

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care cards. There will be no charge to the individual for the vaccination.

Federal officials have indicated Johnson & Johnson has partnered with Merck & Co., who failed to design a vaccination, to increase production of the drug to up to 6 million doses a week across the nation.

President Joe Biden said Tuesday night that with production increase, every single American should be vaccinated before the end of May.

Reynolds called the Johnson & Johnson development a “game changer”.

“Single dose vaccines means twice as many people can be fully dosed in a fraction of the time,” she said.

The state’s 7-day positivity rate is currently 4.2% and the 14-day rate is 4.1%.

Lee County is currently at a 3% rate for the past seven days with no new cases in Tuesday’s 24-hour report. Four new cases were reported today.

Of the 2.7 million tests administered to date in Iowa, 11.2% have returned positive.

As of Tuesday, 191 Iowans are hospitalized with a primary or secondary COVID-19 diagnosis, down from a high of 1,516 on November 18, 2020.

To date 5,501 Iowans have died due to COVID-related illnesses.

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# Current-Lee/From the Front

## CURRENT-LEE

### Lee County Conservation

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Conservation will offer a program on Garden Plants for Butterflies and Pollinators on March 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library and online.

### World Day of Prayer

FORT MADISON – The Salvation Army at 1415 Avenue M will be participating in a World Day of Prayer on March 5, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a meeting at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served featuring Vanuatuan cuisine. RSVP is requested no later than noon on March 4.

### Galentine's Day Surprises

FORT MADISON – The Kensington is showering a select number of seniors with some love. They are taking nominations for seniors age 65 and over in Fort Madison and within 10 miles. Submit nominations to by private message to The Kensington Facebook page @TheKensingtonFortMadisonIA with the senior's name, address and phone number; three things they enjoy; dislikes and food allergies; other special information.

### YMCA registering for programs

FORT MADISON – Little Tykes Soccer and Lee County Soccer registration is now open through the Fort Madison YMCA. Call 319-372-2403 to register and for more information. The YMCA is also scheduling private youth gymnastics lessons for boys and girls ages 10 and up. Y Kids & Company preschool enrollment is now open for the 2021-22

schol year. Call the YMCA for additional information.

### Basic Estate Planning

FORT MADISON – The Kensington will be holding a basic estate planning for seniors seminar on Tuesday March 9 via Zoom link. RSVP to Cindy Greer at 319-372-4233 or by email at [cgreer@kensington-evergreen.com](mailto:cgreer@kensington-evergreen.com).

### HTC Kindergarten Round-Up

WEST POINT – Incoming Kindergartners will come at assigned times to meet teachers and enjoy some guided kindergarten activities.

### Read Across Iowa

WEST POINT – Preschool story time through the Iowa State University Extension is being held on Mondays in March beginning at 10 a.m. at the West Point Public Library. This year's theme is agriculture.

### Blue and Silver Celebration

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic will hold it's annual Blue and Silver celebration, an annual tribute to teachers. This year's event will be limited to teachers and guests only. The HTC Teacher of the Year will be announced

### Community Clean-up

FORT MADISON – The annual community clean up has been set this year for April 24. Contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

## Man alleged to have engaged in sexual acts with a juvenile

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nal Sexual Abuse, a Class 2 Felony.

The warrant stemmed from an investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Office into allegations that Blackwell had engaged in sexual conduct with a juvenile between the ages of 13 and 18.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted in this investigation by the following agencies; The Advocacy Network for Children; Department of Children and Family Services Hancock County State's Attorney's Office Keokuk, IA Police Department Macomb, IL Police Department

Blackwell is held in the Hancock County Jail on a bond of \$50,000, 10% allowed. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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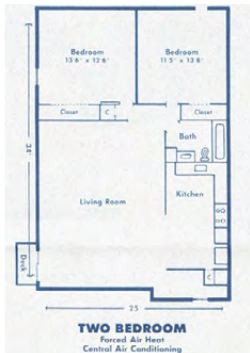
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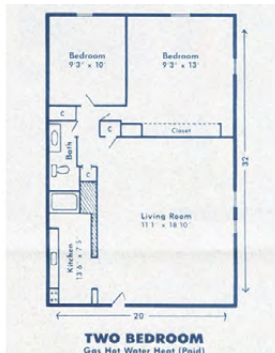


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