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Candidates interview for council Tuesday

PETITION FILED: Hamelton turns in petition Monday for special election

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Interviews to fill two vacancies on the Fort Madison City Council will be held Tuesday night at City Hall, but the meeting is now a virtual meeting.

Five candidates have stepped up to fill the vacancies in 2nd and 3rd wards. Tom Schulz and Jerry Hamelton have submitted letters of intent to be considered for the 2nd Ward seat, while Donna Amandus, Mike Chapman, Brian Peterschmidt have thrown their names in for the 3rd Ward.

The 2nd Ward seat was vacated with the death of Bob Morawitz and the 3rd Ward chair was opened when Tyler

Miller resigned to pursue a career in the military.

Interviews with the six candidates will take place at the front end of the 5:30 p.m. start of the meeting with the appointments taking place prior to the start of the regular meeting.

Hamelton turned in a petition with 46 signatures on it Monday morning, the last day of the state allowed 14 days following the publishing of the city's intent to fill the positions by appointment.

Hamelton's petition, if validated by the county, would force a special election to seat the two Council positions.

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PROCLAMATION

Reynolds pleads with Iowans to act

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds took to the social media airwaves Monday night to try and get Iowans to take necessary steps to help slow the current rampant COVID-19.

Reynolds said in the past two weeks 52,000 new cases have been reported in Iowa, which is about the same that were reported from the time the virus hit Iowa until August.

She said Iowans have become complacent and have lost sight of why it was so important to work to flatten the curve and said Iowa's health care system in Iowa is being pushed to the brink.



REYNOLDS

"The number of Iowans in the hospital with COVID-19 has doubled to the point that one in every 4 hospital patients has the virus. As the cases continue to climb, hospitalizations will continue to rise at a similar pace."

To help combat the growing spread, Reynolds is requiring masks in indoor public places if people are unable to socially distance for 15 minutes or longer.

Her proclamation, which goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday morning also limits indoor social, community, business and leisure gatherings to 15 people. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 30 people, including family gatherings, weddings, funeral receptions and conventions.

However the proclamation does not restrict gatherings in workplaces as part of normal daily operations.

All state sports are suspended – except high school, collegiate and professional sports. Spectators at high school sporting events are limited to two per student and masks are required at those venues.

Restaurants and bars are required to close at 10 p.m. and cannot host private parties of more than 15 people. Masks are required by all staff that have direct contact with customers.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Monday accident

Fort Madison firefighters work to get inside a Honda Monday afternoon after an accident near the intersection of Hwy. 61 and Iris Lane. One victim was airlifted to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

HOLIDAYS

Christmas for Kids and Teens underway in North Lee

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – From now through December 16, 2020, Christmas for Kids and Teens is collecting new, unwrapped toys for Kids ages birth to 12, and money for gift cards for teens ages 13 to 18.

The program is for North Lee County,

and will help disadvantaged families in the area to give presents to their kids for Christmas. Monetary donations to CFK&T, can be mailed to PO Box 434, Fort Madison, IA.

Please look for toy collection boxes at your church, and at the following area businesses: Ameriprise Finan-

cial Josh Denning, Climax, Columbus Club (KofC), Connections Bank, Daily Democrat, Dollar General East, Dollar General Montrose, Dollar General West Point, Shug's Tiny Town, Dupont/Axalta, Farmers Savings Bank Denmark, Farmers

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Obituaries

JERRY ELLIOTT

Jerry Elliott, 73, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics following a brief illness with COVID.



ELLIOTT

Jerry Lived in Missouri during his childhood and moved to Van Buren County in his teens and lived there most of his life, except for a brief California adventure.

He leaves behind his wife of 45 years: Margo Elliott (Stone); son: Dean (Tami) Boughner; two daughters: Libby (Mitch Wynn-schen) Boughner; and Angela (Joe Holton) Elliott; son-in-law: Travis Lacy (Natalie Lacy); grandchildren: Austin Gire, Joshua Boughner, Jordan Gire, Aiden Lacy and two great grandchildren: GraceLynn and Bentley; sisters: Marilyn Thomas, Zelma Muntz; brothers: Junior, Francis, Dean. Also surviving are many more family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Emmett and Rose (Anderson) Elliott and his daughter: Patricia Rose Lacy.

Jerry started his career as a mechanic at a young age because of his passion for working on any type of engine he could get his hands on. He later went into logging and then driving those BIG OL' semi trucks across country. In his later years, he enjoyed his time working with his friends within the Amish Community, but his main passion was his grandkids and his family always came first.

He was dearly loved and will be missed by many.

Jerry's body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Those attending are encouraged to wear masks and adhere to social distancing requirements. Burial will be at a later date in the Bonaparte Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

IRENE SMITH

Irene Smith, 96 of Montrose, IA died Monday, November 10, 2020 at the Donnellson Health Center.

She was born January 28, 1924 in Lee County, IA the daughter of Andrew and Vendla Marie Lantz Eck.



SMITH

Irene graduated from Argyle High School with the Class of 1941. While in high school, Irene was a member of the girls' basketball team and was recognized as a standout player.

On July 25, 1947 she was united in marriage to Wendell Phillips Smith in Burlington, IA. He preceded her in death on August 5, 2004. She had been employed by Central Lee Community School District for forty-four and a half years.

Irene was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Daughters of American Revolution and the Iowa Teacher's Association. Irene was a talented piano player and loved music. The highlight of her life was playing the piano while her daughter, Cindy sang and Kirk Bradenberger played the fiddle. She was an excellent artist and enjoyed oil and acrylic painting. Irene loved watching the eagles, traveling all over, going on geode hunts and photography.

She is survived by several nieces, a nephew, cousins and many good friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Cynthia Smith, one brother, John Eck, one sister, Esther Heine and a cousin, Marie Kirchner who was raised with her family.

A funeral service was held Saturday, November 14 at the Vigen Memorial home in Keokuk, IA with Reverend Rodney Underwood officiating. Burial was held in the Montrose Cemetery in Montrose, IA. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10-11 a.m., Saturday, November 14 at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

A celebration of her life will be held for family and friends at a later date. Social distancing requirements will be in place and masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Central Lee Education Foundation or First Lutheran Church and may be mailed to the Vigen Memorial Home 1328 Concert St. Keokuk, Iowa 52632.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

KAREN R. MARTINEZ

Karen R. Martinez, 51, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:37 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020 at her home. She was born a twin to Darren Pacheco



MARTINEZ

on April 24, 1969 in Galesburg, IL, to Jesse & Carmen Mendez Pacheco. She married Mark L. Martinez on February 21, 1991 in Fort Madison, IA. She was a para-educator for the Fort Madison Middle School and a member of Harvest Bible Fellowship. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and raising her 7-year old grandson. She loved working with her kids in the classroom, shopping, dancing and being with family & friends.

Karen is survived by: her husband: Mark Martinez of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Collette Martinez of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Mark Martinez, Jr. of Fort Madison, IA; 2-grandchildren: Collin & Kamari Martinez of Fort Madison; 4-brothers: David Pacheco of St. Louis, MO, Mark Pacheco of Galesburg, IL, Jeff Pacheco of Galesburg, IL & Darren Pacheco of Denver, CO and her mother: Carmen Pacheco of Fresno, CA. She was preceded in death by her father.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A funeral service will immediately follow at 10:30 with Pastor Jon Heyland officiating. Masks and social distancing will be required, per state requirements. A memorial has been established in her memory. Online condolences to Karen's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

VETA M. STEWART

Veta M. Stewart, 94, of Fort Madison, passed away at 3:58 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at Unity Point Hospital in Keokuk, IA. She was born on May 24, 1926 in Lewistown, MO to Arthur W. & Luella B. Hendred Manley. She married Edward L. Stewart on April 28, 2001 in Des Moines, IA. He preceded her in death on May 9, 2008. She was a receptionist at Wells Fargo Bank in Des Moines, IA and enjoyed doing crafts, especially quilting & crocheting.



STEWART

Veta is the last of her family and is survived only by several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and several brothers & sisters.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020 at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. Online condolences to Veta's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.



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Obituaries

A. B. FRAISE

A.B. "Sonny" Fraise, 85, of West Point, Iowa, passed away peacefully at 12:34 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2020, at his home surrounded by love and family.

He was born on February 22, 1935, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Herman and Verda (Grelk) Fraise. On August 25, 1957, he married Shirley Starr at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa.



FRAISE

Sonny's memory will live on in his wife: Shirley; four children: Rhonda (Kevin) Martens of Columbia, Illinois; Laura (Eddie) Mendez of Fort Madison, Iowa; Jay Fraise of Coralville, Iowa and Darla (Mike) MacLean of West Chicago, Illinois; brother: Rick (Joan) Fraise of West Des Moines, Iowa; brother-in-law: Folmer V. Starr of Spicewood, Texas; Sister-in-law: Dorothy Kemp of Chino Valley, Arizona; eight grandchildren: Nicholas, Kyle, Kara, Lindsey, Jaymie, Michael, Makenna and Morgan; eight great grandchildren: Emmalyn, Liam, Adleigh, Clara, Grace, Emersyn, Wyatt and Charlotte. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; three sisters: Naomi, Myrna and Iris; two brothers: Delbert and Dale; three brothers-in-law: Bob O'Brien, Jack Hannon and Bill Kemp; sister-in-law: Naomi Starr; nephew: John Hannon and niece: Toni Hannon.

Sonny was a 1953 graduate of St. Mary's High School in West Point. He began working when he was eleven years old at the West Point Locker handing out locker keys and making soft serve ice cream. He worked at Schierbrock's Grocery two years and Hoenig Bros. Grocery one year prior to owning and operating Sonny's Super Market from January 1959 until his retirement in January of 1997. Sonny's "Claim to Fame" was he had worked on all four corners of the square in West Point and there was only one more corner to go. As a young man, Sonny helped pour the cement for the original sidewalks in the West Point City Park and was an assistant scout master. He mentored many young employees as they entered the job market. Sonny was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point where he was an usher for many years, served as President of the Parish Council and served on the Finance Committee. After retirement, he helped with maintenance of the church and cemetery. He was a West Point volunteer fireman for 50 years, serving as Fire Chief. In 1988, he received the West Point Firefighter of the Year Award for Outstanding Dedication and Service. In 1989, he received the Governor's Award for outstanding service by volunteer firemen. After retirement, he spent many hours maintaining the Christmas lights in the West Point City Park. Sonny was a former board member of the Associated Grocers of Iowa and was a member of the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Board. He also was an Honorary Life member of the West Point Knights of Columbus, West Point Community Club member, served on the West Point City Board of Adjustment, Board of Parkview Housing and Board of Green Acres Country Club. Sonny enjoyed trap shooting, bowling, boating and golfing. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Cyclones fan. His family was his strength and love.

Friends may call from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2020, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as Celebrant.

Those attending are required to wear a mask and social distance.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, West Point, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory for the West Point Fire Department, St. Mary's Catholic Church or Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Schmitz Funeral Homes of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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Sports/From the Front

Franchise fee language on city council agenda

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City Clerk Melinda Blind was out of the office on Monday and city officials said the petition has been stamped received, but was not opened.

According to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise that election, which has to be outside of a 32-day notice window, is scheduled to take place Jan. 5. She said Hamelton needed to present a petition with a minimum of 45 signatures. According to Fort Madison City Attorney, the petition now goes to Fraise's office.

After the interviews, the council will discuss and appoint two of the candidates to fill the positions and Mayor Matt Mohrfeld will administer the oath of office prior to the full agenda.

In an unrelated issue the city council will consider two revenue purpose statements regarding the use of the revenues from proposed electric and gas franchise fees.

The council will also vote on repealing current franchise taxes, which are set at 0%, and granting new franchises to Interstate Power and Light, a subsidiary of Alliant Energy, and MidAmerican Energy. Granting new franchises by ordinance will allow the city council to impose a franchise fee on both utilities.

The Alliant franchise agreement will be for 15 years and permit a 1.5% franchise tax, while the MidAmerican agreement is for 20 years and also permits a 1.5% franchise tax.

The combined collections could generate close to \$400,000 annually to help offset current budget constraints.

In other action, the city will consider:

- the 2nd reading of an ordinance that would eliminate parking on the south side of Avenue E from 2nd Street to 24 Street. The action requires three readings before it becomes part of the city code.
- three change orders on current city projects including the Hwy. 61 project from 2nd to 6th streets, the PORT trail project to rodeo park, and the Amtrak Station Platform. The platform project is a decrease in projected costs through value engineering.

FM Clay Crushers look for trap shooting support

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison High School Clay Crushers has joined the Giving Tuesday movement, a global day of giving that kicks off the giving season and follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On this day, December 1, the FMHS Clay Crushers asks for your support to grow their MidwayUSA Foundation endowment. The FMHS Clay Crushers have their own, earmarked endowment at the MidwayUSA Foundation, a public charity that helps communities and organizations raise funds for their high school, college and other youth shooting teams and activities. Each year, teams and organizations with a MidwayUSA Foundation Team Endowment are eligible to receive a cash grant from that endowment to use for expenses like ammunition, travel, targets, uniforms, entry fees and more.

One of the main ways teams grow the endowment is through online donations, which are matched. Those interested in giving to the FMHS Clay Crushers, where your donation will be matched, can visit FMHS Clay

Crushers MidwayUSA Foundation website (midwayusafoundation.org/team-profile/?id=R46727) Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the donation, as well as the match, benefits that specific shooting team. This funding is available for the life of the team so growing the endowment is crucial to the future of our local shooting team.

To learn more about the FMHS Clay Crushers or to get more information about their MidwayUSA Foundation Endowment, please contact Mike Ehlers at mike.ehlers@fmcsd.org or 319-372-1862.

The MidwayUSA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity working to sustain the shooting sports industry by providing long-term funding to youth shooting teams. Every donation made is 100% tax deductible and supports the mission to help communities and organizations raise funds to support their youth shooting team. The Foundation supports all shooting disciplines. For more information about how the MidwayUSA Foundation is changing the future of youth shooting sports, please visit midwayusafoundation.org or call 1-877-375-4570.

Local Dems say steps aren't enough

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State Sen. Rich Taylor (D-Mt. Pleasant) said Reynolds should require masks whenever residents are outside their home.

"I don't know why she's being so stubborn and not requiring a mask. All the health care experts are begging for it," Taylor said.

But Taylor said the steps are more than the Governor has done in the past.

"I guess she's finally requiring masks at some point. I thought it would be easier to just say you will wear a mask when you're away from home and around others."

State Rep. Jeff Kurtz (D-Ft. Madison) said Reynolds still isn't doing enough.

"I don't think she takes this thing seriously. I have had problems with all state agencies and constituents not getting services," Kurtz said. It's all half measures and everything she's done has never been enough."

Attempts to reach State Senator-elect Jeff Reichenman and Rep-elect Martin Graber were unsuccessful as of this posting.

Reynolds said 1 in every four hospital patients in Iowa hospitals have the

virus and that numbers is climbing as well.

"In late October new daily hospitalizations were approaching the 100 mark. Now just two weeks later they have topped 200 a day. And that is not sustainable," Reynolds said.

She said if the state health care system exceeds capacity, every Iowan is at risk.

"That's what we're facing if we don't do something. Will there be enough first responders to help? Will trauma teams be available? Will you get the care you need. Not if we don't act," Reynolds said.



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Opinion/Classifieds

Letters to the Editor

Corral committee thanks those that helped with tree planting

Giving Thanks To Our City and Community

In a season defined by giving thanks, the Canine Corral Community Dog Park's Fundraising Committee would like to express our gratitude to all our friends, neighbors and just plain good-hearted people who made last Friday's tree planting at the park a resounding success! And while it is impossible to thank each and everyone personally, we do want to give credit where it's due to the following:

First and foremost, the City of Fort Madison itself. From providing and fencing in the land for the park last spring ... to drilling holes for trees and helping to plant them on Friday ... the City has been our partner in this entire endeavor. We would particularly like to thank Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, the Board of Parks and Recreation, Andrew McFall, Mark Bousselot and Justina Cullen.

Our thanks as well to Mike Mohrfeld, who donated use of a backhoe to finish digging some of the bigger holes we still needed on Friday.

To Lisa Louck of the Iowa DNR office in Wapello, who was there to teach us all how to plant the saplings and also how to properly remove the large, potted trees and place them securely in the holes.

To the teenage girls from The Green Team environmental group at FMHS, who showed up unannounced and hit the ground running. And to the young men who are in their freshmen year at the high school who joined us, too. You kids ROCK!! Thank you for coming and thank you for caring.

And to all our wonderful volunteers and supporters along the way, our whole-hearted gratitude. You gave us the precious gift of your time, sometimes your wallet (several people donated trees), your energy and your hard work. True community support like yours is what makes Fort Madison the wonderful community that it is.

Canine Corral Fundraising Committee,
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Thanks to all the businesses and churches, for helping us make Christmas special for families in our area, especially at this difficult time. Your donations are truly appreciated.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, please abide by the mask rules and any other safety requirements of the business you are donating to.

Look for additional information about registration, and donations on the Christmas for Kids and Teens North Lee County Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280404825324842>.

Applications are available in person at the Fort Madison Food Pantry, or on Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fort Madison Public Library.

Applicants must provide proof of identification, proof of residency and proof of income including documentation of federal or state aid, and any unemployment or employment pay stubs.

Contact Linda Marshall, Christmas for Kids President, with any additional questions at 319-670-8056

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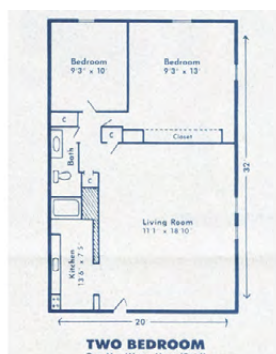
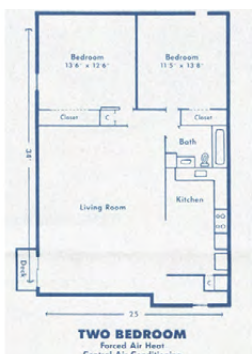
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Fort Madison Police Report

11/12/20 – 3:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run on Alta Drive.
 11/13/20 – 12:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Andres Diaz, 39, of Fort Madison in the 5200 block of Bluff Road on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 11/13/20 – 1:59 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 11/13/20 – 4:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of 34th Street.
 11/14/20 – 6:20 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of Avenue A.
 11/14/20 – 8:58 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue L.
 11/14/20 – 9:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Austin Corwin, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 3800 block of Avenue O, on charges of OWI-2nd offense and driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.
 11/14/20 – 1:53 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested John Adam Wiggins, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue G, on a charges of OWI-1st offense and driving while license revoked. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/15/20 – 4:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue E.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/12/20 – 9:48 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dalton James Meyers, 26, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/13/20 – 12:35 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andres Lee Diaz, 39, of Fort Madison, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Hwy 2, on a charge of assault with injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/14/20 – 2:43 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Larry Hulon Robertson, 32, of Chicago, in the 2600 block of Hwy 2, on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 11/14/20 – 10:07 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mario Vincente Mendez, 36, of Hamilton, Ill., on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released for time served.
 11/14/20 – 10:30 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Vincent J. McGinnis, 59, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

11/09/20 – Harley R Cunningham, age 28, of Marrietta, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Cunningham was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 11/09/20 – Jordan L Ragain, age 25, of LaHarpe, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on a Petition to Revoke on original charges of Aggravated Battery. Ragain remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 11/09/20 – Desiree F Acker, age 21, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended and No Valid Insurance. Acker was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/10/20 – Steven A Bell, age 31, of Lomax, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Obstructing Justice. Bell was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/10/20 – Andrew M Schiedel, age 32, of Fort Madison, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Petition to Revoke or Modify Probation on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Schiedel remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 11/11/20 – Melissa A Squier, age 43, of LaHarpe, IL was

arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving Under the Influence. Squire was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/11/20 – Zachary R Sherman, age 31, of Burlington, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, Operating Uninsured Vehicle and Obstructing Identification. Sherman was also arrested on a Des Moines County, IA Warrant charging him with Voluntary Absence from Custody. Sherman was released to Des Moines County, Iowa Authorities.
 11/11/20 – Daniel J Deshong, age 27, of Augusta, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving Under the Influence and Criminal Damage to Property. Deshong was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/12/20 – William E Watkins, age 53, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Theft. Watkins was released after given deferred payments

and a future court date.
 11/12/20 – Christopher M Romer, age 33, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Bail Bond. Romer was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/12/20 – Valorie J Zimmer, age 54, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Bail Bond. Zimmer remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 11/12/20 – Andrana F Starks, age 37, of West Point, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Bail Bond. Starks remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 11/12/20 – Bailey A Williams, age 19, of Plymouth, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence and Illegal Consumption by a Minor. Williams was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/13/20 – Dyllon C Deeter, age 22, of Augusta, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Deeter was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/14/20 – Luke J Steele, age 33, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear for Petition to Revoke

or Modify Sentence on original charges of Driving While License Revoked. Steele was also arrested on a second Hancock County Warrant for Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving While License Revoked. Steele was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/14/20 – Nicholas S Dickson, age 24, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Burglary. Dickson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 11/15/20 – Kristopher M Vincent, age 28, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Burglary. Vincent was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

11/13/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one burn complaint.
 11/14/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.
 11/15/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two lift assists, and one electrical malfunction.

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