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Hamelton takes on Rink for at-large seat

Rink looking for fourth term; Hamelton making first run

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Jerry Hamelton is a former law enforcement officer who moved back to Fort Madison about six years ago and is seeking his first public office in town.

Kevin Rink is a three-term incumbent councilman who said he was on the fence about running for office again. Rink, a 29-year resident of the city, also volunteers on the Elliott Test Kitchen Board of Directors and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

“I was very much on the fence, but really the thing that pushed me more is that I had several citizens and city staff approach me to run,” Rink said.

“That really kind of set my tone and I would be the most tenured person on the council. I talked it over with my wife and she said, ‘What do you have to lose. It’s your seat to lose or your seat to win, no matter how you look at it.’”

Rink said he wants to continue his work on the council including seeing the infrastructure improve



HAMELTON



RINK

and helping keep people informed of the local government’s role in their lives.

“I’d like to start a coffee with a councilman where once a month or so we bring in some donuts and coffee and give people a chance to talk with myself, another councilman and maybe the mayor,” Rink said.

“Just give them a chance to come in relaxed and talk with us about what’s going on with them.”

Rink said it would have to be less than three councilman to avoid having a quorum present, but he said it would be a good time to get more engagement with the public.

Hamelton said he made the decision to run when he read in a Pen City Current article, where councilman Chris Greenwald said he was elected to do what’s in the best interest of the city and not necessarily what the voters want.

“I found that shocking that an elected official said that he would know better than the people that voted for him, what is best for them. That comment pushed me to run for office. If they aren’t going to care what we think, then I am going to care what they think,”

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Judge denies McCain’s suppression move

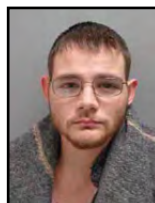
BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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KEOKUK – An 8th District judge has ruled that a 25-year-old Fort Madison man wasn’t tricked into making incriminating statements to investigators after he was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in February.

District 8B Chief Judge Mary Ann Brown ruled on Wednesday that a motion filed on behalf of Adam Golden McCain to suppress statements made to investigators on the night of his arrest was denied.

McCain is charged in the stabbing death of CaLove Sackman, then 27, of Keokuk in a Keokuk mall parking lot. McCain and Sackman had been in a relationship prior to the stabbing.

He’s currently being held in the Lee County Jail.



MCCAIN

McCain’s attorney James Beres of the Des Moines County Public Defenders office said state Department of Criminal Investigations Special Agent Joe Lestina

tricked McCain into using Lestina’s DCI-provided phone to make a phone call to a family member where incriminating statements were made.

“At the outset I would submit he was set up by the special agent,” Beres said during the Sept. 12 hearing.

“The special agent gives him the cellphone, suggests he make a phone call, places it on hands-free and then sits there and listens to it. He was set up. The special agent was using trickery to get additional statements from Mr. McCain is

a reasonable way to look at those stats.”

Section 804.20 of the Iowa Code provides that suspects in custody shall be permitted to make a reasonable number of telephone calls as may be required to secure an attorney or make contact with family.

Brown noted in her ruling that the code specifically has a provision that if a call is made it shall be made in the presence of the person having custody of the one arrested or restrained.

“As a result, the actions of the officers being present during the defendant’s telephone call with his uncle in no way violated his rights pursuant to Iowa Code Section 804.20. Those statements will not be suppressed,” Brown wrote Wednesday.

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U.S. Service academy nominations open

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack announced this week that his office is now accepting applications for nomination to the U.S. Service Academies. Each year, Congressman Loebsack may nominate up to ten Iowans for each of our nation’s four military service academies, with the final selection for admission made by the individual academy. Applications are due to Loebsack’s office no later than October 31st, 2019.

“As a military parent with children who attended the Naval Academy, this process is very personal to me,” said Loebsack. “I look forward to nominating our future leaders and encourage all interested students to apply.”

Our nation’s military service academies offer educational opportunities for young people interested in military service. Students can specialize in a variety of fields at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

BERNARD JOHN DINGMAN

Bernard John "BJ" Dingman Jr, 78, of Scottsdale, Arizona, Park City, Utah and formerly Naples, Florida, passed away on September 22, 2019, surrounded by his loving family, after a valiant year-long battle with brain cancer (GBM).



DINGMAN

BJ was born October 3, 1960 to the late Bernard and Claire Dingman in Houghton, Iowa, the only son and middle child among six sisters. He graduated from Regis College in Denver, Colorado, the city where he met his beloved surviving wife of almost 55 years, Michele "Missy" (nee Lehr). BJ and Missy raised their four children with patience, love and humility: Lisa (Al) McGowan, B John, III, Anne (Don) Wood and Brian (Laura) and his cherished grandchildren: Trey, Kelly, Megan, Emma, Ella, Jack, William, Carter, and Grace. He is also survived by his devoted sisters: Mary Ann (late Bernie) McGuire, Carol (Norman) Forster, Jeanne (Greg) Pieper, Dorothy (Mike) McLaughlin, and Margaret (John) Rector.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Laura (Jeffrey) Stuffings.

BJ was a successful business executive and had a great zest for life; his most treasured moments came from spending time with his cherished children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed running marathons, hiking, skiing, golfing and smoking a good cigar! He is dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is at peace with the Lord.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa with Farther Bruce DeRammelaere as celebrant.

Burial will be in Saint John's Cemetery in Houghton.

Friends are invited to a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be designated for cancer research at Mayo Clinic or a charity of your choice. Memorials to the Mayo Clinic can be made online at www.mayoclinic.org/development or mailed to: Department of Development, Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

OBITUARIES

DANNE Q. WEILER

Danne Q. Weiler, 60, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 3:40 PM at the Great River Medical Center Hospice House.

Danne was born on July 10, 1959 in Ft. Madison to William J. and Lucille Wagner Weiler. He married Danylle Ballinger. Danne worked at DuPont and retired after thirty eight years of service. He enjoyed boating, riding his motorcycles and collecting coins.



WEILER

Survivors include his daughter, Sydney Weiler of Champagne, IL and her mother Danylle Weiler of West Point; his mother, Lucille Weiler of Ft. Madison; two sisters, Sharilyn (Bernie) Umthum of Janesville, IA and Rhonda (Rod) Staggs of Overland Park, KS; one brother, Monty (Julie) Weiler of Ft. Madison; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/24/19 - 3:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 12th Street and Avenue F.
09/25/19 - 7:07 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Tammy Lane.
09/24/19 - 8:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Amanda Jean Smith, 25, of Fort Madison in the 4600 block of Avenue J on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
09/24/19 - 9:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Amber Lynn Koper, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Bluff Road on a charge of serious domestic abuse assault and child endangerment. She was taken to the

Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/24/19 - 11:07 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Miranda Elizabeth Meyers, 24, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 16th Street and Orleans in Keokuk, on a warrant for contempt of court and a charge of driving while barred. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
09/24/19 - 6:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Paul Douglas Bowden, 35, of Montrose, at the intersection of 242nd and 243rd Avenue in Keokuk on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
09/24/19 - 6:58 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terry Eugene Wixom, 54, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a temporary hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
09/25/19 - 5:01 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Lavern Keith, 24, of St. Paul, in the 2000 block of 2nd Street in St. Paul on charges of 1st-degree domestica abuse assault and domestic assault with bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/24/19 - Fort Madison Fire & Rescue responded to three medical calls and a river rescue.

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10/17 Heritage Center Keokuk
10:00am-Noon

10/22 Parkview Apts. West Point
11:00am-Noon

10/22 Rose Michael Gardens Ft. Madison
1:00pm-2:00pm

10/24 LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive) Ft. Madison
1:00pm-4:30pm

10/28 West Point Public Library
1:30pm-3:00pm

11/4 Montrose Public Library
9:00am-10:30am

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11/7 Newberry Center Ft. Madison
10:00am-Noon

11/12 Hillview Village Ft. Madison
10:30am-Noon

11/14 River Terrace Keokuk
9:00am-10:00am

11/14 Trinity United Methodist Church Keokuk
1:00pm-4:30pm

11/19 Hoerner YMCA Keokuk
8:30am-10:00am

11/20 Donnellson Public Library
12:30pm-1:30pm

11/21 Eagle Bluff Apts. Ft. Madison
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From the Front

Judge Brown also rules on Constitutional question

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day.

As part of the hearing on Sept. 12, Brown received an audio recording of a Feb. 6, 2019 early morning interrogation of McCain at the Lee County Jail, and body camera footage from the Lee County Sheriff's deputy who happened upon McCain on the side of the road with vehicle trouble.

Deputy Joshua Wade discovered McCain near his vehicle along a highway in rural Lee County. Wade pulled up behind McCain's vehicle and upon calling in the stop, learned that McCain's vehicle matched one involved in a hit and run the same night. Shortly thereafter, Wade was informed that McCain may be the suspect in a stabbing also in Keokuk that night.

Wade took McCain into custody and he was transported to the Keokuk Police Department and was then moved to the Lee County Jail where questioning took place. Wade however, according to testimony asked McCain questions on the highway, but didn't inform McCain of his right to remain silent.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden and 1st Asst. Jonathan Stensvaag stipulated at the hearing that the state wouldn't be using any evidence from the stop.

"Deputy Wade never did advise him of his Miranda warnings on the side of the road. But, to his credit, at that point it wasn't an interrogation that related to the murder. But we did stipulate not to use anything McCain said to Deputy Wade that night," Braden said Wednesday.

"There was nothing inculpatory said at that time. All those statements came to investigators at the jail after Miranda warnings were given."

Beres told Brown at the Sept. 12 hearing, investigators knew that McCain was sleep deprived. McCain also testified at that hearing that he was in withdrawals from meth and had taken anti-anxiety meds and was stoned at the time of the interrogations.

Lestina testified at the hearing that McCain said he hadn't had a drink for about three days and wasn't on any drugs.

In her review of the audio recording, Brown wrote that the recording supports a finding that McCain waived his right to remain silent "knowingly and voluntarily."

"...this court finds that the defendant's initial request to remain silent was honored and that the second interview did not violate the defendants rights.." she wrote.

Braden said he wasn't surprised by the ruling.

We think the legal authority that she cites and that Jonathan cited in our resistance was on point," Braden

said.

"We were confident in that night when investigators went to talk with him that everything was on the up and up and we were happy to see this ruling come out to reinforce that decision."

Beres also asked Brown to rule that all Miranda warnings be a defendant be done in writing and that in murder cases, a video recording be made of the waiver.

Brown wrote in the ruling that Beres presented no legal authority to support the argument.

"More importantly, this court cannot determine that such a broad requirement is appropriate or justified," she wrote.

"Law enforcement officers conduct interview in every imaginable physical set of circumstances. Some of

those circumstances simply do not allow for a written document to be utilized to advise the defendant of his Miranda warnings or for a written waiver to be executed."

She also wrote videotaping the waivers is not a practical request.

"A blanket requirement that all waivers of Miranda warnings in murder cases be videoed is not practical... This court declines to hold that the Iowa Constitution requires all waivers of Miranda warnings be executed through a written waiver and that such waivers in murder cases be videoed."

A pretrial conference has been set for Friday at 9 a.m. at the North Lee County Courthouse. The trial is set to start on Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. at the South Lee County Courthouse.



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Sports/Lottery Numbers

Hellige 2nd; Gager, Dennis 3rd at MP meet

HTC senior 2 seconds from fastest time at meet

MT. PLEASANT – Holy Trinity Catholic’s Matt Hellige was just two seconds off the pace at Tuesday night’s Mt. Pleasant Invitational to claim second in the boys 5K.

Hellige’s time of 17:38.58 was second in the Small Class division, but was also second fastest of the day in all classes as Zach Hein from Wilton took first at 17:36.43.

The senior from HTC has placed in the top three in his division in every meet so far this year, many times having the fastest 1A time.

In the girls’ Large Class run Fort Madison’s Katie Dennis got her groove back knocking out a third place run at 21:59.08. Mt. Pleasant’s Abby Ryon ran away with the event at 19:51.81 on her home course.

The Panthers had seven of the top 10 runners



HELIGE

in that division. Fort Madison had the other three with seniors Anna Kester and Maddy McVey finishing 9th and 10th respectively. Kester crossed the barrier at 23:12.21 and McVey was five seconds back at 23:17.52.

Other scoring runners for the girls were Lauren Otte and Marquel Warner who finished 20 and 21st with time of 24:56.99 and 24:58.28. The Bloodhounds took second in the team tally with 57 points. Mt. Pleasant won with 18 points.

Other runners for the Hounds included Brandy Walker, Mylah Blanchard and Kay Quittem taking 29-31 respectively. Rachel Hellman took 38th place at the meet.

Back to the boys meet, Fort Madison sophomore Will Gager had one of his best runs of the year taking 3rd place overall and 2nd in team tally with an 18:28.43 in the large class run. Anthony Barnes took 4th at 18:33.69.

The Bloodhounds tied Fairfield with 38 points for first, but had an overall time of 1:35.21 just nipping Fairfield’s 1:35.27. The Bloodhounds also had a faster average time of 19:04.31 to Fairfield’s 19:05.47.

Rounding out the top five runners for Fort Madison, which are the scoring runners, were Tate Settles at 19:18.27 (9th), Hayden Wolfe at 19:21.00 (10th), and Austin Miller at 19:40.12 (13th).

Other finishers included Alex Steffensmeier 20:22.40 (20th) and Ben Thele 20:32.40 (23rd).

For Holy Trinity in the Small Class, the Crusaders took 5th place overall with 129 points. Jacob Mohrfeld finished 21st with a time of 20:35.31, followed closely by Mitchel Pothitakis at 20:45.87. Jacob Pothitakis was the fourth across for HTC at 40th with a time of 22:13.12, while Chandler Rung wrapped up the scoring for the Crusaders with a time of 22:22.90 (42nd).

James Scheetz was next at 22:44.06 (44th) and Wyatt Hellman took 51st with a time of 24:00.55.

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Thank for reading!

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Sports/Current-Lee

Lady Hawks fall to WB on the road

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON – The Central Lee girls may have had a bit of fatigue after the grueling Holy Trinity Classic Monday night as they fell in four games to West Burlington on the road Monday night.

The Lady Hawks fought their way back to the HTC Classic Title Monday night after playing five matches in less than six hours and came back to avenge a pool play loss to Burlington to take the title.

But the Lady Hawks dropped the first two games to West Burlington 20-25, 23-25, but came back to get the third game 25-22 before falling in the final game 17-25.

On the night, Abby Wellman was 37 for 42 with 14 kills, one assist, served 12 for 14 and had 10 digs. Mya Merschman was 12 for 13 with 11 kills, three blocks, served 13 for 13 and had 6 digs. Kaylynn Summers was 30 for 35 with 10 kills and had a dig. Meghan Hopp was 23 for 24 with four kills, two assists, served 12 for 16 with nine digs.

Andrea Benner was 12 for 14 with four kills, two assists, one block, served 11 for 14 with two aces and had six digs. Zoe Eschman had 5 kills, 34 assists, served 10 for 10 with one ace and had 25 digs. Chloe Weber served 14 for 14 with one ace and had seven digs and two assists.

Central Lee play at Lone Tree on Thursday as part of the Southeast Iowa Superconference tournament

CURRENT-LEE

Denmark UCC God's Portion Day

Denmark UCC is celebrating its 72nd God's Portion Day October 12th. Opening ceremony, 9:20AM. Baked goods & craft booths open at 9:30AM; parade at 10:30AM along Academy Avenue; 11:15 chicken noodle dinner in the church. Walking tacos and karaoke at the firehouse. Auction begins at 12:30PM.



The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

North Lee County Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life takes place this year on September 27th from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature Maddie Poppe in Concert. This year's theme is "idols of strength".

Weekly Book Sale

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday's at the Public Library.

Volunteer Fair

The United Way and Fort Madison Public Library

will be holding a volunteer fair Thursday, Sept. 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library's Sheaffer Memorial Meeting Room Refreshments will be provided and attendees will have a chance to explore volunteer opportunities in the area.

Small Grand Things Grand Opening

The new venue south of West Point is having a Grand Opening on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight with food, music, and fun featuring Wilson Bros. BBQ, Caleb Booten performing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Will Stuekerjuergen DJing until midnight. For more information visit the website at smallgrandthings.com.

Diaper Drive

Griffin Muffler & Brake Center of Fort Madison is spearheading the annual diaper drive during the month of September for families of Lee County in need. Diapers can be dropped at the center of Connection Bank.

Special Olympics Fundraiser

The Fort Madison Eagles Club will be hosting a fundraiser Oct. 12 for area Special Olympics athletes. The event will feature a Diving for Dollars from Bobby Reid and Bob Chesnut. Reid will sky-dive onto a field, and the number he lands on will win \$500 if present and \$250 if not present. An \$8 Listing continued on page 9

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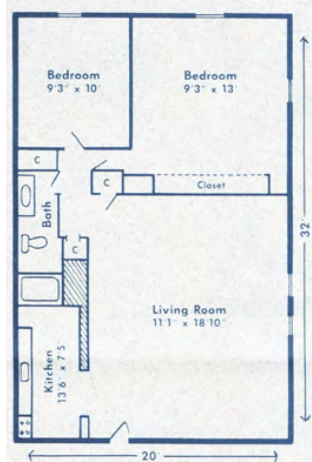
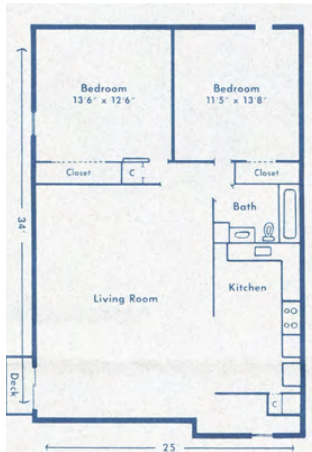
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From the Front

Candidates want to increase resident engagement

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Hamelton said.

Hamelton lived in Fort Madison until his father moved them to Arizona where he stayed and served as a deputy on the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department. His brother became ill and Hamelton brought his family back to Fort Madison and went to work as Police Chief in Nauvoo. Then he returned to Arizona in 2002 and moved back to Fort Madison again in 2013.

"This is my home. I'm from here and this is where all my family is at. I loved my job and loved being a police officer, but anymore I'm old and creeping up on 50 years old and can't do what the young kids are doing."

Hamelton also brought up engagement and said people need to be more engaged.

"I don't believe anyone

engages too much in politics here and I believe it's because they are so disenfranchised, they won't even vote," he said.

"I try to convey that message to people that if you're not satisfied with how things are going, change it."

Hamelton said he also ran because he feels the city has been irresponsible with spending in the past three to four years wiping out a surplus the city had.

When commenting on how the city can get out of the financial pinch, he said public safety isn't the place to cut. He also said franchise taxes are an unfair option because it taxes city residents for mismanagement on the part of city staff.

"The Police budget hasn't increased \$10,000 more than what we were paying three years ago,

so I don't understand how that's a problem," Hamelton said.

Hamelton said paying the sheriff to lead the city's police department and paying a search firm \$10,000 to find a new police chief was a misuse of funds.

"We wasted our money. We completely wasted city money on the sheriff's office coming down here and staffing the police department when we had several officers here that coulda done it," Hamelton said.

"City spending has to be more intelligent that it is being handled now. There's things we can do."

Rink said, as a councilman, he was appreciative of the sheriff's help in handling the police department, but said that move did ruffle some feathers in the city.

To further help ease

financial pressure, Hamelton even suggested selling the marina to a private developer to help the city generate revenue there while reducing expenses.

"The city doesn't have the money nor manpower to keep it up. We could commercially sell it to somebody who's willing to develop it and create a better environment down there," he said.

Rink said more diligence needs to be done on the franchise tax option and would like to hear more from people on both sides of the idea.

"I'd like to see both sides of it. Mark (Lair) and I threw this out several years ago with Mid-American when we were originally talking about moving the fire department to five personnel per shift, instead of four," Rink said. "It didn't go over very well."

Rink said he wouldn't support cutting staff in the city to help find answers to the budget crunch.

"I won't support any cuts of city staff," Rink said. "We're down to the bare bones, but we have to continue to serve."

Hamelton is also against funding the new depot in Riverview Park as another project that will drain city resources.

"It appears to be for pet projects, like the train station. I'm not against the train station, I'm against the fact that you spend my money, your money, and these guys' money on something that won't return money to the city," he said.

"The way I look at that is we're about to adopt an expensive kid at a time when we can't afford the one's we have."

He said he's aware that the city could have to pay some money back in grants, but he said even that figure could be less than the amount the city would spend on the facility going forward.

Hamelton said the other reason he decided to run is that areas of the city are being forgotten

under current leadership.

"Residents need to know they are cared about if they live on Avenue I or M just like someone who lives on C or D."

He said a breakdown of the city council shows that 5 or 6 of the seven current councilmen live on the north side of the city.

"When you go to the south and knock on those doors, people say they don't vote and aren't going to vote because the city never does anything for them and nothing ever happens down here," Hamelton said.

"They never fix anything down here and they don't care about us down here... Those people have a point that they feel they've being neglected and I believe they are."

Rink also wants to see the city's infrastructure continue to improve. He said the city is taking steps with streets and the Old Hwy. 61 project needs to get going.



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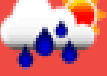
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