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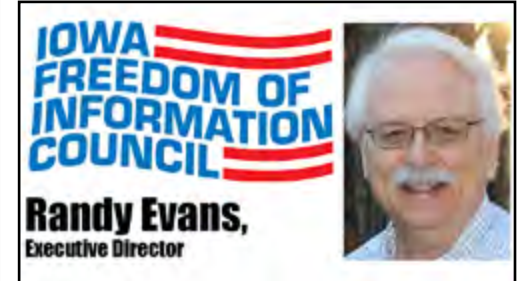
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GOP runs wild in county

EDITORIAL



Could a different Mamie Till bring about gun change

Mamie Till came along at the right time in American history. During the 1950s, in an era when many Americans were blind to the grotesque toll of racial hatred, this courageous Illinois mother stepped forward and opened America's eyes. What people saw outraged them — the mutilated body of her 14-year-old son, Emmett, lying in an open casket. His horribly disfigured face bore little resemblance to anything human. An ear was severed. An eye was missing. His teeth were gone. He had been wrapped with barbed wire, and his head was swollen like a deformed pumpkin.

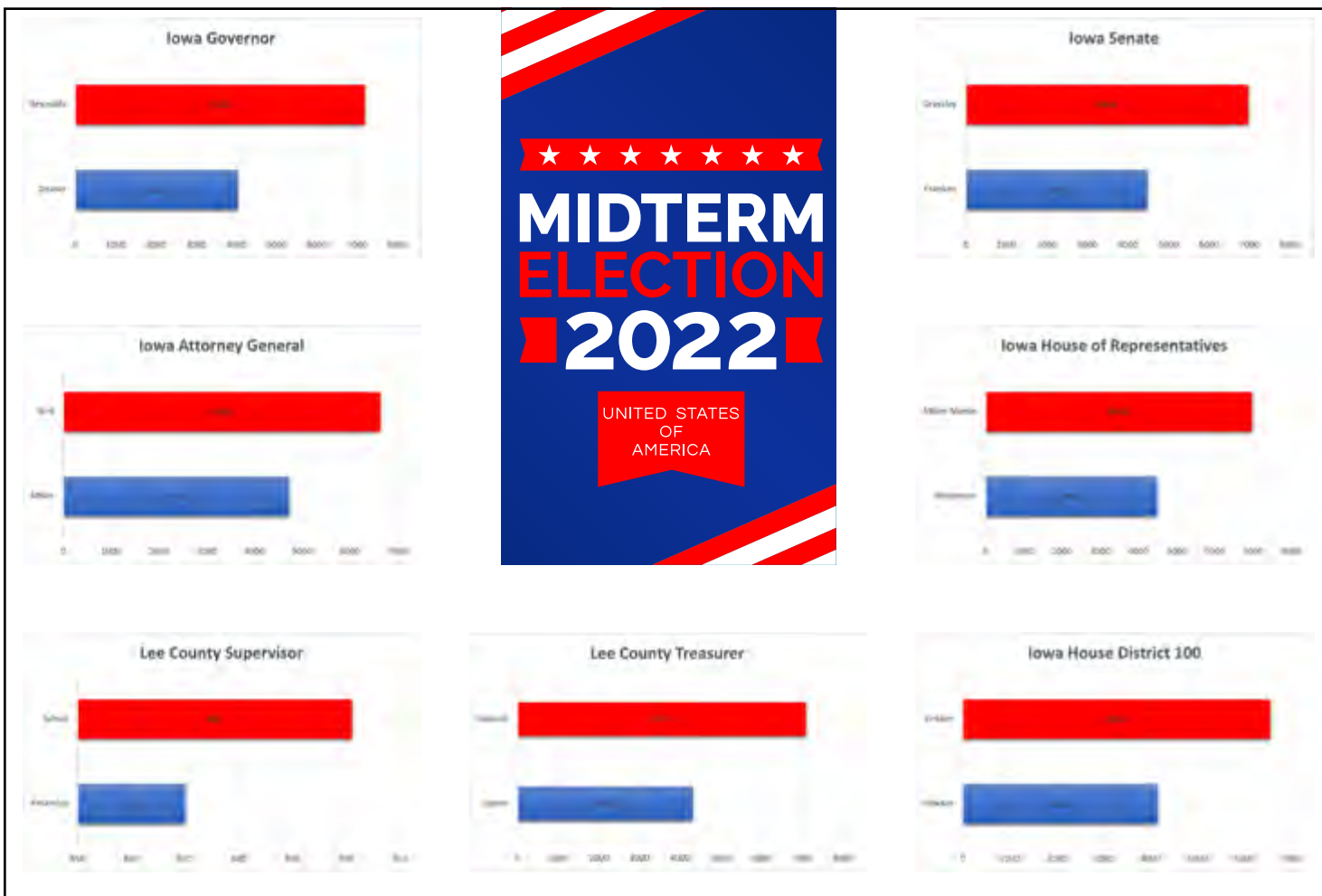
The black teenager had been kidnapped, tortured and killed for whistling at a white woman who was working in a tiny grocery store in Money, Miss., in August 1955. Mamie Till had allowed her only child to travel from Chicago with relatives to visit cousins on his great-uncle's cotton farm not far from Money.

I was in Illinois a week ago for a family get-together. We were 20 miles and 67 years removed from where the Till family lived on the south side of Chicago and where Emmett's funeral attracted thousands of mourners.

During our trip to Illinois, there was time to reflect on the pivotal role Mamie Till's decision played in U.S. history. We watched the new "Till" movie in a bustling theater. We heard sobs and moaning from people in the audience at key moments in the powerful film.

I found myself wondering wheth-

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AMENDMENT: Gun-rights advocates overwhelmingly prop up amendment issue

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - For the second straight general election, Lee County voters have resoundingly chosen Republican candidates and platforms.

All precincts and absentee ballots had been reported before 10 p.m. and local GOP candidates Martin Graber, Tom Schulz, Becky Gaylord, and Chuck Holmes had all been elected to office.



GRABER

Graber defeated incumbent Rebecca Bowker for the newly created 100th State House District 6,553-4,152. Schulz narrowly defeated Donna Amandus (D) 901-870 in the closest race of the night.

A strong absentee showing erased all of Schulz's precinct lead with the exception of 31 votes.



SCHULZ

Becky Gaylord beat incumbent Chris Spann (D) handily 7,079-4,306. Gaylord lost 8 years ago to Chris Spann.

"I had great confidence in the citizens of Lee County to show that they want things changed and want better customer service," Gaylord said.

"I don't want anybody to regard coming in to the Treasurer's office as something that's a pain and something they have to

manage."

Gaylord said she has plans to open both offices in the county at all times.

Schulz said the national conversation probably controlled some of the local turnout.

"I think it's more of a practical common-sense mandate. I don't think it's partisan in that regard. I'd like to say it was, but I don't think it was that way," Schulz said.

"I think it's a disgust with where we're headed as a nation and it's carried over to the local level. Some of it justified, and some of it not."

Schulz said Amandus has done great things for the city and feels she's a better fit for city office.

"The fact is that Donna has done great things on the City Council and I've never denied that. Honestly, I think it's a good fit for her. What she's been doing there has been effective and she's serving the citizens of Fort Madison well in that capacity. I hope she continues to do that."

Amandus said win or lose she was proud of her supporters.

"This has been the best campaign by far that I've been part of," she said. "The support has been amazing on both sides and I had so many donations from people who wanted me to do this."

Schulz said the win is humbling.

"It's a great responsibility for these small shoulders and I will work my absolute tail off to make everyone who cast a vote for

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CONNIE R. BUNKER

Connie R. Bunker, 76, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 7, 2022 at The Madison. She was born on February 5, 1946 in Fort Madison, IA to Raymond & Myrtle Miller Pohlpetter. She married Robert J. Bunker on February 6, 1965 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on August 15, 2021. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company for 40+ years and was a member of Holy Family Parish.



BUNKER

Connie is survived by: 1-daughter: Terry (Steve) Ruble of Fort Madison, IA; her adopted daughter: Shelly Fraise of Fort Madison, IA; 1-sister: Peggy Pohlpetter of Fort Madison, IA; 1-brother: Larry (Frances) Pohlpetter of Terrel, OK and 1-sister-in-law: Glenda Pohlpetter of Des Moines, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 5-sisters: Betty Glassford, Mary Lou Fairlie, Shirley Black, Sylvia Pohlpetter & Carmen Pohlpetter, 5-brothers: Raymond Jr., Richard, Paul, Royce & Rolland Pohlpetter.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Sacred Heart Cemetery with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. A memorial has been established for the Dementia Unit at The Madison. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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HAROLD J. BONAR

Harold J. Bonar, 88, of Wever, passed away on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 11:28 PM at The Kensington.

He was born on July 10, 1934 in Ft. Madison to Cecil and Inez Henderson Bonar.



BONAR

On November 29, 1953 he married Betty "Nadine" Bradford in Ft. Madison. Harold served in the US Marine Corp for three years and after that he started his lifelong farming. He was a member of the Holtz Geer American Legion #668, the Lee County Sheriff Auxiliary and the Moose where he achieved Pilgrim status. Harold was also a member of the Wever Fire Department where he served as Chief for thirteen years. He also served as Chairman of the Green Bay Drainage District. Harold and Nadine loved traveling and went to several states and also Europe.

Survivors include his wife, Nadine Bonar of Wever, One Daughter, Bonnie (Steve) Wellman of Guntersville, AL; two sons, Scott (Lisa) Bonar of Ft. Madison and Brian (Kelly Stevenson-Brown) Bonar of Wever; eight grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; one sister, Betty Pumphrey and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Rick Bonar, a grandson, Derek Bonar; three sisters, Nora Pitts, Wanda Riddle and Lucille Sweeny and a brother, Robert Bonar.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Jeff Metcalf officiating. Burial will follow in Claypoole Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Wever Fire and Rescue and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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MARION E. YORK

Marion Edwin York passed away on November 3rd at age 89 in his home in Burlington Iowa with family by his side. He was known as Pat to his family, Ed to his friends, and Mr. York to his many students. Ed passed quickly and thankfully did not suffer; he died of complications related to his heart and lungs, and while the past few months were not easy for him, this summer he was still riding his Big Bear, driving his new riding mower, and yelling at speeding cars on Gnahn street.



Mr. York was best known for his many years as a biology teacher at Burlington Highschool. He developed advanced laboratory methods for inspiring students to think independently, and the words "fetal pig" will spark mixed memories for many. He understood his teenage students, offering them matches when they snuck out for a smoke and helping graduates hold a 12-kegger party on the Back 40 one year. He received his Master's Degree in Education at Atlanta University, where he felt honored to be in a class of predominantly African American students. He also served in the Army and observed one of the first US fax transmissions in the testing of this new communication technology.

He was less known for his conceptual futuristic thinking, but this was important to him, and he predicted trends that came true 20 to 30 years later. In the 1980's he developed a new type of diesel engine oil filtration system and tested it on hundreds of Iowa school buses, proving that the oil never had to be changed and engine performance improved over time. He won best paper at the 1983 So-

ciety of Automotive Engineering conference. This summer he was trying to make his case to the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture for farming ideas that he believed would be needed as global climate change progresses.

Ed was very proud of his wife Jean and his kids Dave, Denise and Pam and their spouses Robin, Jay and Dave. He frequently mentioned how much he was looking forward to seeing Jean again, who passed in 2015. He also missed his brother Dan and sister Peg who passed in recent years along with his mother Dorothy and father Owen years ago. He has 4 grandchildren Cary, Grant, Mandy, and Blake, and 6 great grandchildren Austin, Haily, Shannon, Maya, Jace and Mayla who called him Big Poppa, and an extended family who he enjoyed living across the street from for many years. Our family loved him dearly even when he was grouchy or ranting about the world today. We will especially remember him for his love of giant sunflowers and all the good times fishing, boating, gardening and building bonfires. We love you Dad, Grandpa, and Big Poppa.

A memorial has been established for the "Marion Edwin York Memorial", where funds will be awarded annually to outstanding students. Checks or flowers can be sent to the Prugh Funeral Service, 3940 Division Street, Burlington IA 52601.

Marion was laid to rest in Edwards Cemetery.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Marion's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.

ANITA J. HARLAN

Anita Jean Harlan, 83, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 3:20 p.m. Friday, November 4, 2022, Saint Lukes Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Born on May 15, 1939, in Denmark, Iowa, the daughter of Edward and Opal (Poe) Lodwick. On December 31, 1998, she married James R. Harlan at Burlington Presbyterian Church in Burlington, Iowa.



HARLAN

She is survived by her husband; daughter Kim (Ron) Fraise of Denmark, Iowa; son: Russell (Kate) Franklin of Fort Madison, Iowa; daughter-in-law: Sherri Franklin of Phoenix, Arizona; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; sister: Loraine Beach of Elko, Nevada and aunt: Charlotte Loges.

She is preceded in death by her parents; son: Chris Franklin and

husband: Arley Robinson.

Anita was a 1957 graduate of Fort Madison High School. At the time of her retirement she had worked as a police dispatcher for over 25 years and retired from Fort Madison Police Department. She was a former member of Santa Fe United Methodist Church in Fort Madison.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home.

A private burial will be held in Fairview Cemetery in Fort Madison, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

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Fort Madison Police Report

11/04/22 - 8:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jeri Monique Fink, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a Scott County warrant for probation violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/04/22 - 12:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue N.

11/04/22 - 1:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Terrence Milas Shelton, 54, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue E, on 5 warrants for unauthorized use of a credit card and unauthorized credit card use less than \$1,500. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/04/22 - 3:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

11/04/22 - 4:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Benjamin Steven Hobbs, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a North Lee County warrant for failure to

appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/04/22 - 6:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Avenue F.

11/05/22 - 6:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 5th Street and Avenue F.

11/05/22 - 7:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue H.

11/05/22 - 7:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

11/05/22 - 10:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Terrence Milas Shelton, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 400 block of Avenue H, on a charge of unauthorized credit card use less than \$1,500. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/05/22 - 10:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue E.

11/05/22 - 10:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrest-

ed Lucas Matthew Carson, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 6100 block of Reve Court, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/06/22 - 12:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue N.

11/06/22 - 1:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jonina Kawailele Jensen, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 300 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/06/22 - 10:48 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Gloria Osei Tutu, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/06/22 - 12:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue I.

11/06/22 - 9:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue F.

11/07/22 - 3:31 p.m. - Fort

Madison police arrested Terry Marvin Stewart, Jr., 28, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of disorderly conduct - loud noise. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/07/22 - 3:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Georgina Ann Gordon, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of disorderly conduct - loud noise.

11/07/22 - 4:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue N.

11/07/22 - 4:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue G.

11/07/22 - 7:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Travis Power Dvorak, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 400 block of Avenue H, on 2 warrants for failure to appear and a warrant for 2nd offense domestic abuse. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/07/22 - 8:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Robert Daniel Wagner, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/07/22 - 11:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Leanna Hope Simpson, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Bluff Road, on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/04/22 - 4:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Old Denmark Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jenna Nell Szczeblewski, 23, of Missouri, was traveling south on 303rd Avenue and slowing to turn left onto Old Denmark Road, when a vehicle driven by Sharon Kay Cox, 48, of Fort Madison, struck the vehicle from behind. No injuries were reported. Szczeblewski's vehicle was towed from the scene. Cox's vehicle was able to be driven from the scene. Cox was cited for failure to maintain control.

11/04/22 - 7:42 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident on 255th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Timothy

Lynn Bingham, 68, of Wever, was traveling westbound on 255th Street when it came to the stop sign approaching Hwy. 27 when it pulled onto Hwy. 27 and struck a vehicle driven by Russell Cavalier, of Louisiana, broadside. The occupants of Cavalier's vehicle were transported by ambulance to the hospital. No other injuries were reported. Bingham's vehicle was driven from the scene. Bingham was cited for failure to yield upon entering through highway.

11/05/22 - 2:07 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kendell James Gregory, 36, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.

11/05/22 - 1:14 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Carbine Lane, Keokuk. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Angelia Marie Broadwell, 32, of Donnellson, was traveling eastbound in the 2400 block of Carbine Lane and was turning into a driveway on the north side. Broadwell turned in front of a vehicle driven by Dannette Faye Sargent, 43, of Keokuk, that was traveling west on Carbine Lane, striking the vehicle. No injuries were reported. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Broadwell was cited for failure to yield upon a left turn.

11/05/22 - 9:16 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kimberly Joy Hadenfeldt, 35, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/05/22 - 10:51 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Danny Earl Lamma, Sr., 43, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/06/22 - 9:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Zander Sean Crank, 18, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/06/22 - 9:05 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Austin Michael Stanley, 26,

of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/07/22 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

10/29/2022 - POLLOCK, WESTON J (21 of LaHarpe, IL) Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid Accident

10/29/2022 - TENHOUSE, JACKSON D (18 of Liberty, IL) Illegal Consumption of Alcohol

10/29/2022 - KNUFFMAN, REESE T (18 of Quincy, IL) Illegal Consumption of Alcohol

10/29/2022 - JENTE, AL-EXANDER F (18 of Stoneridge, NY) Illegal Consumption of Alcohol

10/29/2022 - BATES, EMILY N (18 of Friendswood, TX) Illegal Consumption of Alcohol

10/29/2022 - BROWN, JESSICA P (18 of Quincy, IL) Illegal Consumption of Alcohol

10/30/2022 - ROEMERMAN, TERRA L (49 of Holt's Summit, MO) Speeding, Improper Use of Electronic Communication Device

11/01/2022 - JOHNSON, TABATHA (38 of Dallas City, IL) Driving While License Suspended

11/02/2022 - LYONS, KEYTON W (22 of Keokuk, IA) Hancock County Warrant

11/03/2022 - WESTERMEYER, ALAN J (29 of Keokuk, IA) Hancock County Warrant

11/03/2022 - DAMERON, BRYAN K (43 of Carthage, IL) Hancock County Warrant

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison

Fire & Rescue Report

11/5/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.

11/6/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to nine medical calls and one false alarm.

11/7/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

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Illinois News/Scene Around Town

Hamilton man injured after jumping from vehicle

HAMILTON - Sheriff Travis Duffy reports that on Sunday November 6, 2022 at approximately 3:55 PM the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about a traffic crash on Illinois Highway 96 near County Road 1600N

It was reported that a male subject had jumped out of a moving vehicle. Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene and learned that Dylan J. Kroeger (27 of Hamilton, IL) had serious injuries from falling from a moving vehicle.

The vehicle was a 2014 Ford Fusion driven by Shaina J. Kroeger (33 of Hamilton, IL). Following further investigation Shaina Kroeger was cited for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Dylan Kroeger was transported to the University of Iowa Hospital via AirEvac.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Nauvoo Fire Department, Nauvoo Ambulance, Hamilton Fire Department, Hamilton Police Department, AirEvac, and Hancock County EMS. This matter is still under investigation and all persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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Lee County Democratic candidates Rebecca Bowker, left, and Donna Amandus, right, share some thoughts prior to election results Tuesday night at Cobblestone Inn in Fort Madison.

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Till story has ties to Iowa media group

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er another mother might someday show similar courage the way Mamie Till did and decide to make public the horrific photographs of her child lying in a casket after being gunned down in one of the school shootings that are all too common.

Might such a mother decide that is a way to ensure her son or daughter makes a lasting contribution to a better society? Could such courage galvanize public action and lead our nation's leaders to deal in a meaningful way with the rampant gun violence that is rotting away the notion of our schools being places of safety and security for children?

After the massacre in May of 19 children at a school in Uvalde, Texas, David Boardman, dean of communications at Temple University in Philadelphia, told the Los Angeles Times, "I can't imagine that most Americans would look at a photograph of the damage that an assault weapon does to a child's body and then not be horrified."

Boardman said there is too wide a gap between "the horrendous reality" of gun violence and what the public comprehends when they only see

photographs of the children's smiling faces before their deaths.

Before Emmett Till's death, the victims of racial violence often were invisible beyond their own families and their circle of friends. Then, just as now, the news quickly moves on to other events, but the families of victims rarely are able to move on.

Emmett Till's was not the only racially motivated murder in Mississippi that summer in 1955. The Institute for Southern Studies notes that on May 7, 1955, the Rev. George Lee, the first black to register to vote since Reconstruction in Humphreys County, Miss., was shot to death for refusing to remove his name from the voter registration rolls. On Aug. 13, two weeks before Emmett's murder, World War I veteran Lamar Smith was shot dead in front of the courthouse in Lincoln County, Miss., for encouraging other blacks to sign up to vote.

But Mamie Till's decision to have an open casket for her son and to encourage a news photographer to make pictures of his mutilated corpse became a

catalyst for the civil rights movement that transformed our nation.

Might another mother be able to break America out of its business-as-usual approach these days to dealing with mass murders?

Might another mother bring change to America by acting the way Mamie Till did when she said, "I wanted the world to see what they did to my boy"?

FOOTNOTE: There is an Iowa angle of sorts to the Emmett Till tragedy. Four months after a jury found two white men not guilty of his murder, "Look" magazine published the men's confession that they had taken Till from his uncle's home, beaten him, shot him and then thrown his weight-ed-down body into the nearby Tallahatchie River. The men were Roy Bryant, the husband of the store clerk Till whistled at, and the husband's half-brother, J.W. Milam.

"Look" was a biweekly news magazine founded in Des Moines and published by brothers Gardner and John Cowles, longtime owners of The Des Moines Register. The magazine closed in 1971.

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The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session Wednesday, November 9, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public-All items with an asterisk(*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed

from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

3. Receive & file communications-
4. Approve agenda.
- *5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
- *6. Approve payment of bills.
- *7. Receive reports of Officers including Resolution No. 2022-92 authorizing October transfers.
8. Old Business-
 - a) 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on zone change for Faith Lutheran Church located at 910 E. Mapleleaf Drive.
 - b) 1st reading of proposed ordinance for Faith Lutheran Church zone change.
 - c) 3rd reading of proposed ordinance amend-

ing the zoning ordinance to permit and regulate Recreation Vehicles.

- d) Resolution authorizing acceptance of Lincoln Street Improvements Project.
- e) Approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report.
- f) Renewal application for a Class C Liquor Permit for Little Mexico Restaurant at 107 S. Jefferson Street.
9. New Business-
 - a) Authorize Mayor to sign 28E Agreement with Mount Pleasant Community School District for School Resource Officer Program.
 - b) Authorize Mayor to sign contract with Reliant Fire Apparatus for purchase of Fire Department Ladder Truck.
 - c) Approve FYE 2022

Annual Finance Report.

- d) Approve authorization of purchase of a pothole patcher hot box for the Public Works Department.
- e) Approve encroachment permit for Iowa Wesleyan University.

f) Approve site plan for contractor's office and shop at 1208 W. Washington Street.

- g) Resolution setting public hearing for ordinance amendment for electronic billboards.
- h) Resolution setting

public hearing for ordinance amendment for home occupation signs.

10. Public Forum.
11. Adjourn to meet in adjourned session on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

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From the Front

Lee County supports Gun amendment at almost 75%

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me proud they did.”

Graber agreed that the national conversation around the economy and inflation pulled voters out. But he said this year’s election shows that 2020 wasn’t a fluke and Lee County hasn’t changed.

“This isn’t the blue county it used to be. We’re more of some shade of purple now. But this election we’re beating them pretty good. A lot of it has to do what is going on at the national level. Things are in bad shape,” Graber said.

“It’s the inflation and the economy. It’s like when George Bush I ran the second time and got beat - ‘It’s the economy stupid!’”

Graber said he gives people of Lee County credit for being really smart and, despite the national conversation, he said you can’t discount things that have happened at the state level.

“This last time we cut a 3.9% flat tax and people don’t appreciate that yet and it’s not fully implemented yet. We’re also making some retirement income not taxed in Iowa. That will not only keep people here, but bring people here.”

Graber said he wasn’t surprised about the margin of approval for the gun amendment, but he said the urban population centers could make that vote closer.

“More than 9 out of 10 people you can give a gun to and they would never have a problem, but are there people who have a problem with a gun - ab-

solutely. But in most cases they are criminals and they shouldn’t have had them in the first place,” he said.

Graber said the support from the county GOP supporters continues to grow and strengthen.

“There’s been just tremendous support from the party, but now we have Tom Schulz who looks to be taking a supervisor seat, with Chuck Holmes and Garry Seyb, so now we have Republican control of Supervisors and maybe we can be more fiscally responsible with tax dollars.”

Bowker said the results show that the Republican agenda of fearmongering and misinformation is prevailing in the county and that will affect voters for generations.

“They have done nothing but promote misinformation about this election and that’s unfortunate. The result of this election will affect Iowans for generations,” she said.

“The economy is cyclical and will change. Women’s access to health care is a permanent decision and we have public education on the ballot. Republicans have made a bold statement that they do not support public education and that’s unfortunate. Iowa will continue to fall in the ranks nationally.”

She said having the gun amendment on the ballot also brought voters out to the polls.

Lee County votes overwhelmingly supported adding gun owner protections



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lee County Republicans met at River Rocks in Fort Madison Tuesday night to celebrate a sweep of Lee County voters in all local and state races.

by an 8,073-2,706 margin, a landslide that didn’t surprise Graber.

“Not in Iowa.”

Supervisor Chuck Holmes ran unopposed and collected 2,098 votes. Lee County Attorney Ross Braden and Lee County Recorder Nancy Booten also ran unopposed. Braden collected 8,098 votes and Booten collected 8,245.

In other state races, U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley defeated Michael Franken in Lee County 6,964-4,476, while Mariannette Miller-Meeks downed Christina Bohannon 6,970-4,491, indicating some heavy straight ticket voting for Republicans.

With 94 of 99 counties reporting at 11 p.m., Grassley held a 650,505-494,547 lead over Franken; and Miller-Meeks held a 20,300 vote lead over Bohannon.

Gov. Kim Reynolds outpaced Democratic challenger Diedre DeJear 7,182-4,032 and Republican Paul Pate outdistanced Joel

Miller (D) in county voting 7,097-4,290.

In statewide voting, both Reynolds and Pate held more than 230,000 vote leads with 94 of 99 counties reporting.

In the State Auditor’s race, Republican Todd Halbur received 6,683 to incumbent Democrat Rob Sand’s 4,640. State

Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald trailed Republican challenger Roby Smith 6,561-4,789 and Mike Naig downed challenger John Norwood in Lee County 6,993-4,730.

In statewide voting, Halbur held just a 13,300 vote lead over Sand with six counties yet to report. Fitzgerald trailed Smith

by about 44,000. Naig held a large lead of more than 200,000 over Norwood.

Brenna Bird outpaced incumbent Attorney General Tom Miller 6,633-

4,730 in Lee County for attorney General, and she held a 35,000 vote lead in statewide balloting at 11 p.m.



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