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# Press Releases

## APRIL 2016

### PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, April 01, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Bruce Wayne Krum, 46, of Oelwein. Krum was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. The Oelwein Police Department assisted in this arrest. Krum was transported to and held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, April 02, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Corydon James Strickell, 19, of Anamosa. Strickell was arrested and charged with first offense Operating While Intoxicated (serious misdemeanor). Corydon was also cited for Possession of Alcohol Under Legal Age and Failure to Maintain Control. This arrest was made following a report of a vehicle in the ditch near 190<sup>th</sup> Street and Washburn Avenue (Hwy 187) south of Lamont.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, April 03, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Christopher Lee Keppler, 44, of Oelwein. Keppler was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked (simple misdemeanor). Keppler was also cited for Operating Non-Registered Vehicle, Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance and Unlawful Possession of Driver License. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the Fontana Park area in the 1800 blk 125<sup>th</sup> Street south of Hazleton.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 04, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Calvin Francis Nosbisch, 26, of Topeka, KS. Nosbisch was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Contempt of Court. Nosbisch was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office

### PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, April 05, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Daryl Lee Cole, 41, of Quasqueton. Cole was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Cole was also cited for Failure to Wear Safety Belt and Unlawful Possession of Driver License. This arrest was made following a traffic stop near E Linn Street and S Water Street in Quasqueton.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, April 05, 2016 at approximately 1:40 pm, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on I380 near the 49 mile marker. According to the investigation, a 2002 Oldsmobile Alero operated by Cole Sander of Anamosa was traveling southbound on I380 when Sander lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle left the roadway, struck a bridge guardrail in the median, crossed back over the roadway, struck another bridge guardrail on the west side of the road and came to rest in the west ditch. Sander and a passenger in the vehicle were uninjured in the accident. Sander was cited for Failure to Maintain Control. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Brandon Fire Department and Center Point Ambulance Service.

PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, April 05, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jason Alan Vanlaningham, 41, of Independence, and Emily Renee Brockmeyer, 31, of Winthrop. Vanlaningham was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked (simple misdemeanor). Vanlaningham was also cited for Possession of Open Container, Speed Violation, Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle and Signal Light Requirements. Brockmeyer was arrested and charged with second offense Possession of Controlled Substance (aggravated misdemeanor), Obstructing Prosecution (aggravated misdemeanor), Unlawful Possession of Prescription Drugs (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). These arrests were made following a traffic stop near Enterprise Court and Enterprise Drive in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, April 08, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Matthew Raymond Wilkinson, 29, of Independence. Wilkinson was arrested on two active arrest warrants out of Buchanan County, both for Probation Violation. Wilkinson was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, April 08, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Christopher Anthony Andorf, 28, of Hazleton. Andorf was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor), Possession of Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine (serious misdemeanor), Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). A six-year-old female was also in the vehicle and was taken into protective custody. A referral was made and the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Iowa Department of Human Services in this matter.

PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, April 08, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Brian Carl Stepp, 55, of Hazleton. Stepp was arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). Stepp was also arrested on two active arrests warrants out of Jefferson County for first degree Harassment (aggravated misdemeanor) and third degree harassment (simple misdemeanor). Stepp was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office and later released to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 1000 blk Jackson Avenue north of Hazleton.

PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, April 08, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Christopher Lee Cummings, 36, of Waterloo. Cummings was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. Cummings was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, April 09, 2016 at approximately 6:05 pm, a Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle near 310<sup>th</sup> Street and Stewart Avenue southeast of Quasqueton. The vehicle did not stop and attempted to elude the Deputy. A pursuit was initiated and came to a conclusion in the 2200 blk Seven Hills Rd in rural Linn County. Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Chase Daniel Zerba, 18, of Coggon. Zerba was arrested and charged with Eluding (class D felony), Possession of Controlled Substance – Alprazolam (serious misdemeanor), Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). Zerba was also cited for Reckless Driving, Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Fail to Carry Proof of Insurance. This incident remains under investigation. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE  
Sunday, April 10, 2016

### Buchanan County Sheriff honors Communications Operators during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Each year, the second full week of April honors telecommunications personnel in the public safety community who do the frontline job 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We commend those men and women who are rarely seen but mostly heard. These dedicated 911 professionals are trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch and Emergency Communications. This year, National Public Safety Tele-communicator's Week is April 10-16, 2016.

"It's an opportunity to honor the men and women who serve as Public Safety Dispatchers. They are the voice at the other end of the 911 call assisting a distraught caller, and at the other end of the radio when law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel are responding to emergency situations" said Buchanan County Sheriff Bill Wolfgram. "Often, these 'invisible' professionals are one of the forgotten components of public safety."

This week is set aside to recognize our "first" first responders. Before any assistance arrives in the form of law enforcement, firefighters or EMS, the initial call is handled by one of the many behind-the-scenes heroes in communications centers nationwide. We rarely see them, but we can take comfort in knowing they are always there. Dispatchers across the nation process thousands of 911 calls flawlessly every day. They are our first connection to emergency services; the so-called first link in the public safety chain. They must quickly and accurately gather information from callers in every sort of crisis and emotional state, from injured to frightened to hysterical.

In addition to being a public safety link for those in need, 911 dispatchers provide a link to our on-scene responders as well. The safety of law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel is always forefront in the mind of a 911 dispatcher. This is not simply because they are friends and co-workers, but also because the safety of our responders is fundamental to their ability to perform their jobs in providing service to you.

We honor our Public Safety Communications personnel everywhere and thank them for their service. Therefore, as we observe National Public Safety Tele-communicator's Week 2016, take a moment to express your appreciation for the 911 dispatchers working behind the scenes in your area.

More information about the Buchanan County Communications Center and Communications Professionals can be found at [www.buchanancountyiowa.org/sheriff](http://www.buchanancountyiowa.org/sheriff).

### PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joshua Paul Kirby, 39, of Oelwein. Kirby was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Domestic Abuse Assault Causing Injury (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made following an anonymous tip reported to the Sheriff's Office via the "Report a Tip or Crime" link on the Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.buchanancountyiowa.org/sheriff>. The Oelwein Police Department assisted in this arrest.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 11, 2016 at approximately 8:15 am, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Hwy 20 near the 248 mile marker. According to the investigation, a 2007 Toyota Corolla operated by Baleigh Menuey, 15, of Jesup was traveling westbound on Hwy 20 when she lost control of her vehicle. The vehicle entered the median and struck a guardrail where it came to a stop. Menuey was transported by ambulance to an area hospital with minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation and charges are pending. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Area Ambulance Service and Jesup Fire Department.

PRESS RELEASE

Monday, April 11, 2016

In a collaborative effort, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, Buchanan County Health Center and Pathways Behavioral Services will be hosting a drop-off site for the DEA's 2016 Spring National Drug Take-Back Day. This event is conducted in an effort to allow patients and their families dispose of unwanted or expired medications. The National Take-Back program is anonymous, and every effort will be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. The drop-off location will be at Buchanan County Health Center's north parking lot off of the 1600 blk of 3rd Street NE, Independence, from 10am - 2pm. Sharps and needles will be accepted as long as they are in a rigid puncture resistant container and labeled sharps or biohazard. Some examples are detergent jugs or fabric softener jugs, or biohazard sharps containers. Illicit substances such as marijuana are not part of this initiative. Injectable, IV solutions, inhalers and other compressed air cylinders will not be accepted.

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In September 2015, the Drug Disposal/Drop-Off Event collected 350 tons of drugs state-wide. 45 pounds were collected in Buchanan County alone in a four hour period.

It is estimated that 15.3 million people aged 12 or older used prescription drugs non-medically in the past year (2013 National Survey on Drugs and Health).

In 2015, Iowans filled 5.1 million prescriptions for addictive drugs — mainly painkillers such as Vicodin and sedatives such as Xanax. In all, Iowa's 3 million residents bought more than 300 million such pills last year (Iowa Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, administered by the Iowa Pharmacy Board).

The most common way people obtain the medications abused are from friends and family so, proper disposal of unused medicines can reduce the risk of misuse and abuse. According to the Iowa Pharmacy Association, improper disposal of used and expired medication can also create potential environmental and health impacts. Proper disposal can help keep substances out of landfills and water systems.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 11, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Emily Renee Brockmeyer, 31, of Winthrop. Brockmeyer was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. Brockmeyer was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 11, 2016 at approximately 6:00 pm, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded

to a report of a motor vehicle accident in the 2000 blk Ringold Avenue north of Winthrop. According to the investigation, a 1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse operate by Dakota Everly, 19, of Winthrop, was traveling south on Ringold Avenue. Everly was unable to negotiate a curve in the roadway, rolling the vehicle into the ditch. Everly and two passengers were uninjured in the accident. Everly was cited for Failure to Maintain Control and Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Winthrop Fire Department and Area Ambulance Service.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 11, 2016 at approximately 8:15 am, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Hwy 20 near the 248 mile marker. According to the investigation, a 2007 Toyota Corolla operated by Baleigh Menuey, 15, of Jesup was traveling westbound on Hwy 20 when she lost control of her vehicle. The vehicle entered the median and struck a guardrail where it came to a stop. Menuey was transported by ambulance to an area hospital with minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation and charges are pending. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Area Ambulance Service and Jesup Fire Department.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Monday April 11, 2016, a Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle in the 2400 blk 100<sup>th</sup> Street east of Stanley. The vehicle did not stop and attempted to elude the deputy. A pursuit was initiated and came to a conclusion when the vehicle stopped at a residence in Lamont. A Taser was utilized when the deputy attempted to take the subject into custody. Timothy Everett MacTaggart, 57, of Clermont, was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked (simple misdemeanor), third or subsequent offence Possession of Controlled Substance (class D felony), Unlawful Possession of Prescription Pills (serious misdemeanor), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor), and Interference with Official Acts (simple misdemeanor). MacTaggart was also charged with numerous traffic offenses related to the pursuit including Speed and Stop Sign Violations as well as Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle, among others. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Iowa State Patrol, Fayette County Sheriff's Office, Clayton County Sheriff's Office, Delaware County Sheriff's Office and Lamont Fire Department.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Nathan Alan McDowell, 21, of Quasqueton. McDowell was arrested and charged with Domestic Abuse Assault Causing Injury (serious misdemeanor) and fifth degree Criminal Mischief (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 200 blk E Walnut Street in Quasqueton.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday, April 14, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jessica Marie Pirtle, 21, of Titusville, FL. Pirtle was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. Pirtle was extradited from Brevard County, Florida to Buchanan County and held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, April 15, 2016 at approximately 9:50 am, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Jamestown Avenue (Hwy 150) and Otterville Blvd north of Independence. According to the investigation, a 2013 Chevrolet Captiva operated by Wanda Duggan on Independence was traveling northbound on Jamestown Avenue when she slowed to turn left onto Otterville Blvd. A 2002 Ford Explorer operated by Patricia Matthews of Hazleton was also northbound on Jamestown Avenue behind the Duggan vehicle. Matthews was unable to stop in time and struck the rear of the Duggan vehicle. No injuries were reported and Matthews was cited for Failure to Stop in Assured Clear Distance.

PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, April 15, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Brier Michael Thein, 20, of Waterloo. Thein was arrested and charged with Forgery (class D felony), Driving While Barred (aggravated misdemeanor), Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor), Malicious Prosecution (serious misdemeanor), and Harassment of a Public Official (simple misdemeanor). Thein was also issued citations for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance and a Speed Violation. These charges stem from an investigation into Thein providing false identification information when being previously charged for driving related offenses.

PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, April 17, 2016 at approximately 8:05 am, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident in the 1200 blk Fairbank-Amish Blvd west of Hazleton. According to the investigation, a 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix operated by Wayne Schwartz, 18, of Junction City, WI, was traveling northbound on Fairbank-Amish Blvd when Schwartz lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle entered the east ditch, striking an embankment and rolling over several times. Schwartz sustained minor injuries in the accident and was cited for Failure to Maintain Control. The vehicle was considered a total loss.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 18, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Tonni Marie Stempien, 21, of Fairbank. Stempien was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. This arrest was made in the 100 blk E Main Street in Fairbank.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 18, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Ashley Nicole Musick, 26, and Christopher Anthony Andorf, 28, both of Hazleton. Musick was arrested and charged with Driving While License Barred (aggravated misdemeanor), Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor), Failure to File SR22 Insurance (simple misdemeanor) and Operation without Ignition Interlock Device (simple misdemeanor). Andorf was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Black Hawk County for an original charge of Sex Offender Registration Violation. These arrests were made following a traffic stop in the 2000 blk Wapsie Access Blvd north of Independence.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 18, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested David Larry Uchtyl, 55, of Jesup. Uchtyl was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). Uchtyl was also cited for Failure to Have Driver License, Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle, Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance and Operation without Registration. This arrest was made following a traffic stop near 175<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue west of Littleton.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 18, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jonathan Michael Poorman, 21, of Vinton. Poorman was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. The Benton County Sheriff's Office assisted in this arrest.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 18, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Saivon Tevez Sturgeon, 20, of Cedar Rapids. Sturgeon was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. The Linn County Sheriff's Office assisted in this arrest.

PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jonathan Caleb Nemmers, 26, of Jesup. Nemmers was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. The Grundy County Sheriff's Office assisted in this arrest.

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Timothy Everett MacTaggart, 57, of Clermont. MacTaggart was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. MacTaggart was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joshua Allen Chamberlain, 30, of Aurora. Chamberlain was arrested and charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made following an incident in the 400 blk Buffalo Street in Aurora.

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Wednesday, April 20, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested David Arthur Carpenter, 51, of Manchester. Carpenter was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Parole Violation. The Delaware County Sheriff's Office assisted in this arrest.

**PRESS RELEASE**

Friday, April 22, 2016



The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office has installed a drug and medication drop box outside the Sheriff's Office for public access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The drop box is located on the east side of the Sheriff's Office near the Sheriff's Office/Courthouse parking lot. Citizens can use this drop box for safe and proper disposal of unused, unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs and medications. Citizens do not have to be Buchanan County residents to use this drop box and may do so anonymously. The purpose of this drop box is to allow citizens to safely and properly dispose of unused, unwanted or expired drugs and medications, keeping them from contaminating landfills and water supplies. It also helps combat the growing problem of prescription drug and medication abuse among teens and young adults, which can oftentimes lead to unintentional overdose deaths.

Any and all types of unwanted drugs and medications, including illegal drugs, may be placed in the drop box. Please do not put needles, sharps, glass, liquids, inhalers, gauze and other non-drug related items in the drop box. Drugs and medications do not need to be in their original packaging. If original packing is used, name labels do not need to be removed from prescriptions unless desired.

The drop box is emptied on a daily basis and the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office coordinates with the DEA for proper disposal of the drugs and medications. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Corkery Paint & Repair, located near Fairbank, for the paint, sandblasting and labor donated in preparing the box for service.

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Sunday, April 24, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jesse Lee Melka, 34, of Winthrop. Melka was arrested and charged with second offense Operating While Intoxicated (aggravated misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). Melka was also cited for Operation without Registration and Speed Violation. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 2600 blk 220th Street east of Winthrop.

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Sunday, April 24, 2016 at approximately 2:55 pm, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident in the 1400 blk Indiana Avenue south of Hazleton. According to the investigation, a 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser operated by Nicole Doty, 16, of Oelwein, was traveling north on Indiana Avenue when Doty failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway. The car spun, entered

the ditch, struck and embankment and rolled, coming to rest on its top. Doty and a passenger were uninjured in the accident. A second passenger, Zara Maloney, was transported to Oelwein Mercy Hospital with minor injuries. Doty was cited for Failure to Maintain Control. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Hazleton Fire Department and Area Ambulance Service.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, April 25, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Matthew Tully Schoeneck, 26, of Westgate. Schoeneck was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked (serious misdemeanor) and Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Schoeneck was also cited for Failure to Carry Registration and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made following a traffic stop near 2nd Street and 4th Avenue SE in Independence.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jason Alan Vanlaningham, 41, of Independence. Vanlaningham was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. This arrest was made in the 700 blk 7th Street NW in Independence.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, April 27, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Austin Ray Even, 22, of Jesup. Even was arrested and charged with Assault Causing Injury (serious misdemeanor). These charges were filed following an incident that occurred on 04/08/2016. This arrest was made in the 1600 blk Benson Avenue north of Jesup.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, April 27, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Mark Thomas Macinnis, 32, of West Union. Macinnis was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. Macinnis was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.