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# Press Releases

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### PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, March 01, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jeremy J Hunt, 27, of Washington, IN. Hunt was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Daviess County, Indiana for original charges of Failure to Register as Sex or Violent Offender. This arrest was made in the 800 blk Fifth Street NE in Independence.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, March 01, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joshuwa John Hershey, 31, of Hazleton. Hershey was arrested and charged with fourth degree Criminal Mischief (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 100 blk Third Street North in Hazleton. This arrest stems from an incident that occurred at the Rowley Fire Department in Rowley that was reported on 09/27/2015.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, March 02, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Allen James Barnhart, 28, of Manchester. Barnhart was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Barnhart was also issued a citation for Failure to Maintain Registration Plates. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 1300 blk Indiana Avenue south of Hazleton.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday, March 03, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Zachary Merle Carr, 28, of Winthrop. Carr was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for original charges of third degree Fraudulent Practice (aggravated misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 300 blk W 220th Street in Winthrop.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, March 04, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jodie Leigh Kirby, 37, of Hazleton. Kirby was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Fayette County for Failure to Appear. This arrest was made in the 100 blk Denise Drive in Hazleton.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, March 04, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jeremiah Lee DeGraw, 44, of Hazleton. DeGraw was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. This arrest was made in the 300 blk N Main Street in Hazleton.

### PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 05, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Sai Tun, 31, of Des Moines. Tun was arrested and charged with Domestic Abuse Assault causing Bodily Injury (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 200 blk Fifth Avenue NE in Independence following an incident that originally occurred on 02/29/2016.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 05, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joshua Michael Weidman, 28, of Rapid City, MI. Weidman was arrested and charged with first offense Operating While Intoxicated (serious misdemeanor). Weidman was also issued citations for Open Container and Speed Violation. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 1500 blk Washburn Avenue south of Lamont.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 05, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Cody Joe Brockman, 16, of Dysart. Brockman was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (class D felony) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). Brockman was also issued citations for Failure to Obey Stop Sign and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 1300 blk Sixth Street in Jesup. Brockman was later released to parents and will be referred to Juvenile Court Services in this matter. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Jesup Police Department.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 05, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jacob Nagy Brown, 28, of Independence. Brown was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (class D felony), Failure to Affix Iowa Drug Tax Stamp (class D felony) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 1600 blk First Street West in Independence. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Independence Police Department.

PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, March 06, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Adam Miles Davis, 31, of Eldora. Davis was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 2300 blk Benson Shady Grove Avenue south of Jesup.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, March 07, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Kami Jo Adolf, 28, of Scherril. Adolf was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. The Dubuque County Sheriff's Office assisted in this arrest.

PRESS RELEASE – FATAL INCIDENT

On Monday, March 07, 2016 at approximately 12:25 pm, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office received a 911 report of injuries sustained from a grass fire in the 1500 blk Otterville Blvd northwest of Independence. Initial investigation concluded that Norman McMurrin, 78, of Independence, was attempting to burn a small grass area on the property when he was overcome by the rapidly spreading fire. McMurrin was assisted out of the fire by a family member who then called 911. McMurrin was transported by ambulance to Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo and later transferred to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City with life threatening injuries, where he later died. Responding fire departments were able to extinguish the spreading grass fire. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Independence Fire Department, Jesup Fire Department and Jesup Ambulance Service. The incident remains under investigation.

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, March 07, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joshua Raymond Steinbronn, 30, of Westgate. Steinbronn was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Contempt of Court. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office assisted in this arrest.

PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, March 08, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Rush Robert Cleveland, 31, of Cedar Rapids. Cleveland 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 Thursday, March 10, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jennifer Shirley Frese, 26, of Aurora. Frese was arrested and charged with Child Endangerment Causing Bodily Injury (class D felony). This arrest was made after deputies were called to the 100 blk Prospect Street in Aurora for a separate incident. While on scene, deputies discovered another incident that had occurred in which a 10 month old child was injured.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 12, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jessie Lee Rogers, 22, of Rowley. Rogers was arrested and charged with second offense Operating While Intoxicated (aggravated misdemeanor), Driving While License Barred (aggravated misdemeanor) and Driving While License Revoked (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 1900 blk 305th Street southwest of Rowley.

PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at approximately 8:00 pm, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident in the 1800 blk Jamestown Avenue (Hwy 150) north of Independence. According to the investigation, a 2012 Chevrolet Malibu operated by Nicholas Gardner of Vinton was traveling north and attempted to pass a vehicle in a no passing zone. Gardner met a southbound 1986 Chevrolet Spectrum operated by Brett Davis of Independence. Both vehicles attempted to avoid a collision but did make contact, causing the Gardner vehicle to enter the ditch. No injuries were reported and Gardner was cited for Passing on Hill or Grade.

PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested William Russell Cabbage, 87, of Independence. Cabbage was arrested and charged with Assault with Intent to Commit Sexual Abuse (aggravated misdemeanor). This arrest was made following the completion of an investigation into an incident that occurred in the 2200 blk Iowa Avenue that was reported on 01/25/2016.

PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Julie Renae Nelson, 53, of Aurora. Nelson was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Nelson was also cited for Open Container. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 100 blk E Sufficool Street in Hazleton.

PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday, March 17, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Bryce Kenneth Hepker, 20, of Quasqueton. Hepker was arrested and charged with first offense Operating While Intoxicated (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop near Quasqueton Diagonal Blvd and Postel Avenue.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Abraham Jonah Flecksing, 21, of Cedar Rapids. Flecksing was arrested and charged with first offense Operating While Intoxicated (serious misdemeanor) and Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 100 blk Ely Street in Rowley.

PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, March 20, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Mark Douglas Huenefeld, 48, of Rowley and Brian James Coover, 28, of Cedar Rapids. Huenefeld was arrested and charged with Willful Injury Causing Bodily Injury (class D felony). Coover was arrested and charged with first degree Harassment (aggravated misdemeanor), Assault Causing Bodily Injury (serious misdemeanor) and Interference with Official Acts (simple misdemeanor). These arrests were made after deputies were called to a report of a disturbance in the 300 blk Oak Street in Rowley.

PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, March 20, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Edward Thomas Koch, 40, of Brandon. Koch was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor) and Failure to Have SR22 Insurance as Required (simple misdemeanor). Koch was also cited for Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Property Damage. This arrest was made following the investigation into an incident that occurred on 02/14/2016.

PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, March 20, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Mariah Flyingman Gibbons, 24, of Waterloo. Gibbons was arrested and charged with second offence Possession of Controlled Substance (aggravated misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). Gibbons was also cited for Failure to Have Valid Driver License, Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance and a Speed Violation. This arrest was made following a traffic stop near Hwy 20 and Hwy 150 in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, March 23, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Austin Lewis Cottrell, 19, of Cedar Rapids. Cottrell was arrested on two active arrest warrants out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. Cottrell was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, March 25, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Trevor Geater Rommann, 18, of Center Point. Rommann was arrested and charged with first offense Operating While Intoxicated (serious misdemeanor) and Purchasing/Providing Alcohol to Minors (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 700 blk Hwy 187 in Lamont.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 26, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Samantha Lynn Bantz, 18, of Oelwein. Bantz was arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made near Jamestown Avenue and Otterville Blvd north of Independence.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 26, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Larry Edwin Shannon, 50, of Winthrop. Shannon was arrested and charged with Driving While License Barred (aggravated misdemeanor), Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor), second offense Operating While Intoxicated (aggravated misdemeanor), Possession of Controlled Substance (serious misdemeanor), Unlawful Possession of Prescription Pills (serious misdemeanor), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor) and Failure to File SR22 Insurance as Required (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop near Third Street and Washington Street in Winthrop.

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, March 26, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Todd Christopher Pershey, 39, of Walker. Pershey was arrested and charged with Eluding (serious misdemeanor), Reckless Driving (simple misdemeanor), Domestic Abuse Assault (simple misdemeanor) and Carry

Weapons (simple misdemeanor). Pershey was also cited for Open Container. This arrest was made following an incident in the 2700 blk 325th Street northeast of Walker. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, March 27, 2016 at approximately 12:45 pm, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office received a report of a motor vehicle accident in the 1300 blk of Jackson Avenue (Hwy 150) south of Hazleton. According to the investigation, a 2007 Pontiac G6 operated by Holly Bessey of Winthrop was traveling south on Jackson Avenue when the left front tire came off of the car. At the same time, debris from the separated tire struck a southbound 2005 Chevrolet Impala operated by Gina Owens of Fairbank, breaking the windshield. No injuries were reported.

#### PRESS RELEASE – ATV ACCIDENT

On Sunday, March 27, 2016 at approximately 1:25 pm, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office received a 911 report of an ATV accident with injuries in a field on the south side of Hwy 20 near the 249 mile marker east of Jesup. According to the initial investigation, an ATV operated by Travis Clayton, 23, of Jesup was traveling westbound in a farm field when Clayton struck a large boulder that was protruding from the ground in the field. The ATV went airborne and nose-dived into the ground, throwing Clayton off. Clayton was transported to Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo with unspecified injuries that are believed to be non-life threatening. The incident remains under investigation. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Jesup Police Department, Jesup Fire Department and Jesup Ambulance Service.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, March 27, 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) and Failure to File SR22 Insurance as Required (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made after a patrol deputy observed Andorf driving a vehicle in the 400 blk E Sufficool Street in Hazleton.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, March 27, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Dorothy Jean Rainbolt, 53, of Oelwein. Rainbolt was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Rainbolt was also issued a citation for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made following a traffic stop near Jackson Avenue (Hwy 150) and 100th Street (Hwy 281) north of Hazleton.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, March 28, 2016, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office received a report of an underage drinking party near 110th Street and Butler Avenue south of Fairbank. Upon arrival by Sheriff's Deputies, numerous individuals were seen running from the area. Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Benjamin E Gingerich, 18, of Hazleton and David D Kurtz, 19, of Fairbank. Gingerich was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor) and was also issued a citation for Possession of Alcohol Under Legal Age (simple misdemeanor). Kurtz was arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor) and was also issued a citation for Possession of Alcohol Under Legal Age (simple misdemeanor). The Buchanan County Sheriff's K-9 Unit assisted in these arrests. Lavon A Bontrager, 18, of Fairbank, John E Gingerich, 20, of Hazleton, Vernon A Yoder, 18, of Cedar Falls and Chester H Raber, 18, of Latimer we each issued citations for Possession of Alcohol Under Legal Age and released.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, March 28, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Shelia Christine Taylor, 40, of Cedar Rapids. Taylor was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for second degree Theft (class D felony). Taylor was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested David Larry Uchytel, 55, of Jesup. Uchytel was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. Uchytel was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested James Emmert Johnson, 66, of Monona. Johnson was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. Johnson was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.