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Fort Madison, IA – It's October and fall is not complete without pumpkins!

Earlier this year Iowa State Penitentiary decided to grow pumpkins. The pumpkin patch produced over 500 pumpkins for staff and the community to enjoy.

The Fort Madison YMCA received a truckload recently for their after school and pre-school programs. Over 100 children will enjoy painting or decorating the pumpkins.

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