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Tuesday crash sends four to hospitals

*Two airlifted
to Iowa City*

PEN CITY STAFF

LEE COUNTY - A two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 2 about three miles west of Fort Madison sent four to the hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

At 12:59 p.m., the Iowa State Patrol and Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the accident in the 2400 block of Hwy 2.

According to an Iowa State Patrol report, a 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Michael Andrew Hayes, 48, of Fort Madison crossed the center line and collided head on with a 2004 Chrysler Sebring driving by Cassandra Renee Watts, 27, of Fort Madison. Both Hayes and Watts were transported to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by Med-Force. Two other passengers, Gina Marie Hayes, 47, of Fort Madison, who was in the Hayes vehicle and Kara Allyn Shallcross, 28, also of Fort Madison, who was a passenger in the Watts vehicle were both transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital by Lee County EMS.

The report indicated Hayes was traveling westbound, crossed the center line and collided with Watts' vehicle in the east bound lane. Hayes vehicle came to rest on the roadway while Watts' vehicle came to stop in the south ditch.

Condition updates are not available at this time.

Hope fades for missing boaters



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Hoping for news

Officials with the Lee County Sheriff's office and Montrose Police huddle at around 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday as a rescue boat searches the Mississippi River in Montrose. The two boaters, Bill White, Sr. of Argyle and Ron Wagner of Montrose have yet to be recovered.

By **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Local officials have identified the men involved in a boat capsizing in the Mississippi River on Tuesday at around 2 p.m.

According to Steve Cirinna, Lee County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, Bill White Sr., 68 of Argyle, and Ron Wagner, 48, of Montrose were in a boat fishing when their boat capsized in the water.

Cirinna, who also serves as the Lee County Public Information officer, said the search has been called off at this point pending further developments. He's asking anyone who spots anything associated with the incident to call 911.

"I've spoken with state weather officials and it's not going to get above 20 degrees for the next couple of days or so. The big issue right

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-Steve Cirinna
Lee County EMA
Coordinator

now is the ice on the river and high winds. Because of the ice and low temperatures it's very difficult to get anyone out. That's what we had trouble with here. It's tough for us to get out.”

He said this morning's search consisted of emergency crews working the shoreline between Montrose and Keokuk on both sides of the river and an Iowa State Patrol flying low level grids over the river.

"We saw absolutely nothing. No debris...nothing. And we're not going to be able to put a boat in due to the large sheets of ice coming down the river. That just presents some dangerous situations."

Cirinna also discouraged anyone from being on the river during these weather conditions and said encouraged diligence and adherence to water safety.

"When you're out on the water anytime, you should be wearing a life jacket. Something could go wrong in an instant. With a boat capsizing, you hit cold water and you're disoriented and have lots of

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Rodeo bridge unsafe

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
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FORT MADISON - A park board commissioner is cautioning people visiting Rodeo Park about using the main walking bridge at the park.

At Wednesday's Park, Recreation and Dock Board, Board member Sue Pieper asked the board if there was some way to convey to the public that

the bridge is not safe. According to John Luna, the city systems manager, the metal supports under the bridge decking is compromised and the city had contracted Huffman's Welding to repair the supports, but the work will have to wait until the weather permits those workers to get out and make the repairs.

The bridge that is out is

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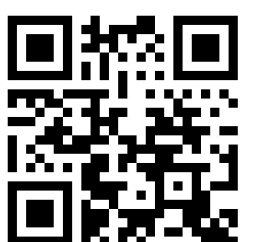
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Pinned

Incoming Sheriff Stacy Weber gets his badge pinned by wife, Selissa at Tuesday's Lee County Board of Supervisors' meeting. Weber and his deputies were all sworn in as well as other county officials. See page 2.

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I swear

Lee County Board of Supervisor board members from left, Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, and Gary Foluo above and Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise at left are sworn in by 8th District Court Judge Michael Schilling Tuesday.

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FORT MADISON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 2017 RECYCLING & YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING/YARD WASTE ROUTES ALL GARBAGE, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE SHOULD BE SET OUT BY 6AM FOR PICK-UP. ALL CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

THURSDAY & FRIDAY GARBAGE ROUTES: Residents should be advised that your **GARBAGE DAY MAY HAVE CHANGED.** Included is a map with the garbage route dividing lines. A portion of Friday's garbage route will now be picked up on **THURSDAY.**

RECYCLING/YARD WASTE ROUTES:

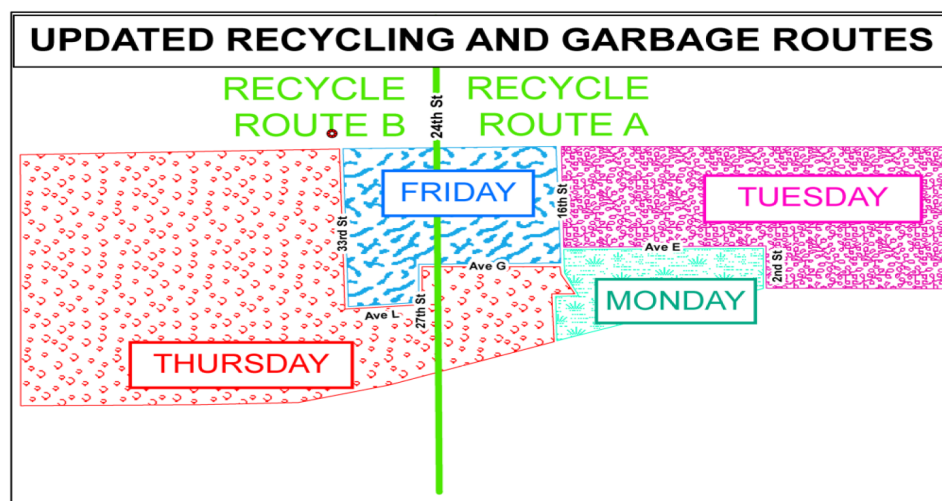
The dividing line between Route A and Route B Recycling/Yard Waste Routes **HAS CHANGED.**

The new dividing line will be from North City Limits **STRAIGHT DOWN 24TH STREET** to the South City Limits.

If you live **EAST SIDE of 24th Street** you will be on **ROUTE A.**
If you live **WEST SIDE of 24th Street** you will be on **ROUTE B.**

Included is a list of recycling and yard waste collection dates. Please note that **YARD WASTE PICK-UP WILL NOW END PRIOR TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

Holidays effecting trash, recycling and yard waste pick up will be posted on the City Website, or by calling 372-7700 x 1.



Route A Recycling	Route A Yard Waste	Route B Recycling	Route B Yard Waste
Jan: 11, 25	Jan: 4 (CTPU),	Jan: 4, 18	Jan: 11 (CTPU)
Feb: 8, 22	Feb: No Pick Ups	Feb: 1, 15	Feb: No Pick Ups
Mar: 8, 22	Mar: 1, 15, 29	Mar: 1, 15, 29	Mar: 8, 22
Apr: 5, 19	Apr: 12, 26	Apr: 12, 26	Apr: 5, 19
May: 3, 17, 31	May: 10, 24	May: 10, 24	May: 3, 17, 31
Jun: 14, 28	Jun: 7, 21	Jun: 7, 21	Jun: 14, 28
Jul: 12, 26	Jul: 5, 19	Jul: 5, 19	Jul: 12, 26
Aug: 9, 23	Aug: 2, 16, 30	Aug: 2, 16, 30	Aug: 9, 23
Sep: 6, 20	Sep: 13, 27	Sep: 13, 27	Sep: 6, 20
Oct: 4, 18	Oct: 11, 25	Oct: 11, 25	Oct: 4, 18
Nov: 1, 15, 29	Nov: 8	Nov: 8, 21 (TUE)	Nov: 1, 15
Dec: 13, 27	Dec: No Pick Ups	Dec: 6, 20	Dec: No Pick Ups

Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable compost bags **ONLY!** The costs for the bags vary and can be purchased at Hy-Vee, Kempker's True Value & Huffman's Farm Home. Grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, brush and tree pruning's, bark, branches and flowers will be collected. There is no limit to the number of bags.

On January 4, Route "A" will have Christmas Tree Pick Up (CTPU). On January 11, Route "B" will have Christmas Tree Pick Up (CTPU).

On Tuesday, November 21, Route "B" will have Recycling Pick Up due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

The 2018 Recycling & Yard Waste Collection schedule will be mailed out to current water customers and on the City Website in December 2017. For further information please contact 372-7700 ext. 201.

14 groups helped with search

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things to deal with, especially in the cold, but even in warmer waters you just don't have time to react," Cirinna said Wednesday morning.

He said an average body would have about 15 minutes to get to safety in waters as cold as the Mississippi is now.

Assisting in the search efforts were the Iowa State Patrol, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Keokuk Volunteer Emergency Core, Keokuk Fire, Montrose Fire. Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Department of Transportation Enforcement, Burlington Northern-Sante Fe Railroad, Air Evac, Lee County EMS, Illinois DNR, Nauvoo Fire Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Hancock Emergency Disaster Services, and LCEMA.

Work on bridge set for the spring

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the main walking bridge visible from the highway.

"They went to replace the decking and found that the metal work that holds the decking is rotted out. It's just rotted out," Pieper said.

Luna said the bridges are about 26 years old and the warranty was only for 10 years so the city is on the hook to repair the bridge.

"The bridge is dangerous to walk on and it's closed. If people could just be patient," Pieper said after the meeting. "It wouldn't be a problem if there was an easy way around it, but you have to walk out by the highway and people just say, "Well, what's wrong with the bridge and they just walk around (the fencing)."

Luna said he hopes the work can be completed by the end of March or early in the spring, but he too cautioned residents from using the bridge.

In other action, the board -approved a one month lease extension for Harmony Bible Church to use the Riverview Park Pavilion through January.

-approved a request from St. Paul Lutheran to allow a 125th anniversary celebration at the pavilion on Nov. 4, 2017.

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