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IOWA FINANCE

Home repair pilot program offers grants for home repair

LEE COUNTY - Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) has announced that the application portal for the Iowa Home Repair Pilot Program (HRPP) is now open. Applications are only taken online at iowafinance.com/repair.

Homeowners who have been impacted by COVID can apply for up to a \$35,000 grant to repair their home. Eligible repairs include but are not limited to: drainage, septic, wells, electrical or plumbing systems, foundation repair, asbestos removal, HVAC repair or replacement, lead hazard reduction, mold remediation, radon mitigation, widening of doorways/hallways, installation of non-portable ramp(s) or lift(s), window replacement, siding, roofing, soffit, fascia, gutters and/or ventilation, if necessary.

The application portal will remain open for applications through January 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., subject to available funding.

Applicants must have had someone in the household experience a financial hardship after January 21, 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This could be reduction in income or increase in living expenses due to job loss, fewer work hours, paying more in childcare, illness, or being

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PCC photo courtesy of Eric Freitag

Claire Freitag works her way back up a hill Monday as about 10 inches of snow fell over the north Lee County Area. Freitag was out getting in some sledding action as soon as she could while schools were dismissed Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the county.

VITA PROGRAM

United Way offers free tax help again

LEE COUNTY - United Way of the Great River Region will begin its 10th year offering the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) as a service to the tristate community.

United Way partners with the IRS, the Iowa Center for Economic Success and Fort Madison Library to provide this program. United Way of the Great River Region is one of 21 organizations and 80 sites throughout Iowa.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a nationwide service that offers free tax help to people who generally make \$64,000 or less. The program also helps the elderly and persons with disabilities who need to file tax returns.

The VITA program will run from January 23 through April 12, 2024. IRS certified volunteers and staff provide free income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. United Way of the Great River Region operates by appointment only with both in-person and curbside options and has sites in Keokuk and Fort Madison.

An intake and interview checklist will help determine if a taxpayer qualifies for the program. Federal and state returns will go through a quality review process and be submitted electronically.

"We could not offer this program without the dedication of our certified volunteers," says Sue Prochazka who coordinates VITA.

"The volunteers bring their experience and dedication not only to support the team but those served by the program."

Appointments start January 10 and to make an appointment, individuals can call the dedicated VITA program cell phone at 319-520-6859 to leave a message to request an appointment. Staff and/or volunteers will review a list of what to bring.

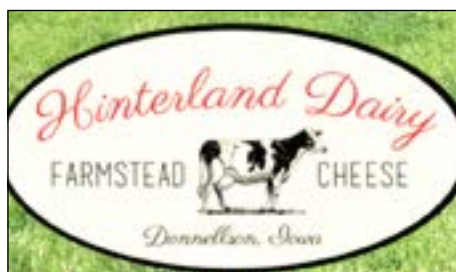
For more information about this program or to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact Sue Prochazka at 319-524-4504 or vc@unitedwaygrr.org.

HINTERLAND

Dairy delays more production while expanding capabilities

DONNELLSON - Locally-made cheese may be absent from your nearest grocer as Hinterland Dairy pauses production to complete renovations to their on-farm creamery.

The creamery has delayed production in January to allow for routine maintenance on their cheese plant, as well as install additional equipment. An HTST (High Temperature Short Time) Pasteurizer will allow for milk to be pasteurized more efficiently and a second cheese vat will add capacity to the plant.



Shannon Wellman, cheesemaker, states "cheddar cheesemaking is a very labor-intensive process, the new equipment will make this more efficient, as well as pave the way for adding new products to our processing capabilities."

She indicated plans were to resume making cheese and ice cream in February. "Our community has been incredibly supportive from the beginning. We are excited to better serve them and our great local retailers."

The Krogmeiers have been milking cows on their dairy near Donnellson for many years, and began making cheese with the addition of Hinterland Dairy in 2019. Their products have grown to include fresh cheese curds,

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WEATHER

THU 11 Jan.....Partly sunny & cold, 29° F/ 22° F
 FRI 12 Jan.....Snow, blustery & cold, 26° F/ 7° F
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IOWA LOTTERY

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

GLENN M. TAYLOR

Glenn Melvin Taylor, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:40 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL. He was born on July 25, 1934 in Roseville, IL to Melvin & Lena Collins Taylor. He married Ruth Ann Moeller on June 27, 1975 in Fort Madison, IA. He worked at Consolidated Packaging in Fort Madison for 31 ½ years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 and was a member of First Baptist Church. He volunteered at the Tri-State Rodeo, building things like the display cases in the rodeo museum and the restrooms. He enjoyed woodworking and made things like cutting boards, hope chests, bird houses, cheese cutting boards and other things for family and friends.



TAYLOR

Glenn is survived by: his wife: Ruth Taylor of Fort Madison, IA; 2-daughters: Glenda Beatty of Burlington, IA & Nancy (Mike) Postel of Crest Hill, IL; 2-sons: David (Jim Stephenson) Taylor of Fort Madison, IA & Mike (Roxie) Taylor of Milan, IL; 4-grandchildren: Nanette, Deserae, Michael & Kasey; 6-great grandchildren: Camille, Alyssa, Nolan, Hailey, Kabel & Kim and 1-sister: Beth McCoy of Roseville, IL. He was preceded in death by: his parents and 1-son in infancy, Lawrence.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held immediately following the visitation at 10:30 a.m. with Revs. Steve Scott & Dean Graber officiating. Burial will be held at Gethsemane Cemetery. A memorial has been established for First Baptist Church. Online condolences to Glenn's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

PETER S. TOUBEKIS

Peter "Pete" Spiro Toubekis, 55, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, January 5, 2024, at Southeast Iowa Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

Pete was born on November 14, 1968, in Burlington, Iowa, the son of Spiros and Tassia Toubekis. He graduated from Keokuk High School in 1988 and went on to work and own several places in the Keokuk area. Some of the places you may remember Pete from are George's Pizza and the car lot in Keokuk, PT's in Keokuk, Spunky Point Pizza in Warsaw, Warsaw Auto Sales, Derr Motors in Keokuk and Napoli Pizzeria and Restaurant in Burlington. His favorite pastime was dirt track stock racing in hobby stock and B-modified. In his family's words, he was all about "Racing and Pizza". But Pete will also be remembered for his magnetic personality and his love for his friends and family. "Uncle Pete", as he was affectionately called, was beloved by children and his customers alike. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and put others above himself.

Pete is survived by his brother George (Kelly) Toubekis of Dallas, Texas; four nieces and nephews: Kaitlyn (Cody) Ames of Argyle, Texas; and Gabe, Spiro and Alexis of Irving, Texas; three uncles: Thrasivolos Toubekis; Danny (Mary) Toubekis and Danny Constantopolous; one aunt: Demetra Alexandropoulos; and twelve cousins: Cristo (Mary), Elaine and Andy (Bet) Constantine, George and Mike (Melissa) Alexandropoulos, Helen (Nick) and Deena Konstantopoulos, George (Amy) Toubekis, Kia (Eric) Fullenkamp, Kia Toubekis, Koula (Richard) Torreblanca; and George (Miakea) Toubekis.

Pete is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Kia and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at 12 PM (Noon) on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 pm on Wednesday, January 10, with family meeting friends from 4 to 7 pm at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to the family for expenses in care of George Toubekis.

Tributes and condolences may be left at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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Iowa Finance handling apps

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unable to work because you had to care for a family member. A pre-eligibility check should be done before applying. If eligible to apply, homeowners can then submit an application online. Both precheck and application can be found at iowafinance.com/repair. The online application is reviewed by a consultant to ensure all documentation is complete and verifies eligibility. When an application is eligible in Des Moines, Henry, Lee or Louisa counties, they will be referred to the SEIRPC Housing Department to oversee the repair process. SEIRPC does not determine household eligibility. All household eligibility and approval questions are handled through the online portal iowafinance.com/repair and NOT by SEIRPC.

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AMANDA L. MOELLER

Amanda Lynn "Mandy" Moeller, 36, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2024, surrounded by her family, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.



MOELLER

She was born on November 6, 1987, in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Dean and Judy (Fraise) Moeller.

She is survived by her parents: Dean and Judy of West Point, Iowa; sister: Megan (Wes) McGraw of West Point, Iowa; brother: Mitch (Sarah Grace) Moeller of Nashville, Tennessee; nieces and nephews: Elijah, Everett, Easton and Emerson McGraw and Caroline Moeller; maternal grandparents: Carroll and Dorothy Fraise; paternal grandparents: Melvin "Shorty" and Maureen "Mo" Moeller. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her great grandparents; uncles: Roger Fraise, David Fraise and Dan Mueller.

Family meant everything to Mandy. She eagerly looked forward to holidays and gatherings, checking in daily to find out who would be picking her up and what time. Mandy had a big heart for her family.

Mandy made Hope Haven her home for seventeen years. She found joy in going to the dances, community outings, and working at the hospital during her time there. She made lasting friendships there and her presence will be deeply missed.

Mandy enjoyed competing in Special Olympics, going to Camp Courageous, playing Uno, and watching Wheel of Fortune, and she shared that joy with those around her. One of her favorite traditions was celebrating her birthday at Happy Joe's. She enjoyed the company of friends and family during these special moments.

Mandy had a special way of connecting with people and was everyone's biggest cheerleader. Everywhere she went, she would strike up friendly conversations and put a smile on their face. She truly never met a stranger. If she met you once, you were instantly a friend forever.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2024, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory for Hope Haven.

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

DIANE E. PROTSMAN

Diane Evelyn Protsman, 66, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, January 7, 2024 at the Montrose Health Center in Montrose, IA.

She was born July 28, 1957 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Lee and Dorothy Johnson Marsh. On September 4, 2004 Diane was united in marriage to William "Bill" Protsman in Keokuk. He survives.



PROTSMAN

Other survivors include one daughter, Stacey Redenius (Scott) of Rockford, IL.

Diane had been employed by Sheaffer Pen/Bic in Ft. Madison, IA and later as a housekeeper.

She was a member of Bel Air Baptist Church in Keokuk.

Diane was a rock enthusiast and loved collecting all types of rocks.

She enjoyed playing cards with her "ladies days" card club" and visiting with her close friends. Most of all, Diane was a homebody who was dedicated to her husband and loved spending time with her four legged companions, her dogs. Diane also enjoyed traveling, especially to the Lake of the Ozarks, Osage Beach was her favorite vacation destination.

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lee County Health Department.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

EILEEN L. SLOAT

Eileen Louise Sloat, 92, of Donnellson, IA, passed away at 3:58 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, IA. She was born on November 6, 1931, in New York, NY, to William F. & Jean Stepanski



SLOAT

Kopp. She married Jerry Allen Sloat on February 9, 1952, in Dav- enport, IA. She attended Marycrest College and was a librarian at Richardson Elementary School in Fort Madison, IA, for more than 20 years. She enjoyed camping, canoeing, traveling, watching birds at feeders, playing games & cards with family & friends. She was a 4-H leader for many years. She loved art in all forms, ranging from appreciation of the masters to local arts and crafts and student projects, learning new techniques and teaching them to others. She loved book art, especially children's. She liked entertaining kids at the library with her collection of Peanuts Characters and Garfield, especially Snoopy and Wood- stock. She introduced children to the world of art and books. She enjoyed fossils, rock, artifact and mushroom hunting, history & archeology. She loved when fami- ly & visitors would drop in at the farm to visit, and always made sure everyone was fed. She welcomed new family members and family friends with grace, acceptance and open arms. She survived raising 5 children, but never stopped worrying about them.

Eileen is survived by: her husband: Jerry Sloat of Donnellson, IA; 3-daughters: Susy (Ron) Southwick of North Liberty, IA, Siiri Sloat of Burlington, IA, & Nyssa (Jerry) Kelly of Byron, NY; 2-sons: Eric (Sharon) Sloat of Carthage, IL, & Darien (Roberta) Sloat of Iowa City, IA; 8-grandchildren: Samantha (Ivan) Cuellar, Madeline (Brendan) Thomas, Darien Maxwell Sloat (Celine) Robins, Claudia Sloat (Ryan) Walker, Maggie Magellan (Jordan Young) Southwick, Nicholas Kelly, John Briggs, Jr. & Sherry McKinley; 7-great grandchildren: Minerva Thomas, Eric Cuel- lar, Chancellor Briggs, Bethany Briggs, Cooper Briggs, Delaney Rigney & Bradey McKinley; 2-sisters: Valerie (Richard) Verbeke of Fort Myers, FL, & Janet (Steve) Michels of Altoona, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents & 1-brother: William Francis Kopp, Jr.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Cre- matory. A visitation will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter of Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Sloat family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory web- site: www.kinglynk.com.

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Fort Madison Police Report

01/04/24 - 12:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3300 block of Avenue L.

01/04/24 - 8:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue E.

01/04/24 - 9:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joseph Howard Orr, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 3300 block of Avenue J, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and drug stamp violations. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/04/24 - 10:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael Robert Scott, 44, of Fort Madison in the 3300 block of Avenue J, on an active warrant and charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possess of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/05/24 - 12:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue D.

01/06/24 - 9:57 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of 33rd Street on a charge of burglary.

01/06/24 - 10:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

01/07/24 - 2:19 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Aaron Wesley Willis, 29, of Fort Madison in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on charges of OWI and interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/07/24 - 6:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Hwy. 61.

01/07/24 - 10:24 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism on Florence Drive.

01/07/24 - 12:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

01/07/24 - 3:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue H.

01/07/24 - 7:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block fo 38th Street.

01/07/24 - 8:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Angel Joann Maes, 19, of Fort Madison, in on Florence Drive, on charges of 1st-degree harassment, going armed with intent, intimidation with a dangerous weapon and reckless use of a firearm. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/07/24 - 11 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Sandra K. Carson, 66, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue J, on a charge of dog at large.

01/08/24 - 11:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue P.

01/09/24 - 12:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at Avenue C and Denmark Hilltop.

01/09/24 - 8:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

01/09/24 - 4:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

01/09/24 - 10:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 30th Street and Avenue J.

01/10/24 - 7:59 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident

in the 900 block of Avenue H.

Keokuk Police Report

12/31/24 - 6:44 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 1600 block of Bank Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Mersadys Elizabeth Dickens, 26, of Keokuk struck a legally parked vehicle. Dickens was arrested and charged with OWI. No injuries were reported.

01/04/24 - 11:59 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Joshua Lee Wayson, 39, no residence listed, in the 3000 block of Main Street on a charge of felony forgery. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/05/24 - 2:40 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Brooke Trichele Smith, 38, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of N. 5th Street, on an active warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/05/24 - 9:20 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 10-year-old male juvenile in the 100 block of 8th Street on a charge of simple assault. He was released to a parent.

01/05/24 - 2:56 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 16-year-old male in the 2200 block of Middle Road on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was released to a parent.

01/05/24 - 4:50 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 15-year-old male in the 2200 block of Middle Road on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was released to a parent.

01/05/23 - 3:07 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Belknap and Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Mya Mae Kirby, 22, of Keokuk collided with the back end of a vehicle driven by Elmer Lee Hobb, 56, of Keokuk both east bound. No injuries were reported, Kirby was cited for following too closely.

01/05/24 - 6:29 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Maria

Fernandez Marron Viayra, 28, of Carthage, in the 300 block of N. Park Drive on a charge of 5th-degree theft.

01/06/24 - 6:18 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Caleb Robert Hall, 37, of Keokuk in the 3800 block of Main Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

01/06/24 - 6:12 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Shawn Alan Glidewell, 37, no address provided, in the 300 block of Main Street on a warrant for being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/06/24 - 7:55 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Matthew Thomas Miller, 26 of Keokuk at the South Lee County Courthouse on a charge of driving under suspension.

01/06/24 - 9:25 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Kendra Kay Davis, 35, of Keokuk in the 300 block of S. 22nd Street, on a charge of OWI. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/08/24 - 3:59 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Eric Dean Seltzer, 39, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Blondeau on charges of possession of marijuana and providing false ID. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/08/24 - 6:57 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Jondarian Lil Edward Hodges, 21, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of North Park Drive on a charge of 5th-degree theft.

01/09/24 - 6:54 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at Boulevard and Plank Road intersection. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Glenn LeRoy Carter, 67, of Montrose struck a UTV driven by Harold James Lemaster, 64, of Keokuk. Carter was cited for failing to yield. No injuries were reported.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

01/04/23 - 10:26 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brett Allen Michael Montgomery, 30,

of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a temporary hold order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/04/24 - 2:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kennedy Lee Martin, II, 47, of Burlington, in the 1400 block of Avenue D, on four active warrants. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/04/24 - 9:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Robert Scott, 44, of Fort Madison in the 3300 block of Avenue J, on an active warrant and charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a marijuana.

01/05/24 - 8:10 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Richard Thomas Lunsford, 43, of Burlington at the north Lee County Courthouse on a hold for transfer. He was taken to Lee County Jail and transferred to another county.

01/05/24 - 8:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rikkey Deshun Cratton, 56, of Burlington, in the 1700 block of Hwy. 61 on a charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of prescription drugs, and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

01/06/24 - 2:48 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Jerold McKeown, 52, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/07/24 - 6:48 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2700 block of Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Adil Mhali, 37 of East Moline, lost control of his vehicle southbound and entered the ditch and roled. Mhali

li was transported to the Fort Madison hospital with injuries. No citations were issued.

01/07/24 - 7:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amanda Nicole Rehm, 43, of Fort Madison, lost control of the vehicle due to weather-related road conditions roads and entered the ditch where the vehicle rolled and came to rest on its wheels. Rehm, and a passenger in the vehicle, Kimberly Jean Hobbs, 67, of Fort Madison were transported to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center. No citations were issued.

01/08/24 - 9:29 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Peach Orchard Rd. According to the report, a vehicle driven by David Patrick Calhoun, 49, of Keokuk, lost control eastbound and rolled the vehicle on the north side of the road. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

01/09/24 - 2:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 southbound. According to the report a vehicle driven by James Carl Shepherd, 64, of Cassville, lost control of his tractor-trailer on slushy road and entered the ditch where the tractor rolled onto its side. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

01/09/24 - 10:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident. According to the report, a tractor-trailer driven by Richard K. Sparks, 53, of Quincy jack-knifed on slick roads and entered the median on Hwy. 218 northbound. No citations or injuries were reported.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Notice to Bidders Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50319-0034, or via email at constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov until 11:00am, January 18, 2024 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. After the bid opening, bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>. In addition to attending the bid opening in person, interested parties may also call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

Conference call number: +1 (240) 623-0919
PIN: 683-750-293#

In order to improve sound quality, please mute your phone by pressing *6. If you have questions, you can unmute your phone by pressing *6.

Sealed bids sent via email must be sent to constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov. When emailing bid documents, the subject line of the email must state the following: Project Number, Project Name, and Bid Letting Date. Please ensure the first page of the emailed attachment, or first of multiple attachments, is the bid proposal. No bids shall be accepted via FAX.

Note: The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not deliver mail or packages directly to the address provided above but rather to the Capitol Complex Mail Room. Extra time should be allotted for proposals sent by the USPS. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources shall not consider bids if they are not received by the Department of Natural Resources mail room or reception staff, by the time and date described in this Notice to Bidders, regardless of whether the bid was mailed or received at the Capitol Complex Mail Room or other state government location prior to that time and date.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms, and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507

Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines IA 50312. Please visit www.beelineandblue.com or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information.

Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>.

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. Copies of the bid security will be accepted for those bidders submitting bids electronically. Additionally, the submission of an electronic bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, the original security must be mailed to the Department at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 within (5) business days after the bid letting date. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance, within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract, will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

**ALLAMAKEE COUNTY
PROJECT
NO. 23-03-03-02**

Waterloo Creek WMA
Stream Bank & Flood
Plain Restoration

Proposal Guarantee:
\$12,500.00

Completion Date:
08/30/2024

Project Description:
This project involves restoration and stabilization of 935 linear feet of stream bank at Waterloo Creek with an alternate project to add another 272 linear feet. The project includes shoreline armoring with Class E Revetment, Establishing an 8-foot wide flood plain bench, and installing rock

barbs. Also, all disturbed areas shall be seeded with native grass and forbs.

**POTTAWATTAMIE
COUNTY
PROJECT
NO. 23-04-78-02**

Lake Manawa State
Park

Beach Concession
Building Remodel

Proposal Guarantee:
\$12,500.00

Completion Date:
05/17/2024

Project Description:
Lake Manawa State
Park has a very popular

beach area and a concession building adjacent to the beach. This concession building was constructed in the mid-1980s and is in need of a refresh. This project will remodel the Beach Concession Building restrooms and replace some items on the exterior of the building which are rotting. The restrooms will receive all new toilet partitions, new lavatories and countertops, new restroom accessories, changing tables, and new interior lighting. The exterior of the concession building will get a

new coiling door over the existing window wall, new gutters, soffits, and fascia around the entire building. The contractor shall replace light heads on the existing site light poles, poles shall be painted.

**WINNESHIEK COUNTY
PROJECT
NO. 24-03-96-01**

Fort Atkinson State
Preserve
Exterior Masonry and
Structural Repairs
Proposal Guarantee:
\$50,000.00
Completion Date:
06/30/2024

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Obituaries/Public Notices

OBITUARIES

JEFFREY A. WILVER

Jeffrey Allen "Jeff" Wilver, 42, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at his home in Keokuk.

Jeff was born on January 9, 1981, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the son of John Robert Wilver, Jr. and Miriam Evelyn (Jones) Wilver Burdette. He was employed by TLC and Walmart in Keokuk, and proudly served his country in the United States Army in Iraq. Jeff was active at Pilgrim's Rest Missionary Baptist Church, and never missed his men's group. Fishing, working on computers, playing Madden with his brother and going on car rides with his best friend Mike were just a few of his favorite hobbies. Jeff was enrolled at Southeastern Community College, studying psychology. He enjoyed anime and cheering for the Raiders football team. Jeff will always be remembered for his great sense of humor, his love of arguing and orneriness, and most of all, his love for his family and children.

Jeff is survived by four children: Jeffrey Allen Wilver, Jr, Isaac James Wilver, Savannah Evelyn Lucille Wilver, and Gabriel Elis Asher Wilver; the children's mother Hayley Renae Hendricks; seven siblings: John Wilver III of Keokuk, Tiffany Wilver, JD Wilver, and Crystal (Jon Lebo) Wilver, all of Pennsylvania; Karen Benedict of Keokuk, Fred Long of Fort Madison, and Cory (Nickie) Burdette of Des Moines; his fathers John R. (Kay) Wilver, Jr., of Pennsylvania and David Burdette of Keokuk; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jeff is preceded in death by his mother Miriam "Cookie" and his brother James Clemens.

Funeral services will be held at 12 pm (Noon) on Friday, January 12, 2024, at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10 am to 12 pm (Noon) directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the funeral home for expenses. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



WILVER



OBITUARIES

KENNETH W. SCHNEDLER

Kenneth Wayne Schnedler, 88, of Burlington, Iowa, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, January 7, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa, surrounded by his family.

He was born June 29, 1935 in Oakville, Iowa, the son of George and Vivian (Schweitzer) Schnedler. On August 31, 1984 he married Dolores Ann Scanlan in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. She preceded him in death September 11, 2021.

Kenneth served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Following his service, he worked at JI Case in Burlington, Iowa, until his retirement. In his retirement he worked part-time for Geode State Park, Danville, Iowa and the Pink Tavern, Lomax. He enjoyed boating, camping, trapshooting, vacationing, gambling, races, westerns, and visiting with family, friends and neighbors.

Survivors include two granddaughters: Michelle (Sheldon) Martin and Tasha Tallman; five great-grandchildren: Mariah, Macy, Landon and Layna Martin and Ariana Bertelli; three siblings: John (Shirley) Schnedler, Melvin (Mary Rae) Schnedler and Eunice (Richard) Turner and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Donna Jean Schnedler and Phyllis Lease.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A visitation with the family will be held from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, Illinois.

A memorial fund has been established for Boys Town. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Kenneth's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



SCHNEDLER



Hinterland to fire up production again in Feb.

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Quark, aged cheddars and premium ice cream. This expansion project will allow more of the milk from their dairy farm to be processed on farm and delivered directly to consumers, creating a more

sustainable future for their farm. Their products can be found at their on-farm store, open April-December, at local grocers and restaurants, and at farmers' markets.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Project Description: **NO. 24-04-78-01**

Ft Atkinson State Preserve is a historic fort built in the 1840s in Winneshiek County, IA. Occupied for only a short time for its original intent, it now serves as a historic landmark and interpretive location. As this location has aged there have been multiple attempts at salvaging, shoring, and restoring the fort for future interpretation. This project will address ongoing water intrusion, deteriorating wood and masonry, and shore up structural deficiencies allowed within the budget.

Lake Manawa State Park
Boat Ramp Extensions
Proposal Guarantee: \$6,250.00
Completion Date: 05/15/2024
Project Description: This project consists of repairing prop wash erosion with articulating concrete block mattresses at the north and south boat ramps on Lake Manawa State Park in Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

FREMONT COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-04-36-02

Waubonsie State Park Storm Sewer
Proposal Guarantee: \$25,000.00
Completion Date: 08/30/2024
Project Description: This project consists of installing a stormwater conveyance system at the campground.

LINN COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-06-57-01

Palisades-Kepler State Park Pavement Maintenance
Proposal Guarantee: \$37,500.00
Completion Date: 08/30/2024
Project Description: This project consists of cleaning existing culverts, reshaping ditches, placing rock on shoulders, placing revetment and erosion stone, patching, 2" overlay, cleaning and filling cracks and fog sealing approximately 2.9 miles of HMA pavement of varying widths and patching approximately 0.6 miles of PCC pavement.

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