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Honored at FMHS



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Fort Madison High School on Tuesday honored Sharon Scholl-Nabulsi (Class of 1961) and Thomas Hoback (Class of 1965) as its newest members of its Hall of Honor.

SCHOLL-NABULSI, HOBACK: Former FMHS grads honored for career accomplishments

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison school officials honored Sharon Scholl-Nabulsi and Thomas Hoback Tuesday evening as its newest members of the Fort Madison High School Hall of Honor.

Hoback is a member of the class of 1965 and excelled in fields of transportation and railroads.

After graduating from FMHS, Hoback pursued higher education at Golden Gate University, where he earned a degree in transportation and economics. His career trajectory soared as he held senior marketing positions with major rail carriers in San Francisco and Chicago. Thomas's expertise led

him to serve as an economic analyst and director of marketing for the Western Pacific Railroad and Illinois Central Gulf.

In 1986, Hoback made a significant mark on the industry by founding Indiana Rail Road, initially focusing on regional routes before expanding to acquire the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Today, the Indiana Rail Road Network Development (IRND) is a leader in transportation, moving commerce between Asia and various points across North America through its impressive 505-mile rail system.

Hoback's remarkable contributions have been recognized with numerous accolades and honors. He received an hon-

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JUNE EXHIBIT

Photography takes over FM arts gallery

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - June is Photography month at the FMAAA. This year we are hosting work by two very different photographers - one with a lens on landscapes in the Midwest and the other who captures the visual textures of urban settings around the Chicago area. The opening reception for the exhibit is Thursday, June 6 from 5pm to 7pm at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Avenue G and it takes place during the Downtown Summer Market. Just drop into the Art Center to take in Reflections on Place, photography by Amy Clark and Stan Lester before checking out the Summer Market.

Amy Clark is a photographer living in Southeast Iowa. Most of her photography is centered around some element of nature. Her favorite thing about photography is how it can open her eyes to the beauty in the world around her - a lovely slant of light or the velvety softness of a flower petal. She hopes that her work can help us all to let go of our daily stresses while being reminded of how amazing our natural world is.

Clark has participated in several art shows over the past 10 years, including in Fort Madison and Washington, Iowa. During the summer of 2023 Clark had photographs in three national and international art shows in Missouri and Michigan.

Stan Lester was born and raised in the Bronx in New York City. He became an options trader in New York, moving to Chicago to continue trading options on the floor of CBOE (Chicago Board of Options Exchange,) later coming to reside in Highland Park, IL just north of the City. His perspective of place is reflective of the urban to suburban corridor, with the many textures and moments-within-moments that dwelling close to a major city can bring. He takes photos every day since digital photography came available, actively learning to refine his compositions. He too, enjoys capturing flora, fauna, and landscapes like Amy Clark does, but

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IOWA NEWS

Statewide 911 line seized due to DM water leak

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A statewide telecommunications outage has county officials unable to take 911 calls on landlines, however cellphone usage is

still functional.

According to a copyright article in the Des Moines Register, the outage has impacted Internet usage and services to hospitals and other public buildings have been interrupted around the state including LeeComm, the Lee County

Sheriff's Office, and Lee County office buildings.

Provider Lumen Technologies, which also operates CenturyLink, had an internal water main break at its facility

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WEATHER

FRI 31 May..... Mostly cloudy, 78° F/ 59° F
SAT 01 Jun..... Chance of showers, 75° F/ 58° F
SUN 02 Jun..... Mostly sunny, 82° F/ 66° F

IOWA LOTTERY

DOUBLE PLAY 05/29..... 18 34 37 45 51, Powerball: 14
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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

05/23/24 - 2:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

05/23/24 - 10:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

05/23/24 - 10:50 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Carroll Vernon Brewer, 49, of Fort Madison in the 321 3rd Street on a three active warrants. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

05/23/24 - 12:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Amy Kaylene Yarrington, 46, of Fort Madison, at the police station on a charge of disorderly conduct and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/23/24 - 1:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Justin Allen Hahn, 38, of Burlington, in the Burlington area, on a charge of probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/23/24 - 2:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Richards Drive.

05/23/24 - 7:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Justin Russell Raszler, 36, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for probation violation.

05/23/24 - 11:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Casey Aaron Forrester, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 48th Street on a warrant for driving while barred.

05/24/24 - 4:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue E.

05/25/24 - 12:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue E.

05/25/24 - 3:36 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Patrica May Malloy, 42, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on a charge of violation of a no contact order. She

was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/25/24 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Alicia Marie Bohnenkamp, 34, of Fort Madison, in 1700 block of Avenue I, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/26/24 - 10:56 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue C.

05/26/24 - 2:47 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Avenue D.

05/27/24 - 8:53 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Jeanine Clark Haney, 95, of Fort Madison at the Fort Madison Police Station on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

05/27/24 - 10:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of 27th Street.

05/27/24 - 9:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Sheri Kaye Sherbondy, 50, of Fort Madison in the 5400 block of Avenue O on a charge of assault. She was transported to another jurisdiction.

05/28/24 - 8:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue F.

05/28/24 - 7:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

05/29/24 - 12:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Rodney Lee Monroe, 47, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on warrants for driving under suspension, eluding, and reckless driving. He was taken to Lee County jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/23/24 - 17:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 44, of Wever, on an arrest affidavit.

05/25/24 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dereck Franklin Kent Harwood, 42, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of N. 12th Street in Keokuk, on warrants for failure to maintain control, failure to appear, and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/25/24 - 1:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jesse Virgil Johnson Booth, 32, of Keokuk at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released for time served.

05/25/24 - 10:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brian Dale Hutson, 42, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse on charges of voluntary absence from custody, 3rd-degree theft, trespassing and an active warrant. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

05/26/24 - 12:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Matthew Jay Wells, 23, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/26/24 - 5:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kelsey Jean Haines, 31, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a charge assault with injury to a law enforcement officer. She was held at the Lee County Jail.

05/27/24 - 12:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cory Marvin Ransdell, 55, of West Point, on charges of OWI, failure to maintain registration, driving under suspension and carrying a weapon while intoxicated. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

05/27/24 - 12:27 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 southbound near Hwy. 16. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Stewart Todd Overhulser, 49, of Keokuk, suffered a blown tire on his motorcycle causing him to lay the vehicle down. Overhulser was transported to Henry County Health Center for suspected minor injuries.

05/28/24 - 3:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eddie Lee Mable, 55, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a temporary hold. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/28/24 - 3:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew James Keever, 31, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a temporary hold. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/28/24 - 6:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alexis Ma-

rie Bray, 20, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for criminal mischief. She was held at Lee County jail.

05/28/24 - 8:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kiara Christine Fontanese, 22, of Fort Madison, no location given, on a warrant for driving under suspension.

05/28/24 - 05/29/24 - 12:52 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rodney Lee Monroe, 47, of Fort Madison at the north Lee County Courthouse on a warrants for eluding, driving under suspension and reckless driving. He was held at Lee County Jail.

Keokuk Police Report

05/23/24 - 7:49 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Fulton Street.

05/23/24 - 5:34 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Elizabeth Diane Mortimer, 32, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Oak Street, on a warrants for 1st-degree burglary and failure to appear. She was held at Lee County Jail.

05/23/24 - 10:52 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of High Street.

05/24/24 - 2:07 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of N. Park Drive.

05/24/24 - 5:19 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of S. 6th Street.

05/24/24 - 5:45 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Sophia McKenna Gregory, 25, of Keokuk in the 500 block of 6th Street on charges of 4th-degree criminal mischief and interference with official acts. She was held at Lee County Jail.

05/24/24 - 7:55 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Main Street.

05/24/24 - 8:24 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Bank Street.

05/24/24 - 8:49 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism on N. Water Street.

05/24/24 - 10:19 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Lindy Marie Bell, 36, of Keokuk, in the 1100 block of Johnson Street, on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct, 1st-degree harassment and interference with official acts. She was held at Lee County Jail.

05/24/24 - 12:44 p.m. - Keokuk

Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Main Street.

05/24/24 - 3:24 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Park Lane.

05/24/24 - 4:54 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Main Street.

05/24/24 - 5:25 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Exchange Street.

05/24/24 - 11:24 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Phillip Ryan Beavers, 34, of Keokuk, in the 1500 block of Exchange on a charge of driving while barred.

05/24/24 - 11:28 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of S. 5th Street.

05/25/24 - 6:39 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Dereck Franklin Keith Harwood, 42, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of N. 12th Street on warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain control.

05/25/24 - 10:38 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Main Street.

05/25/24 - 3:34 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of High Street.

05/25/24 - 6:57 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Main Street.

05/25/24 - 7:52 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Bank Street.

05/25/24 - 8:13 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 100 block of N. Water Street.

05/25/24 - 8:38 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Joshua Michael Ritter, 19, of Keokuk in the 2100 block of Plank Road on a charge of 3rd-degree criminal mischief.

05/25/24 - 9:07 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Main Street.

05/26/24 - 12:45 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 300 block of Main Street.

05/26/24 - 8:45 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Andrew Jack Williams 36, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Fulton Street, on an active hold warrant. He was held at Lee County

Jail.

05/27/24 - 10:15 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Fulton Street.

05/27/24 - 11:15 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Palean Street.

05/27/24 - 1:25 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of Main Street.

05/27/24 - 1:36 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Thomas Christopher Dodge, 57, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Franklin on a charge of prohibited open burning.

05/27/24 - 1:41 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Johnson Street.

05/27/24 - 2:39 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Main Street.

05/27/24 - 10:40 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Caleb Christian Wilkerson, 20, of West Burlington in the 100 block of N. 18th Street, on a charge of driving while licensed revoked and on an active hold warrant. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/28/24 - 6:24 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Carrie Nicole Morris, 36, of Keokuk, in the 2100 block of Plank Road, on a charge of providing false identification to police.

05/28/24 - 8:59 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of Park Drive.

05/28/24 - 9:42 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of Concert Street.

05/28/24 - 3:36 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Keokuk area.

05/28/24 - 4:44 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Valerie Anne Ried, 47, of Fort Madison in the 1000 block of S. 14th Street on charges of simple assault and trespassing.

05/28/24 - 9:28 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1900 block of Des Moines Street.

05/29/24 - 1:28 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Lacie Lee Brenenstall, 20, of Canton, Mo., at Plank Road and Richards Drive on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

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

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN K. PIERROT

Kathleen Kay "Kate" Pierrot, 77, of Newburgh, Indiana, formerly of Augusta, Iowa, passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Kathy was born on March 6, 1947, in Fort Madison, Iowa, to Wilbur and Marcelyn (Sandburg) Lingenfelter. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Bill, her daughter Michelle Pierrot and grandson Kyle Hitchcox of Newburgh, and son and daughter-in-law Kris and Jodi Pierrot of Indianapolis; and two sisters, Carolyn Reem and Cindy Textor, and two brothers, Kim and Paul Lingenfelter, all of southeast Iowa; and numerous nephews and nieces. Kathy and Bill moved to Evansville 50 plus years ago. She was not happy with the move, wanting to stay near her family in Iowa. Bill told her two things, first, let's give it a year and if it doesn't work out we can move back

to Iowa (it obviously worked out), and second, they could drive to Iowa for visits whenever she wanted (she continued making that 7-hour drive on a regular basis all these years, initially with the whole family and later often by herself). She loved her family. She also enjoyed traveling with Bill. She especially liked the beautiful National Parks in Utah and Colorado. And she developed a strong interest in the history of American Presidents. She would proudly tell about visiting sites -- birthplaces, homes, museums, tombs, -- for every President. Her favorite was Lincoln, she and Bill visited a dozen significant sites associated with Abe. Her biggest concern about traveling was making sure her kitties were cared for, but Michelle and Kyle handled that nicely. Kathy loved people -- her family and Bill's family of course, but also her exercise group, her bowling teammates, various people she had met over the years (including grade school classmates) and various Newburgh friends and neighbors.

A Celebration of Kate's Life will be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Denmark Fire & Rescue in Denmark, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PAW Animal Shelter of Fort Madison or Des Moines County Humane Society.

A Celebration of Kate's Life will be held from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Denmark Fire & Rescue in Denmark, Iowa.

DENNIS C. MCGEEHON

Dennis C. McGeehon, 70, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, May 27, 2024 at his home. He was born on June 24, 1953 to Clifford & Wanita Pentecost McGeehon. He served in the military for a short period of time and enjoyed fishing, the St. Louis Cardinals and his cats. He did bicycle repair work and lawn mowing for many years.

Dennis is survived by: 1-daughter: Katelyn "Katie" McGeehon of Burlington, IA; 2-brothers: William McGeehon of Iowa & Clinton McGeehon of Fort Madison, IA; 1-sister: Nancy Gillette of Fort Madison, IA; several nieces & nephews and his best friend: Mark Weglarz of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and Katie's mom, Louise McClary.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A service will be held at a later date. Online condolences to Dennis' family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY J. WOOD ROTHERT

Dorothy Jane Wood Rothert, 83 of Warsaw passed away in her home in the presence of her children on May 29, 2024 from a new diagnosis of cancer.

She was born November 4, 1940 near Arcola, IL the daughter of Philip Logan Wood and Freda Irene Bright.



ROTHERT

Dorothy graduated valedictorian from Arcola High School with the class of 1958. Following graduation Dorothy attended University of Illinois obtaining her bachelor's degree in chemistry. While at the university, she met and married the late Rodger Rothert on June 17, 1962 and settled in Sutter, Illinois.

Dorothy had been a farm wife for 23 years when she divorced Rodger in 1985. She was able to utilize her chemistry degree working in environmental laboratories in Peoria, IL first as a tech working her way up to project manager when she retired in 2007.

During her lifetime, Dorothy enjoyed being a 4-H leader, home extension member and election board member for many years.

In her early adult years, Dorothy really enjoyed all kinds of music and was classically trained pianist participating in contests and accompanying a multitude of soloists including her children. She also really enjoyed all the sporting events and contests her children were in and rarely missed an event.

In her mid-adult years she enjoyed providing to her children and grandchildren multiple crocheted and knitted items. Each grandchild had received an afghan with a personalized label saying "Made with Love, Dorothy."

In her time off, Dorothy truly enjoyed the Illini Basketball program and was an avid fan throughout her life. She was known to take time off work in order to watch March Madness tournament comparing her bracket to not only her son, Steve but many others. Another passion for Dorothy was putting together jigsaw puzzles which helped her stay "sharp as a tack" prior to her passing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her ex-husband and father of her children Rodger Rothert and two sons-in-law, Michael Kraus and Travis Weigand.

She is survived by her children, Diana (James) Norris of Austin, TX, Laura Weigand of Warsaw, IL, Steven (Lorri) Rothert of Jackson, MO and Jessica Rothert of Brimfield, IL as well as eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at her residence 1575 Main Street Warsaw, IL from 2 - 6 p.m. with an informal service at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22, 2024.

Those who wish to remember Dorothy in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Geode Glen Park Project. Mail to Warsaw Park District C/O Fred Shoup, 935 Crawford Street, Warsaw, IL 62379.

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.

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.

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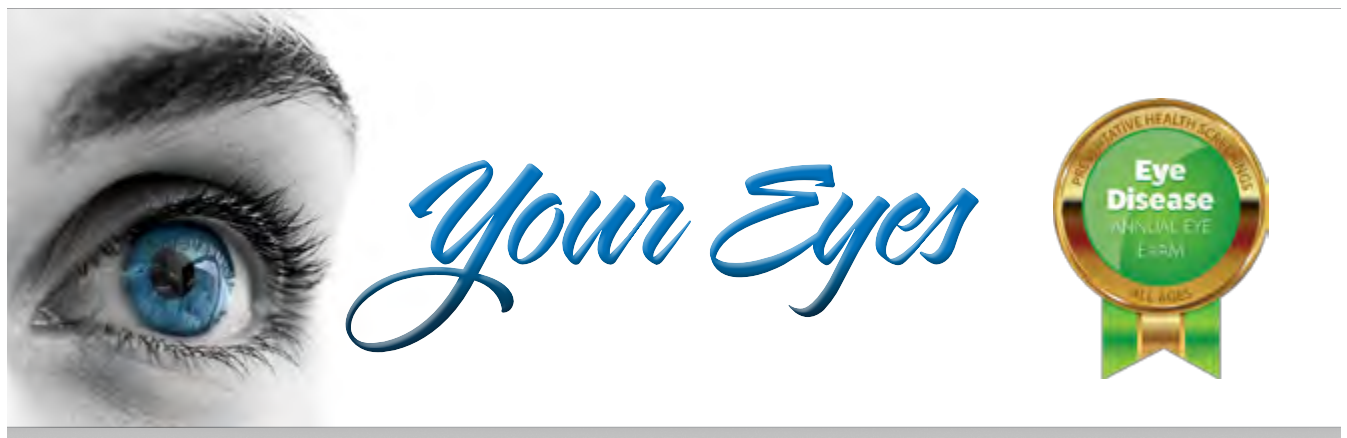
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Education News/Health News

SEIRMC hands out 2024 area scholarships

WEST BURLINGTON – The Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and Great River Health Foundation recently awarded \$28,400 in scholarships to students pursuing a career in a healthcare field.

Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship – Great River Health Foundation

This scholarship was established in memory of Kathleen Canella, a longtime volunteer and member of the Fort Madison Community Hospital Auxiliary.

\$1,000 to \$3,000 scholarships to high school seniors:

- Lily Arnold, Fort Madison High School, physical therapy.
- Jordyn Burch, Fort Madison High School, nursing.
- Mazie Hotop, Fort Madison High School, nursing.
- Brooklyn Jones, Central Lee High School, psychology.

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Auxiliary scholarships

\$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors:

- Penelope Sowell, Danville High School, nursing.
- Lauren Krieger, Notre Dame Catholic High School, pharmacy.
- David King, Burlington Community High School, biological sciences/pre-med.
- Jia Qian Liu, Burlington Community High School, biochemistry.
- Seena Nowroozi, West Burlington High School, biology.
- Logan Kelley, West Burlington High School, kinesiology.
- Noah Lenahan, West Central High School, radiology technology.
- Alexis Dietsch, Danville High School, nursing.
- Erin Ryan, West Burlington High School, radiology technology.
- Madison Taeger, Burlington Community High School, human health science.
- Kaelyn Ferrill, Illini West High School, nursing.

• Josephine Newton, Central Lee High School, diagnostic medical sonography.

- Josie Mueller, Central Lee High School, health studies/pre-physician assistant.
 - Lily Arnold, Fort Madison High School, physical therapy.
 - Mazie Hotop, Fort Madison High School, nursing.
 - Ava Tackett, Van Buren High School, biology.
- \$1,000 scholarships for continuing college students:
- Allison Worley, Quincy University/Blessing Reiman College of Nursing, nursing.
 - Jessica Kendell, Truman State University, health science.
 - Lauren Beckman, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, dentistry.
 - Abigail Bence, Central College, pre-physical therapy/kinesiology.
 - Kayla Box, Grand View University, nursing.

Great River Health hosts volunteer program

WEST BURLINGTON – Palliative Care-Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center is hosting an informational session on a new Patient Partner Volunteer program. The informational session will be held on Tuesday, June 18 from 2-3 p.m. in the Maple/Walnut Conference Rooms on the West Burlington campus (Lower Level).

This new Patient Partner Volunteer program aims to match volunteers with Palliative Care patients to help them navigate the healthcare system, accompanying them to medical appointments, helping them understand their plan of care, and supporting them in successfully achieving their goals of care. The Patient Partner Volunteers will help Palliative Care patients reach independence when possible.

Palliative Care patients are people of all ages managing a serious illness, such as cancer, heart or lung disease, and dementia. They are under the care of the Palliative Care team of specialists who help improve their quality of life and their families through care coordination, education, and communication.

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Local News/From the Front

FMAAA begins classes for special needs youth in area

FORT MADISON - The FMAAA Art Center now offers a series of Art Connections classes beginning in June that are designed for special needs youth. Jeri Sparks, the VISTA Program Coordinator at the Art Center, has teamed up with an experienced arts instructor, Cali Recker, to develop a series of monthly programs broadly aimed at two age groups, K to 6th grade and 7th grade to 12th grade. These programs are based on the understanding that engaging in creative processes helps improve a person's mental health and overall wellbeing. Creating art helps reduce stress and gives opportunities for self-expression. Practicing art helps learn perseverance skills, which helps improve self-confidence over time. Creating art can improve self-esteem while giving a young person a sense of accomplishment.

Art Connections allows individuals to engage with creative activities in a variety of ways. The FMAAA Art Center began the Art Connections series with Creative Carts for youth who drop in on their own. The carts have an activity that the youth can explore at their own pace, offering a jumping off point to develop their own

unique artwork. Next, more formal classes are planned for intellectually challenged or developmentally disadvantaged youth to engage with creative expression.

The FMAAA Art Center is building this new series of Art Connections programming with local support and can provide these artistic opportunities for free at this time. The FMAAA Art Center has received funds from Lee County Youth Services, which funded art supplies for Creative Carts, along with the local Elks Lodge BPOE 374, the Kings Daughters of Potowonoc Circle, and from some Fund-A-Project pledges from area supporters to launch this creative programming series.

Jeri Sparks, an Americorps VISTA who has volunteered in our community this past year to develop creative programming at the Art Center, has interviewed some area families to craft programs that meet local needs.

For more information, please contact vista@fortmadisonart.com -or- register online at fortmadisonart.com for Art Explorations: Adaptive Art for Children with Disabilities to be held each month this summer.

Clark will be at reception

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his meanderings take him places that Clark's lens would rarely find. This exhibition creates a true juxtaposition of place for the two photographer's work to explore. In addition to Amy's lovely landscapes and her quite moments, this exhibition features recent photos by

Stan Lester the refined visual textures, colors, and the quiet moments that he encounters.

In addition to the opening reception, you can meet Amy Clark and hear a gallery talk about her work during the Lunch ala Art at noon on Friday, June 28. This exhibition


will be on display through Saturday, June 29, 2024. This month's exhibition is sponsored by Greene Acres Art of Niota, IL.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the 2024 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM will be received by the City Clerk at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, until 3:00 P.M., on Friday, June 21, 2024.

Any bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

All bids properly received will be opened and publicly read aloud in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Specifications and instructions are available at City Hall, Public Works Department, Fort Madison, Iowa or at fortmadison-ia.com. For more information, please contact the Public Works Director, Mark Bousset at (319) 372-7700, ext. 204.

The City of Fort Madison reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the proposal which the City Council deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting April 9, 2024 Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Hwy 61 Montrose, IA 52639

Called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call: Alton_X_Moore_X_Patrick_X_Benjamin__Reed_X_Staff Present: Huebner, Sestito, Oldfield, Pawling, Jacobs, Steele, Risser, Davis

Supervisor: Absent
1. Approval of Agenda Motion by Moore to approve the agenda
2nd: Alton Motion Carried
2. Approval of Minutes from March 1st, 12th, and 22nd, 2024

Motion by Alton to approve the minutes

2nd: Moore Motion Carried
3. Public Input No public input
4. Approval of Bills Motion by Alton to approve of the bills
2nd: Moore Motion Carried
5. Approval of Financial Report

Huebner stated that the budget amendment for the Pollmiller Trail Renovation and Skid Loader purchase went through.

Motion by Alton to approve the financial report
2nd: Moore Motion Carried

6. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Beach Concessionaire Position Huebner stated that instead of hiring 1 full time beach concessionaire, that she would like to hire 2 part timers. This would be the same cost. Both applicants that had applied were favorable to this change.

Motion by Moore to approve the hire of 2 seasonal part time Concessionaires, instead of 1 full time

2nd: Alton Motion Carried
7. Discuss and Approve Step Increase – Conservation Technician II Motion by Moore to approve the 2 year step increase for the Conservation Technician II position
2nd: Reed Motion Carried
8. Staff and Director Reports

Oldfield gave the parks report highlighting 43 camping nights and 22 cabin nights. He also stated that the shower house construction is coming along, the 2 concrete camp sites at Pollmiller were completed, and the trout release at Wilson Lake went well.

Steele gave the education report highlighting the beginning of field trip season, attending an NAI/IAN Conference with Risser, and a successful Egg Hunt with 371 attendees.

Huebner gave her director report highlighting working on the outdoor classroom project, personnel policy addendum,

the island project, and making improvements to the conservation center.

9. Board Member Comments

Alton commented on seeing new rock laid in the parks, and Patrick commented on mowing beginning in the campgrounds and new camper enjoying the park already.

10. Adjournment Motion by Moore to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

2nd: Alton Motion Carried Board met in workshop following the meeting. Jim Patrick, LCCB President Caroline Sestito, LCCB Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 2, 2024 501 Main Street 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on May 2,

2024, at 501 Main Street. In the absence of Mayor Mahoney, Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Greenwald called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one vacant. Carrissa Crenshaw, Roslyn Garcia (via phone) Tyler Walker, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, and Roger Bryant were present. None absent. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Police Chief Zeth Baum, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, and Bridge, Cemetery, Parks, and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed Mayor Mahoney is in D.C. and will return with updates regarding hospital.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: James Rauner expressed concerns related to parking on city sidewalks.

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cil Budget Workshop of April 16, 2024;

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 18, 2024;

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of April 25, 2024;

- RESOLUTION NO. 60-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Walgreens #05886, 1215 Main Street, Class E Retail Alcohol License – effective May 22, 2024;

- RESOLUTION NO. 61-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Santanas Mexican Restaurant, 3753 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective June 8, 2024;

- Approve Sidewalk Display Permit for Sweet Sally's Ice Cream Shop, 707 Main Street (pending proof of insurance);

- Approve a Special Event Permit for Iowa-Works, Job Fair to be held Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at Lake Cooper Foundation, 810 S. Main Street, Keokuk, Iowa;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5402-5403;

Pro-Tem Mayor Greenwald opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

awarding a contract for South 18th Street reconstruction. A public hearing notice was published in The Hawk Eye on April 4, 2024.

COMMENTS:

Pro-Tem Mayor Greenwald closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 62-2024: "A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO JONES CONTRACTING OF WEST POINT, IOWA FOR SOUTH 18TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION FROM RIDGE STREET TO MAIN STREET." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 63-2024: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 64-2024: "A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 DODGE DURANGO POLICE VEHICLE." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 65-2024: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW LEASE WITH ROQUETTE AMERICA AT THE SOUTHEAST IOWA DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SIDC)." (6) AYES, (1) ABSTAIN – Crenshaw, (1) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 66-2024: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH CCS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1026 BLONDEAU STREET AND 1203 TIMEA STREET." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 67-2024: "A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENTER IN A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Hinton informed of extension on Union Depot grant.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Dade to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve the following

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following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote:

the minutes of the February 28, 2024, City Council meeting;

the payment of bills totaling \$798,385.29;

the report of officers including the following receipts for February; \$89,976.02 General Fund; \$95,506.82 Road Use Tax Fund; \$123,161.21 Local Option Sales Tax Fund; \$1,670.04 TIF; \$4,434.45 Debt Service Fund; \$276,455.90 Sewer Plant Improvement; \$11,345.69 Capital Projects Fund; \$4,580.00 Trust & Agency Fund; \$152,363.06 Sewer Revenue Fund; \$33,023.97 Solid Waste Fund; \$824.25 Library Fund; \$5,029.29 Library Gift Fund. And the following disbursements for the month of February; \$227,986.62 General Fund; \$100,495.07 Road Use Tax Fund; \$32,825.35 Sewer Plant Improvement Fund; \$62,150.65 Capital Projects Fund; \$980.00 Trust & Agency; \$54,345.42 Sewer Operation & Maint. Fund; \$34,546.06 ARP/Covid Relief Fund; \$47,524.70 Solid Waste Fund; \$29,938.66 Library Fund; \$60.00 Library Gift Fund. And Transfer Resolution No. 2024-19 approving the following interfund transfers for February; \$31,057.00 from General Fund to Library Fund for 1/12th FYE24 monthly operating funds; \$89,903.00 from Sewer Revenue Fund To Sewer Sinking Fund for 1/12th FYE 24 sewer debt; \$55,000.00 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Operating & Maint Fund for monthly operating expenses.

Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

The Council received a letter of appeal from Cindy Ellis for a Notice and Order to remove, place, or destroy dangerous animal.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded that the Council approve the encroachment permit for Shroyer Family Dental at 217 E Monroe Street. The Street Committee has reviewed the proposal and recommended approval. Motion carried, 4-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Crull that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2024-22:

RESOLUTION ORDERING BIDS; APPROVING PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS, CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS; FIXING AMOUNT OF BID SECURITY AND ORDERING THE CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF HEARING OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR MCCOY STREET & MONROE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT MOUNT PLEASANT, IA 2024

Roll call vote 4-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2024-20:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION(S) FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION FOR THE MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 4-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2024-21:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF

ANTHONY D. BLINT TO THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF

Roll call vote 4-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2024-22:

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Roll call vote 4-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2024-25:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES MILLER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES

Roll call vote 4-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. to meet in adjourned session on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to approve the FYE25 Property Tax Levy. The Council will meet in regular session following the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on March 27, 2024.

Steven K Brimhall, Mayor
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orary doctorate from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and was named a Chieftain of the Council of the Sagamores of the Wabash, the highest civilian award in Indiana, by Governor Mike Pence.

His dedication to the community and historical preservation is evident through his leadership roles on the Indiana Historical Society board of trustees and as chairman in 2011, as well as his co-founding of the Midwest Railroad Research Center in 1997.

A philanthropist at heart, the Fort Madison native's generosity is showcased through his involvement with the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, where his leadership and a sizable donation resulted in the establishment of a permanent curator to celebrate the Native American influence on the settlement of North America.

His passion for railroad history is further demonstrated by his active participation on the John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library's editorial advisory board.

Hoback was also instrumental in creating the "Encyclopedia of North American Railroads" project with Indiana University Press. He continues to co-edit the "Railroads Past and Present" series of books at the press, soliciting and editing manuscripts each year.

Recognized as a Railroad Industry Leader by the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Hoback's legacy in the transportation industry is unparalleled. Fort Madison High School also nominated Sharon Scholl-Nabulsi into the prestigious Alumni Hall of Honor.

A graduate of FMHS in the class of 1961, Scholl-Nabulsi has exemplified dedication and excellence in her professional endeavors and community service.

She boasts an impressive array of professional achievements, including owning her own realty company from 1975

to 2015. Her pioneering spirit led her to become the first woman to serve on the board of the Lee County Economic Development Group, and she contributed her expertise to the 8th Judicial Nominating Committee under Terry Branstad. Sharon's outstanding contributions were recognized when she was honored with the Citizen of the Year award by the Chamber of Commerce in 1989.

Beyond her professional success, Scholl-Nabulsi has been deeply involved in her community for more than 45 years, serving on various service clubs and organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Potowonok Circle of Kings Daughters and Sons, Catfish Bend Casino, Southeastern Community College, Fort Madison Community Hospital, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Auxiliary. Her philanthropic efforts have positively impacted numerous community organizations, including establishing a scholarship through Southeastern Community College for a returning woman of the college.

Scholl-Nabulsi's commitment to her alma mater is evident through her instrumental role in establishing her graduating class website and honoring a classmate by purchasing a new time clock for the FMHS track programs.

Her 40-year ownership and leadership of a successful business in Fort Madison have further demonstrated her dedication to the local community.

Born and raised in Fort Madison by parents who also graduated from FMHS, Scholl-Nabulsi embodies the spirit of giving back and making a difference in her community. Her induction into the Fort Madison High School Alumni Hall of Honor is a testament to her remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to service.

The high school is currently accepting applications for the next Hall of Honor nominees. The next ceremony will be held during Homecoming of 2025.

State homeland security office opens storm website

STORM HELP: State launches website to help residents

DES MOINES, IA — In response to the recent severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding experienced in April and May, 2024, the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has launched a disaster recovery website to help Iowans find much-needed resources and information.

Iowans seeking more information can visit disasterrecovery.iowa.gov. Resources on the website cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Assistance for those affected by the severe weather. Including information about the current state and federal programs available to residents, businesses, and farms.
- Volunteer and donation information. This includes the types of donations that are needed and information for those who want to volunteer.
- Resources and links for additional assistance or information. After a disaster, you may have questions about a wide range of topics, including, but not limited to insurance, how to clean up, or how to access mental health resources.

"During times of crisis, it's important for communities to come together, support one another, and have access to much-needed resources," said John Benson, Director of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. "The launch of this disaster recovery website is another step to providing assistance and resources to those affected by the recent severe weather in Iowa."

About the Department:

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management leads, coordinates, and supports homeland security and emergency management functions to enhance the quality of life for Iowans by preparing our State and building resilient communities. Follow the department on social media, Facebook, facebook.com/IowaHSEMD, X (Formerly Twitter), twitter.com/IowaHSEMD.

Lumen suffers water main break at Des Moines center

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in Des Moines, which has "diminished" its electrical capacity, according to Polk County Emergency Management Agency. Lumen is working to bring in additional generators but the restoration timeline is unknown, according to officials from Polk County.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said landlines are down at the office, but cell-phone calls to LeeComm and his office are still functioning.

The Iowa Communications Network confirmed the outage at about 9:40 a.m. Thursday morning.

"Early Thursday morning, a vendor's

downtown Des Moines facility suffered a broken water pipe. According to the vendor, "Water from the pipe leaked through to the basement and collected in the risers, which then collapsed. Teams were unable to use the on-site generators because they were routed through the collapsed risers. In order to preserve the equipment, Field Operations have had to power down at varying times as the issue remains ongoing."

If your services are impacted, contact the ICN Servicedesk at 515-725-4400, email the icnservicedesk@iowa.gov, or login to the ICN ServiceNow Portal.

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