

**THE COURTHOUSE REPORT**

**MAGISTRATE**

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Decatur, IA, failure to provide proof of financial liability. Total \$780.15.

Lucas James Durrell, Leon, IA, reckless driving. Total \$676.75.

Jennifer Jane Juffer, Wild Rose, WI, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$170.51.

Zearlmeeka Shaney Kinchelov, Lee Summit, MO, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over). Total \$175.75.

Cole Anthony Rushing, Leon, IA, driving while license is denied, suspended, canceled, or revoked. Total \$394.00.

**Decatur County Sheriff's Report**

Feb. 8 - 15, 2024

NOTICE: A CRIMINAL CHARGE IS MERELY AN ACCUSATION AND THE DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.

2/8 SO responded to a driving complaint on Hwy. 69, south of Leon.

Leon PD responded to a driving complaint on NE Q St. in Leon.

2/10 SO and Lamoni PD responded to a stolen vehicle out of Lamoni.

Leon PD responded to a dog complaint

on W 1st St. in Leon.

Lamoni PD responded to threats made at the Rodeway Inn in Lamoni.

2/11 SO, Lamoni PD, and Leon PD responded to a dispute on Elk Ridge Road near Lamoni.

SO arrested Dustin Hill of Lamoni for domestic assault.

SO arrested John Scott of Leon for a warrant out of Mercer County, Missouri.

2/12 SO responded to an alarm at the Barnyard in Decatur.

2/14 SO and Lamoni PD responded to a wreck at the southbound I-35, 14 mile marker.

Lamoni PD responded to a disruptive individual at Lamoni Specialty Care in Lamoni.

SO arrested Michael Signs of Leon for warrants out of Polk County.

2/15 Leon PD responded to a dog at large on SE 3rd St. in Leon.

SO responded to a wreck on I-35 near the southbound 15 mile marker.

2/16 Leon PD responded to a wreck on NE 7th St. in Leon.

SO responded to a ditched vehicle on Elk Chapel and J45 near Lamoni.

SO and Leon PD responded to a wreck on Hwy. 2 in Decatur.

SO and Lamoni PD responded to trespassing on N Clark St. in Lamoni.

renal gland disorders, pituitary gland disorders, osteoporosis, hypogonadism, and more. Our Certified Diabetic Educator, Linda Klejch, visits every Tuesday to provide guidance on lifestyle changes, medications, and tracking devices that may help you better manage your diabetes.

If you have an endocrine disorder that causes a need to remove your thyroid, we also offer that surgical service on site in our top-of-the-line surgical center. Dr. Edwin Wehling, General/Vascular Surgeon, works directly with Dr. Kawji to perform thyroidectomies when it is in the best interest of the patient.

General/Vascular Surgery: Dr. Edwin Wehling, DO, is our General and Vascular surgeon who offers a range of surgical services on-site in our 2 (two) surgical suites. Surgery services at DCH include hernia repair, biopsies, excision of lesions, laparoscopic procedures (gall bladder, appendix, and colon resection), Nissen Fundoplication for GERD, colonoscopies, endoscopies, diagnosis and treatment of all vascular disease, angioplasty, bypass, and more.

Gynecology and Urogynecology. Women have specific health needs, which require special care. Dr. Earle M. Pescatore, Jr. visits the DCH Outpatient Clinic every other week to provide gynecologic care to support women's health in our community. Dr. Pescatore offers regular gynecologic care including: annual screenings, breast exams, cancer screenings, hormone replacement therapy, pap smears, pelvic exams, pelvic organ prolapse treatment, urinary incontinence treatment, well woman exams, and more. Dr. Pescatore is also able to perform surgical procedures on site when needed.

Hematology/Oncology. Decatur County Hospital partners with Mission Cancer + Blood to serve patients in our community suffering from cancer or blood disorders. Our cancer care physician, Dr. Zeeshan Jawa, MD, is a board-certified Hematologist/Oncologist and visits the DCH Outpatient Clinic four (4) days each month to provide expert personalized care for those living with a cancer diagnosis.

Infusion Therapy. Decatur County Hospital offers short or long-term Infusion Therapy Services (also called intravenous or IV therapy). Whether you are being treated for osteoporosis, infection, anemia, cancer, or another illness, DCH is with you every step of the way. Our Infusion Team includes your healthcare provider, registered nurses, a pharmacist, a pharmacy tech, and laboratory staff. Our team has advanced education to provide the most qualified and experienced care to you and your family. Specially trained registered nurses administer your infusion therapy with compassion, personalized care in the brand new, state-of-the-art John Dowell Infusion Center.

Neurology. DCH offers customized neurology services from board-certified neurologist Dr. Maher

**SCICAP Offers Low-Income Home Energy Assistance**

South Central Iowa Community Action Program (SCICAP) is still taking applications for the 2023-2024 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Community Action Agencies, and has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

The SCICAP Outreach Location for Decatur County will be taking applications Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00AM- 12:00PM and Monday and Friday 1:00PM -4:30PM. Applications will be taken through April 30, 2024 at 306 N Main St. Leon, IA.

Applicants will need to furnish some form of identification, a copy of their most recent heating, electric bill, social security card documentation for all household members, and proof of all household members' gross income for the past thirty days or for the past calendar year.

This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, among others.

Eligibility for participation is established according to the following federal income guidelines:

**LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) Income Guidelines (October 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024)**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL GROSS INCOME
1	\$29,160
2	\$39,440
3	\$49,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280
6	\$80,560
7	\$90,840
8	\$101,120

For Households with more than eight members add \$10,280 for each additional member  
 \*\* All income will be annualized. Income will be collected for the past 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is more beneficial for you.

**City Council Addresses Street Conditions, Grants, and Tax Levy**

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Main St, and the Leon Fire Department's application for grant funds to purchase a new water truck.

However, the signing of a 28E Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Ringgold County was tabled following a motion by Lindsey, seconded by Moffett.

A decision was

made to set a public hearing on the FY25 proposed City of Leon Property Tax Levy Rate, with a motion by Brown, seconded by Erb, setting the hearing for April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding a large water bill for the Decatur County Fair, caused by a leak, leading to an amended motion by Parsons, seconded

by Brown, to reduce the bill by \$1,000 with no additional adjustments available on the account for 5 years.

In further proceedings, the council approved the re-appointment of Janis Eastin, Janet Chambers, and Lorina Cox to terms on the Library Board of Trustees, set to expire on January 1, 2030.

**Supervisors Approve Reappointments and Addresses Road Maintenance**

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The motion to enter the closed session was carried, with a subsequent motion by Graham/Fulkerson to return to open session at 9:09 a.m., also carried.

A decision emerged as the board approved an indefinite unpaid suspension for an employee until evaluation and successful completion of treatment has occurred. The motion, made by Graham/Fulkerson, also included the requirement for the employee to execute a release of information allowing the evaluator

to provide copies of all evaluation and treatment results to the Board of Supervisors via the County Auditor. The decision further stipulated that random urinalysis/swab tests may/shall be administered after completion of treatment, with the motion carried.

Assistant to the Engineer Bob Hamilton provided updates on various road maintenance activities. These included reports on rock hauling as per the rotation schedule, completion of repairs for a Case dozer and tree grinder, finished bridge repairs on Elk

Chapel Road, and ongoing erosion control efforts on 240th Street. Additional tasks such as repurposing a tanker as a pipe, changing bridge postings, replacing crossroad lights, and patching potholes were also reported. Hamilton noted that a crane inspection was scheduled for Thursday and mentioned that secondary road phones had been experiencing technical issues.

Auditor Hoover collaborated with the board on the upcoming budget during the session.



**DCH Corner Services at Decatur County Hospital**

At Decatur County Hospital, we believe you should have access to the specialists you need, who provide the care you deserve. We pride ourselves on providing access to specialty services that are not readily available in our region.

We support our community members by offering convenient access to services such as:

Cardiology and Chest Pain Accreditation. We are proud to be the only Critical Access Hospital in Iowa (and the fifth hospital of any kind in Iowa) to receive Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the American College of Cardiology. As part of this designation, we offer a well-rounded Cardiology program including access to a board-certified Cardiologist, Dr. Steven Mehta; stress testing; holt-er monitors; and on-site echocardiograms. We are also proud to announce that starting February 29th, we will begin offering nuclear stress testing in-house so you don't have to travel far from home for that essential cardiology service. With the addition of a nuclear medicine machine, and dedicated technician, we will be able to increase our availability to offer these essential services.

Chronic and Acute Pain Management. On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month, Dr. Keith Barnhill, Ph.D, CRNA, ARNP, and Dr. Rich Jacobson, DNP, CRNA, visit the DCH Outpatient Clinic to provide support for patients living with chronic and acute pain. As certified anesthetists, Dr. Barnhill and Dr. Jacobson are able to provide a wide range of pain management services including medication management, injections, and other interventions. If you suffer from pain of the neck, shoulder, hip, knee, lower back, or spine, our pain management experts

can consult on the best treatment type for your specific condition.

Community Paramedicine. Using our certified Paramedics and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTA/L), we offer home visits to patients who are frequent visitors to our Emergency Room to provide proactive care directly in their homes. This program is free to all Decatur County residents. As our team completes regular check-ins on these residents, we hope to lower the need of their visits to the Emergency Room, help them start a relationship with a specialist to manage their chronic condition, and improve their quality of life.

Decatur County Health Care Courtesy Van: In partnership with Decatur County Public Health and Infinity Health, this free transportation service is available for Decatur County residents who have a healthcare appointment at Decatur County Hospital, Infinity Health (Leon and Lamoni locations), Decatur County Public Health, and dental facilities in the county. The van also offers free rides to pharmacies in Decatur County to pick up prescriptions. This service was implemented as a direct result of public input, and addresses a major issue with transportation for Decatur County residents. To schedule a ride, call 1-844-782-5420. Scheduling is done on a first come, first serviced basis, and a 24 hour notice is requested. Transportation is offered between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday-Friday.

Endocrinology, Diabetes Education, and General/Vascular Surgery. We're proud to provide a well-rounded approach to serving patients living with diabetes and other endocrine disorders. In our region, access to Endocrinologists and Certified Diabetic Educators is very limited, but our comprehensive diabetes management program is available on-site at Decatur County Hospital. Dr. Haytham Kawji, MD is a board certified endocrinologist who visits the DCH Outpatient Clinic four (4) consecutive days each month and specializes in treating diabetes, thyroid disorders, parathyroid disorders, ad-

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Orthopedic Surgery – General. Dr. Homedan provides orthopedic surgical services to address pain in the joints or bones. His services include total joint replacement, knee arthroscopy, treatment for sports-related injuries, trauma/fracture care, and more. He provides orthopedic services twice each month.

Orthopedic Surgery – Hand to Shoulder Minimally Invasive Surgery. In addition to Dr. Homedan's services, Dr. Tyson Cobb, a board-certified hand to shoulder orthopedic surgeon, visits the DCH Out-

patient Clinic twice each month. Dr. Cobb specializes in minimally invasive surgical treatments to address conditions that affect the hand, elbow, and shoulder including arthritis, carpal tunnel, golfer's elbow, numbness and pain due to cubital tunnel syndrome, rotator cuff repair, tennis elbow, and more.

Podiatry. Your feet are the foundation of your body. When you experience issues with your feet; it affects your well-being. These issues can make it

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