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Earlaine Evelyn Hoover, 94, of Bettendorf, IA died October 11, 2018, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Davenport, IA.

She was born February 23, 1924 in rural Alexandria, MO the daughter of Earl and Ethel Winnie Koeber Leggett. She graduated from Wayland High School in Wayland, MO.

On September 29, 1948 Earlaine was united in marriage to Harold D. Hoover in Lancaster, MO. He preceded her in death in September 10, 1987. She was an active member of the 1st Baptist Church in Bettendorf, IA. Earlaine had been a faithful volunteer at the Iowa Masonic Nursing Home in Bettendorf, IA for 50 years.

She enjoyed making ceramics, working on puzzles and word searches, and reading. She enjoyed being a homemaker and was devoted to caring for her family. Earlaine was always ready to take care of anyone who needed help. She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity.

She is survived by one son, Dan Hoover and his wife Shirley of Davenport, IA, two grandsons, Richard Hoover and his wife Christine and Michael Hoover, one grand-daughter, Melissa Sineath and her husband Keith, two great-grandsons, Parker and Hunter Hoover, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Frederick, Paul, Wayne and Claude Leggett and one sister, Darlene Gorham.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10 am – 11 am at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, followed by a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Garden in Keokuk.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
For the Record

Fort Madison

Police Reports
10/11/18 - 9:53 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2710 block of Avenue N. 10/12/18 - 7:56 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of personal injury accident in the 5000 block of Avenue O.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
10/11/18 - 10:10 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jerrod Wayne Dodson, 33, of Keokuk at the intersection of 240th St and 263rd Avenue in Fort Madison, on charges of driving under suspension, violation of a new contact order and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/11/18 - 10:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Hayden Watts, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/11/18 - 3:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Michael Omatatek, 19, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for a controlled substance violation. He was held in custody. 10/11/18 - 3:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Lee Manning, 20, of Fort Madison in the 2500 block of Hwy 2 in Donnellson, on a warrant for 5th degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/12/18 - 2:53 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brittany Marie Goldie, 24, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of interference with corrections/assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison

Fire & Rescue Report
10/11/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls. 10/12/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls, one two-car accident, one false alarm, one motor vehicle accident no injury 10/13/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medicals and one smoke alarm.

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Tanks a lot

Students at Fort Madison Middle School got a lesson from the Fort Madison Fire Department on fire safety and protective equipment, including this tank from firefighter Chris Eastin that was a bit heavier than 4th grader Torey Potter expected Friday afternoon. State Farm sponsored the event and handed out red fire hats to students.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

MON 15 Oct Partly Cloudy High – 42.2°F | Low – 28.3°F
TUE 16 Oct Scattered Clouds High – 45.3°F | Low – 38.9°F
WED 17 Oct Clear Skies High – 57.0°F | Low – 34.3°F
THU 17 Oct Clear Skies High – 48.2°F | Low – 35.1°F
FRI 19 Oct Light Rain High – 55.9°F | Low – 47.9°F

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**Southeast Iowa fishing good despite higher water levels**

LEE COUNTY - The following is the weekly fishing report for southeast Iowa from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the week ending Oct. 17, 2018.

**Big Hollow Lake**
The rain has kept most away. Black Crappie - Fair: Picking up a few crappies out of shore around the flooded timber in 6 to 8 feet of water. Bluegill - Fair: Starting to pick up some decent bluegills around the rip-rap around the jetties and islands and the old road bed. Muskelunge - Fair: Anglers are catching a few muskies; some are getting over the 40 inch size.

**Environmental Discovery Park North Pond**
The fall trout release will be Oct. 27th at 10 am; 1000 trout will be released with 100 trout tagged for prizes. Rainbow Trout - Excellent: Two weeks to go until the release.

**Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)**
A couple feet above Major Flood Stage; NOAA is forecasting to stay above Major Flood Level until sometime mid-next week.

**Lake Belva Deer**
Lots of extra water in the lake; was about 1 foot above normal level on Tuesday. Water clarity is suffering due to all the rain. Water temperature is 66 degrees. Black Crappie - No Report: Weather is too unstable to forecast what the crappies are going to do. Large-mouth Bass - Slow: Picking up a few bass in the more shallow water along the rocks and gravel bottom areas.

**Lake Darling**
7+ inches of rain since last Friday. Water clarity is down to 8 inches. Water temperature is 67 degrees. Lake was about 1.5 feet higher than normal midweek. Channel Catfish - Good: Try fishing in the back eddies behind the in-lake silt dams. Honey Creek above the lake is really moving right now.

**Lake of the Hills**
The fall trout release of 2000 trout is scheduled for Oct. 20th at 10:30 am; there will be 200 tagged trout for prizes.

**Skunk River (Coppock to Mississippi River)**
Well above flood stage.

**Wilson Lake**
The fall trout release is scheduled for Oct. 27th at noon; 1000 trout released with 200 tagged for prizes.

**Mississippi River Pool 19**
Tailwater stage is 15.96 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is forecast to reach 17.1 feet by Sunday. Flood stage is 10 feet. River level at Burlington is 20.38 feet and is forecast to reach 21.2 feet by Sunday. Flood stage at Burlington is 15 feet. River level at Fort Madison is 531.17 feet and flood stage is 528 feet.

Recent heavy rains has the river above flood stage and is forecast to rise through the weekend. Main channel water temperature is around 60 degrees and water clarity is poor. Fishing has been slow due to the high water. Most boat ramps are under water due to the flooding conditions. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Iowa DNR at 319-322-3600.

**LCHD offering October flu clinics**
Lee County Health Department will be holding Flu Clinics throughout the month of October at various locations throughout Lee County. Flu clinics are open to the public, and offered to anyone ages 6 months or older. Medicare Part B, except Human Gold choice, will be accepted for billing Medicare. Bring your Medicare card to the clinic. Flu vaccines for people without Medicare Part B will be $25.

**Veteran’s Breakfast at Sunnybrook**
Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran’s Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

**Heels & Wheels Car Care Clinic**
Griffin Muffler & Brake Center invites you to their Women – Heels & Wheels free car care clinic, Saturday, October 20, 10am-1pm, 535 Avenue G, Fort Madison. Come learn about many topics including:

- What’s under the hood - How to check your oil - How your brakes work - Fuel saving tips - Shock absorbers and struts - Check engine lights - What regular maintenance is really necessary for your car

- Learn about tires: How to check tire pressure - How to measure tread depth - How to find the tire size for your car

- Boost your car care confidence with this free clinic and enter for door prizes and other gifts! Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so call 319.372.2478 to reserve your seat today!

**YMCA’s Trunk or Treat**
This event had more than 600 children through the parking lot of the YMCA in 2017 and it’s back for another year on Friday, October 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Vehicles can arrive at 5 p.m. for decorating. There is no charge for the event and businesses can decorate their car and handout candy as little goblins walk through the parking lot to receive goodies purchased by the businesses. Registration forms can be picked up at the YMCA and need to be returned by Friday, Oct. 19.

**Witches Walk**
Fort Madison’s Main Street will be hosting a Witches Walk October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. in downtown Fort Madison. For more information contact the Partner’s offices at 319-372-5471. Wear your witches costume and shop downtown.

**Ghost Hunt**
The Fort Madison Partners are sponsoring a Ghost Hunt on Oct. 26-27 with Iowa Paranormal conducting investigations at some of the most haunted homes west of the Mississippi. For more information or tickets contact the Partners office at 319-372-5471.

**Key Club Halloween Carnival**
The annual Fort Madison High School Key Club and Fort Madison Kiwanis Halloween Carnival will be held on Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. at the high school with games, costume contests and prizes.

**PORT Boo-Athlon**
The Fort Madison PORT Trail committee will be holding it’s annual Boo-Athlon on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Baxter Sports Complex. A 5K Walk/Run, a 10-mile bike ride and Duathlon will start at 9 a.m. Registration forms can be found online at www.fortmadison-ia.org under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848. and are due by Oct. 13 to guarantee a t-shirt.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for $15. Add a photo for $5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of $10 per 25 words and $3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.
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Mayor says time is money on new depot

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each year with annu-
al costs of $30,000 to
$40,000 per year, but he’s
said that’s an estimate be-
cause this would be a new
venture for the city.

The agreements also
include a $400 monthly
rent check from Amtrak.

Varley said in De-
cember all the approved
agreements with Amtrak
were sent to Amtrak for
signatures and the city
has not seen them since.

During that time BNSF
has for additional chang-
es to one of the agree-
ments, and the city made
that change, approved it,
and sent it to Amtrak
again.

In September, city
officials had a conference
call with Amtrak to get
things finalized and to
the Department of Trans-
portation which would be
responsible for bid letting
on the construction.

"Amtrak had about five
to six people participate
in the conference call.

Only about two of them
were people we have been
working with for the past
several years and were
part of the group when
we came to a consensus
on the three required
agreements," Varley wrote
in his memo.

"Most of the people
were new folks who are
not familiar with this
project and all the discus-
sions we have had with
Amtrak during the past
few years."

He said another attor-
ney wants to review the
documents again and any
changes would need city
council approval and a
resubmittal to Amtrak.

Fort Madison Mayor
Brad Randolph said he
wanted the issue back
on the agenda just to get
everyone up to speed on
the project and what’s
been happening over the
past six months.

"I thought it was
necessary to pull back and
regroup everybody," he
said. "I know the doc-
uments passed in the
fall, but on the last call
there were three or four
different Amtrak people
in the group, now they’re
putting a different spin
on it and that’s extreme-
ly frustrating from that
aspect of it. But with the
new councilor on we
need to have this conver-
sation again about the is-
sues that are beyond our
control which is Amtrak."

Randolph said the
other part of the conver-
sation is sales tax reve-
uenues are off for the city,
referencing another agra-
da item for Tuesday to
discuss contributions to
the Lee County Econom-
ic Development Group.

Another twist is that
our sales tax revenue is
down substantially.

When you look at the
numbers and you think
although we do have it
budgeted, is it something
that the council and the
community are all in on."

He said recent conver-
sations he’s had with an
Amtrak boardmember
who lives in Illinois, have
been promising and he
doesn’t see the delays as
impacting the decision to
move forward.

"I guess I don’t think
so. We’re in the final
threws. I think they have
the engineering piece
solved in terms of con-
struction," Randolph said.

“What concerns me
on this point is because it’s
taken so long, rules and
regulations have changed.

the scope has changed
and all of those things
add up to higher cost to
the project, that’s what
bothers me the most.

Now it’s morphed into
this mammoth project
in size and scope that
require different aspects
that we wouldn’t have en-
countered 10 years ago."

Another issue working
against the city would
be Amtrak’s future plans
with the Southwest Chief
that runs through Fort
Madison eastbound and
westbound.

Varley wrote that BNSF
is abandoning a portion
of track in the southwest
that would only be used
then by Amtrak. With no
safety or maintenance be-
ing done on that section,
Amtrak may also have
abandoned that line and
movement by passengers
by bus around that portion,
or have a gap in service.

He said that change
may result in a drop
in riders on the Chief.

Amtrak has already taken
steps to reduce costs in
the area with staffing.

"On top of all this,
there has been some talk
of Amtrak having to re-
duce their costs and there
is speculation that could
affect the stop in Fort
Madison," Varley wrote
last week.

"The bottom line is that
we don’t know how this
will play out at the federal
level and what impacts
it could have for Fort
Madison and the future
Amtrak service here."

Original costs of the
platform were estimated
at $785,000, but now the
price tag with the
additional professional
services and revised con-
struction costs have the
price at $1,285,780.

Funding would come from
a $686,000 in re-
main ing federal grants, a
Southeast Iowa Regional
Riverboat Commission
grant of $100,000, a
$150,000 contribution
from Amtrak, and then
$367,000 from the city’s
hotel/motel funds, gener-
al funds and a Quality of
Life Bond money.

If the city were to
dispose of the project, the
city would have to repay
$63,000 in federal grant
money.