

Acting

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According to Engel, the art class was a big hit with academy students, especially with the younger ones. Sometimes children have a hard time sitting through long acting sessions, so giving them the opportunity to get hands-on learning is nice to have, she said.

“We have a full staff to keep the kids engaged,” Engel said. “They are taking time to teach them additional roles necessary to make a magical show.”

Some of the staff members include Erin Wisecup, Jose Ramirez, Mark Astleford, Em Thill and Elizabeth Lassey.

Engel hopes parents will register their interested children as soon as possible, even though the deadline is Aug. 1. That will give staff time to determine how many supplies and snacks to get.

“It will give us some wiggle room,” she said.

Engel added they are ac-

KID'S ACTING ACADEMY INFORMATION:

Address: Marshalltown Performing Arts Center, 1602 S. Second Ave.

Dates: Aug. 4 to Aug. 9

Hours: Morning sessions for children aged 7 to 12, 8 a.m. to noon; afternoon sessions for children aged 13 to 18, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$60

cepting Kids Acting Academy donations. Unfortunately, they lost all of their art supplies in the derecho and from the recent moving MCT had to do.

“We need to replace those and we need snacks for all of the students,” she said.

The education provided to the students will culminate in performances of “Finding Nemo, Jr.” in which all students will be cast. “Finding Nemo, Jr.” is a musical adaptation of

the well-known 2003 Pixar movie. Engel is looking forward to the performances of the songs “Just Keep Swimming” and “Fish Are Friends Not Food.”

The first two shows will be on Aug. 8 for the children's families. Then on Aug. 9, the public will be able to watch the young actors in action in two separate performances. For the public performances, tickets will be \$5 per person.

“The community response overall has been positive,” Engel said. “We are extra excited for the Kids Acting Academy and trying to involve Marshalltown youth in this, because there are a lot of dramas and musicals during the school year. In the summer, there needs to be more for the kids to engage in. The theater is great for kids of all abilities. It is an accepting environment and it will keep kids social and get them moving. Students will also learn about marine animals. So, this will cover science, literacy and social emotional standards.”

The cost of registering a child for the Kids' Acting Academy is \$60. Engel said there are scholarships available through the Marshalltown Youth Foundation. To apply for aid, go to marshalltownyouthfoundation.org and click on “Sign Up.” If a child is approved for a scholarship, she said the family will be responsible for one-third of the cost, the Foundation will pay another third and the Marshalltown Community Theater will pay the remaining third.

To register for the academy, fill out the form on the MCT Facebook page or on the Marshalltown Community School District Digital Backpack. Physical copies can also be obtained at the Marshalltown Public Library and Lowe's Flowers. Donations and payments of cash or check can be sent to: Kids' Acting Academy - Marshalltown Community Theatre, P.O. Box 923, Marshalltown, IA, 50158.

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Thomas “Tom” Ratliff, 72
Thomas “Tom” Ratliff, age 72 and lifelong resident of Garwin, Iowa, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on the morning of June 20, 2025 at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa.



A celebration of life for Tom is planned for Saturday, July 5, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Memorials in Tom's name may be directed to his family for a later designation. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-1234.

Thomas Anthony Ratliff was born November 14, 1952 in Waterloo, Iowa. He was the third of four children born to Carson and Merrl (Whitmore) Ratliff. Tom was raised in Garwin, Iowa where he graduated from Garwin High School Class of 1971.

It was at school that Tom met the love of his life. In 1973, he married his high school sweetheart, Sheila Luethje at the Garwin Methodist Church. Together they made their home and the raised three sons, Anthony, Cory and Sean. Tom was a hard worker, retiring from the Tama Co. Road department after 39 years.

Tom was a member of the Marlin Collectors Association and the NRA. He was an avid

gunsmith. He became known as the family BBQ master alongside his son Sean. Tom spent numerous years as a very proud Troop Leader for the Boy Scouts of America Garwin troop 394. He raised the bar as a troop leader organizing trips and outings as far away as Wyoming and the Boundary Waters. Tom was a real outdoorsman, turning the family farm into a wildlife refuge which they received an award for in 2024.

Tom loved to travel, especially with his family. Whether it was traveling to New York for hockey, all over the state for football, basketball or baseball, Tom would not miss his son's or grandson's games. Most recent he fulfilled his wife's dreams of traveling the entire Route 66, Chicago to California.

Those left to remember and cherish his memory are his wife of 51 years, Sheila Ratliff; his sons, Anthony “Tony” (Jindi) Ratliff, Cory (Heather) Ratliff, and Sean (Tiffany Fouts) Ratliff; his six grandchildren, Noah, Mykel, Angel, Jazyk, Zady and Kyzen; one great-grandson, Kylo; five step grandchildren, Chance, Hunter, Kaylee, Aubrie and Paislee; He is also survived by his sisters, Carol (George) Siemens and Connie (LaVern) Jackson; his father-in-law, Allan Luethje and sister-in-law, Sherri Goetsch along side numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carson and Merrl; his brother, Kurt Ratliff and mother-in-law, Carley Luethje.

2025 spring semester dean's list honorees announced

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IOWA CITY — More than 8,000 students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2025 spring semester.

Area students include: Gisselle Avila-Leon, Uriel Campos-Padilla, Kyra Feldman, Sydney Hotchkiss, Joseph Kennedy, Adysen Lander, Keira Meyeraan, Landen Neuroth, Jordan Perry, Ella Phomvisay, Cael Sandvick and Brynn Van Buren, all of Marshalltown; Sofia Ortiz-Whaley, of Albion; Macy Engelson and Garrison Tripp, of Eldora; Abigail Burchland, Jane Collum, Claudia Jacobson, of Gilman; Zoey Duns, Macy Engelson and Payton Spindler, of Hubbard; Kennedy Wheeler, of Le Grand; Nikita McNamée and Peyton Smith, of Melbourne; Cassidy Winter, of New Providence; Carter White, of Rhodes; Rachel Ford and Taylor Mustaine of State Center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 27

- Blood Donor Day — LifeServe Blood Center, 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Quilting Q&A, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Cards, 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Marshalltown Senior Citizens Center
- Marshall County Republican Central Committee, Legends, 12 p.m. (People are welcome to attend)
- IMCA Sport Compacts — Marshalltown Speedway, 5:15 p.m.
- “Seeing Anew—A Local View” Reception — Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Music Bingo — Tannin, 6:30 p.m.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MARSHALL COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JOSE GUADALUPE GARCIA PALMA, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR011217

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jose Guadalupe Garcia Palma, Deceased, who died on or about May 5, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 18 th day of June, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 18th day of June, 2025.

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GCMH contributes \$100,000 to UPH – Conrad project

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Grundy County Memorial Hospital announces a \$100,000 contribution toward the new UnityPoint Health Family Medicine clinic in Conrad. The 5,500-square-foot clinic is expected to be complete by the end of 2025. The total cost of the project is \$3.5 million with UnityPoint Health contributing \$2.5 million.

“We are thankful to UnityPoint Health for making this significant investment in rural health

care and pleased to contribute to this important project,” said Adam Scherling, MHA, GCMH president. “We view this as an investment in primary care for the Conrad community, Grundy County and surrounding areas.”

Although this is a challenging time for rural hospitals — with uncertainty surrounding Medicaid funding — GCMH leadership remains committed to strengthening and investing in rural health care.

The new clinic will include space to accom-

modate all three full-time providers—Steve Scurr, DO; Tim Cooper, PA-C and Abbie Sharp, ARNP. Updated lab and X-ray equipment will be available onsite, along with telehealth capabilities to expand access to specialty care providers.

The UnityPoint Health Marshalltown Foundation is leading the fundraising efforts for the project.

“We are thrilled to have Grundy County Memorial Hospital partnering with us on the Conrad clinic project,” said Becky Dirks,

director of development with UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown Foundation. “This important endeavor gives patients a facility that matches the exceptional care they are used to in Conrad.”

With construction underway and the continued support of community partners like GCMH, the new clinic will not only strengthen the availability of primary care in Conrad, but it will also ensure quality health care remains accessible for generations to come.

Main Street Iowa Challenge Grant now open

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The Marshalltown Central Business District announces that the Main Street Iowa Challenge Grant application window is now open. This is a highly competitive grant program designed to support brick-and-mortar building rehabilitation projects in designated Main Street Iowa districts — including right here in Marshalltown.

Grant awards range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, with a required 1:1 match. Eligible projects include

façade improvements, upper-story housing, interior renovations and structural or system upgrades — all with the goal of revitalizing downtown and increasing business, housing and job opportunities.

“This is a unique opportunity for property owners and developers to bring big ideas to life while strengthening our historic downtown,” said Danielle Lekin, executive director of MCBBD. “We’re eager to support applications that align with our district’s goals and create long-term

community impact.”

To qualify:

- Projects must be located within the Main Street district boundary as of Jan. 1
- Applications must demonstrate quality design, alignment with local priorities and a clearly defined scope of work
- A local Main Street program must submit the application on behalf of the property owner as only one project from each community may be submitted. A local selection process will occur.

Important Dates:

- June 23 – Applications Released
- July 30 – Design Assistance Requests Due
- Aug. 27 – Final Applications Due
- November 2025 – Awards Announced

Interested property owners are encouraged to contact MCBBD as soon as possible to discuss ideas and eligibility. For more information or to begin the application process, contact Lekin at director@marshalltownmainstreet.org or 641-844-2001.

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Marshall County Courthouse Court

June 25

- Michael Leslie Tremaine made an initial appearance on a domination/control of a firearm by a felon charge and a possession of methamphetamine-first offense charge. The public defender's office is appointed as counsel. The preliminary hearing is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 3. Bond is set at \$6,000 cash or surety. A substance abuse evaluation is ordered with the results submitted to the court.
- Jaleesa Quyre Caldwell made an initial appearance

on a operating while under the influence-first offense charge. The public defender's office is appointed as counsel. The preliminary hearing is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 14. A substance abuse evaluation is ordered with the results submitted to the court.

- Joel Hernandez Guido made an initial appearance on a following too close charge and a driving under suspension charge. A pre-trial conference is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 30 in Magistrate Court.
- Aidan Nicholas Grandstaff made an initial appearance on a no insurance charge. Grandstaff pleaded guilty and the fine is \$325 with a \$48.75 surcharge and \$55 in court costs for a total of \$428.75.

- A 17-year-old male failed to appear on a person under the age of 21 using tobacco/vaping products-first offense charge and a curfew violation charge. The court found him guilty. The fine on the curfew charge is \$110 with a \$16.50 surcharge and \$60 in court costs for a total of \$186.50. The fine on the tobacco/vaping products charge is \$70.
- Eric R. Benscoter made an initial appearance on a civil infraction charge. A pre-trial conference is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 9 in Magistrate Court.
- Ernesto Moran made an initial appearance on a civil infraction charge. A pre-trial conference is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 9 in Magistrate Court.
- Larry D. Forrest made an initial appearance on a civil infraction charge. A pre-trial conference is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 9 in Magistrate Court.
- Shawn Menne made an initial appearance on a civil infraction charge. A pre-trial conference is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 9 in Magistrate Court.
- Avelino Morales made an initial appearance on a civil infraction charge. A pre-trial confer-

ence is set for 9:30 a.m. on July 9 in Magistrate Court.

Marshall County Courthouse

Property Transfers

June 24

- Tadback LLC to Jennifer J. and Michael D. Price, 2658G Reed Ave.
- Marie C. Pfantz to Marie C. Pfantz Revocable Trust, Marie C. Pfantz Trustee, 3341 Hart Ave., Melbourne
- The Estate of Bruce C. Gowdy to Levi Randall, 702 Butler St., Melbourne

June 20

- Indira Yurida Verninez Garcia to James D. Heddens Revocable Trust, James D. Heddens Trustee, 508 1/2 N. Second St.

Marshalltown Police Department Arrests

- On Tuesday, June 24, Andrew Dennis, 34, was arrested for criminal mischief-fifth degree.
- On Tuesday, June 24, Juan Hernandez, 49, was arrested on warrants.
- On Tuesday, June 24, John Keck, 58, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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