

# Construction complete: ImOn Communications lights up five communities with fiber internet

Submitted by ImOn Communications

Cedar Rapids and Southeast Iowa — Construction of ImOn Communications' 100% fiber internet network in Southeast Iowa is now complete, connecting nearly 30,000 homes and businesses in Burlington, West Burlington, Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant, and Keokuk. The completed network delivers ultra-

reliable fiber internet service with speeds up to 1 Gbps for homes and 10 Gbps for businesses.

Construction began in March of 2025 in Burlington and West Burlington and concluded in December with the completion of Mount Pleasant, representing a \$38.6 million investment in future-ready broadband infrastructure for the region.

"This was our most ambitious expansion project in company

history," said ImOn President and CEO Patrice Carroll. "Building fiber internet infrastructure in five communities in one year is no small feat — but this infrastructure will serve these communities for decades to come, with strong, reliable service and the potential for even more speed in the future to keep up with growing technology demands. To our new Southeast Iowa

customers: thank you for choosing ImOn, and welcome to the fiber family."

During this expansion, ImOn also acquired Danville Telecom, a fiber-optic telecommunications and broadband provider in the area since 1901. The Danville office now serves as ImOn's main hub in Southeast Iowa, providing technician support, network maintenance, and customer support to the surround-

ing communities.

"We've proudly served this area for generations, and we're excited to serve even more homes and businesses now through this expansion and acquisition," said Gena Parsons, Vice President and General Manager of Southeast Iowa. "We're growing our local team accordingly, too, to continue providing the highest quality customer support to our new, larger customer base."

In addition to Southeast Iowa, ImOn also provides fiber internet service in six other metro areas across three states: Cedar Rapids metro, Iowa City metro, Dubuque metro, Sioux City metro (Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota), Clinton metro, and Marshalltown.

For more information about ImOn Communications and its services, please visit [www.imon.net](http://www.imon.net).

## Rep. Helena Hayes submits nomination papers for re-election in Iowa House District 88

New Sharon — Rep. Helena Hayes officially submitted her nomination papers to run for re-election to the Iowa House of Representatives, representing District 88, which includes Mahaska, Keokuk, and Jefferson counties. Hayes has served as the Republican nominee in the Iowa House since 2023 and is seeking a third term.

"Five years ago, when I first ran for office, I told every person I met that Mahaska, Keokuk, and Jefferson counties are filled with conservative, biblically-minded people who want accurate representation in Des Moines," Hayes said. "Serving this district has been a tremendous

honor, and I am excited for this opportunity to continue representing these values as I seek re-election."

Beginning her first term, Hayes partnered with the Mahaska County Attorney to champion landmark legislation to criminalize the creation and distribution of harmful deepfake pornography. The bill garnered overwhelming bipartisan support in the legislature and was signed into law. This early testament to her proactive leadership continues in many other forms of legislation as she serves as a member on the following House committees: Education, Veterans Affairs, Workforce and Development, International Relations

and as Vice-Chair of the Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee.

Throughout her tenure, Rep. Hayes has remained steadfast in her commitment to conservative principles, defending the sanctity of life, strengthening families, and safeguarding constitutional rights.

A lifelong Iowan, Helena has been married to her husband Dan for 32 years. The couple have three grown children and two grandchildren. Her deep roots in family and community guide her service and drive her passion for positive, principled leadership. Connect with Rep. Hayes at <https://www.helenaforhouse.com/>



Rep. Helena Hayes

## Patriotic Panthers 4-H Club

The Patriotic Panthers 4-H Club met on February 11, 2026, at Prairie View Church. The meeting was called to order by President Colt Reed. Korbyn Cason, Carly Clarahan, Nicole Jacobs, and Cole Millikin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by 25 members. Secretary Cole Millikin read the minutes of the previous meeting. The Treasurer's report was given by Maci Crow.

Business discussed was the Valentines 4-H Fundraiser was on February 13 at 5 p.m.; Bottle Bucket Calf/Lamb/Goat check-in is due by April 30; County Youth Lock-In on Friday, February 27 from 6 p.m. to midnight; 2026 Keokuk County Expo Fairbook cover contest; Senior County Scholarships applications are due February 27; Senior Graduation Cords; Next meeting there will be guest speakers to help with CPR and first aid practice; Swine Weigh In is due March 28. The County Council Meeting was with Teagan Swearingen, Carley Clarahan, and Madison Fry.

The meeting was adjourned by Carley Clarahan and seconded by Cole Millikin. Sawyer Cason, Joshua Martin, and Colt Reed led the 4-H Creed. The next meeting will be held on March 11. The activities were led by Sharon Fritchen, Colten Voyles, Levi Voyles, and Maci Crow. Refreshments were served by Carley Clarahan and Joshua Martin.

Reported by: Samuel Loper, Club Reporter

**SUDOKU**

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**ANSWER:**

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4	8	5	1	7	2	3	9	6
6	7	2	9	3	1	5	8	7
1	9	8	7	2	5	6	4	3
5	4	3	4	8	6	9	2	1

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MOSPT

RMFEA

VILRDE

CEINTE

Answer here:

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers Tuesday

Tuesday's Jumbles: TINGE EXILE MAGPIE FINISH  
Answer: When it came to Edison's inventive thinking, the light bulb was a — SHINING EXAMPLE

## CRYPTOQUOTE

YSVOV FOV YAK AFHU KT  
VZVOYQCX KCV'U UYOVCXYS:  
KCV QU RNUSQCX EKAC, YSV  
KYSVO QU RNWWQCX NR.  
— MKKJVO Y. AFUSQCXYKC

TUESDAY'S ANSWER: THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SADNESS THAT CAN'T BE CURED BY BREAKFAST FOOD. — RON SWANSON, "PARKS AND RECREATION"

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sweeping story
  - 5 Oil unit
  - 11 Good quality
  - 12 Get even for
  - 13 Rara —
  - 14 Holmes's helper
  - 15 By hand
  - 17 Bungle
  - 18 Met work
  - 22 Metal fastener
  - 24 Link
  - 25 Salt Lake City player
  - 26 "60 Minutes" network
  - 27 Rugby scuffle
  - 30 Breakfast bread
  - 32 On that spot
  - 33 Poorly
  - 34 Some bar bottles
  - 38 Think back about
  - 41 Competent
  - 42 Singer Morissette
  - 43 Blast of wind
  - 44 Entertainer Rita
  - 45 Important times
- DOWN**
- 1 Unwanted email
  - 2 Edison's middle name
  - 3 Arthur's wife
  - 4 Promise
  - 5 Cry like a baby
  - 6 Arthur's final destination
  - 7 Enter anew
  - 8 Hosp. workers
  - 9 Sense of self
  - 10 Writer Deighton
  - 16 Gallery fill
  - 19 Arthur's sword
  - 20 Messages
  - 21 Helper: Abbr.
  - 22 Sign of disuse
  - 23 Long-ing
  - 28 Polished
  - 29 Arthur's adviser
  - 30 Light metal
  - 31 Geriatrics topic
  - 35 To boot
  - 36 "Frozen" queen
  - 37 Match makeup
  - 38 Flock father
  - 39 "Evil Woman" band
  - 40 Highway sight

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