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# Improvements planned at airport

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Efforts to relocate a portion of a Jackson County road near Maquoketa Municipal Airport are continuing with the project now in the study phase, the Maquoketa City Council was told recently.

Sue Sandberg, Maquoketa Airport Commission chairman, provided the council with an update of activities at the airport at the council's April 20 meeting.

Sandberg noted that the Federal Aviation Administration has determined that 134th Avenue lies too close to the north end of the airport's runway. The FAA has ordered that that portion of the county road be relocated to the west for safety reasons.

An environmental impact study estimated to cost \$813,000 is in progress, Sandberg said.

If the road is not relocated, she said the FAA will order that the runway be shortened to what essentially would be an unusable length for most aircraft that now use it, Sandberg said.

Along with the environmental study, the relocation project will require land acquisition, Sandberg said.

The gravel road extends south from Iowa 64 along the airport's west boundary and serves as the access road to the airport.

The Airport Commission, City Council and Jackson County Board of Supervisors held a joint work session at the airport last year to discuss the road relocation plans with the project engineer.

Along with the road relocation, Sandberg said the commission hopes to extend the 3,300-foot northwest-southeast runway by 500 feet at the north end.

She noted that an overrun that is not part of the usable portion of the runway would be resurfaced and converted to become part of the runway.

The land acquisition, construction of the road relocation and resurfacing the runway overrun is estimated to cost another \$1 million, Sandberg

She noted that 95 percent of the cost of that project will be paid by the FAA. The city will pay the remaining five percent.

In addition to that project, the commission is planning improvements to the former B-Cap building, which the city acquired about a year

She said the building is in poor condition. The commission is planning a project that includes replacing posts and the metal sides of the building at a cost of about \$15,000, making roof repairs costing about \$3,000 and approximately \$7,700 in repairs and improvements to the electrical system.

To finance that project, the commission will apply to the state in early May for a general aviation vertical infrastructure grant of \$26,000, which would pay 85 percent of the project. The city would pay the remaining 15 percent, or

Plans call for the B-Cap building, which for many years housed an aircraft painting business, to be made available for a business or used as a community hangar, Sandberg said. One aircraft owner currently is renting space in the building, she said.

"We don't know if we'll try to get a business in there or make it a community hangar or what for the long term. But the building does need to be fixed up to make it stable," Sandberg said.

She noted that the airport's T-hangars, which provide individual hangar spaces, are filled.

In addition, Sandberg said Chartaire, the airport's fixed-base operator owned and operated by Chuck Clayton, continues to offer charter air

Goodenow Upholstery, an aircraft upholstery business owned and operated by Frank Goode-

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2009 National Honor Society inductees were celebrated during a reception at Costello's Old Mill Reception Hall. Shown are, front row from left, Elizabeth Manning, Shannon Daurelle, Rachel Lopez, Jeni Schurbon, Alicia Filloon, Jordan Street, Ali Simpson, Heather Trenkamp, Addi Van Buer and Colton Feller. In back are Linda Keitel, Rvan Schwenker, Ellen Fuller, Hannah Thorson and Jill Heinrich, Katie Dirks, Kelsey Bollman, Evan Collister, Caitlin McLaughlin, Paige Schneweis and Jonathon Sneddon were absent at the time the photo was taken.

# NHS inductions take place at MCHS

Scholarship, character, service and leadership are the four pillars in which members of the National Honor Society must strive to fulfill.

Maquoketa Community High School students exemplifying these four pillars were inducted into the National Honor Society during a March 3 reception at Costello's Old Mill Reception Hall.

Five seniors and 16 juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society for 2009. Inductees included Kelsey Bollman, Addi Van Buer, Evan Collister, Shannon Daurelle, Katie Dirks, Colton Feller, Alicia Filloon, Ellen Fuller, Jill Heinrich, Linda Keitel and Rachel Lopez. Also, Elizabeth Manning, Caitlin McLaughlin, Jeni Schurbon, Paige Schneweis, Ryan Schwenker, Ali Simpson, Jonathon Sneddon, Jordan Street, Hannah Thorson and Heather Trenkamp,

The current members of the National Honor Society arranged the induction ceremony with the help of guest speaker Kurt Ullrich.

The four pillars were established with the Society's founding in 1921 by Edward Rynearson.

The scholarship pillar takes into account the academic life of a member. A member must possess a minimum grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Current member Dillon O'Connell addressed the guests on the importance of scholarship.

The second pillar that is looked at is character. Jennifer Ihrig expressed that character looks at the morals of a student as well as ethics. It also takes into account personality.

The third pillar is leadership. In order to meet this pillar, Addie Felten shared that a student must exhibit abilities to bring others together and lead them along a path of success. However, all