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Pat Keitel in her "pink garden," located at 1020 E. Grove Street in Maquoketa.

Pink theme blooms in Keitel's garden

BY LAUREN EHRLER

People passing by 1020 E. Grove St. may notice something special in Pat Keitel's front yard.

The avid gardener has planted a "pink garden" to honor those who have survived or died from all types of cancer.

Keitel began planting the garden this year and said she will definitely keep it going in future years.

Not only has she been adding pink and purple shades of flowers, she also has picked up pink ribbon decorations at garden suppliers as well as making some of her own decorations and painted benches and flowerpots to match.

"Whenever I was somewhere, my pink garden was always on my mind," Keitel said.

In honor of Relay for Life, Keitel also hung giant hand-crafted pink ribbons on her redbud tree and other bushes in her garden.

She has more than 15 types of flowers and plants in her garden that bloom at all different times during the season. Keitel's favorite bloomer right now is her pink rose bush.

MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

Rescue squad members recount moments following July 4 parade

By KELLY GERLACH

A 5-year-old girl couldn't wait to show Dr. Brent Pauls the special Fourth of July earrings she wore on her tiny earlobes.

"They're cute, hon," he told her, slipping into "Dad mode," reassuring her as he would one of his own four children.

This little girl, however, was a stranger he'd treated and accompanied by ambulance after she'd been trampled by spooked horses during the Bellevue Heritage Days parade July 4.

Pauls and his brother-in-law, Chad Steffen, serve on the Maquoketa Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Both men were sitting west of the Bellevue Fire Station, about four blocks from Riverview Street, watching the parade.

"We go to the parade every year. We both had our fire radios; we tend to carry it for something like this, though you never think you'll need it," Pauls said.

Everyone was having a good time until a radio call all but made the two men jump out of their seats, adrenaline just starting to pump, poised for action.

"You think, 'Gosh, is this something we need to help with?' But as a firefighter, you don't want to overstep bounds...start a boundary war (with the hometown department) as to who's going to respond first. But we both came up out of our chairs," Pauls said.

He said they never heard what happened in that initial call, only that an ambulance was needed.

But more emergency calls flooded in after that and Steffen and Pauls knew there was trouble.

"At that point we had no idea what had happened. You could tell the people around us were trying to listen in to the calls, hear what was happening."

What happened? Two spooked horses trampled 25 children and adults along the Heritage Days parade route on July 4. One person died in the accident.

"As more and more calls came in, we sprinted down the street. We were about four blocks from Riverview. We must've looked like idiots running

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BRENT PAULS



CHAD STEFFEN

Road relocation likely around Maquoketa Municipal Airport

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors this week reaffirmed its support of the proposed relocation of a portion of a county road near the Maquoketa Municipal Airport.

The supervisors on Monday night, July 12, said they continued to support the City of Maquoketa's efforts to relocate a portion of 134th Avenue to meet Federal Aviation Administration safety requirements.

The supervisors met jointly with the Maquoketa Airport Commission at the airport and received an updated report on the project.

The city is seeking to realign to the west the portion of 134th Avenue south of Iowa 64 that lies close to the north end of the airport's runway. The FAA has said the existing road lies too close to the end of runway 15.

Jerry Searle, an engineer with Snyder &

Associates Inc. of Ankeny, which is the project engineer, presented drawings showing the route of the proposed relocation.

The road would intersect with Iowa 64 at the location it does now. Instead of heading straight south, the road would curve to the west at the point it comes near the runway, then curve east and rejoin the present right-of-way near the main entrance to the airport.

Searle said the engineers have nearly completed an environmental assessment of the project and have found no adverse environmental concerns.

Searle presented a draft letter to the FAA's Kansas City office that says the supervisors will allow the relocation of the county road.

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