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## Lisbon approves needed repairs to brick wall

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The Lisbon City Council approved paint removal and needed repairs for the exterior brick wall of the Lisbon History

Center building at the March 13 meeting.  
The council unanimously voted, though council member Nathan Smith was not present. The council had tabled any action at the Feb. 27 meeting to

investigate a few options. City administrator Brandon Siggins said an assessor noted the building would remain in the 175,000 to \$200,000 assessed value ballpark, even if the council were to put the roughly

\$100,000 into removing paint and repairing the brick. The assessor noted those improvements would definitely help the curb appeal of the building. As the council considered putting exterior siding on the

building as an option, Lisbon Historic Preservation Commission members Rebecca Hess and Ann Opatz explained what would happen if the city default-  
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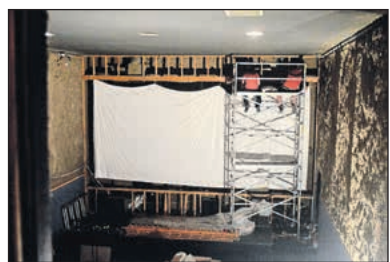
## New projector, screen arrive at Bijou

First nationwide opening for theatre is potentially Super Mario Bros. Movie

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The new projector for the Bijou Movie Theatre arrived and was installed Tuesday, March 14. For co-owner Chris Moore, it was a great birthday present to have a new projector back in house, ready to show movies again.

That being said, the theatre has a few smaller pieces of equipment to purchase this week to work with the new projector and be completely ready for movies. As well as a new projector, the theatre also purchased a new movie screen and drapes. Moore said the first movie that they will hopefully be having a nation premier/first run of will be Illumination Animation's "Super Mario Brothers Movie."  
"Hudson has been really

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Nathan Countryman | Staff photo  
Workers hang a new movie screen in the Bijou Movie Theatre Tuesday, March 14.

## Knitting time

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A small group took part in learning all about knitting Wednesday, March 13, at Cole Library. The activity was one of a handful of activities at Cole Library during spring break week at the library.

Other activities included Lego Lve on Tuesday and a movie on Monday morning. Cole Library director Cathy Boggs informed participants that by taking part in knitting, they were doing something youth at Amana take part in as well.

Clare Hoklotubbe noted that the project was sometimes hard, especially early on in learning how to do the stitching correctly. Boggs noted part of that struggle was that hands were too far back on the needles at the moment, and that stitches they were working on were more apt to undo because of that.

"It's just awkward for you right now, as you've not had a lot of time doing knitting," Boggs said. Roughly 30 minutes later as they started to see progress on their project, the attitude of the room had changed. "This is fun!" said Kathryn Luna.



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Kathryn Luna, Claire Hoklotubbe, Cathy Boggs, Lizzie Doyle and Fitz Doyle work on their knitting projects.



Kathryn Luna and Clare Hoklotubbe work with Cathy Boggs of Cole Library to figure out how to work on knitting their projects Wednesday, March 15.



Cornell College's Greg cotton works with Kathryn Luna to make sure she has the correct technique on knitting projects.

## Mechanicsville, Lisbon-Mount Vernon Ambulance service thanked for saving life

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Arlette Cox, 2, is back to her sassy self, following a medical scare March 5 that required the assistance of two local communities' ambulance services.

"That night was one of the worst nights of my life, and there's no way I can ever thank you for the work that you guys did to save my daughter," said Makayla Kamberling, Arlette's mother. Stephanie Kamberling, grandma to Arlette, also thanked the work of the mul-

iple agencies and the way they worked together to help respond to the call. Mechanicsville Ambulance Service got the page of a lethargic 2-year-old. Megan Nye was the first on scene for the call, and she took a detour from work at 9 p.m.

"When a mom meets you with a limp child, you immediately get to work and start calling for more aid," Kamberling said. That page included calling for a tiered response with Mount Vernon-Lisbon Ambulance.  
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Come witness a version of the Last Supper as written by a local author, and experience a moving drama as we begin the week of celebrating Easter. The short play "Among Friends" portrays what might have been said at the Last Supper giving us a true glance into the life of Jesus and his disciples. Be a "witness" to this moment of both true friendship and conflict as portrayed by your friends and neighbors.

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Among Friends:  
A Dramatic Adaptation of the  
Last Supper  
Sunday April 2nd at 7:00 pm

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon  
304 1st St. SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314