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lance Service.

"We were all at the station that night, which rarely happens, so we were able to respond to the scene quickly," Hanson said.

Ashley McCormick and other members of the Mechanicsville Ambulance Service worked at getting Arlette ready to transfer.

The crew tried to get airlift on standby, but that didn't work out.

That meant the crew was responding on ground from Mechanicsville to Iowa City hospitals.

Near Solon, the paramedics had to intubate Arlette to help with her breathing, as she was unconscious and showing low oxygen.

"Intubating a patient, especially a toddler, is not something you do very frequently," Hanson said. "It's a skill we learn and train for, but not something you do every call."

The crew got Arlette to the hospital emergency room, and that's usually all they ever know about a patient's journey.

"We don't usually get to hear how these cases we respond to resolve," Hanson said.

Hanson said that he had friends at the emergency room, and they checked in on how that case was going as much as they could.

On Monday, March 13, Arlette and her family got to visit with the first responders who saved her life and thank them for their work.

For Hanson and members of the ambulance crew, seeing Arlette and knowing she was on the road to recovery was the true win for the evening.

"I want you to know that the crew at the emergency room said that the first responders did everything correct in all the steps of getting Arlette



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**Arlette Cox, 2, selects a stuffed animal in the ambulance that she was a patient in the last time she was in, as members of the crew who rescued her, including Mason Hanson, watch on.**

to the hospital, and that your work on securing her airway is something they took advantage of," Kamberling said.

She also admitted that when Arlette was acting unusually, her biggest fear was the 911 call for help, but the crews talking her through every step when they were on scene really helped ease her.

Hanson said that's something he wants the public to not be afraid to do, as time means everything in these lifesaving instances.

"Do not hesitate to call 911," Hanson said. "We are here for those instances all the time."

As well, the crews from area ambulance services conduct training time together, so it's not just one community potentially responding, but crews from different communities working together on some of the more complex cases.

**BIJOU**, from page 1A



Nathan Countryman | Staff photo  
**Chris Moore and representatives of Sonic Equipment discuss the equipment still needed to get the projector working at the Bijou Movie Theatre Tuesday, March 14. A GoFundMe will be started soon for the theatre for the new projector.**

wanting to see that movie and is so upset that it isn't out in theatres right now," Moore said.

As well, the Bijou just launched their GoFundMe campaign to help purchase the new projector.

"We wanted to wait until this projector was finally in place so people wouldn't be worried that we had collected money and not had it installed yet," Moore said.

The delay for the theatre has been exacerbated by the silicone chip shortage in China over the last two

years.

There will be a few other movies before Super Mario Brothers hits the Bijou screen, but Moore wasn't sure what those would be as they work on replacing an older computer to help run items on the new projector.

The projector uses lasers to display images on the screen.

Sonic Equipment helped with the installation Monday and Tuesday in the community, and Friday was the day drapes were installed.

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