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Pipeline meeting tonight

Anhydrous Ammonia: Company to hold informational meeting at Small Grand Things

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

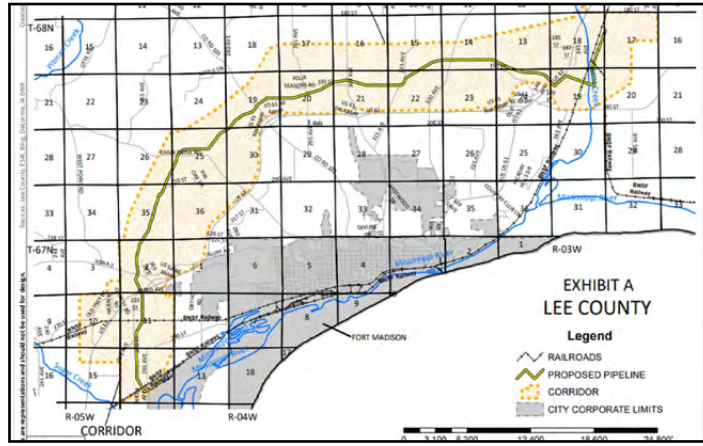
WEST POINT – A public information meeting about the anhydrous ammonia pipeline being proposed for Lee County is set for Tuesday night in West Point.

The venue will be Small Grand Things located at 1903 West Point Road, just south of West Point, at 6 p.m.

Lee County Supervisors Ron Fedler, Rich Harlow, and Matt Pflug plan to attend the meeting put on by NuStar with landowners.

“The pipeline company, NuStar, is going to have a meeting with landowners on the pipeline, which they are required by law to do, and I want to make sure I’m there to find out what’s going on,” Fedler said.

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A new 6-inch anhydrous ammonia pipeline is being proposed in Lee County north and west of the Hwy. 61 bypass. An informational meeting is being planned for Oct. 5 in West Point. Image courtesy of Lee County.

TIKTOK LICKS

Schools get tough on new TikTok games

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Recent vandalism that was produced as a result of dares on the social media channel TikTok has prompted school officials to get out in front of other expansions on the activity.

On Monday, superintendents from Central Lee and Fort Madison issued statements on any expanded activity that is surfacing through the social media outlet suggesting striking a teacher.

TikTok has taken steps to make the viral videos harder to find. Searching “devious licks” which surfaced in September that resulted in schools across the country, including Fort Madison, to be vandalized, turns up nothing on the outlet. The thrust of the vandalism was in bathrooms at public schools.

Dr. Andy Crozier, superintendent at Central Lee said the district hadn’t experienced any significant issues associated with the new trend, but wanted to be proactive with the issue.

Licks are slang for thefts, but the viral nature of the activity is now encompassing other criminal behavior

Crozier said shifting to a “challenge” of slapping a teacher will be met with serious consequences.

“Let me be very clear — this behavior would be a serious violation of our student conduct policy. In fact, it may be considered assault. Engaging in this behavior will result in a school suspension and possible expulsion. In some situations, there could be legal consequences,” he wrote in a release to parents Monday evening.

“There are several TikTok challenges planned for each month of the year. None of them are productive or healthy for students or adults. We ask that you speak with your children about the serious nature of this type of behavior. We also encourage you to monitor your children’s social media accounts and discuss the consequences of taking part in risky,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Ty Clute, “Raul” gets disoriented after getting a nip of the wedding rehearsal libations during the OFP’s “As Long As We Both Shall Live”. The show goes live this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Old Fort Players put on fall farcical folly Friday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – If you haven’t been to the Old Fort Players since they hit 40 years plus one this year, this

should be the show you go to. The OFP players put on “As Long As We Both Shall Live” with curtains going up starting Friday at 7:30 p.m. There is also a Saturday 7:30 p.m. show and a Sunday 2 p.m. show. The

encore will be Oct. 15-17 at the same times.

The theater couldn’t celebrate 40 years last year due to the pandemic

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM J. GROENE

William Joseph "Bill" Groene, age 55, of Keller, TX, passed away Monday, September 27, 2021. He was born on February 28, 1966, in Fort Madison, IA, the son of Lester Joseph and Barbara Ann (Pranger) Groene.

On February 15, 1992, Bill married Lisa Annette Stark in Princeton, Missouri. She survives of the home.



GROENE

Bill grew up in Donnellson, IA, and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, West Point, IA. He was a 1984 graduate of Central Lee CSD. He received a B.A. in education from Iowa State University in 1989 and later a Masters of Education from the University of North Texas and a Principal Certification from the University of Texas at Arlington.

He was a beloved and devoted high school teacher at Duncanville High School in Duncanville, TX, for 31 years, teaching ninth-grade Biology. Mr. Groene loved his students dearly and the Duncanville Panthers and Pantherettes.

Bill loved the Dallas Cowboys, watching his girls play soccer and basketball, fishing, playing games at Christmas time with his nieces and nephews, and his dog, Champ. Above all, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by his daughters, Hayden Annette Groene and Emerson Annette Groene, both of the home; sisters, Deb Krebill and Linda (Dennis) Krehbiel, both of Donnellson, IA; brothers, Greg (Anna) Groene, Leawood, KS and Rick (LeeAnn) Groene, Marion, IA. Bill touched many lives throughout his life of teaching and leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 2 at the United Methodist Church, Princeton, MO, under the direction of Roberson Funeral Home, Princeton, MO. Burial will follow in Early Cemetery, Mercer, MO. The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Duncanville Education Foundation in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 316, Princeton, MO 64673. To sign an online guestbook for Bill, please visit www.robersonfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

DONALD E. POOLE

Donald "Donnie" Eugene Poole, 65, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 11:23 a.m., Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Saint Lukes Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Born June 1, 1956 in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Robert E. and Edna (Gregory) Poole. He was united in marriage on September 14, 1974 to Cecelia Boyd in Farmington, Iowa.



POOLE

He is survived by his wife Cecelia; children: Tanya (Daniel) Harness, Revere, Missouri, Tammie Poole of Farmington, Iowa, Thomas (Ame) Poole of Farmington, Iowa, Trisha Poole of Farmington, Iowa, Terri (Jimmy) Vancil of Farmington, Iowa; grandchildren: Taylor and Christopher Pilcher, Ethan and Owen Harness, Trevor, Quinton, Mason, Gavin, Katerina, Wyatt, Sera, Gabriel Poole; siblings: Ronnie (Trisha) Poole of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Larry Poole of Bonaparte, Iowa, Bobby Poole of Burlington, Iowa, Virginia (Bill)

Glaha of Chariton, Iowa, Brad Smith of Mount Sterling, Iowa, Charlie (Kelly) Smith of Mount Sterling, Iowa, John Smith of Mount Sterling, Iowa; step siblings: Bill Smith of Oklahoma, Roger (Tina) Smith of Farmington, Iowa, Linda (Larry) Miller of Edgewood, Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Chad Smith.

Donnie served in the United States Navy for four years, worked for the City of Farmington for over 25 years and was a member of the Farmington American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time with friends and family, especially his grandchildren. When he retired he took up a new hobby, golfing.

A Celebration of Life will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the Farmington American Legion with full military rites.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Opinion/Iowa News

Global artist displays works in Washington studio

French artist and now Burlington resident Cecile Houel (pronounced “well”) has her art on display at Art Domestique, 118 S. Iowa Ave., in Washington for the month of October. She is perhaps best known for her project of painting the portraits of all the Nobel Peace Prize laureates. She recently completed her 21st portrait, which is Cresco, Iowa native Norman Borlaug. Her first portrait was Dr. Martin Luther King. She has 100 or so more portraits to go, and considers it, at age 57, a lifelong project.

She chooses her laureates randomly, does exhausting research of each to determine who they are and why they received the Nobel Peace Prize. She then completes a number of charcoal and/or pencil studies of them before she oil paints the final 4’ x 4’ portrait. She finds peace in this and believes art can contribute to world peace.

100% of her income is derived from art and teaching art. She has a spacious, mega studio and gallery in Burlington that is open to the public by appointment.

In addition to art sales and teaching, Houel also does commission work and has several sponsors and benefactors. (She’s the only

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



completely self-supporting artist I know.) And she is emphatically dedicated to her work, believing with a passion that she will succeed and be successful. Art is fun for her.

A few of the Nobel laureate portraits she has completed, in addition to Borlaug and King, are Liu Ziaobo, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Andrei Sakharov, Shirin Ebadi, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Annan, and Barack Obama.

Of course, painting Nobel laureate portraits is not her only art, by any stretch. Living in Burlington, she goes to the Mississippi River almost every morning, meditates, and collects driftwood, lotus blossoms and a variety of other river goodies, like corn stalks and floating shoes. (I’m serious.) With the driftwood, she makes beautiful, stunning wood sculptures. She might decorate the driftwood sculptures with dried, gold-painted lotus blossoms.



She dips the roots of the cornstalks in acrylic paint and uses them as brushes to make abstract paintings, even using the tips of driftwood sticks as brushes.

And the old shoes? Houel made a shoe sculpture out of shoes—one big shoe made of shoes. Her title: “All Together We Can Make One Big Step.” However, the shoe got so big and heavy she had to dismantle it. Anyone need shoes?

Her four main areas of art are: her God’s Feet Project, the Nobel Peace Prize Project, Pastels and Charcoals, and Driftwood Sculptures. The God’s Feet Project: In order to fulfill her spiritual quest, Cecile decided to bring to “God’s Feet” her creativity. She expresses her deepest inspiration on very large-scale murals and sculptures on the theme she calls “God’s feet,” developing multiple ideas around this theme, starting

with the four elements Earth, Water, Air and Fire.

Having been in the United States for 14 years, Houel has dual citizenship in France and America. She has studied under famous artists, and had shows and received awards all over the world. Her paintings hang in the Bereskin Gallery in Bettendorf year around.

Houel loves America, saying, “There is so much energy and freedom here.” She travels back and forth and teaches art classes in both France, where she has children and a grandchild, and the United States. She will be conducting classes in Quincy, IL soon, and a one week pastel workshop in Brittany, France in June, 2022, mixing American and French students.

For more information, go to her website www.cecilehouel.com. Drop into Art Domestique in Washington, and check out Cecile Houel’s paintings for yourself.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, find him on Facebook, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com, or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

Iowans to see moderate increase in SNAP program this month

(DES MOINES, Iowa) – Iowans receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) should be aware of some key changes to the program beginning in October.

Nearly all SNAP beneficiaries will see a modest increase in benefits this month to

account for a recent federal government review of the SNAP program that considers, among many factors, the increasing cost of eating a healthy diet and the changing eating habits of Americans.

The update resulted in an approximate 27 percent increase in benefits. However,

this change takes place at the same time a pandemic-related increase will end. The December 2020 COVID-19 federal relief bill included a 15 percent increase in SNAP benefits from January through September 2021.

“The net result of the changes is that

most Iowa families will see a \$12 to \$16 increase per person each month,” said Janee Harvey, Administrator for the Adult, Child, and Family Services Division at the Department of Human Services. “These changes are permanent and aren’t tied to pandemic programs.”

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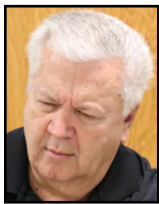


Sports/Local News

County may need expert for pipeline

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Fedler said he's been making contacts with his son in North Dakota who worked for Chippewa Resources who served as the county's inspector when the Dakota Pipeline was built in the county.



FEDLER

He said the county needs to hire an expert in this case, as well, due to the high pressure of the proposed pipeline as well as the hazardous material being pumped.

"This is hazardous material and the other thing is high pressure and they're talking 1,400 pounds per square inch.

Compare that to a car tire that is 35 and a semi with 90 psi and you get a comparison of what kind of pressure that is," Fedler said.

"That's where these lines take really skilled people that know how to weld these pipes together so they can take that kind of pressure. Neither the fertilizer company nor the pipeline want to not do it right, but somebody's got to watch the contractor."

He said the pipeline company will have its own specialist on the project as well. Fedler said typically the cost of those inspectors is absorbed by the pipeline company, and he said that process went smoothly for the county when Dakota came to the county.

"It's really important to protect landowners and put it in writing so they don't have any problems. I couldn't believe it. That's high, high pressure," Fedler said.

Lee County Engineer Ben Hull said the pipeline would be a 6-inch pipeline that would loop around Fort Madison coming out of the fertilizer plant. According to information provided to the board, the pipeline will have a maximum allowable operating pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch.

NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. out of San Antonio, Texas, is proposing to build the 14.5 mile pipeline around Fort Madison in the county. The pipeline would be built along a corridor north of the Hwy. 61 bypass and would run west through the county and then south from about Chalk Ridge Road west of Fort Madison to the BNSF railroad tracks near the Mississippi River.

Davis County spoils Central Lee Homecoming



BY PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON – Davis County jumped out to a quick 22-0 1st quarter lead as the Mustangs beat Central Lee 52-7 Friday night.

Davis County scored three touchdowns in the opening period and converted two 2-point conversions to set the tone for the Homecoming evening in Donnellson.

A pick-six started things in the second quarter for Davis County with about two minutes gone to make it 30-0. The Mustangs would add a field goal and another rushing touchdown before halftime to lead 41-0 and get a running clock to start the second half. Davis County would score again half way through the third period on a pass play and 2-point conversion for a 49-0 lead.

A Davis County field goal at the 5:47 mark of the final period was followed in the Hawk's next possession by a 35-yard touchdown pass from Kayden Calfee to Tanner DeMoss with 2:39 left in the game. Dante Merschman's extra point set the final score.

Calfee and Bryce Finney combined for 112 yards passing and the one touchdown. Freshman Chase Johnson led the Hawks on the ground with 31 yards on eight carries. DeMoss had 41 yards on two catches and the score.

Finney had 3.5 tackles on the night. Jonny Snider, Clayton Geerdes and Josh Hawk all had three tackles.

The Hawks fall to 0-6 on the year and travel to Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont on Friday.

Elks offers scholarship programs

FORT MADISON - The Elks Most Valuable Scholarship program for 2022 student graduates is accepting applications on or before November 15, 2021. National, district and one local scholarship will be awarded based on academics, leadership and financial need.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), at a U.S. college or university next school year.

Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citi-

zens of the United States are eligible to apply.

Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks.

Male and female students compete separately.

Apply through the Elks National website enf.elks.org/MVS. For details, contact Lin Cramer (lcramer@att.net), Loyal Knight for the Fort Madison Elks Lodge, Chapter 374. Information is also available through the local high school guidance counselors. Awards will be announced April 2022.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 13, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb and Rick Larkin. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the agenda with the addition of a request to replace a Fine Collection Administrator in the Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve hiring Mark Kle-sner as the Safety/Risk Management Director, \$70,000 annual salary, effective 9/13/2021. Motion Carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve replacing a Maintenance Worker III position in the Secondary Roads Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve hiring an additional part-time EMT and an additional part-time Paramedic for the Ambulance Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-88. Roll call: Fedler-aye,

Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
#2021 - 88**

Resolution for Amended Appropriations FY2022

Whereas, Resolution #2021-79, dated July 6, 2021 must be updated to correctly reflect the adjustments to appropriations for each of the different county officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors to amend Resolution #2021-79 as stated below:

LEE COUNTY IOWA Expenditures by Department FY2022 100%			
Department	Budget	Appropriation	Amended Appropriation
Board of Supervisors	1,239,518	1,264,773	1,239,518
Auditor	866,606	866,606	866,606
Treasurer	808,102	808,102	808,102
County Attorney	1,064,676	1,064,676	1,064,676
Sheriff	4,446,970	4,446,970	4,446,970
Recorder	579,874	579,874	579,874
Pioneer Cemetery	25,000	25,000	25,000
Safety/Risk Management	25,255	0	25,255
Secondary Roads	8,842,394	8,842,394	8,842,394
Veteran Affairs	130,247	130,247	130,247
Conservation	1,347,980	1,347,980	1,347,980
Board of Health	4,234,303	4,234,303	4,234,303
GR/CPC/Court/Comm. Housing	2,164,633	2,164,633	2,164,633
Human Services	78,058	78,058	78,058
Medical Examiner	200,000	200,000	200,000
Lee County EMS	3,239,884	3,239,884	3,239,884
Maintenance	677,610	677,610	677,610
Building Repair & Maintenance	532,095	532,095	532,095
Non-Departmental (Includes Transfers)	9,835,076	9,835,076	9,835,076
TOTAL	40,338,281	40,338,281	40,338,281

Dated this the 13th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve the replacement of a Correctional Officer in the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Application Form for the American Rescue Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve amending the focus

areas for the American Rescue Funds as follows:

County Projects(42%) Approximately \$2.73M
Broadband(30%)Approximately 1.95M

Housing(10%)Approximately \$650,000

Child Care(10%) Approximately \$650,000

Tourism (5%)Approximately \$325,000

Administration of Funds(3%)Approximately \$195,000.

Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Larkin, to approve hiring of an American Rescue Funds Administrator/Grant Writer. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to

approve Resolution #2021-89.

Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-89**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Shawn and Erica Kemper 1964 235th Avenue West Point IA 52656 For exemption from taxation according to the

provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa. PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2021. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chair-

man; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried. Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a promotion for Tessa Schroeder, from MIEC Family Support Worker \$17.51/hr. to 1st Five Site Coordinator \$23.21/

hr., effective 9/20/2021; a step increase for Amy Hayes, Child Care Nurse Consultant, from \$26.51/hr. to \$27.04/hr., effective 10/21/2021; a step increase for Bobbi Zinnert, Staff Nurse, from \$25.55/hr. to \$26.06/hr., effective 10/21/2021; a step increase for Michele Lozano, Environmental Inspector, from \$27.17/hr. to \$27.71/hr., effective 10/12/2021; a step increase for Margaret Cook, Social Worker, from \$29.22/hr. to \$29.80/hr., effective 10/8/2021; a step increase for Janie Johnson, Service Coordinator, from \$23.18/hr. to \$23.64/hr., effective

10/8/2021; a step increase for Jamee Hudson, MCAH Coordinator, from \$25.11/hr. to \$25.61/hr., effective 10/1/2021; a step increase for Michele Ross, Administrator, from \$41.83/hr. to \$42.67/hr., effective 10/1/2021; a new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Ryan Robinson, Correctional Officer, \$18.11/hr., effective 9/13/2021; a transfer for Secondary Roads employee Jacob Frueh, from Maintenance Class III \$26.56/hr., to Maintenance Class II \$23.16/hr., effective 9/13/2021, a step increase for Peggy Ross, Real Estate Tech II, from \$17.64/hr., to \$18.15/hr., effective 10/5/2021 and approval to replace the Fine Collection Administrator for the Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

meeting, a Mental Health meeting, Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting and the Rescue Plan Committee meeting. At 9:52 a.m. a motion was made by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Matt Pflug, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

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Candidates must minimally be 20 years of age and have a high school diploma. Must also have an acceptable background history and valid driver's license. Will be required to successfully complete a POST exam and physical agility test in Fort Madison to enter the process. Testing standards can be found on the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy website at leatraining.org. Noncertified applicants must attend the four-month academy paid for by the department.

TO APPLY: Contact jgray@fortmadisonpd.com or pick up an application packet at our lobby M-F 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Application deadline is October 22, 2021 at 4:30 PM.



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This person will accompany the choir for the 9:00am traditional worship service. A strong candidate will have experience in accompanying and have knowledge of a wide variety of musical styles. Piano/keyboard proficiency required. Candidate must have good organizational skills and have music prepared for practice held each Wednesday evening (September-May). Candidate will collaborate with both the Choir director and support First Christian Church's music ministry.

Please send cover letter and resume to First Christian Church Attn: Personnel Committee 3476 Main Street Keokuk, IA 52632

NOW HIRING Lee County

Lee County is seeking a qualified applicant for the position of American Rescue Plan Act Funds Administrator/Grant Writer. Work involves oversight of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") funds, planning and coordinating County grant functions, including grant management and reporting for departments. Seek, identify, and research available grant resources. Work closely with County departments/offices to develop, write, and submit grant proposals.

Application form, background check documents and job description can be downloaded at www.leecounty.org or may be obtained at the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H Fort Madison Iowa or by calling the Auditor's Office at 319-372-3705

Completed application and background check documents should be sent or delivered to Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor, 933 Avenue H, P.O. Box 190, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 or emailed to dfraise@leecounty.org. IPERS and benefits available. All applications should be received by the Auditor's office by 4:30 PM on Friday, October 1, 2021.

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NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

Office Manager

Lee County Attorney's Office Keokuk, Iowa

Lee County Attorney's Office has an immediate opening for the Office Manager position (full-time, salary based).

The position's successful applicant is preferred (but not required) to have the following:

1. Experience involving business management; human resources and personnel management; legal secretarial or stenographic work; completion of some college level office professional courses; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined herein.
2. Knowledge of legal terminology, legal format, and legal forms.
3. Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures, and equipment.
4. Knowledge of computer software and navigation of governmental websites.
5. Knowledge how to obtain public information.
6. Knowledge of how to efficiently manage a modern office, including use of technology and equipment.
7. Ability to prepare accurate and timely documents, correspondence, and reports.
8. Ability to utilize independent judgment and discretion in office management and administration of collections program.
9. Ability to communicate with others using tact and diplomacy and to deescalate disputes with dissatisfied attorneys, law enforcement, co-workers and members of the public.
10. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with attorneys, law enforcement personnel, other governmental agencies, co-workers and members of the public.
11. Ability to organize, prepare, and maintain a large filing system of current and closed files.
12. Ability to utilize good judgment in personnel issues.
13. Ability to maintain accurate and thorough records.
14. Ability to recognize and implement cost effective measures for running an office.
15. Ability to think strategically about future vision and strategy for the office budget and programs.
16. Utilize Microsoft Office and Microsoft Excel.

See Lee County website for job description. www.leecounty.org.

The starting salary is \$44,000.00 to \$48,000.00 commensurate with experience. The County offers an excellent benefits package.

The deadline for submitting a resume is Friday, October 15, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

Please send resume to Ross Braden 710 Avenue F, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or e-mail rbraden@leecounty.org



Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of August 2021, a Manure Management Annual Update for Pieper Inc. in Green Bay Township and a Manure Management Annual Update for Mehmert Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township. Committee Reports: Larkin reported on the Safety Director interviews. Seyb reported on a Rescue Plan Committee meeting, reported that he was unable to attend the Pioneer Cemetery Committee meeting, and brought the board up to date on the Redistricting Committee. Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial District meeting, a RUSS

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From the Front

School officials warn of TikTok antics

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dangerous, or illegal social media challenges.”

Crozier said there are apps that help parents monitor their children’s activity when using their smartphones and encouraged parents to read an article at the following link: <https://www.safewise.com/resources/parental-control-filters-buyers-guide/>.

Dr. Erin Slater of Fort Madison Community School District said any poor choices following the challenges will not be tolerated.

“Unfortunately, the effect that social media has on our youth in this case is negatively impacting the ability to focus on our educational goals. Any behaviors similar to those noted above will not be tolerated,” Slater wrote.

“Should vandalism, poor choices, physical aggression, etc. occur, students who are identified will receive disciplinary consequences up to, and including referrals to the Fort Madison Police Department for

criminal acts such as destruction of property, assault, disorderly conduct, etc.

“These are not actions that we take lightly. Our goals continue to be: (1) All students in FMCS D will learn through a rigorous curriculum with an emphasis on higher order thinking skills in order to solve complex problems and (2) All students in FMCS D will be prepared with the necessary life and social skills for success after graduation.”

OFF plays gives out the giggles

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lockdown, so they are celebrating their 41st anniversary this year with shows in the fall, winter and spring.

But this month’s folly is a funny whodunnit with the backdrop of a couple who falls in love at a chance meeting over a car repair.

The storyline jumps to the couple’s wedding where a lush mother-in-law has it in for the bride-to-be, a southern belle who scores a perfect SAT and is the wrong target for a scam.

Sydney Amberger plays Addison Ashe in the six scene, two act farse. Ashe dotes on the groom after she helps him get his car running after a minor break down. The smitten couple then have to deal with a Richar Abel’s Mrs. Wilcox, the matriarch nipper who will do anything to protect her son, and more importantly the family fortune.

But things get out of sorts when a wedding planner, played by OFF veteran board member, construction man and performer Ty Clute shows up. Clute plays a quadruple threat and lets his comfort on the stage come through in multiple rolls with ease.

If body language speaks to anything, this guy brings physical comedy to the role(s) and relates well with the audience.

Sterling Barnes is becoming a regular on the stage at the playhouse in downtown Fort Madison. He’s getting more and more comfortable with roles and plays Addison’s husband-to-be James “Jamie” Wilcox. Wilcox is just short of the trust-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Ty Clute and Sterling Barnes take their places in a Monday dress rehearsal, while Clute demonstrates a dance.

worthy husband, following in the family business in more ways the one.

Michael Reed Randolph wraps up the cast as a “dark” Rev. Mountain character that moves the cast through the warmup and eventual wedding ceremony. Randolph tries to keep the wedding rehearsal moving along, but some champagne and dancing find an unhappy and unceremonious ending, as the script goes from celebration to investigation with laughs and one-liners almost as

criminal as the storyline itself.

The play was written by Sean Grennan and is produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, seniors/military vets \$12 and students 5-17 \$10 and are available at www.oldfortplay-ers.com or by calling 319-372-9559.

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