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State CERT teams drill at ISP

OLD ISP: Three-day training focuses on emergency preparedness at state prisons



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Two DOC Correctional officers run through a drill at the firing range as part of the state's 3-day CERT Team emergency preparedness drills in Fort Madison. Below, CERT team members subdue "offenders" in a "tier cleaning" drill in a former ISP cellblock.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – State officials were happy to trek to the southeast corner of the state this week for the first emergency response training in more than two years.

Iowa Department of Corrections' Correctional Emergency Reponse teams, numbering more than 100 statewide, made the trip to the old Iowa State Penitentiary Grounds for multi-level training modules including weapons training, classroom training, riot response and inmate de-escalation, and cell extractions.

Brian Foster, DOC's newly appointed Security Operations Director, was on hand, as was DOC Deputy Director, and former ISP Warden, Randy Gibbs. Foster was hired in May and has extensive multi-state experience in prison security. His appointment came on the heels of two murders that took place at the hands of two inmates at Anamosa State Prison.

Foster said COVID had prevented any of this type of training over the past year.

"Typically we do this kind of thing annually, but COVID kept us from doing it last year. It's just an important part of training and it's good we can get back at it," he said.

ISP Deputy Warden Doug Bolten said this is a no-score emergency preparedness event. Fort Dodge hosts a competi-



tion every year in the fall for CERT teams.

"This is basically an emergency preparedness Incident Command System drill for CERT teams," Bolten said. "We have many training objectives, but yesterday right out of the box we tested how our team leaders and team leadership is communicating and briefing their people."

He said the annual training is to prepare for situations that staff hopes will never need to be used. Internally each center

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pipeline group to start working on land deals

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Now that the mandated public information meeting is checked off, land agents working with a Texas pipeline company can start negotiating for land easement rights for a 14-mile anhydrous ammonia pipeline extension in the county.

NuStar Pipeline Operations Partnership L.P. spoke to about 130 people at Small Grand Things south of West Point for about two hours Tuesday night as part of a required public information meeting moderated by Geri Huser, chairman of the Iowa Utilities Board.

The meeting is a requirement under Iowa Code before any land negotiations can take place, or before NuStar can even file a permit with the state for the pipeline extension. According to Iowa Code, NuStar cannot petition the IUB for a permit until 30 days after Tuesday's hearing.

After the petition is filed, a two-week publication runs in a local paper in the county affected. That notice will lay out the time, date, and location of a required evidentiary hearing, where landowners can present evidence to the IUB in favor of or opposed to the proposed project.

The IUB's decision is based on the record created at that evidentiary hearing.

The company already has 8-inch piping in the south part of the county up to Fort Madison. This new extension would include a 6 inch pipe that would run along a corridor similar to the Hwy. 61 bypass around from the west side of Fort Madison to the north, and then east to IFC

The pipe will have a maximum pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch.

Robb Aultman, the plant manager at IFCo, said the new pipeline will be reversible at the connection to the plant so that Iowa Fertilizer can add extra anhydrous ammonia to the line in the event the plant has over production, as well as drawing from the line during needed times if production is low to continue to fill trucks locally.

He said the new pipeline extension will help IFCo provide more of the needed fer-

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DANIEL C. HAFFNER

Daniel Carl "Danny" Haffner, 86, of rural Farmington, Iowa, passed away Saturday, October 2, 2021, at his home in rural Farmington.

He was born on July 19, 1935, at his childhood home in rural Farmington, Iowa, the son of Carl D. and Irene (Shoemaker) Haffner. On July 10, 1960, he married Carol Jean "Jeanie" Buck at the Santa Fe United Methodist Church in Fort Madison, Iowa.



HAFFNER

He is survived by his children: one son Tony Haffner of Fort Madison, Iowa; one daughter Dana (Vernon) Hoskins of New London, Iowa; siblings: Geraldine Watkins of Fort Madison, Iowa, Ramona Mills of Fort Collins, Colorado; Joe (Linda) Haffner of Farmington, Iowa; brother-in-law: Guy Mills of Burlington, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: the love of his life of fifty-three years Jeanie; siblings: Winona Mills, Larita (Don) Gibbs and Wanda Wilken; brothers-in-law: Lyle Mills and Wendall Watkins

Danny was a graduate of Farmington High School. He was a member of Sharon Presbyterian Church. The early days of farming with his parents and siblings led to Danny and Jeanie's farming on their own and eventual expansion into the transportation business. Starting with just one truck, the business grew to half a dozen. The two continued to grow their farming and trucking operation into a thriving success with the help of Danny's drive to achieve and his persistent work ethic. Their love for one another showed and was a constant as they were inseparable in all they did. A passion for Peterbilt trucks and Minneapolis Moline tractors kept Danny busy and this was passed down to his son, Tony. While many derive pleasure from vacations and time off, Danny found his pleasure in hard work and working with his hands. A master of the "farmer fix" and his ability to do nearly anything mechanical was a trademark of his. An avid automobile enthusiast, he enjoyed racing his 1957 Corvette back in the day. Since then he has continued to enjoy the original classic cars he has collected over the years. Danny loved drinking coffee and talking shop with about anyone. His sense of humor and jokes were contagious and put a smile on so many faces. He was a devoted husband, family man and friend to many. Danny has left us with a tear in our eye, but with so very many memories to smile about. From an incredible family vacation in 1976 to the construction of a new home, and many other achievements, he has truly left his mark in this world.

Friends may call from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 7, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 8, 2021, at Sharon Cemetery in rural Farmington, Iowa with Reverend Nancy Love officiating.

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.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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OBITUARIES

JOHN H. SHRIVER

John H. Shriver, 83, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. He was born on April 8, 1938 in Azen, MO to Wesley & Mary Ellen Robertson Shriver. He graduated from



SHRIVER

Granger High School in 1957. He took Jan out on her first date and became high school sweethearts immediately. He was lucky enough to land her for his bride and they just celebrated 62 years of marriage in June. He came to Fort Madison to work at a dairy and then worked for the Fort Madison Water Department, North Central Public Service, had his own business John's Siding and Window for over 30 years.

He enjoyed attending the Rodeo every year and loved to wake his family up at the crack of dawn to head to Colorado every summer so he could see "those mountains". He enjoyed working in his garden and giving away most of his produce to family and friends. I think the whole town knew him from his amazing Christmas decorations on his house. John loved to joke with everyone and would say anything to get a laugh.

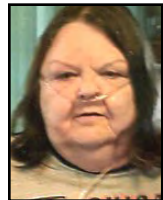
John is survived by: his wife: Janet Shriver of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Judy (Clayton) Holden of Wever, IA, Jenni (Mark) Wise of Fort Madison, IA & Julie (Dean) Hoschek originally of Burlington, IA; 4-grandchildren: Jeffrey, Jannelle, Anthony & Lexie; 9-great grandchildren: Isabelle, Kinnick, Drew, Carver, Nathan, Cooper, Allison, Amelia & Aydan; his best friend and golf buddy: Don Walters of Fort Madison, IA & his beloved dog, Trixie. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-half sister: Helen Bryson & 1-half brother: Delmar Shriver.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor John Heyland officiating. Masks not required but requested. Memorials have been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter or American Cancer Society. Online condolences to John's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

SHARLA S. GERDOM

Sharla Sue Gerdome, 73, of Dallas City, Illinois passed away Friday, October 1, 2021 at the Roseville Rehabilitation & Health Care.

Sharla was born on January 24, 1948 in Edina, Missouri, the daughter of George W. and Mary (Hensley) Welch. On September 21, 1990 she married Fred Gerdome at the Durham United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on June 20, 2007. Mrs. Gerdome was a graduate of the Dallas City High School. She worked for JI Case, Burlington, for over 20 years. She also worked at the Pink Tavern, Lomax, Illinois, for several years. She was a member of the Durham United Methodist Church.



GERDOM

Survivors include two sons: David (Wendi) Worley of Dallas City and Darin Worley of Burlington, Iowa; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and one sister: Janis Morin of Des Moines, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father: Emery Harris, husband and one brother: Jack Welch.

A private burial will be held in the Carman Cemetery, Carman, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established for the PAW Animal Shelter in Fort Madison. Memorials may be sent to the Sharla Gerdome Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330.

To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Sharla's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



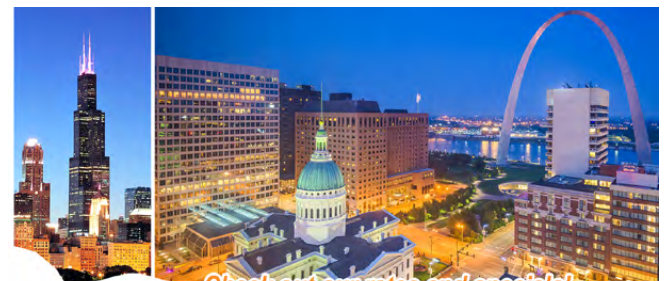
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Local News/Education News

Houdini, train history on tap at FM library in October

BY SARAH CLENDINENG
Fort Madison Public Library Director

FORT MADISON – Duffy Hudson brings Harry Houdini to life at the Fort Madison Public Library

Harry Houdini was born in Hungary in 1874 and came to the United States with his family in 1878 at the age of 4. Houdini began his career in 1891 as a vaudeville escape artist and illusionist. He would go on to travel Europe and awe crowds with acts that included chains, ropes hung from skyscrapers and underwater escapes.

In this fascinating one-man show, The Great Houdini will share his secrets of success, his obsession with magic and the occult, and the amazing stunts that drove him to an early grave.

Will the show include elements of Houdini's life? Of course it will.

Will the show include escapes and magic? Of course it will.

Will the show captivate the young, the old, and everyone in between? Of course it will.

Will the show reveal all of Houdini's secrets? Well, you will have to watch won't you?

Learn more about the life of this amazing illusionist at the Fort Madison Public Library on Thursday, October 28 at 1:30 pm.

Chester S. Gross Collection: Trains Galore

Rudy Daniels' presentation on October 1 taught me how much Iowa and Iowans shaped the development of railroads as they spread across the country. Even more so, Fort Madison has a key place in railroad history, as one of the few places in Iowa where trains could cross the Mississippi River.

If you want to learn more about trains, and train histo-

ry, take a look at the C.S. Gross Collection at the library. Chester S. Gross had a large collection of books about trains and railroad history which his grandson, Michael Gross, donated to the library. These books are currently located in the special collections room in the southeast corner of the library. While the books donated by the Gross Family are the core of the collection the library has also added new materials to it over the years. In the Gross collection, you will, of course, find books on local railroads such as the Burlington Northern, the Santa Fe and the C, B & Q. However, there are also books on other railroads across the country and Canada as well as technical train books and books about train cars and engines. Looking for model railroad help? There are books on that, too, along with railroad collectibles.

If you are interested in trains, take some time to peruse this section. Some of the books are for reference only but many can be checked out and taken home for more in-depth reading.

October Book Recommendations from Library Board Member Kathy Burkhardt

The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater (YA F STI)

Wish You Were Here by Rita Mae Brown and Sneaky Pie Brown (MYS F BRO)

Old Bones by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (F PRE)

The Archived by (YA F SCH)

11/22/63 by Stephen King (F KIN)

Practical Magic by Alice Hoffman (F HOF)

Midnight Crossroad by Charlaune Harris (F HAR)

And one from the library director:

Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury (F BRA)

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library – For the safety of library employees and other patrons, please do not come to library programs if you feel ill, have a fever or are waiting on the results of a coronavirus test. The library is still offering curbside book pick-up if you need something to read, watch or listen to but want to keep your community healthy by temporarily quarantining.

The Library will be closed on Monday, October 11 for a staff work day.

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour – Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Thursday Crafternoon – Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14-adult. This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month. October will be a chance to work on a spooky wreath and other Halloween décor.

Hang Teen – Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 (except for October 19) for ages 12-19.

Minecraft – 3:30-5:00, ages 9-18 on Mondays.

Wacky Wednesday – School is out early October 20. Stop by the library between 1:30 to 2:30 pm to make your own monster.

All Booked Up! – The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, November 4, we will be discussing "The Black Dahlia" by James Ellroy.

Cook the Book – We're back in the kitchen and sharing all kinds of yummy food. This month's cookbook is "Better Homes and Gardens Soups Salads and Sandwiches" and is available at the library. Pick a recipe and prepare it to share with the group on October 12 at 5:30 pm. In November, we'll be picking recipes from "Cookie Classics".

IPPA leadership team applications open

CLIVE – Young Iowans with a passion for the pork industry are invited to apply for the 2022 Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) Youth Leadership Team.

Applications are due Nov. 30 for interested high school seniors and college students (up to age 21, as of Jan. 1, 2022). Those who meet the requirements will then compete for three positions—Iowa Pork Queen and two Premier Pork Youth Ambassadors—during Iowa Pork Congress in Des Moines in January.

Candidates will be judged on their knowledge of pork and pig production, as shown in a speech presentation, interviews, and a written test about the topics. Their previous community involvement and experience are also considered.

The female contestant with the highest score will be crowned queen, while the top remaining contestants, male or female, are named ambassadors. They each receive a \$4,000 scholarship and plaque noting their award.

Throughout 2022, the IPPA Youth Leadership Team will assist with pork promotional and educational activities, from county events around Iowa to the Iowa State Fair and World Pork Expo.

The online application and details about the program can be found at <https://www.iowapork.org/iowa-pork-youth-team/iowa-premier-pork-youth-ambassador-contest/>.

Current members of the Youth Leadership Team are Leah Marek, Riverside; Paige Dagele, Sanborn; and Reagan Gibson, Panorama.

FMCS D looking for 2021-22 SIAC volunteers

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community School District is looking for volunteers to serve on the district's School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) for the 2021-2022 school year. SIAC is a committee that is comprised of students, parents, teachers, administrators and representatives from the local community. The purpose of the SIAC is to review progress, goals and educational needs of the district.

The SIAC group meets 2-3 times per year and then presents its recommendations to the school board at the April or May board meeting.

Please email Michelle Huppenbauer at michelle.huppenbauer@fmcisd.org or call (319) 372-7252 and push the (*) key for Michelle's extension if you are interested in joining the School Improvement Advisory Committee.

Fort Madison Family YMCA's

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Hounds split in tourney opener

BY PCC SPORTS

MT. PLEASANT – The Fort Madison girls volleyball team split in the opening night of the Southeast Conference tournament Tuesday night in Mt. Pleasant.

The Bloodhounds knocked off Fairfield 25-12, 25-17 serving 93% for the match and converting 24 kills with only two hitting errors.

Eve Ruble had eight kills, while Alaina Simpson and Anna Lynk each added seven. Molly Knipe was 7 of 7 serving with a couple aces and 18 assists. Lynk was 11 of 12 serving

with two aces. Madison Pirri had 12 digs and Simpson had 11.

The Hounds then lost to Mt. Pleasant 25-17 25-14. Lynk had eight kills and the Hounds got another strong service match. Lauryn Helmick was six of six and Pirri had nine digs. Knipe and Ruble each had seven digs.

The Hounds move to 7-17 on the year and play in the Durant Tournament on Saturday before finishing up the conference tournament on Tuesday night at Fairfield. Fort Madison will tangle with Burlington, Washington and Keokuk Tuesday night.

Teen Driver Safety Week Oct. 17-23

National Teen Driver Safety Week is October 17-23, 2021—the perfect opportunity to talk with teens about safe driving habits. This year, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is teaming up with the Fort Madison Police Department to help empower parents to discuss the importance of driving safety with their young drivers. Don't hand over the keys until the teen knows the Rules for the Road. Ultimately, parents are in control.

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for

teens (15-18 years old) in the United States.

Parents play a critical role in teen driver safety in their ability to consistently communicate important driving information. It is important to have a talk to your teen about the following:

- Impaired Driving, which includes drinking and marijuana use—This impairs the driver's ability to respond to their surroundings

- Seat Belt Safety—Convey that this is the simplest way for teens to stay safe in a vehicle

- Distracted Driving—Cell phone use while driving is more than just risky—it

can be deadly. Clarify to your teen that any cell phone use (texting, talking or any social media is unacceptable)

- Speed limits--Speeding is critical for all drivers, especially for teens who are less experienced.

- Passengers—The likelihood of teen drivers engaging in risky behavior triples when traveling with multiple passengers

The Government Traffic Safety Bureau and the Fort Madison Police Department hope parents will start the conversation about safe driving during National Teen Driver Safety Week .

CURRENT-LEE

The following is a listing of events in the north Lee County area that have been submitted to Pen City Current.

Denmark God's Portion Day

The Denmark United Church of Christ's God's Portion Day will be held Oct. 9 with opening ceremonies at 10:15 a.m. Booths will be open from 10:20 to 11:45 and chicken noodle dinner drive up begins at noon. The annual parade will start at 10:30 a.m. with a live auction starting at noon at the shelter weather permitting. There is also a cash raffle with \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

Newberry Center Cookie Decorating

The Madison will be hosting a Cookie Decorating class starting at 1:15 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the center on Avenue G in Fort Madison. The class is free and is hosted by Bake-A-Wish by Cathy.

Senior BINGO

The Newberry Center is offering BINGO to those 60 and older every Tuesday starting at 1:15 p.m. Cards are .25 each and there are 10 games per week. Money and prizes are awarded with a special prize on the 10th game. The event is hosted by The Madison.

Old Fort Players

As Long As We Both Shall Live will take the stage on Oct. 8-10 and 15-17. The wedding day whodunnit will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for adults, seniors/military vets \$12 and students 5-17 \$10 and are available at www.oldfortplayers.com or by calling 319-372-9559.

Family Fun Day at Old Settlers Park

The 6th annual family fun day is planned for Oct. 30 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Business and families are encouraged to reserve a picnic table and hand out treats in a safe controlled environment. Call Sheryl Decker at 372-7813 to reserve a table. Rain date is Oct. 31 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All friends, neighbors and businesses are invited.

Miles & Memories

The 14th annual Miles & Memories 5K Run/Walk is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 on the Great River Health campus 1221 S. Gear Ave, presented by Two Rivers Financial Group The event supports Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice and Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House. Online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/MilesMemories>. Entry fee is \$15 up to 12 years of age and \$25 for 13 and older. After Oct. 16, entry fees will increase by \$5 and shirts are not guaranteed.

Parade of Lights Work Nights

The Parade of Lights committee will begin working on parade floats Monday, Oct. 4, at the warehouse on the south side of 12th Street and Avenue I. Work nights will continue each Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. until Nov. 26. Volunteers can enter on the south side of the building.

All Booked Up

The Fort Madison Public Library's All Booked Up will meet Thursday Oct. 7 to discuss "Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption by Stephen King at the library.

Paint with a local artist

The Madison is hosting a painting session with a local artist on Dec. 10 at 1:15 p.m. presented by Fort Madison Area Arts Association. The event is free and canvas and paints will be provided at the Newberry Senior Center in downtown Fort Madison.

SCC Great Tastes

SCC Community College Foundation will be hosting this annual event on Nov. 5 at Pzazz Event Center starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. 8-person tables can be purchased for \$500. Early bidding starts Oct. 22. Proceeds benefit the SCC Foundation scholarships. Call 319-208-5065 for more details

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From the Front

Residents plan to file comments on IUB pipeline docket

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tilizer it creates to local farmers.

Landowners were able to ask questions about the impact of a 75-foot construction path through the county on individual property.

Coette Gida, a property owner on the northwest side of the corridor, said the pipeline will cut across her property and the work proposed would affect about 30% of her property, including a pond and some organic crops she is considering planting.

Gida said she didn't get the answers Tuesday she was looking for.

"They're gonna take 1/3 of my property. So, no, they said they didn't know the answers and they would have to look into it," Gida said.

She asked how the pond would be affected by the construction of the pipeline, which typically is set about four feet under ground. She also wanted to know the impact on organic crops.

Lee County Supervisor Chairman Matt Pflug was at the meeting and said it was similar to the informational meeting that Dakota Pipeline held before they built that pipeline through the county.

"We went through all this with the Dakota Access Pipeline, so a lot of this we've already heard," Pflug said. "But we were very blessed to have Chippewa Resources inspecting that work for the county. They were so good with the landowners."

The county will again have to hire an independent inspector to oversee construction and make sure private county residents in the corridor are made whole by the pipeline company for any disturbance to the land.

The cost of the county's inspector is covered by the pipeline company.

Pflug said he wasn't aware of how the additional section of pipeline would impact the county's valuation, or the value of the private property. He also said the pressure in the pipe was concerning to him.

"What does that do to the valuation of the individual properties. If you go to sell that property and you say, 'well, I've got this gas line running through here' - is it as marketable? And you're talking about a lot more psi going through this pipe than Dakota. 1,400 is a lot," Pflug said.

Other questions focused on the environmental impact, the impact to farmers on the CRP contracts, and how safety training will be conducted and paid for.

NuStar spokesman Gary Koegeboehn said the company has pressure monitors at set locations along the pipeline and can shut sections down in a matter of minutes if a leak, or sudden drop in pressure, is alerted in the system monitoring.

He said there are already protocols in place for emergencies and trainings due to the county already having anhydrous piping present.

The proposed timeline is for the easement acquisition to take place this fall. In the spring of 2022 NuStar plans to file the permit with the IUB with construction set to begin in Summer of 2023 and the pipeline in service by fall of 2023.

NuStar plans to maintain a permanent 30-foot easement after construction and is planning on paying property owners 100% of the valuation of that property, with 10%



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

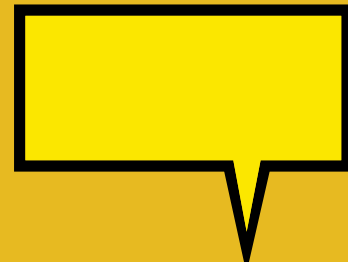
Lee County Supervisor Rich Harlow looks at some topographical maps at Tuesday's informational meeting on the NuStar anhydrous ammonia pipeline extension in Lee County.

up front and 90% when construction starts.

They will also offer a payment equal to 20% of the valuation for temporary easements during construction.

Crop damage will be paid equal to 240% of damage,

with payments in the first year equaling 100% of crop loss, 80% for crop loss in year two and 60% for crop loss in year three. They also will include payments for unanticipated damages to drain tile, fencing or injury/loss of livestock.



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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.

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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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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:

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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.

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The Madison's Community Relations Director Brian Wright took Fort Madison Police staff out for coffee and doughnuts on National Coffee with a Cop Day Wednesday at Swed & Co in downtown Fort Madison.

FMHS Green Team helps spruce up Old Settlers

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Last weekend, the Fort Madison High School Green Team weeded the Old Settlers Park bandstand as a service project of the environmentally friendly student run club.

Kay Petersen, and John McCannon – both teachers at FMHS – worked with students to clear the

weeds and brush around the base to prepare for fall and Old Settlers HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK on October 30 from 3-5 pm and for the upcoming Holidays.

The group's purpose according to Will Gager, President, is to help Fort Madison parks look their best and help promote environmental awareness. They recently picked up trash at Rodeo Park after the Tri-State Rodeo weekend.

"The students were a huge help – and a blessing as our small group has a hard time keeping up with the weeds." We welcomed help gathering the large sticks on the ground and picking up trash as well as weeding numerous bench areas," stated Decker.

"We were so pleased when Kay offered assistance from her "GREEN TEAM" The bandstand is now ready for winter."

Pandemic put DOC training behind by a year

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has had issues that they've been able to manage, but very rarely does the state pull all its resources together for a situation, but they have to be ready for that.

"The last time that anything was pulled completely together was when we moved the old ISP. We train really hard for something we hope we don't have to do, but if you don't train, you're not ready. This is all about a state of readiness," Bolten said.

He said with COVID putting things on hold last year, the training had to revisit some things due to new personnel and a lack of time between trainings.

"Since it's been two years now because of COVID, we had to bring some things back and reverse a little bit, plus we've had some turnover and so we're back to building some things and next year we'll get back to a higher operating level," Bolten said.

"It's not that we can't operate at that level, we just have a mixture of teams with experienced and new staff and this is an opportunity for us to get them all back."

The teams also did a "tier clean" which is going into a population tier and eliminating a hostile situation with multiple offenders.

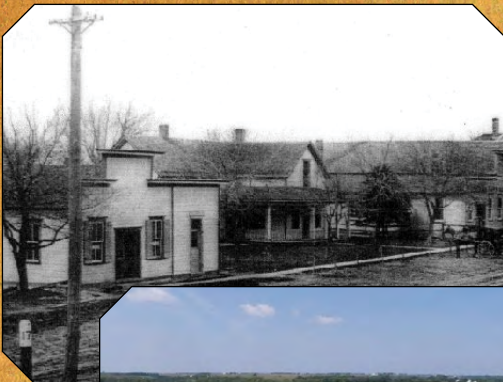
The offenders in the training drill were nursing students from Southeastern Community College who volunteered to be part of the drills.

The simulated offenders took over a commons area in a cell block and the CERT teams worked together to neutralize the situation using sticks, shields, K9 units, flash bangs, and verbal commands.

The CERT teams entered from different areas and dealt with scrambling inmates, objects being thrown and mattresses being used not only as protective padding to advance on the CERT team but also as obstructions to try and prevent mobility of the response team.

The trainings will last through Thursday with additional class work including hostage negotiations before the session ends Thursday afternoon.

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