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FM rests after 7 days of rodeo



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg

A bull rider gets turned backwards during his ride Thursday night. The rider didn't get the full 8 seconds after getting thrown off onto the dirt at C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena. Below, Craig Kelly rides the carriage as the Grand Marshal of the Rodeo Parade and below right is some "clowning" around this weekend.



WEST POINT

Authorities find human remains in north Lee County

Search may be over for missing WP man

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Closure may be close at hand for a family of a West Point man who has been missing since

June 12.

According to a release from Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, partial remains were located on property about seven miles north of West Point in Lee County on Sunday, Sept. 5 in the area

of 110th Street and 240th Avenue.

A full search was conducted in the immediate area that day but no additional human remains were discovered.

On Sept. 8, West Point Police, West Point Fire & Rescue, Lee County Sher-

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LEE COUNTY

ARPA funds yield county grant writer

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The infusion of federal funds from the American Rescue Plan into county coffers has spurred county officials to add a staffer to help not only manage those funds, but secure other grant funding.

At Monday's Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting, supervisors voted to approve a recommendation from the panel overseeing the ARPA funding allocations to hire someone to coordinate ARPA funding in Lee County.

A portion of the funding for what Supervisor Garry Seyb said should be a salary of approximately \$60,000, would come from the APRA funds themselves.

Seyb said at a meeting in Des Moines earlier this month officials clarified that 3% of the county's share of ARPA funding, which was \$6.5 million for Lee County, could be used to administer the funding. Three percent would represent \$195,000 over the five years of the allocation period, which ends with all funds being spent by Dec. 31, 2026.

Seyb and Supervisor Ron Fedler sit on the allocations panel and presented two options to the board. The first was to hire a part time funding coordinator at 20 hours per week to just handle the ARPA funding for the county, including all required documentation.

The other option was to hire someone full time to handle the ARPA funds and in addition take on the responsibility of writing grants for the county.

"This would extend the opportunity for Lee County to look at grants," Seyb said. "The Sheriff's department has a lady that was really integral in their operations for filling out grants, but (Budget Director) Cindy (Renstrom) has picked up a lot of that reporting. With the extra work load, if we brought a full-time person on, that person would administer the ARPA grant that we have to track for the next five years, but also a person who could look

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM E. KITE

William "Bill" Ernest Kite, 77, of Keokuk, IA died Saturday, September 4, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. Bill was born July 1, 1944 in Keokuk, IA the son of John and Verna Derr Kite. He graduated from Keokuk High School.



KITE

Bill was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country for four years. Bill had been employed by Sheller-Globe/Henniges in Keokuk for thirty-eight years, until his retirement in 2003. He attended Cornerstone Church in Keokuk.

Bill enjoyed riding horses and loved his animals; he was an avid NASCAR fan. He was a gifted woodworker and spent countless hours building things for his family and friends to enjoy. His greatest joy was spending time with his family.

He is survived by two sons, Chris (Joy) Kite and Joe (Darcy) Kite all of Keokuk, two daughters Carrie (Brad) Fekete of Mooresville, N.C., and Amy (Pete) Benson of Argyle, IA, twelve grandchildren, Jordyn (Austin) Boyer of Nauvoo, IL, Logan Benson, Shelby Kite, Jake Kite, Abby Kite, Grace Kite, Jenna (Bryce) Rose, Josh (Jessie) Kite and Josie Kite all of Keokuk, Karli, Austin and Parker Fekete of Mooresville, NC and two great-grandchildren, Sam Rose, and Eva Kite of Keokuk, IA. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Kay Kite of Montrose, IA and longtime companion, Mary Schneider of Griswold, IA. Other survivors include his sisters, Barb Barnes, Kathy Cole, Linda Mulholland, and June Batten, several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father/stepmom John (Florence) Kite Sr., his mother Verna White, stepdad Don White, his brother John Kite Jr., sister Peggy Fellows and infant brother, Gary White.

A memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 24, 2021 at Cornerstone Church, 928 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, IA. Memorials may be made to KASPIR or PAW Animal Shelter.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.



For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/10/21 - 9:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Sunnyside Drive.
 09/10/21 - 11:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.
 09/10/21 - 11:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue E.
 09/10/21 - 12:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue N.
 09/10/21 - 12:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4900 block of Grandview Lane.
 09/10/21 - 6:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.
 09/11/21 - 11:21 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Garrett Gene Reising, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G, on a charge of public intoxication, interference with official acts, and criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/11/21 - 11:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Casey Joe Wolf, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G, on a charge of going armed with intent and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/11/21 - 9:23 p.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of 35th Street.
 09/11/21 - 11:22 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 2nd Street.
 09/11/21 - 11:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue I.
 09/12/21 - 12:47 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G.
 09/12/21 - 1:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested David James Kurnes, of Drakesville, Ia, on Airport Road, on a charge of public intoxication. He was released on a promise to appear.
 09/12/21 - 8:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 100 block of 26th Street.
 09/12/21 - 10:36 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident on Airport Road.
 09/12/21 - 5:36 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue I.
 09/13/21 - 12:26 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue K

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/06/21 - 5:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a

one-vehicle accident in the southbound lane of Hwy. 61 near mile marker 162. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Daniel Lee Savage, 33, of Keokuk had reportedly rolled over after running into the median. Savage sustained minor injuries and the vehicle was towed from the scene. No citations were reported.
 09/10/21 - 9:05 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Allen Hahn, 36, of Wever, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/10/21 - 3:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tarl Clifton Ridens, 35, of Keokuk at the intersection of Hwys. 218 and 61, on a charge of failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released after posting bond.
 09/10/21 - 4:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on 330th Avenue. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Allys Margaret Murphy, 75, of Revere, Mo., struck a vehicle driven by Joey Lee Herren, 58, of Wever. Murphy allegedly pulled out onto 330th Avenue after having been pulled off to the side of the road and struck Herren's vehicle. No injuries or citations were reported.
 09/10/21 - 8:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Tyler Jean Hymes, 23, of Keokuk at 255th Avenue and Golden Road on a charge of driving while barred.
 09/10/21 - 9:51 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Diego Henry Lozano, 19, of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue, on charges of OWI-1st offense, possession of alcohol by a minor 1st offense and providing false identification. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.
 09/11/21 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jace Ethan Burgher, 19, of Fort Madison in the 2000

block of 303rd, on a charge of possession of alcohol underage -1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.
 09/11/21 - 11:10 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Jacob Cain, 44, of Donnellson, in the 2000 block of 170th Avenue, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/11/21 - 3:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Michael Dodds, 39, of Keokuk, at Navaho Drive and Pawnee Drive in Keokuk, on a charge of driving while licensed revoked. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.
 09/12/21 - 1:52 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 400 block of 8th Street in Denmark. According to the report a vehicle driven by Zechariah William Hancock, 20, of Burlington left the roadway and came to rest with front end damage. No injuries were reported.
 09/12/21 - 2:51 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Zechariah William Hancock, 20, of Burlington, in the 400 block of Eighth Street in Denmark on a charge of OWI-1st offense and possession of alcohol under age-1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.
 09/12/11 - 11 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested two 16-year-old male juvenile males at the male juvenile detention center on charges of assault with bodily injury. There were detained at the center.
 09/12/21 - 9:38 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody Scott Glasgow, 30, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold.
Those listed above were arrested on suspicion of charges and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND L. HAPPS

Raymond "Flame" Leroy Happs, 67 of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at his home. He was born May 25, 1954 in Keokuk, IA the son of John Lewis, Sr. and Rachel Mae Jenkins Happs. In his younger years, Raymond had been employed by Smith-Brener in St. Louis, MO and at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. He later had been employed by Hickey Construction and then Keokuk Contractors until his retirement. Raymond also had multiple entrepreneurial ventures, including Flames Speed Shop. He was a member of Family Worship Center. He had a strong faith that was a vital part in his life. He recently had been reaching out to others and sharing his love of God with them.



HAPPS

Raymond loved his Harley Davidson motorcycle and enjoyed spending time working in it.

He is survived by three children, Chad (Jenna) Happs of Keokuk, Mike (Shannon) Happs of Olathe, KS and Cory (Courtney) Happs of Keokuk, thirteen grandchildren, eleven siblings, John (Kathy) Happs, Jr., of Sutter, IL, Jerry (Becky) Happs, Carol Fojtik, Christine (Kris) Priebe all of Hamilton, IL, JoAnn (James) McVeigh, Ricky Happs, Tracey (Mark) Shuman all of Wayland, MO, Vickie Happs, Connie Powers, Donna (Elmer) Kay and Stanley Happs all of Keokuk. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, maternal grandparents, Harry and Gertrude Jenkins and paternal grandparents, John Henry and Blanch Happs.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, at the Family Worship Center in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

STANLEY W. EDLEN

Stanley "Jack" W. Edlen, 83 of Kahoka died Monday, September 13, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born April 4, 1938 the son of Harold and Louise Edlen. On March 5, 1960 he was united in marriage to Nancy Roller in Kahoka, MO. She survives.



EDLEN

He is also survived by his daughter, Cindy Morse (Bill) of Kahoka, seven grandchildren, April Johnson (Jeremy) of Montrose, Danelle Alvis (Terry) of Alexandria, Jessica Justice (Jeremiah) of Kahoka, Andria LeMaster of Keokuk, Anthony (Melissa) LeMaster of Wisconsin, Kyle Swindler (Tina) of Mt. Pleasant and Keane Morrison (Kimberly) of Kahoka, sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-grandson. He is also survived by his brother, Joe Edlen (Ann) of Kahoka, one brother-in-law, Jack Tayloe of Cuba, MO, along with many nieces, nephews, friends and wonderful neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Barbara Jane "Bobbi" Edlen Blackburn, his sister, Mary Tayloe, a grandson, Ryan Harold LeMaster, three sisters-in-law and eight brothers-in-law.

Jack graduated from Revere C-3 High School in Revere, MO. After graduating he worked very hard to provide for his family doing various jobs. He later was employed by Missouri State Highway Department for thirty-seven years until his retirement in 2000.

He was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Kahoka.

Jack enjoyed spending time outdoors farming, working with cattle and fishing. He was a gifted woodworker and mechanic. Later in life, he enjoyed taking trips to the Dutchman's Store in Cantril, IA, where he made many new friends through the years.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, September 15 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka, MO with Pastor Glen Yoder officiating. Burial will be in the Kahoka Cemetery.

Visitation will held prior to the service Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m., with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Alliant puts \$4M into energy assistance

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (September 9, 2021) – A \$4 million donation by Alliant Energy to its Hometown Care Energy Fund will help customers pay their energy bills. Customers who need financial assistance are encouraged to use the funds to avoid falling behind on their bills. Of the \$4 million contribution, \$2 million is available to customers in Iowa and \$2 million is available to customers in Wisconsin.

"We understand many customers still need help paying their utility bill, even as the economy recovers from the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud to double our contribution to the fund to help our customers recover and get back on track," said Linda Mattes, vice president of customer operations at Alliant Energy. "If customers are struggling financially, we do want them to know help is available."

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Sports/Scene Around Town



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

More action from last week's Tri State Rodeo. Above, a bareback rider lays out on his mount out of the gate in front of the west side grandstands. Below left, World Champion bullrider JB Mooney gets a feather back from a bull rider who just stood over him as a bull tried to charge. Below right, a steer wrestler dismounts to grab up his steer, and bottom right is the VIP section of the C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena.



Lady Hounds go 0-4 at Linn-Mar volleyball tourney

BY PCC SPORTS

CEDAR RAPIDS – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds started the weekend going 0-3 in pool play. The Hounds lost to Class 3A No. 4 Davenport Assumption, Class 4A No. 6 Marion and Tipton to be moved to the consolation bracket.

There they found themselves against Center Point-Urbana and fell 18-25, 13-21, 11-15 to wrap up the tournament.

“We finally got some things rolling and even the girls proclaimed after, that it was the scrappiest, most hustle game they felt they’ve ever played,” coach Kelly Knustrom said. “Unfortunately, some unforced errors led to a 3-set loss and an end to our day.”

Anna Lynk had seven kills and two blocks. Eve Ruble served 7-7 with an ace, and had seven kills. Aija Jenkins had six kills and Taylor Johnson had four kills and three blocks. Madison Pirri served 10-13 with three aces and had 27 digs. Hattie Schrepfer served 5-6 and had 10 digs. Amy Yasenoch served 15-15 with an ace and had six digs. Molly Knipe also had three aces, five kills and 17 digs. She also had 18 assists.

Alana Simpson served 17-19 with two aces, had seven kills, and 13 digs.

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TO APPLY:

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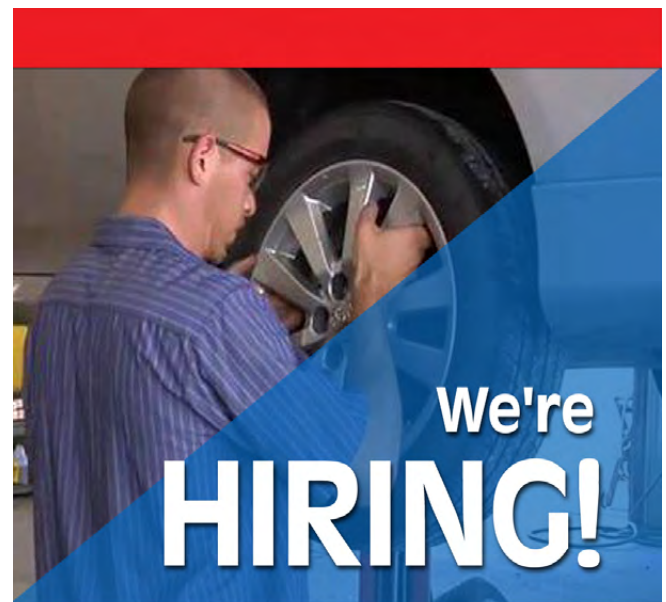
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From the Front

Authorities wait on DNA of remains found last week

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iff's Dept and the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigations conducted another search with K9 officers of a broader area. No other remains were discovered as a result of that search.

However on Saturday, Sept 11, the property owners were conducting a brush cleaning operation to help with future searches. On Sunday morning the 12th, the owners of the property discovered additional remains.

The above law enforcement, as well as a Lee County Medical Examiner investigator responded to the property and conducted another investigation.

Weber said the scene investigation didn't turn up any indications of foul play and there were personal items discovered at the scene which the release indicated "will assist in the identification" of the body. However final identification will come from DNA evidence.

Weber said DNA evidence has not yet been returned on the remains that were discovered on Sept. 5.

The remains were sent to the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy, examination and identification.

Weber said there is no evidence of threats or dangers to the general public related to the incident.

Although no official identification has been made, authorities have been searching for a 54-year-old man who disappeared on the north side of West Point on June 14th.

The man, Darren Bunnell has yet to be located, however officials are not confirming at this point that the remains could be that of Bunnell.

In August, West Point Police Chief Brad Roberts said the department, along with county and state officials hadn't given up searching for Bunnell and were looking for help in trying to locate the man.

At that time, Roberts said he didn't suspect foul play as Bunnell was known to suffer from some mental health issues.

County to add two more P/T ambulance staffers

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at, manage and write additional grants."

Seyb said that position in Johnson County carries a salary of around \$63,000.

"The hope would be that that person writing the grants would be able to write and get approval for enough grants to at least cover the rest of their salary."

Fedler said the ARPA funding could pay up to half the other salary, and if the position wasn't generating enough revenue at the end of the five years to substantiate picking up the full salary, then the position could be eliminated at that time.

"When that person is hired, they've got five years to show they can do the job. If the person doesn't pan out, when the ARPA funds run out, that's the end of the position," he said.

Seyb said he believes there are a lot of grants for law enforcement and for the county's new ambulance service that can be secured that would help pay for things that the county will eventually have to buy anyway.

"So the benefit of that position goes beyond just the money that is gained in the grant. We've got five years and we will determine if it pays to have the grant writer or not."

In an unrelated issue, the board also approved hiring two additional part-time staff, one EMT and one Paramedic for the Lee County EMS service.

EMS Director Dennis Cosby said the schedule with current staffing has about 72 hours in open coverage that has been being filled with overtime. He said hiring the two part-time staffers would be cheaper than continuing the pay the full time salary.

In other action, the board:

- approved hiring replacements for the Lee County Jail.
- approved a resolution to do a budget amendment for a new safety director budget. The board also approved hiring Mark Klesner, as the county's new Safety/Risk Management Director.
- approved an application to be available to organizations applying for the county's share of ARPA funds. The applications would go through Renstrom, then to the county ARPA advisory panel, and finally to the board of supervisors for approval. The applications would be available online or in hard copy at both the north and south Lee County courthouses starting next week. The first deadline to turn in those applications Sept. 30, 2021. But Seyb said he could see another round of applications after that deadline.

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