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Derailment dumps coal, diesel

SATURDAY NIGHT: BNSF says locomotive struck a barge hanging over tracks



Photo courtesy of Chris Mills/Keokuk

A locomotive lays on its side as part of a derailment late Saturday night just south of Montrose. BNSF officials said train crews were sent to the hospital as a precaution.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – A train derailment late Saturday evening south of Montrose has Burlington Northern Santa Fe officials on scene Sunday.

According to Lee County Emergency Management Agency coordinator Jason Dinwiddie, six cars full of coal were dumped along with two locomotives south of the Montrose city limits.

Lee County Engineer Ben Hull issued a statement Sunday morning say River Road in the area will be closed during the clean up.

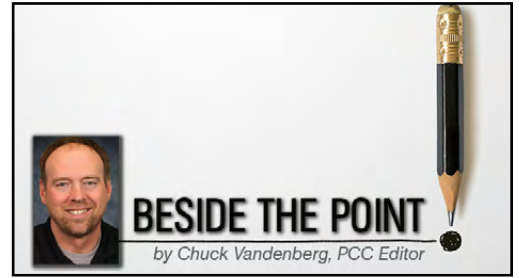
“Effective immediately, River Road is closed to through traffic between the Montrose south city limits and 320th St. due to a train derailment,” Hull posted Sunday morning.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber is asking the public to stay away from the area for a couple days to allow railroad crews to clean up the area.

Dinwiddie said it's unknown at this point if a barge had nosed into the shore and was hanging over the track, or if the train tipped and struck the barge, but damage was incurred to both units.

“There's quite a bit of coal spilled. They had six cars of

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A Herky lift sparks a nice Saturday win

I thought about wearing shorts to the Iowa game on Saturday.

My friend, Noah, got us tickets to the game from his Coca-Cola bottling distributor in Dubuque. She's a great lady and her husband has a football mind on par with mine. That means we know enough to watch the game and complain enough to sound smart, point out some things in the field, and high five those around us who are also kinda in the know.

But shorts weren't on the agenda when I woke up Saturday morning and it was 33 degrees out with a high projected in the low 40s. Low 40s can be shorts weather if I'm quick in and quick out of the car, but not tailgating for two hours and then spending four more at Kinnick Stadium.

I like to work on the tan, but not that much.

Our tickets included tailgating in the Hawkeye Village. If you get the chance, that's something to take in.

It's what we sports fans call “all-inclusive”. Free catered food from Hy-Vee, free beverages, free music, and bags. Those are cornhole bags, not anything to carry leftover steak sandwiches out in.

But I woulda if I coulda.

I think I ate three steak hoagies with A1, a couple of barbecue chicken skewers, a bratwurst, and a couple helpings of homemade shells and cheese. I had a couple beers, too.

About 30 minutes into the tailgating, Herky showed up. This was the real Herky, not some lackey who just showed up as a part of his on-campus work study.

I wanted a picture to send my daughter in New York City. I had Noah's wife Ashley hold my camera as I went up and asked for a picture. I said I wanted to pick him up.

He flexed his arms at me as if to say, “Are you strong enough to hold me up?”

I flexed back. He flexed again at me. I nodded. He tilted his head and jumped into my arms. He was really much lighter than I anticipated, but I

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CITY NEWS

Mayor wants council to talk about downtown sidewalks

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Mayor Matt Mohrfeld has put a discussion of the condition of the city's downtown sidewalks in front of the City Council Tuesday night.

Mohrfeld said it's time to have the discussion, but it's a preliminary discussion to start looking into ways to improve the look of the downtown.

“This is just on there to start the conversation,” Mohrfeld said Friday. “But it's a discussion that needs to be started. We have to begin looking at that situation and

coming up with ideas, whatever that might look like.”

The city had a plan about four years ago to replace all the sidewalks and curbing with permeable pavers during former Mayor Brad Randolph's tenure.

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

LELAND L. FYE

Leland Lyle "Shorty" Fye, 79, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, November 9, 2021, near Wever, Iowa.



FYE

He was born on November 3, 1942, in Moline, Illinois, the son of Leland Lyle, Sr. and Beulah May (Sloan) Fye. On January 25, 1964, he married Clara Joann Newberry in Keokuk, Iowa. She preceded him in death on October 2, 1989.

He is survived by his three children: Terri Fye of Fort Myers, Florida, Marc (Susan) Fye of Edmond, Oklahoma and Cole Fye of Edmond, Oklahoma; two grandchildren: Courtney Beem and Rachel (Brad) Bartholomew; two sisters: Lori (Farrell) Keough of Frederick, Maryland and Cecelia (Peter) Podolak of Vancouver, Canada and life partner Judy Sanders of Fort Madison, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife and sister: LuAnn in infancy. Shorty retired from Fruehauf/Wabash. He was a member of Green Acres Country Club in Donnellson. He enjoyed boating, golfing, hunting and driving the countryside with Judy.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Services will be held at a later date with burial at Greenglade Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
 11/10/21 – 10:28 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft, in the alley of the 200 block of Avenue G.
 11/10/21 – 10:34 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Michele Marie Spindlow, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of 303rd Avenue, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 11/10/21 – 5:10 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.
 11/10/21 – 5:22 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 35th Street.
 11/10/21 – 8:21 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L.
 11/10/21 – 8:26 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue E.
 11/10/21 – 9:50 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Holly Ann Mueller, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue H, on a warrant service. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/10/21 – 11:29 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Michael James Martindale, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driver's license denied/revoked – OWI.
 11/11/21 – 3:06 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue G.
 11/11/21 – 3:45 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Randall Harold Boe, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of city: no pet tags.
 11/11/21 – 4:25 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue H.
 11/11/21 – 5:08 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Avenue E.
 11/11/21 – 5:53 p.m. – Fort Madison police jailed Dameon Lee Gregory, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue N, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/11/21 – 10:08 p.m. – Fort Madison police re-

sponded to a report of a hit & run in the 2800 block of Avenue K.
 11/11/21 – 10:09 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jeremiah Jacob Prockish, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2900 block of Avenue N, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 11/11/21 – 11:22 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 2900 block of Avenue J.

Lee County Sheriff's report
 11/10/21 – 2:55 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Desiree Lynn Bishop, 28, of Mt. Pleasant, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/11/21 – 11:50 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Zella Re Bowling, 30, of Waterloo, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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From the Front

A good Saturday and a good Hawks' win

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couldn't help but laugh at the picture. He was all in.

Ashley fired off several pictures and I quickly went about trying to crop them on my phone and upload them to Pen City Current.

I texted my brother and my niece with the picture and they both were impressed. I'm typically the family class clown. That's my job. To take my brother's jabs and try to keep them smiling. I accept that role willingly and try to do my best. Most of the time it's a job well done, but sometimes it gets old.

We walked to the stadium and stood outside the west side of the stadium for a little bit to let the crowd clear a bit. I was standing at the end of one of the close parking lots where tailgating had just wrapped up. A blue Ford heavy duty, luxury pick-up pulled up next to us and I apparently didn't see it as the door opened and hit me in the arm.

I spun around to see if it was a sideview mirror or the door or what. Someone had opened the door right next to me and plunked me with the door.

"Hey, you just hit me with your car," I said looking into the truck.

A young man on crutches was getting out and I went to help him get his crutches. Mom leans over and says "He's a player."

"I'll say," I said, looking back in the cab of the truck and met with both their eyes. He smiled....she did not.

"He's a player," she repeated.

OHHH. Ok, so I reached in to give him a hand and he said he was fine, he just needed to get to Gate D, where the players entered. He quickly swung and skipped his way over to the gate. "Hmmm. Wonder who that was," I said.

He was quickly gone and we moved in to get our tickets scanned and get to our seats.

As usual, Duke Slater Field sat below a capacity crowd as the Hawks went to work. It wasn't a performance worthy of a team formerly ranked No. 2 in the country, but it was the better of the last two, and the Hawkeyes were 1-2 since that.

I thought about not going to the game Saturday because I had jinxed the last game with Purdue, but I think the Hawkeyes jinxed their own game, too.

But this one came out on the brighter side with a 27-22 win over Minnesota.

I had put \$20 on the Hawkeyes to cover 4.5 on Points Bet.

When the Hawkeyes stifled a Gopher Drive in the final three minutes we headed back to our parking spot. I dropped the extras back at their truck in the Target parking lot and headed home. On the way I tuned in to Gary Dolphin's post game chat and realized that the Hawks hit a late field goal to go up by 5.

I took the Hawkeyes giving 4.5 points. So twice in two days the Hawkeyes produced revenue for this ham and egger. The basketball team had a nice second half against University of Missouri-Kansas City to cover the over.

But I was willing to settle for the W, and give up the \$20. The last time I went to Iowa City was a rough experience against Purdue, and a rougher experience for me.

But this time with a Herky lift, some good food, good friends, and a sunless sky - things went a little better.

It was a Saturday well spent after a long week. I still can't do the wave yet, but the doc says I shouldn't push, but should do what makes me comfortable.

The only thing that makes me comfortable is a good editorial on Saturday night, a few extra covers for a fall sleep, and the knowledge that my wife is here. There's almost always a flick from the Fast & Furious franchise, or Marvel franchise on the T.V....and Nash Bridges is back as a movie event.



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SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL AIRPORT

Public hearing set on ward redistricting

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The funds were to be provided by a reimbursement of interest paid on about \$27 million taken out with state revolving loan funds that were used to update the city's waste water treatment plant.

The funding was part of a state program to encourage additional storm water mitigation efforts around the state. However, bids for the work came in way beyond engineering estimates to redo the north and south side sidewalks and curbing, and plans were eventually scrapped.

The funding was eventually used to rebuild four city-owned parking lots with permeable pavers that allow storm water to penetrate the surface and be absorbed into the subsurface and a buried capture that then moves and remaining water to the storm water system.

The city also had plans to replace Avenue G as part of a federal mandate through the Environmental Protection Agency

to separate all storm and sanitary sewer lines in the state. The federal government didn't apply any direct assistance for that work, however some America Rescue Plan Act funds can be used for those efforts. The timeline on the Avenue G project is fluid due to funding and mandate deadline extensions.

The sidewalks in downtown Fort Madison have heavy cracking, and crumbling of curbing is also present.

In an unrelated issue, the council will consider the first reading of an ordinance updating city building and fire codes. According to a report to the council, Fort Madison City manager David Varley said he, along with Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren, is recommending removing a requirement for a storm shelter in buildings, as well as removing the requirement for sprinkler systems in one and two family units.

The council will also hold a public hearing on redistricting to be done based on 2020 census data that will address a ward alignment shift due to population changes.

The meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday night at City Hall.

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY M. ECKHARDT

Dorothy Mae Eckhardt, 98, of rural Dallas City, Illinois passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at the Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst, Illinois.



ECKHARDT

Dorothy was born on June 27, 1923 near Council Bluffs, Iowa the daughter of Wallace and Eva (Rucker) Lewis. On February 21, 1942 she married Dewain Eckhardt in Canton, Missouri.

Dorothy attended Robert Morris College where she earned her teaching degree. She began her teaching career at Gillead School, a one room school, near LaHarpe. She later taught at the former Durham Illinois School, Fountain Green Illinois School and retired from the LaHarpe School. Dorothy was an active farm wife and enjoyed helping her husband on the farm.

Dorothy enjoyed reading her bible and in earlier years, read to many residents at the LaHarpe-Davier Health Care Center. She also enjoyed painting and baking for family and friends. She was a member of the Durham United Methodist Church and the Disco Embroidery Club.

Survivors include one son: Ronnie (Tootie) Eckhardt of Dallas City; six grandchildren: Susan Edwards, Dan Coleman, Dewain Hulette, Adam Hulette, Emily Eckhardt and Jason Hulette; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother: Bill Sage of Council Bluffs, Iowa and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Eckhardt was preceded in death by her husband: Dewain; one daughter: Laura Lee Hulette; two great-granddaughters; one sister: Naomi "Tillie" Brandt and one sister-in-law: Winifred Sage.

The funeral service for Mrs. Eckhardt will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 15, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Rev. Lee Unger Officiating. Burial will follow in Crane Cemetery, near Lomax, Illinois. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

A memorial fund has been established for Durham United Methodist Church or the Lomax Ambulance. To sign the guestbook and leave a condolence for the family, please visit Dorothy's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

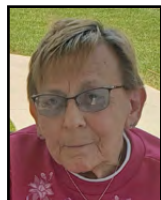
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OBITUARIES

RUTH A. KIRCHNER

Ruth Ann Kirchner, 89, of Donnellson, Iowa passed away at 8:30 p.m. Friday, November 12, 2021 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison.



KIRCHNER

She was born August 29, 1932 in Montrose, Iowa the daughter of Paul R. and Leona Eleanor (Burrows) Sills. On February 21, 1951, she married John Bill Kirchner. They later divorced.

Survivors include two daughters: Renita Heagy of Fort Madison, Iowa, Lori (Harlan) Pundt of Donnellson, Iowa; one son: Jerry Kirchner of Durham, North Carolina; four grandchildren: Joshua (Heather) Pundt, Jeremy (Beth) Pundt, Nicholas (Sydney) Pundt, and Georgina Gordon; five great grandchildren: Archer, Wyatt, Waverly, Ivan, Nightly; and two great grandchildren on the way in 2022. Also surviving is her sister Betty Stockton of Blue Springs, Missouri; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Carolyn, son-in-law Dana, brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Darlene Sills and brother-in-law Don Stockton.

Ruth worked for many years including Sheaffer Pen and Shopko.

Ruth was a life long member of Community of Christ Church in Fort Madison. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, crocheting, knitting, reading and thoroughly enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Homes for cremation. The Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home Donnellson with Carolyn Pundt officiating.

Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Community of Christ Church or PAWS Animal Shelter.

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

STUART B. WESTERMEYER

Stuart Blaine "Head" Westermeyer, 66, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, November 8, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City, MO.



WESTERMEYER

He was born December 24, 1954 in Ft. Madison, IA the son of Eldon Duane and Gloria Ruth Thompson Westermeyer. Stuart graduated from Central Lee High School with the class of 1973.

Stuart was first united in marriage to Tonya Adkins. They later divorced. He later married Liza Enke. They divorced also.

In his younger years, Stuart had been employed by City of Keokuk in the Bridge Maintenance Department. He later worked for Huffman Welding and Machine Inc. in Ft. Madison, IA for thirty-five years.

Stuart was a member of the Izaak Walton League.

Stuart was just a good ole country boy who enjoyed fishing for catfish, deer hunting and horse racing. He traveled for his work and had been to many places throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Egypt. He enjoyed taking vacations to the Rocky Mountains and Colorado. Stuart loved attending family reunions and playing horseshoes at the Purple Cow.

He is survived by his significant other, Karen Hoenig of Farmington, IA, one daughter, Jodi Millard of West Point, IA, two grandchildren, Erik and Lexy, one brother, Rocky Westermeyer (Mickie) of Montrose, IA, two nieces, Candy Hopp (Jason), and Jesse Mueller (Erik), two great-nephews, "Catfish" Jackson Mueller and Tyler Hopp and one great-niece Meghan Hopp.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandmother, Edna Thompson, one brother, Vince Westermeyer and several special friends.

A visitation will be held from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, November 21, 2021 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Montrose, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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The West Point Municipal Utility System has an immediate opening for a Lineman/ Groundman.

Applicant must be able to assist with electrical power line construction, maintenance, and repair. You install both aerial and underground lines and monitor transformer function. Your duties include assembling and preparing the line apparatus, digging holes, operating utility vehicles, reading and recording meters, stocking trucks, using hand and power tools, and cleaning up the area after project completion. A lineman/ groundman works regular hours, but you must also be available for any after hour call outs and emergencies.

Must be willing and capable to work on water distribution maintenance and repair and to be or become Grade 1 water distribution certified.

Must either have or be willing to obtain a CDL and comply with Iowa CDL regulations.

We offer a comprehensive benefit plan including IPERS and health and dental coverage.

Send a confidential resume. Pre-employment physical and drug screening will be required.

West Point Utility System
313 5th Street
PO Box 69
West Point, IA. 52656
cityofwestpointiowa@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
November 15, 2021
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
(CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H

HELP WANTED ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Lee County Bank is currently seeking a full-time Accounting Assistant to provide highly specialized accounting functions for maintenance and recording of financial transactions. Prepares status reports, responsible for accounts payable, journal entries, depreciation, and performs other duties as assigned. Typically requires progressive experience in an accounting department or a related field. Intermediate working knowledge of Microsoft suite including excel, word and office. Must have good communication, computer and interpersonal skills and be able to work independently and as a part of a team. Lee County Bank is an equal opportunity employer, Member FDIC – Equal Housing Lender.

Please send resume to:
Tamara Dietsch
tdietsch@leecountybank.com

DEADLINE
November 26, 2021



Fort Madison, IA

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/933881445>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 {571} 317-3129
Access Code: 933-881-445

If you would like to pose a question to the Board, please use the Chat feature and wait for the Chairman to address you. If you are participating by phone, please wait until everyone is done speaking before addressing the Board. Please keep your microphone muted to cut down on background noise. If you are partic-

HELP WANTED

We're Not Southeast Iowa's
Favorite Dental Office
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APPLY TODAY TO JOIN US!

Pothitakis Dentistry currently needs a Full-Time Hygienist.

Complete an application at
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Eastman Plaza, Suite 302
West Burlington, IA 52655
or email burlidental@gmail.com
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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Presentation from
LT Leon Associates for
County Inspection of
Pipelines

Consider Approval of
Resolution Lifting Embar-
go on Primrose Road

Consider Approval of
Resolution Awarding
Contract for County-wide
Pavement Marking and
Allow County Engineer to
Execute Contract

Consider Approval of
Replacing Part-time Clerk
in Treasurer's Office

Consider Approval of
Mark Long, Brad Roberts,
and Amber Roberts as
Medical Investigators

Consider Approval of
Resolution Abating Taxes
on 1320 Ave H, 1324 Ave
H, 1328 Ave H, 1713 Ave
H, and 2833 Ave J Owned
by City of Fort Madison

Consider Approval of
Resolution Removing
Mobile Home from County
Tax System

Consider Approval of
Class E Liquor License
for Garner One Stop,
Montrose

Consider Approval of
Family Farm, Homestead,
Military, and Disabled Vet-
eran Tax Credits for 2021

Canvass of Fort Mad-
ison School District No-
vember 2, 2021 Election

Consider Approval of
Monday, November 8,
2021 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of
Claims

Personnel Actions:
A. New Hire- Conser-

vation
B. Transfer from Treas-
urer's Office to Asses-
sor's Office
C. Step Increase- Sher-
iffs Office
D. Merit Increase- Sher-
iff's Office
Commission or Com-
mittee Reports
Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

PUBLIC MEETING
CITIZENS WELCOME

Vision and hearing
assistance available
upon request

Contact Title VI
Administrator
319-372-3705
County Website:
www.leecounty.org

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
CENTRAL LEE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
DONNELLSON, IOWA
52625

EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES CENTER
TENTATIVE AGENDA
NOVEMBER 15, 2021
WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Board Workshop
- High School Building
Report
3. Adjourn

FINAL MEETING OF
RETIRED BOARD
7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
a) Visitors to speak
about items not on the
agenda
b) Library Presentation
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
(Exhibit I)
a) Approve minutes
b) Financial reports:
General and Schoolhouse
funds, Clearing account,
Hot Lunch account
c) Approve prepaid bills
d) Approve monthly bills
e) Overnight Trip

Request: State Carpen-
try Competition, Des
Moines, Iowa - 12/2/2021
- 12/3/2021

5. Public Hearing on
Resolution to Contin-
ue Participation in the
Instructional Support
Program

6. Resolution to Con-
tinue Participation in the
Instructional Support Pro-
gram: (Motion) (Exhibit II)
(Roll Call Vote)

7. Acceptance of Ab-
stract of Election (Motion)
(by Board Secretary)
(Exhibit III)

8. Adjourn

ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING OF THE NEW
BOARD

1. Call to Order & Roll
Call (by Board Secretary)
2. Oath of Office to
New Board Members (by
Board Secretary)
3. Election of Board
President (Motion) (by
Board Secretary)
4. Election of Vice-Pres-
ident (Motion) (by Board
President)
5. Establish Meeting
Date, Time & Location:

CHOOSE CAR SEAT:
BY AGE & SIZE

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY HAVE THEIR CHILD IN THE RIGHT SEAT.

THE ONES WHO ACTUALLY DO.

KNOW FOR SURE
IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT.

Ad Council VISIT SAFERCAR.GOV/THERIGHTSEAT NHTSA Child Car Safety

TEXT AND WHATEVER JUST DON'T TEXT AND

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ad COUNCIL NHTSA

Classifieds/From the front

DNR, EPA officials on site of derailment

CLEANUP - Continued from Page 1

the train's 142 cars tipped over. We're just asking everyone to stay clear of the area while clean up takes place. They've got the right people down there and the DNR and EPA are also on the scene."

According to a release from BNSF, "BNSF can confirm a coal train derailed after striking a barge that had turned sideways in the river with the nose of the barge on our main track near Montrose, IA around 11:51 pm CT Saturday. As a result, both lead locomotives and six cars derailed. Two of the rail cars are in the water, three partially in the water and one is upright. As a precaution, our train crew was taken to the hospital for evaluation and released. BNSF responders are on scene

and have cleared the remaining 137 coal cars from the area. Our primary focus is to address any safety issues and securely remove any coal that may have ended up in the water."

A coal car lays on its side near the Mississippi River just south of Montrose early Sunday morning. It was part of a BNSF derailment that dumped six coal cars toward the river. Image courtesy of Chris Mills/Keokuk

A statement released by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources indicates that diesel fuel was also leaked as a result of the collision.

"Several hundred gallons of diesel was released on the ballast material, and was seeping into the Mississippi River from the locomotive fuel tank. A number of coal cars spilled an unknown quantity of coal into the



Photo courtesy of Chris Mills/Keokuk

river. No injuries were reported.

Iowa DNR is working with local emergency responders, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service and US Coast Guard.

PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Motion)
 6. Name of Official Publication: Ft. Madison Daily Democrat (Motion)
 7. Designation of Legal Counsel: Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm (Motion)
 8. Superintendent's Report:
 a. Special Education Certified Count
 b. Finance Update
 c. COVID-19 Update
 d. Construction Update
 e. Legislative Update
 f. IASB Board Convention - 11/17/2021 & 11/18/2021
 g. Lee County Career Center Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board's Check Signing Authorization for President & Superintendent: (Motion)
 2. Board resolution to define operating rules and practices that will be followed by the new Board: (Motion) (Exhibit IV)
 3. Recommend the Board of Directors by motion to authorize the board secretary to issue warrants when said Board of Directors is not in session as per 279.20 Code of Iowa. A separate invoice list of prepaid warrants will be presented to the board monthly. This motion is reviewed and re-approved yearly during the re-organizational meeting. (Motion)
 4. SBRC Approval: (Motion) (Exhibit V)
 a. Special Education
 b. Enrollment Growth
 5. Give approval for Superintendent and Board Secretary to pay Hot Lunch Bills upon proper documentation and approval from the food service director. (Motion)
 6. Mid-Term Graduate Applications: (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
 7. Review and Approve

Teachers Moving on Salary Schedule: (Motion) (Exhibit VII)
 8. Approve First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit VIII)
 a) 105 - Assistance Animals
 b) 200.1 - Organization of the Board of Directors
 c) 210.8 - Board Meeting Agenda
 d) 212 - Closed Sessions
 e) 212.1 - Exempt Meetings
 f) 307 - Communication Channels (Rescinded)
 g) 401.4 - Employee Complaints
 h) 502.4 - Student Complaints and Grievances
 i) 606.6 - Insufficient Classroom Space

9. Approve First Reading of Board Policies 500 Series: (Motion)
 10. Review and Approve Increasing Compensation Rates (Motion)
 a) Athletic Event Workers
 11. Approve Modification of Probationary Pay Period for Non-Certified Employees (Motion)
 12. Resignations: (Motion)
 a) Bob Conlee - Bus Driver (Effective Jan. 4, 2022)
 b) Pamela Ball - Bus Driver (Effective July 30, 2022)
 c) Deena Parker - Assistant High School Volleyball Coach
 d) Chuck Banks - Mid-

dle School Baseball Coach
 13. Contract Approvals: (Motion)
 a) Chuck Banks - Assistant High School Track Coach
 b) Sadie Smithburg -

Middle School Softball Coach
 14. Board Reports
 15. Adjourn (Motion)

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

Scotts MiracleGro in Ft. Madison has new opportunities to join their team!

THE **Scotts Miracle-Gro** COMPANY

\$1000 SIGN-ON BONUS!

Available Positions

Machine Operators \$19.00 per hour
 Forklift Operators \$21.30 per hour
 Production Supervisor (Rotating 1st/2nd Shift)
 Warehouse Supervisor (Nights)

Benefits Package Includes

- 13 Company Paid Holidays annually (Including 2 paid days off for Independence Day, 2 paid days off for Thanksgiving and 3 paid days off for Christmas!)
- 12 Vacation Days annually
- 401k match above associate contribution
- Medical/Dental/Vision
- And more!

We're really proud of our Total Health Programs that offer Wellness Incentives that can reduce your monthly insurance premiums by up to \$110 each for yourself and your covered Spouse/Domestic Partner, enhanced Sick Time Benefits, expanded Parental Leave and so much more.

For full job descriptions and more information on these and other opportunities visit us at www.scottsmiraclegro.com/careers

Scotts MiracleGro in Ft. Madison has 2 new opportunities on our Maintenance Team!

THE **Scotts Miracle-Gro** COMPANY

Starting pay of \$30.65 per hour
Scheduled hours include a rotation of 1st & 2nd shift

Electrician/Mechanic

Some things you'll do in this role:

- Program, repair and maintain programmable logic controller (PLC) systems used within a industrial high speed packaging plant
- Perform detailed mechanical and/or instrumentation/electrical troubleshooting, repair and preventative maintenance duties on plant process, utility, and packaging equipment.
- Perform multi-discipline maintenance and/or electrical work. Maintain equipment documentation for all equipment and revise per modifications.

What you'll need to be successful:

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- PLC technician /Electrical educational courses
- 5 to 7 years in electrical maintenance field preferably in a manufacturing setting
- In depth mechanical/electrical aptitude, schematic reading/interpretation

Maintenance Mechanic

Some things you'll do in this role:

- Troubleshoots production machinery and equipment for electrical and mechanical malfunctions. Assists in the teardown and rebuild of machines.
- Performs scheduled preventive maintenance tasks and periodic inspections on production machinery and equipment. Lubricates and cleans parts. Adjusts devices positions and controls.
- Troubleshoots mechanical failures. Repairs or places defective parts. Dismantles devices to gain access to and remove defective parts. Installs parts into devices. Starts devices to determine their performance.

What you'll need to be successful:

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- 3-5 years maintenance experience in a manufacturing environment.
- Must have basic computer skills, hydraulics and pneumatics aptitude.
- Must read and interpret Hydraulic, Pneumatic and Electrical schematics.
- Mechanical troubleshooting skills, electrical troubleshooting skills.

For full job descriptions and more information on these and other opportunities visit us at www.scottsmiraclegro.com/careers

Everyone has a role in
Empowering Families.

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

You've heard it takes a village to raise a child. And it's true! It takes communities working together to provide healthy, happy, safe environments for our children.

Empowering Families is a group working on an action plan to improve supports for families. We need YOUR ideas and feedback to develop a successful action plan. Please come to our Community Meeting Nights to learn more and share your ideas!



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FAMILIES

LEE COUNTY
319-372-5225

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Health Department

COMMUNITY MEETING NIGHTS

Nov. 16th between 4:30-6PM

Donnellson Community Room (across from Pilot Grove)

Nov. 17th between 4:30-6PM

Ft. Madison Public Library

Nov. 18th between 5-6:30PM

Keokuk Public Library (Round Room)

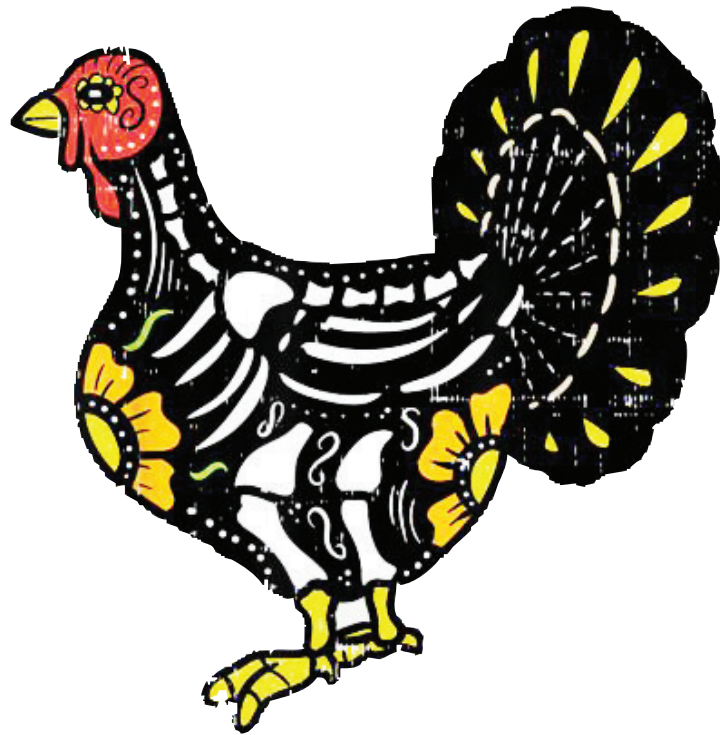
QUESTIONS? Can't
attend a meeting
night?

Contact Breanna
Kramer-Riesberg
319-372-5225
bkramer-riesberg@
leecountyhd.org

Kids are welcome and light snacks will be provided!

Wondra Chiropractic wishes you a

HAPPY CHIROGIVING



Tuesday, November 16 • 8am-2pm

Bring in a non-perishable food item and receive free time
on our Intersegmental Traction Table

(1 item = 5 minutes, 2 items = 10 minutes; 10 minutes maximum)

No appointment necessary

All donations will benefit our local food pantry



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