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County leaning to bonding septic contractors

Generator bid work goes to Mohrfeld after review

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - The Lee County Health Department wants to make sure septic system contractors take more responsibility with work they're doing in the county.

Currently, contractors in the area not required to be registered with the county or bonded in the county to do work. However, Fort Madison, Keokuk, and other cities in the county require that bondedness to do work on systems within city limits.

Lee County Health Department Environmental Services Program Director Rosa Haukedahl proposed a change to Lee County code at Tuesday's Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting that would require any

contractor working in the county installing or repairing septic systems to be bonded and registered with the county.

"We believe this will be a good change for us and a more standard approach to septic systems," Haukedahl said. "The way it stands right now, when a contractor installs a system and we have an issue we have to deal

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Lee County Fair Royalty



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Summer Smith of Donnellson tries to hold up roses, two trophies, and a crown after being named the 2018 Lee County Fair by 2017's Queen Eryn Anderson, right, Wednesday night.

Summer warms up Lee County Fair

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON - The Lee County Fair kicked off Wednesday with the traditional crowning of the Fair Royal Court and 17-year-old Summer Smith is wearing the top crown.

Smith is the daughter of Dave and Jamey Sue Smith

of Donnellson and attends Central Lee High School where she'll be a senior in the fall.

Smith, who was also awarded Miss Congeniality, said when she didn't hear her name for one of the runner-up spots, she thought she was out of it.

"Honestly, I felt when I didn't get first or second

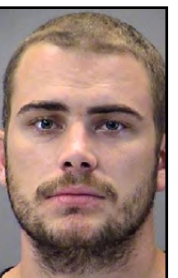
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Ohio man indicted for manslaughter in Bontas' deaths

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DAYTON, Ohio - According to an Associated Press report out of Ohio, the 27-year-old man that allegedly struck and killed Bob and Karen Bonta on March 13 in Arizona has been arrested and indicted on charges of manslaughter.

Alex Bashaw was arrested on a warrant out of Maricopa County, where the Maricopa County Sheriff's department handled the crime scene and pursuant investigation. According to the Associated Press report he is being extradited to Arizona from Montgomery County Jail in Dayton, Ohio.



BASHAW

However, officials with the Maricopa Clerk of Courts office and the Maricopa County Attorney's office declined to comment other than to say they have released no information on the case.

Authorities say the SUV Bashaw was driving jumped a curb and struck the Bontas and another married couple from Canada as they waited to cross a street in Fountain Hills about 32 miles northeast of Phoenix.

The Bontas were walking northbound on the east sidewalk of Saguaro Blvd. at Palisades Blvd. where they stopped to cross Saguaro Blvd. Two other pedestrians Patti, 60, and Ronald, 60, Doombos, husband and wife, were also walking northbound on the same sidewalk when they were all struck by a 1998 gold Ford Explorer SUV.

Karen and Patti were pronounced dead at the scene, Bob was pronounced dead at the hospital, and Ronald died as a result of his injuries several months later.

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

GREGORY ALBERT SALLEN

Gregory Albert Sallen, 67 years, of West Point, Iowa died unexpectedly Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. He was born April 15, 1951 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Albert and Bertha (Fraune) Sallen. On May 20, 1989, he married Teresa Kruse. She survives.



SALLEN

Greg was a 1969 graduate of St. Mary's Catholic School/Marquette High School, West Point. He served in the Army National Guard for 20 years, and was a member of the West Point American Legion, Holtz-Geer Post #668. He worked for Gary Sanders Masonry for years. He liked riding his 4-wheeler, going for a drive in the truck, and sitting out in his yard drinking a beer. He enjoyed spending time with his family.



He is survived by his wife, Teresa Sallen of West Point; one son, Joseph (Samantha) Sallen of West Point; one brother, Danny (Doris) Sallen of Donnellson, Iowa; two sisters, Charlene Sallen (Larry Kuhlmeier) of Fort Madison and Mary Ann (Richard) Moeller of Houghton, Iowa; four grandchildren: Sara, Gabrielle, Mason, and Hope; three nieces and nephews: Anthony Moeller, Michele Hand, and Andrew Moeller. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Rosary will be recited at 4:00 pm Friday, July 13, 2018 at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, West Point. His family will greet friends from 5:00 - 7:00 pm Friday evening at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, July 14, 2018 at St. Mary's of Assumption Catholic Church, West Point, with Reverend Dennis Hoffman, as celebrant. A memorial has been established for the West Point Fire and Rescue, contributions may be made at the church or at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, 412 Ave C, P.O. Box 247, West Point, Iowa 52656. Online condolences to the Sallen Family can be made at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home website: www.barrholtkampfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS ALBERT "TOM" SCHMITZ

Thomas Albert "Tom" Schmitz, 82, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 11:56 A.M. Tuesday July 10, 2018 at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington. Born March 23, 1936 on the family farm in Sonora Township rural Nauvoo, Illinois



SCHMITZ

the son of Donald and Leonora (White) Schmitz. He was a farmer then enlisted in the United States Navy serving from 1956-1958. Following his honorable discharge he returned home and on May 18, 1958 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Nauvoo he married B. Joanne Repplinger. She preceded him in death in 1981.



Survivors include his daughter Sandra K. (Chris) Stone of Londondairy, New Hampshire and his son Michael R. Schmitz of Nauvoo. Four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. One brother Philip (Fran) Schmitz of Montrose, Iowa, two sisters: Sharalee (Danny) Baxter of Altamont, Illinois and Barbara Monroe of Springfield, Illinois. Tom is also survived by his special friend Betty Smith and her family of Nauvoo and several nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Joanne and brother Donald Schmitz, Jr. Tom was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Nauvoo. He helped build the Nauvoo Elevator in the early 1960's. He went on to work for Colusa Elevator Company of Nauvoo in 1962 retiring in 1999. He served on the Nauvoo City Council from 1973 to 1979. He also served on the Nauvoo Fire Department for 33 years. He loved to golf and fish. Tom touched many lives while living in Nauvoo. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Friends may call after 1:00 P.M. Friday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Nauvoo where the family will meet with friends from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday July 14, 2018 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Nauvoo with Pastor Pete Hagglund officiating.

Burial with a flag presentation by the Nauvoo American Legion Post 711 will be in the Nauvoo City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Nauvoo Fire and Rescue.

Schmitz-Banks and Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.sbbfuneralhome.com



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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/11/18 - 5:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Avenue F.
 07/11/18 - 9:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue H.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/10/18 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Heather April LaFrenz, 38, of Keokuk, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. No disposition was listed.
 07/10/18 - 8:57 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Quinton James Leo Banes, 27 of Keokuk at the sheriff's office on a warrant for

theft in the 2nd-degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a pre-trial release.
 07/10/18 - 11:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jordan Sierra Brunk 23, of Kahoka, Mo., at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for contempt for failure to pay fine/costs. She was released on bond.
 07/10/18 - 1:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Blake Andrew VanNess, 29, of Danville at Glacier Ice in West Point on a temporary hold. He was released on bond.
 07/10/18 - 2:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cristyna Louise Rivers, 29, of Keokuk in the 800 block of Johnson Street Road on charges of interference with official acts, simple assault and a controlled substance vio-

lation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 07/10/18 - 3:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chloe Alexys Williams, 21, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on a charge of probation violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 07/10/18 - 9:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Carroll Vernon Brewer, III, 43, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on a charge of probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
The listed above should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

07/10/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical calls.

OBITUARIES

MONTRAY LAVERE CLARK

Montray LaVere Clark, 78, formerly from Ft. Madison, IA peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Select Specialty Hospital in Des Moines, IA surrounded by his loving family.

He was born August 18, 1939 in Davenport, IA, the son of Dale and Grace (McNaught) Clark. On April 2, 1961 he married Betty Green and they later divorced. Monty lived the past 6 years in Oskaloosa, IA at The Homestead Assisted Living where he made many good friends.
 He loved fishing, camping, gardening, and visiting with friends. Most of all Monty loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and family. He was a proud member of the Shriners and Masonic Lodge and enjoyed helping raise money for the Shriners Children's Hospital. When he was younger he was a commercial fisherman and worked for Young's Fish Market in Pontoosuc, IL. He worked for Ajax, JI Case, and then Fruehauf/Wabash as a Maintenance Supervisor 1967-1997, in which he retired after 30 years.



CLARK

He is survived by his son Daniel and JoAnn (Sveback) Clark of Lisbon, IA, 3 daughters; Susan (Michael) Amborn of Eddyville, IA, Malinda (Ron) Conway of Nineveh, IN, Julie Howerton (fiance John Caston) of Naperville, IL, grandchildren; Kaitlyn and Joshua Amborn, Devan and Ashton Howerton, Zachary Conway, and step-grandchildren; Noah, and Chloe Conway, a very special friend Connie Spencer, 5 brothers: Dennis, Larry, Curtis, Dale, Nick and 5 sisters: Rose, Sandy, LaVeta, LaVera, Sheryl, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Sally Clark.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monty's 79th Birthday Saturday, August 18, 2018, at the Eagle's Club, Ft. Madison, IA from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Monty's family and friends are invited to attend. Cremation was accorded and burial will be at Harris Cemetery, Dallas City, IL at a later date. A memorial has been established for final expenses.

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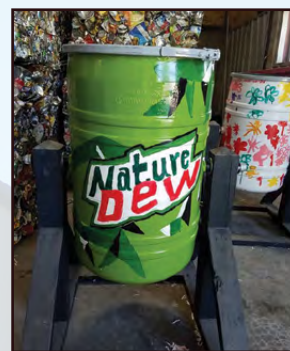
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Lee County Fair

Doty named Fair's Junior Queen

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Clockwise from top, Haley Lampe and Maren Doty pose with honors after Doty was named Lee County Fair Junior Queen and Lampe runner-up. Julie Fraise and Memphis Anderson get trophies as Lil Ms. and Mr. Lee County Fair, and Cole Moeller and Madison Mohrfeld get the Brownfield Ag Youth Awards.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

runner up that I wasn't going to get it, but when they said my name I was just shocked," she said.

She said the biggest lesson she learned was that you should never give up. She said she thought she performed poorly in the interview part of the judging, but kept pressing through.

Smith will now represent Lee County at the Iowa State Fair and in the Iowa State Fair Queen contest and said she hasn't really processed how busy she's going to be in the next year.

"Well, it's obviously going to be really busy going to the state fair," she said. "I'm going to be there for two weeks. I'm excited to get to do all those new experiences and also to represent my county at the state level."

Holy Trinity Senior Madison Mohrfeld was first runner-up followed by Central Lee's Brooklyn Pardall as second runner-up.

Maren Doty was named the Lee County Fair Junior Queen. Julie Fraise and Memphis Anderson were named Lil Mr. and Ms. Lee County Fair.

Cole Moeller and Mohrfeld were honored with the Brownfield Agriculture Youth Awards.

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Hospice groups rev up ABATE's Mystery Ride 2018

Submitted article

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Participants can register and pay the \$10 ABATE member/\$12 nonmember entry fee from 10:00 a.m. until the Noon start time the day of the ride. The route will be given on ride day. Participants will search for hidden objects along the way to complete the "mystery" portion of the ride.

While supplies last, t-shirts are available for \$20 each at Great River Hospice, 1306 S. Washington Road, West Burlington. Limited quantities of t-shirts will be available at Doris' Tavern the morning of the July 21st. Advance purchase is

recommended.

The ride will end at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4821 Avenue O #4, Fort Madison by 6 pm. The public is invited to the Eagles Club for a fundraising dinner and live auction at 6:15 p.m. All proceeds raised benefit both Great River Health System-Hospice and Lee County Health Department-Hospice.

ABATE, A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education, is a not-for-profit organization of motorcyclists. Lee County Health Department-Hospice and Great River Hospice are also not-for-profit organizations. The money raised at the mystery ride will help to provide hospice services for the uninsured or underinsured residents in southeast Iowa and West Central Illinois.

For more information on the Mystery Ride, contact ABATE member Randy Hiland, 319-572-5733. For more information on Great River Hospice, please call Missy Allen at 319-768-3352. For more information on Lee County Health Department-Hospice, contact Jeri Giebelhausen at 319-372-5225.

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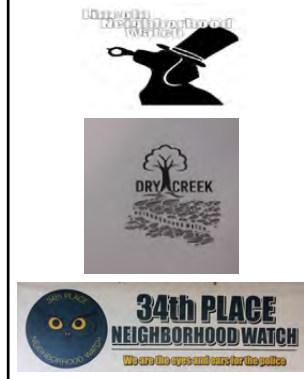
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with homeowner. When we get this in place, if we have an issue, we'll have more control."

LCHD is looking to have contractors carry a \$15,000 insurance bond, which would cost them about \$100. She said the \$15,000 is on the high end of the cost of installing a septic system, and would cover most work being done in the county.

After the contractors turn over the bond or a letter of credit to the county, they would then be listed on the county's registry of bonded contractors, which will help homeowners selecting a contractor.

"What we want is for the homeowners to look a little deeper into the contractors that they're hiring," she said. "We want to make sure the contractor is registered with the county and that we have the information. Then the homeowners know how to get a hold of this person if something goes bad."

Supervisor Matt Pflug said he wanted it to be clear that this was not a way for the county to recommend a contractor, but more of a way to help property owners in the event something would go wrong with a repair or installation.

Haukedahl said homeowners would get the registered contractor list when they apply for a permit with the county for the septic work. She said the county issues close to 100 permits per year and lots of counties in Iowa are moving to have a bond or letter of credit on file.

Pflug asked her if there is a problem currently with shoddy work on septic systems. Haukedahl said it's not common but each year there is one or two instances where the county has to get involved.

"You'll always have one or two that will want to argue when something goes wrong," she said. "We've been successful in getting them to make corrections without additional cost to homeowners, but when we put this in place, there will be no doubt where liability will fall."

Pflug said he thought the ordinance was a good idea and takes the county out of the picture.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said he also agreed with the proposed change as it provides another layer of protection for county residents.

"Sometimes by accident, or whatever, a system isn't put in correctly and this will guarantee the homeowner the protection they should have."

The proposal was in front of the board as a discussion item. Haukedahl said she's had Lee County Attor-

ney Ross Braden review the proposed changes and he has signed off on the new language.

The proposal will require three readings and approvals by Supervisors before it becomes part of the county code.

In an unrelated issue, supervisors agreed to purchase back-up generators for the north Lee County Office building and South Lee County Courthouse. Two bids were received, one from Mohrfeld Electric and one from Frank Millard and Co., Gary Folluo motioned to accept the lower bids for each location which was approved 5-0. Initially, Mohrfeld had the lowest bid for the north Lee County building and Millard had the lowest bid for the courthouse.

However, according to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, Lee County Maintenance Director Kirk Nafziger found a discrepancy in the bids despite the bids being read in open session of the supervisors meeting. Nafziger said Mohrfeld's bid was for a more expensive liquid cooled generator. However that was not indicated during the reading of the bids. Since the motion approved was for the lowest bid, Fraise indicated Tuesday in an email to the board that Mohrfeld would be awarded both bids at \$8,372.36 for the north building and \$10,097.23 in the south. Millard's bid was \$9,072 for the north building and \$10,907 for the courthouse.

The county has experienced two power outages in the past six weeks that has left county residents without access to county buildings and emergency services outside of the E911 system, such as medical alert or home security systems.

Fraise said the county is not required to go out for

bids on anything under \$100,000, or if a purchase is required for an emergency situation. Initially, Fraise had contacted Mohrfeld for costs, under the emergency code language, to install a back-up system at the north Lee County building after it was discovered the a power outage at the building in Fort Madison shut down the phone system at the sheriff's department, The E911 system has it's own dedicated lines and backup systems and was not affected in either outage.

When Fraise brought the issue to supervisors in June, it was decided to go out for bids on the work, but Mohrfeld's estimate was included in media articles about the project so when bids came in Millard could have potentially known what Mohrfeld's estimate was, So supervisors decided to rebid the project and those were the bids opened and approved on Tuesday.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 12 July



Clear Skies

High - 86.4° F | Low - 75.7° F

FRI 13 July



Clear Skies

High - 88.3° F | Low - 73.4° F

SAT 14 July



Moderate Rain

High - 84.7° F | Low - 76.3° F

SUN 15 July



Light Rain

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MON 16 July



Moderate Rain

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