

August 22, 2011

News Release – For Immediate Release

Anne Pedersen, Lee County Auditor, announces that absentee ballots for the School Election to be held Tuesday, September 13, 2011 are now available in the Auditor's Office.

In-person absentee voting may be done at the Auditor's Office located at 933 Avenue H Fort Madison daily from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, until Monday, September 12, 2011. Voting may also be done at the South Lee County Courthouse, 25 North 7th Street, Keokuk, located at the northeast service window in the Lee County Recorder's Office beginning Tuesday, August 30, 2011 from 8:30 A.M. until 11:00A.M. and 12:00 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. Those residing in the Central Lee or Fort Madison School District may also vote from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at both locations.

Eligible voters wishing to vote early may complete THE IOWA OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM available from the Lee County Auditor or by downloading the form at www.sos.state.ia.us. The request for an absentee ballot may be hand delivered to the Auditor's office in Fort Madison or dropped off at the Lee County Recorder's Office in Keokuk or mailed to the Lee County Auditor, P.O Box 190, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

A voter may also request a ballot on paper no smaller than 3 inches by 5 inches and must contain the voter's name, mailing address, date of birth and signature and the name of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot. Requests must be received by 5:00 P.M., Friday, September 9th.

Requests may be faxed to 319-372-7033. However, the original request document must be postmarked by Friday, September 9, 2011 or hand delivered to the Auditor no later than 8:00 P.M. on Election Day in order for the ballot to be counted.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail, but must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 12th. Prepaid postage is affixed to all ballot return envelopes. The voter's ballot may be hand delivered to the County Auditor's Office before 8:00 P.M., Election Day, September 13, 2011, by the voter or any person the voter designates.

Anyone having questions regarding absentee voting may contact the Auditor's office at 319/372-3705 or 319/524-2482.

Anne Pedersen,
Lee County Auditor &
Commissioner of Elections