

FLEET FOCUS

A newsletter from Lee County Fleet Management

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HOW NOT TO FILL YOUR GAS TANK

One morning, a fleet manager received a call from a branch office. A company truck had been totaled in a fire. The Fleet Manager investigated and found that the driver had left home at 7:00 a.m. He had been running late and needed to fill up the truck with gasoline, and he also wanted to get a cup of coffee. The driver discovered he needed to hold the handle of the pump while filling the fuel tank. Since he still wanted his coffee, he jammed the handle in place by using his cigarette lighter. (*You can see it coming can't you?*) The driver entered the store section of the gas station and bought his cup of coffee. By the time he returned, he found the tank had overflowed and made a large puddle of gasoline on the ground. He immediately pulled the lighter from beneath the pump handle. Unfortunately, the flint stone created a spark which ignited the gasoline. The resulting fire totaled the truck and much of the station itself. The driver sustained serious injury to his arm. No one else was hurt.

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Teaching is leaving a vestige of one self in the development of another. And surely the student is a bank where you can deposit your most precious treasures.

- *Eugene P. Bertin*
Scientist

What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches.

- *Karl Augustus Menninger*
American Psychiatrist

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

- *William Arthur Ward*
Author / Educator

Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire.

- *William Butler Yeats*
Irish writer

“If you would attain to what you are not yet, you must always be displeased by what you are. For where you are pleased with yourself there you have remained. Keep adding, keep walking, keep advancing.”

- *Saint Augustine*
religious philosopher

“If in the last few years you haven’t discarded a major opinion or acquired a new one, check your pulse. You may be dead.”

- *Gelett Burgess*
American Humorist



REMINDER

Please remind all employees that Lee County has a non-smoking policy for County vehicles and equipment. This policy is being expanded to include tobacco products of all kinds. Also, supervisors need to include this in their new employee training. Employees may be responsible for paying the costs to clean the vehicle and repair any damage caused by the tobacco products.

DO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW THIS?

** Michael Jordan's greatest single-game point total was 69.

** The diameter of the cup or hole on a putting green is 4.5 inches.

** In 1965 pop artist Roy Lichtenstein painted a picture of an angry dog. He called it "Grrrrr."

** Julia Roberts was the first actress to earn \$20 million per film (Erin Brockovich); Cameron Diaz was second (Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle).

** The world's first astrochimp, who rocketed beyond the earth's atmosphere in January 1962, was named HAM. His name was an acronym for the lab that prepared him for this historic mission - the Holoman Aerospace Medical Center in New Mexico. Three months later, Alan Shepherd made his landmark suborbital flight.

** Thick, pliable rhinoceros hides were used to make shields and protective body armor for ancient Chinese warriors in the 11th century BC. This use led to the near extinction of the animal.

** Martha Washington named an amorous tomcat after founding father Alexander Hamilton who had a reputation as a ladies' man. The cat was called "Hamilton."

** Actor John Larroquette provided the chilling narration for both Texas Chain Saw Massacre movies: the original in 1974 and the 2003 remake.

** The largest antique ever sold is the London Bridge, which was completed in 1831 and sold and transported to Lake Havasu City Arizona in 1968.

** A television comedy aimed at or featuring teenagers is referred to as a "zitcom" by Variety Magazine.

** The oldest U.S. settlement west of the Rocky Mountains is Astoria, Oregon where John Jacob Astor established a fur-trading post in 1811.

** Many Japanese golfers buy hole-in-one insurance because tradition requires them to share their good luck with friends when they get a hole-in-one. This tradition can cost \$10,000 or more.

** A standard No. 10 business envelope is 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches high.

** Elizabeth Taylor spent 6 of her eight honeymoons at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Bungalow 5A, the presidential suite which has four bedrooms, a Jacuzzi and a pool.

** The world's average school year is 200 days per year. In the U.S., it is 180 days; in Sweden 170 days, in Japan 243 days.

** One in ten people in the world live on an island.

** The first regular TV soap was DuMont TV's "A Woman to Remember," which began its run in February 1947.



REMINDER!!!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Save money on your entertainment budget by checking out DVD's and CD's for free. All you need is a library card!



LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

How wide is an NFL football field?

- A. 100 feet
- B. 120 feet
- C. 140 feet
- D. 160 feet

The correct answer is "D" 160 feet. This month's winner was Jerry Niederberger, GIS Coordinator for Lee County DOT/Operations. Thanks to all who played our trivia game.



HUGE COMMERCIAL TRUCK FLEETS

UPS	72,635
FED EX	61,000

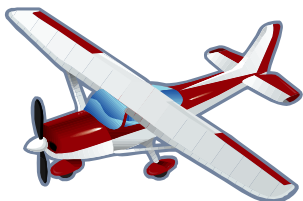
Coca Cola	55,000
PepsiCo	38,853
Quanta	25,000
DHL	22,600
Waste Mgmt	20,719
Service Master	18,096
Allied Waste	16,500
Cintas	14,000

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

In 2004, rock and roll legend Bob Dylan appeared in his first ad campaign ever - what product was he promoting?

- Victoria Secret Lingerie
- Crest Toothpaste
- Hall's throat lozenges
- Pantene Hair products

Send your guess to Marilyn Rawlings at Fleet via email or county mail to be eligible to win a prize. Remember, if no one guesses correctly, everyone who played wins a prize!



WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT SOME AIRPORTS

- Central Japan Int'l. - communal baths;
- Hong Kong Int'l - a shower and relaxation lounge;
- Singapore's Changi Airport - napping zones and a free always open movie theatre;

- Incheon Int'l (South Korea) billiards hall and foreign-only casinos;

(Source: February 27, 2008 www.businessweek.com)



FROG TRIVIA

** There are close to 4,000 known species of frogs, including toads. They range in size from less than 1/2 inch to nearly a foot long and come in a rainbow of colors and patterns.

** Adult frogs are carnivorous and will eat just about anything smaller than themselves, including insects, worms and even other frogs.

** The biggest frog is appropriately named the Goliath frog of Cameroon. It reaches nearly a foot and weighs as much as 7 lbs. The smallest frog is the Gold frog of Brazil. It grows to only 3/8".

** Equally small is the Eleutherodactylus iberia discovered only in 1996 in Monte Iberia, Cuba. (It doesn't even have a common name yet.) Other small frogs are poison frogs. They measure less than 1/2 inch.

** Recently scientists have noticed a marked decline in the numbers of frogs and other amphibians around the world.

Some species are believed to have become extinct within the past 50 years. Causes for the decline include ozone depletion, pollution, habitat loss, introduction of new predators, disease and even a fungus.



NOW WHERE EXACTLY IS THAT VEHICLE?

Recently, there has been a rise in the number of employees who have picked up their vehicle / equipment without coming to the front office to sign the work order. Please note that even if your vehicle / equipment does not have a key, we need you to come to the front office to sign the work order, as this lets us know the correct status of your vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with our goal of maintaining excellent customer service.



NO CALIFUDGE

(Nine English words no longer in use)

- * Califudge - hoax;
- * Doggerlybaw - nonsense;
- * Japeworthy - ridiculous;

* Biwrixie - to transform;
 * Clunch - irritable;
 * Fluppy - careless;
 * Mopple - to confuse;
 * Damnose - harmful;
 * Nupson - simpleton;
 (SOURCE: "Forgotten English" by Jeffrey Kacirk, Pomegranate 2006)

COUNTY INTRODUCES NO IDLING POLICY

Lee County realizes that vehicles that idle contribute to ozone formation due to the presence of two key ingredients in internal combustion engine emissions: nitrous oxides (NOX) and volatile organic compounds (VOC's). Idling vehicles produce unnecessary pollution that contribute to climate changes, smog and health problems, cause premature engine wear and waste fuel, which increases costs to our taxpayers. In addition, an idling vehicle gets 0 miles per gallon.

It is every employee's responsibility to minimize Fleet's operating costs while reducing harmful effects to the environment.

PROCEDURE:

- a) Department/ Division Directors and area supervisors shall make certain that all employees and volunteers within their jurisdiction are instructed regarding this No Idling Policy.
- b) With the exception of a warm-up period, not to exceed five (5) minutes

- at the beginning of the work shift, the policy of the County is that no vehicle will be left idling. Exceptions are listed in the Paragraph entitled "Exceptions to Policy".
- c) Where applicable, electronic fuel controls will be set to shut down automatically after five (5) minutes of idle time.
 - d) The engines of unattended or unoccupied vehicles are to be turned off.

RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY:

The Division of Fleet Management shall be responsible for the overall coordination and administration of this Policy in accordance with the direction of County Administration. The enforcement of this policy is assigned to Department Directors.

DEFINITIONS:

Employee- Paid and unpaid employees of Lee County Government including County staff, volunteers and contracted staff.

Vehicle- Any licensed/unlicensed motor vehicle or equipment (on-road/off-road) owned, leased, or fueled by Lee County.

EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY:

- a) Public Safety vehicles, such as Fire trucks, EMS, Sheriff and Police vehicles, while engaged in operational activities.
- b) Vehicles that are required to idle to power ancillary equipment mounted on the vehicle without risking damage to the battery, i.e. warning devices, hoists,

lift gates, hydraulic equipment or lights.

- c) Vehicles equipped with temperature sensitive equipment, i.e. Animal Control vehicles.
- d) The primary propulsion engine of a motor vehicle providing a power source necessary for mechanical operation, not including propulsion, and/or passenger compartment heating or air conditioning.
- e) A motor vehicle forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions over which the operator has no control.
- f) The primary engine of a motor vehicle being operated for maintenance or diagnostic purposes.

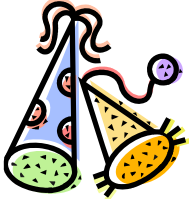


THE HIGH COST OF GASOLINE

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, 'Monsieur, that is the

reason I stole the
paintings.' I had no
Monet to buy **Degas** to
make the **Van Gogh**.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO U**

Randy Painter	9/03
Otis Redding	9/09
Karen Shilling	
9/18	
Andrea Bocelli	9/22
Gwyneth Paltrow	9/28