

## **Lewis & Clark Welcomes Two New Team Members**

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Lewis & Clark Regional Water System (L&C) recently welcomed two new staff members to the operations team. Both live in the Centerville area. These are the first personnel changes for L&C since 2017. Jamey Hult started on December 18 as a Maintenance Mechanic. This is a new position that was long been planned as the footprint of the System continues to expand as more members are connected. David Mattson started on January 24 as a Water Operator. He will have four weeks to train before taking over for one of L&C's six operators who will be retiring in late February.

Jamey most recently worked as a heavy equipment operator installing drain tile and maintaining equipment. He has worked for area agricultural businesses as a spray applicator and equipment maintainer. Jamey also previously ran his own business installing septic tanks and drain fields. He has extensive work experience in plumbing and mechanical maintenance, as well as rebuilding motors and gearboxes. In Jamey's words, "I've always had a wrench in my hand." He is originally from Centerville. Jamey and his wife Kimberly have three children.

David worked at the Poet ethanol plant in nearby Chancellor for the last nine years, including most recently as a shift supervisor. He is originally from Greenbush, MN near the Canadian border. David is a veteran of the Marine Corps Reserves and has a Biblical Studies degree from Northwestern College in St. Paul. He moved to the Centerville area after marrying a gal from Centerville. David and his wife Gretchen have six children.

"A warm welcome aboard to Jamey and David! We are excited to have these very experienced and top notch gentlemen join our operations team," said Operations Manager Jim Auen.

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**Attached photo shows Jamey Hult (left) and David Mattson**