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Pipeline land reseeding on hold

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - An official with the company overseeing the replacement of property disrupted by the installation of the Dakota Pipeline said all work in the county is stopping this week.

Lester Caldwell, project manager for Chippewa Resources, told Lee County Supervisors that workers helping to restore land where the pipeline was built are leaving for the rest of the summer due in part to the dry stretch that is preventing reseeded efforts.

"Tentatively we'll be finishing in Lee County today," Caldwell told the board at Tuesday's regular meeting. "I haven't gotten the word yet, but hopefully they will be back in the fall. There have been some seeding issues where we don't have vegetation growing. Honestly, I think this ditch is going to continue to settle."

Supervisor Don Hunold had informed the board at an earlier meeting that Dakota had been trying to reseed in several locations along the construction in Lee County, but the dry conditions were preventing any regrowth and the company was considering stopping because

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Xandra Abel, sings in the first act of "Between the Lines" currently being performed at Old Fort Players Thursday beginning at 7:30 and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Kids take over OFP stage

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Old Fort Players have turned to the kids for their July performance.

"Between the Lines" - a musical play by Erica Glenn, is based on a bedtime story, but things go awry when the Big Bad Wolf is afraid of small children and princesses fight dragons to rescue princes. A full house experienced the production on opening night Thursday. Great River United Way is the sponsor of this production and Dan's Carpentry helped with set construction.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. July 21 and 22nd and 2 p.m. on July 23.

Iowa Lottery ahead of budget

CLIVE, Iowa - Record sales of instant-scratch tickets led the Iowa Lottery to achieve annual results in its Top 4 overall and finish fiscal year 2017 well ahead of budget projections.

The biggest difference from the previous year's record results came in the sales total for Powerball®, which saw a world-record jackpot of nearly \$1.6 billion in January 2016 that had spurred enormous sales in Iowa and across the country.

"The 'chance factor' was highlighted this year in terms of the jackpots in

our lotto games," Iowa Lottery CEO Terry Rich said. "There simply won't be

a world-record jackpot every year. But the lottery is in a healthy position overall and we continue to deliver more than we had forecast for state causes. We understand that lottery results can and do fluctuate over time, which is why we budget conservatively."

Preliminary results released Thursday show that the Iowa Lottery generated nearly \$81 million in proceeds to state causes in FY 2017, which ended June 30. It was the fourth time that annual proceeds topped the \$80-million

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Holy Trinity Catholic Schools halfway there

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - Dennis Menke, campaign chairman for the Holy Trinity Catholic elementary school project, is pleased to announce that a recent surge of donations has pushed fundraising totals past the halfway point to build a new school. "This project started with the community's belief in the importance of faith-based education. The only way to continue this 150-year-old tradition is to provide students and teachers with a modern and safe school." The campaign crossing the half-way point, with over four million dollars donated, is due in part to alumni, parents, grandparents, parish members, and local businesses uniting together to build a future for local children.

HTC Elementary School has provided the surrounding community with the means to

educate children, not only in the general classroom setting, but also through quality religious education instruction. However, the age and condition of the current elementary school poses problems for creating a high-quality learning environment for children. The current building has served children for well for over one hundred years; however, its outdated structure, configurations and support spaces do not meet the dynamic needs of a quality 21st century education.

To address the needs and plans for the future, the school is initiating an intensive fundraising effort entitled the "HTC Elementary School Project" campaign. The aim of this important effort is to raise the funds required to expand and improve the elementary school campus.

This fundraising effort will pro-



Courtesy photo

Holy Trinity Elementary School Administrators Michael Sheerin and Bob Carr pose with a group of students to make the recent announcement that the school district has surpassed the halfway mark with its fundraising efforts.

vide the means for the construction of new 21st century collaborative learning spaces, enclose and unify the campus, create

new offices and expanded storage space, and make necessary handicap accessibility upgrades.

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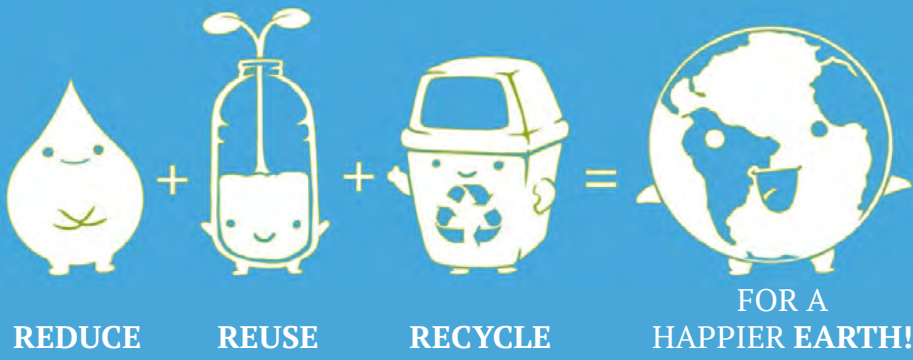
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OBITUARIES

DAVID L. HOLMES

David L. Holmes, 56, of Charleston, Iowa, passed away at 2:26 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Born August 12, 1960 in Fort Madison, Iowa the son of LaVern "Stub" and Marjorie (Richers) Holmes.

Survivors include his wife: Shelly Reid of Charleston, Iowa; father: LaVern "Stub" Holmes of Montrose, Iowa; brother: Gary Holmes of Paducah, Kentucky; sister: Lori (Alan) Pollpeter of Fort Madison, Iowa; nephew: Nichalus Ellison and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother Marjorie McCarty and step-father: Robert McCarty.

David attended Central Lee Schools. He was a self employed owner/operator hauling farm products. David was

an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, riding his four wheeler, camping, yard work and gardening.

A private graveside service will be held at the Montrose Cemetery in rural Montrose, Iowa.

Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his memory and can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa 52625

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From the Front

X23, J40 shoulder renovations approved

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they were just throwing money away on efforts that weren't working.

Supervisor Matt Pflug asked Caldwell how many issues are still active in the county with property owners.

"Too many to count," Caldwell said. "Lots of landowners are in negotiations with the pipeline to fix the issues themselves. I'm going to let everyone know today (that I'm leaving the area) that I know are in negotiations with the Pipeline. That way if there are any issues, I'm only six hours away."

Supervisor Ron Fed-

ler said he hasn't had any complaints from his district in the county, but Hunold said he has had quite a few but they are being currently being handled by the pipeline company.

In a related topic, Supervisor Gary Folluo asked Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise if the county has heard back regarding a letter sent from the Lee County Attorney's office regarding reimbursement for costs associated with the construction.

Specifically, the county had requested Dakota reimburse the county for

all costs associated with law enforcement efforts to patrol the pipeline and remove protestors.

Lee County Deputy Sheriff Will Conlee told the board those costs were between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

Folluo said it was agreed upon that there would be no cost to the county for the construction of the pipeline and those costs should be reimbursed. Fraise said she had not received a response to the letter sent.

In other action, the board:

- approved two shoulder

replacement projects out of West Point. The first being X23 from West Point to Hwy 2 and the other on J40 from West Point to Hwy 218. Both projects will receive state Transportation Safety Improvement Project funds from the state. The J40 project will also use federal highway safety funds to pay for the work. The shoulders will be resurfaced with

rumble strips on both sides.

- approved Dr. Craig Huston, from Great River Medical Center, as the county Medical Examiner in a two-year multi-county agreement. Lee County will share Huston's services with Des Moines and Henry counties. Pflug said several board members had been receiving phone calls from funeral

directors confused over the new process and getting signatures on death certificates. Fraise said the state was still setting up the electronic signature for Huston, but he was in the position effective July 1. The county is still negotiating the separation of retiring medical examiner Eugenio Torres who is currently in Nicaragua.

Project committee hopes to continue momentum

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According to Menke, the campaign committee has held over 40 informational meeting to community members to raise awareness of the current conditions of the school and to gather input of the community for the success of the project. Menke is very humbled and thankful for the support of all the volunteers for their effort and time towards this great cause.

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From the Front/Weather

Lottery sales top \$300M for 6th year

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mark in the lottery's 32-year history. Annual lottery sales were \$352.2 million, exceeding the \$300 million mark for the sixth year in a row. Prizes to players totaled \$215.6 million, while lottery sales commissions to retailers during the year totaled nearly \$23 million.

Connor Flynn Jr. of Des Moines, the advertising

executive who chairs the Iowa Lottery Board, said that he looks to the lottery to stress integrity, responsible play and strong communications every year.

"In our Board meetings throughout the year, lottery staffers share the details of their work across the lottery's operations," Flynn said. "I believe the lottery is positioned well

to continue to serve as an affordable, local entertainment option in Iowa and generate valuable proceeds for state causes."

Flynn also noted that during the past year, the lottery received another clean report from the State Auditor's Office in its annual review of the lottery's operations.

The preliminary figures released Thursday show that lottery sales in FY 2017 decreased 4 percent from the previous year's record total of \$366.9 million. Lottery proceeds to state causes for the year decreased about 8 percent while prizes to players decreased nearly 3 percent from the previous year's record numbers.

In general, the particular type of lottery product that sells best in a given time period has a big impact on overall lottery results. For example, instant-scratch games have a smaller profit margin than do lotto games like Powerball and Mega Millions. But sales in lotto games are largely jackpot driven and can fluctuate greatly from week to week and year to year. Scratch-game sales and pull-tab sales are more consistent over time.

So in a year like FY 2017 when scratch tickets sell particularly well, lottery profits will likely

be a smaller percentage of total sales simply because scratch games have a smaller profit margin overall. In a year when lotto tickets sell particularly well as they did in FY 2016, lottery profit margins will likely be higher.

Scratch games achieved record results in FY 2017 for a third straight year, with sales totaling \$237.6 million, an increase of nearly \$4 million from the previous record that had just been set in FY 2016. Scratch tickets were the first product introduced by the lottery in Iowa and have always been one of its top-selling items.

"Game design, the top prize available, the color of the ticket, the artwork on the ticket, the jackpot on the line and the particular time of year involved all can have an impact on lottery sales," Rich said. "We do our best to be cognizant of those factors and keep a good mix of games in the field to appeal to different customers."

Powerball, without a world-record jackpot during the fiscal year, saw sales fall 27 percent from the previous year's record performance, but still achieved a total of \$54.3 million.

Rich thanked retailers for their work in selling

lottery products in FY 2017, noting that local businesses across the state received \$22.9 million in sales commissions from the lottery.

Another highlight of the lottery's FY 2017 results was the \$2.5 million it raised for the Iowa

Veterans Trust Fund to benefit our state's veterans and their families. The lottery now has raised more than \$22 million for the Veterans Trust Fund since it began providing proceeds to that cause in 2008.

Here is a year-to-year comparison of annual lottery sales by product:

Product	FY 2017 Sales	FY 2016 Sales
Scratch Games	\$237.6 million	\$233.7 million
InstaPlay Games*	\$5.8 million	-----
Pick 3	\$7.3 million	\$7.4 million
Powerball	\$54.3 million	\$74.9 million
Mega Millions	\$15 million	\$16.4 million
Hot Lotto	\$8.2 million	\$8.8 million
Pick 4	\$3.9 million	\$3.6 million
All or Nothing	\$3.2 million	\$4 million
Lucky for Life	\$5.6 million	\$3.2 million
Pull-tab Games	\$11.3 million	\$15.1 million

*The InstaPlay product debuted in Iowa in November 2016.

The Top 10 retailers in Iowa for lottery sales in FY 2017 were in six different communities:

Retailer	Address, City	FY 17 Sales
Hy-Vee	20 Wilson Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids	\$810,681.00
Hy-Vee	2540 E. Euclid Ave., Des Moines	\$771,497.50
Hy-Vee	1843 Johnson Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids	\$749,968.50
Hy-Vee	2323 W. Broadway Ave., Council Bluffs	\$670,668.28
Hy-Vee Drugstore	1520 Sixth St. SW, Cedar Rapids	\$632,664.50
Hawkeye Convenience Store	2330 Wiley Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids	\$613,913.00
Hy-Vee	3235 Oakland Road NE, Cedar Rapids	\$610,751.50
Hy-Vee	4000 University Ave., Waterloo	\$595,398.00
Pronto	810 Fourth Ave. S, Denison	\$585,137.50
Hy-Vee	2400 Fourth St. SW, Mason City	\$567,740.00


Four Iowa Lottery players claimed prizes of at least \$1 million during the fiscal year.


Winner	Prize	City Claimed
Jeff Wolf	\$2 million	Iowa City
Powerball	\$2 million	April 27, 2017
Karl Krumbholz	\$2 million	Cedar Rapids
Powerball	\$2 million	March 17, 2017
Jeff Tomlinson Jr.	\$1 million	Coralville
Powerball	\$1 million	October 7, 2016
Rick Breuss Jr.	\$1 million	West Des Moines
Mega Millions	\$1 million	July 18, 2016


Since the lottery's start in 1985, its players have won more than \$3.9 billion in prizes while the lottery has raised more than \$1.7 billion for the state programs that benefit all Iowans.


Today, lottery proceeds in Iowa have three main purposes: They provide support for veterans and their families through the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund; help for a variety of significant projects through the state General Fund; and backing for the Vision Iowa program, which was implemented to create tourism destinations and community attractions in the state and build and repair schools.


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