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Group peppers Navigator



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Lee County resident and retired attorney Carrelle Stein pushes back on information provided at Thursday's Navigator pipeline meeting in West Point. About 30 people attended the information session about the proposed carbon capture pipeline.

PUBLIC GOOD?: Group asks about pipeline safety and need for project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – A meeting with Lee County Supervisors and about 25 other property owners turned a CO2 capture pipeline company toward the safety of the proposed project.

At the American Legion building in West Point, all five supervisors, including two candidates in the upcoming general election, listened in as Monica Howard, Navigator CO2 Ventures' Senior Director of Environmental and Regulatory, and Chris Brown, VP of Capital Projects, sat in white folding chairs in front of the crowd to espouse on the safety of the carbon capture pipeline currently in front of the Iowa Utilities Board.

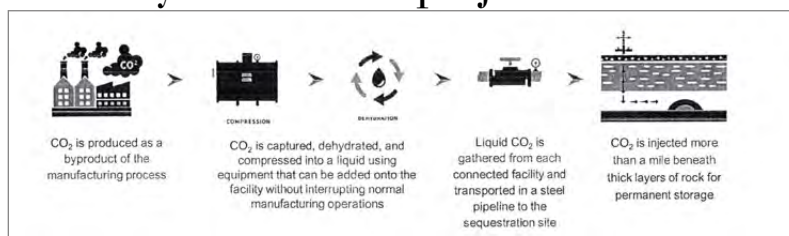
Brown referenced an eruption that occurred in Sartitia, Mississippi in 2020 and pointed the blame of the following sickness and hospitalizations to the operator's, Denbury, Inc., failure to appropriately prepare the community with both environmental and safety information.

"The operator didn't perform a geo-hazard study on their system. Navigator will be performing a geo-hazard analysis of the entire system," Brown said.

He said its very important for Navigator to maintain continuous and non-continuous leak detection protocols.

Continuous detection consists of overall pressure analysis

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EXPECTED TIMELINE

Second Quarter – Third Quarter 2022

Preliminary field surveying and installation methodology

Fourth Quarter 2023

Anticipated receipt of federal and state permits

Second Quarter 2024 – Fourth Quarter 2024

Construction phase

Fourth Quarter 2024 – Second Quarter 2025

Initial system commissioning

2022 Election

Gaylord and Holmes to seek GOP runs

Gaylord to seek treasurer, Holmes wants to stay on board of supervisors

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Republicans are holding a Central Committee Meeting on Tuesday July 5th, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Pilot Grove Meeting Room (506 North Main) in Donnellson. Lee County Deputy Treasurer Becky Gaylord is to announce her intention to run for Lee County Treasurer on the Republican Ticket.



GAYLORD

Third District Supervisor Chuck Holmes is also expected to be attendance to announce his intention to run for election to the Board of Supervisors also as a Republican. Both will need to be elected at a Nomination Convention to appear on the ballot on November 8th, 2022. The public is invited to attend.

Chairman James D. Creen has also scheduled a Republican Nomination Convention for both Gaylord and Holmes to be held on Monday August 1st, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Pilot Grove Meeting Room in Donnellson. Delegates to the Nomination Convention can be elected at the July 5th Central Committee Meeting.

Iowa News

Pate to cut filing fees for businesses

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announces the cost of fees for businesses filing with his office will be reduced, beginning July 1. Uniform Commercial Code filings will be cut in half and Biennial Report fees for most entities will be reduced by \$15.

A Technology Modernization Fund was established in 2017 to help the Secretary of State upgrade systems to enhance services the state provides to businesses. The fund included an

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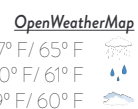
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SUN 03 Jul.....Broken Clouds, 79° F/ 60° F



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Obituaries/ For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
06/29/22 - 12:19 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited David Leon Holmes II, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 4100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

06/29/22 - 7:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Carl Allan Peterson, 39, of Burlington, in the 1100 block of 34th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

06/29/22 - 5:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 600 block of 35th Street.

06/29/22 - 10:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue F.

Lee County Sheriff Report

06/29/22 - 8:53 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kody Michael Saar, 28, of Hamilton, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on warrants for failure to appear and violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/29/22 - 10:21 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies cited Dabney Boyd Jones, 19, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for pre-trial release violation. He was cited and released on bond.

06/29/22 - 8:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to an abandoned vehicle in the 1100 block of Hwy. 2. According to the report, a search was completed and the driver, Christopher Allen Woodson, 20,

of Texas, and was taken into custody on charges of public intoxication, failure to maintain control, and possession of alcohol under age.

06/29/22 - 9:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 1000 block of Hwy. 218. According to the report, a deer ran into the roadway in front of a vehicle driven by Brady Lin Huston, 37, of Carthage, in the 1000 block of Hwy. 218. Huston struck the deer with the front of her vehicle, causing heavy damage. Huston was injured and transported to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center. No citations were reported.

06/29/22 - 9:36 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Allen Woodson, 20, of Texas, in the 1100 block of Hwy. 2, on charges of public intoxication, failure to maintain control, and possession of alcohol under age. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/30/22 - 5:59 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Breann Nicole Johanningmeier, 31, of Illinois, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

06/30/22 - 6:22 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joseph Montgomery Walte, 40, of Salem, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

OBITUARIES

FREDERICK H. FIGGE

Frederick H. "Fred" Figge, 76, of Keokuk, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.

Fred was born on May 28, 1946, in Toledo, Ohio, the son of Frederick and Muriel (Carpenter) Figge. In 1964, he was united in marriage to Linda Klingel in Warsaw, Illinois. They were later divorced. Fred graduated from Warsaw High School in 1964 and went on to receive his teaching degree from Culver-Stockton College in 1968.



FIGGE

Fred was employed as a math teacher for 33 years at Keokuk High School. He coached football, basketball, baseball, and golf, for a total of 85 seasons which he was very proud of. He enjoyed watching his students have fun and mature in both their academics and their athletics. One of his greatest joys was that he was able to help so many young people. He greatly enjoyed all the teams he coached, but the '95 and '96 boys golf teams that placed 2nd and 1st at the class 3A State Tournament always brought a smile to his face! Fred could often be found golfing at the Elks Club where he was member for 49 years, playing cards with his family, or napping in his chair. He also enjoyed word jumbles

and crossword puzzles. He was an avid sports fan and rooted for the LA Dodgers, the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Fighting Illini. Fred is survived by two sons: Rod (Cindy) Figge of Hamilton, Illinois, and Troy (Jody) Figge of Quincy, Illinois; his brother Brian Figge of Keokuk, Iowa; six grandchildren: Brittany (Luke) Bavery, and Emma, Drew, Kennedy, Thea, and Noelle Figge; two great-grandchildren: Harper and Baylor Bavery; his special companion Gail Hark of Keokuk; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Kurt Figge, and sister-in-law Susie (Sonneborn) Figge.

Fred's life will be celebrated with a funeral service at 5 pm on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with Minister Gerome Crayton officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2 to 5 pm directly before the service. There will also be an Elks Service.

Memorials may be directed to the Keokuk High School boys and girls golf teams or the Deer Run Youth Golf Clinic.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

FLORENCE E. BISHOP

Florence "Flo" E. Bishop, of Marengo, IA, formerly of Fort Madison, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at her home.



BISHOP

Flo was born on August 23, 1942 in Franklin, IA to George and Barbara (Denning) Bishop.

She worked at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison before retiring from the City of Fort Madison as Supervisor in the Finance Department. She worked numerous weddings

and other special events throughout the region providing bartending services. Flo was a beloved member of the community. In her later years, she moved to Marengo, IA to be closer to her grandchildren.

Flo loved trying new restaurants - was always looking for the best tenderloin, traveling when she could, playing cards, and anything her grandchildren were involved in. She had a wicked sense of humor and a laugh that invited you to join in.

She is survived by 2 daughters: Melanie Bishop of Chicago, IL, and Leslie (Scott) Edwards of Marengo, IA; two grandsons, Jace and Clay Edwards of Marengo, IA 2 sisters: Betty (Jim) Thompson of Fort Madison and Delores (John) Markey of Dallas City, IL, 2 brothers: Dale (Beverly) Bishop of Tunnel Hill, IL and Steve (Renee) Bishop of Buford, GA, several nieces and nephews, 1 best friend, whom she considered a sister: Nancy (Darrell) Thannert of Fort Madison, and 1 great-grand cat: Darla Elaine Edwards of Marengo, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Barbara Bishop, 2 brothers: George (Nadine) Bishop of Houston and Wesley Bishop, Tx, 4 Sisters: Ruth (Sonny) Farrell of Fort Madison, Marge Gunn of Oxnard, CA, and Arleta Bishop of Donnellson and Rosalie Bishop.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 with Rev James Kannenburg officiating. Burial will be at Gethsemane Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Obituaries/Sports

Lady Hounds play for outright conference title tonight

PCC SPORTS

NEW LONDON – Junior Neeley Rehm went seven innings, allowing just three hits and striking out six, as Fort Madison earned its 20th softball win of the year Wednesday at New London in a non-conference matchup.

The Lady Hounds (20-12) got on the board quickly when Emily Steffensmeier hit a one-out single in the top of the first, swiped second, and then came around to score on Erika Kruse's single to left for a 1-0 lead.

Rehm gave up one of her hits in the bottom of the first when Ashlyn McSorley doubled to deep left, but Rehm got a pop-out and a ground out to end the threat, leaving McSorley stranded.

Neither team would score in the second inning, but Fort Madison would put up two runs in the top of the third.

Elle Ruble walked to start the inning and Taylor Johnson got hit by a Kaitlyn Lee pitch to two on with no outs. A pop-out to second held everyone, but Steffensmeier followed with her second hit of the game, driving in both Ruble and Johnson for a 3-0 lead.

The Lady Hounds would put up five more in the fourth to put the game out of reach. Lauryn Helmick singled to open the frame. She would move around on a stolen base and passed ball before McKenna Cashman sent a ball to center allowing Helmick to tag and score.

Ruble got hit with a pitch and Johnson walked before Logan Johnson lined a single to left scoring Ruble. An error on the play allowed Taylor Johnson to move to third and Logan Johnson to advance into scoring position. Steffensmeier would continue her hot day at the plate with another, scoring Johnson and Johnson.

Then Erika hit her Southeast Conference-leading 11th home run of the year on the first pitch she saw to set the final score at 8-0. Rehm would allow just one base runner on a single in the bottom of the 7th in sealing the win.

Steffensmeier led the Lady Hounds offensively going 3-4 with 4 RBIs and a run scored, accounting for five of the Hounds' eight runs.

Kruse was 2-4 with an RBI and a run scored off the dinger. The junior is also first in the conference in RBIs with 47 on the year and she's fifth in the conference in hitting with a .412 average. Whaley leads the conference in doubles with 11 and Steffensmeier is first in the field with a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage from centerfield.

Logan Johnson, Lexi Whaley, Rehm, and Helmick had the other hits for Fort Madison.

Fort Madison (16-2 in the Southeast) has a doubleheader tonight in Burlington. If the Hounds win either of the two, they will be the outright conference champions. Fairfield currently stands at 13-4 with three conference games remaining, including a makeup game. If they win all three and Fort Madison would lose both to the Grayhounds, the two would share the Southeast title.

OBITUARIES

TERRY J. BRACKENBURY

Terry James Brackenbury, 52, of Hamilton, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Terry was born on May 2, 1970, in Chino Hills, California, the son of Harry Paul and Betty Jean (Kruckow) Brackenbury. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1988, and he was united in marriage to Amy Lynn Wear on October 16, 1993. Terry later married Deborah "Debbie" (McCracken) Miller on July 4, 2021.



BRACKENBURY

Terry was employed as a financial manager at various car dealerships in the area and worked at Mississippi Valley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center as a CNA. He attended Anchor of Hope and Healing Streams Church in Keokuk. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time fishing and playing poker. Terry loved his family and his dogs Lucy and Hope.

Terry is survived by his wife Debbie of Hamilton; his son Andrew (Fiancé Leslie McDavid) Brackenbury of Chicago, Illinois; two daughters: Emma and Sophia Brackenbury of La Harpe, Illinois; two brothers Harry Paul (Kathie) Brackenbury and Dean (Ann) Forquer, both of Keokuk; and three sisters: Linda (Alan Chase) Brackenbury, Susan Brackenbury and Deborah Brackenbury, all of California.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents Harry Brackenbury, Betty Jean Brackenbury and Raymond Cady; and his sister Katherine Brackenbury.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

As an organ and tissue donor, Terry gave the most precious gift anyone could give; the gift to save the lives of others.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family in care of Deborah Brackenbury.

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From the Front

Navigator outlines safety measures

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on the system at every mainline valve through pressure transmitters on both side of the valve, which goes to the company's supervisory control system.

He said there are also systems to determine what's coming into the pipeline and what's going out of the pipeline.

He said the company also uses a fiber optic leak detection system that will be installed in the same ditch as the pipeline and it has the capability of detecting any type of encroachment on the pipeline system, including excavation near the line.

The company will also be burying the pipeline 2 feet further than PHMSA (Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) regulations require. The regulations required a minimum depth of three feet. Brown said warning tape will be installed at the 3 foot mark to warn anyone digging or excavating of the presence of the pipeline.

Brown said in a perfect world everyone would call 8-1-1 before digging in Iowa, but he knows that's not the reality.

Howard said the pipeline would operate between 1,300 and 2,100 psi of pressure, with PHMSA requirements setting the max pressure at 2,200 psi. She said Navigator will be exceeding that by testing the pipeline at 2,700 psi for at least eight hours to detect any possible leaks before any hazardous materials are accepted into the line.

In addition, she said the pipeline walls will also exceed industry standard and will be even thicker near road crossings and other publicly used facilities.

Despite the reassurances from the pipeline officials, some property owners were still not swayed in their opposition to the project.

Ray Menke of Fort Madison said he had been opposed to the pipeline, which will cross his property, from the outset.

"But after hearing what you've said today, the only way you're getting that across my land is through eminent domain," he said.

Ted Stein, and his wife Carrelle, who've logged several objections and communications about the project on the IUB

docket, both spoke in opposition.

Ted Stein questioned the chemical makeup of the hazardous materials moving through the pipeline to possibly include hydrogen sulfide, which is a toxic chemical event at 20 parts per million.

Brown said the byproduct of the fertilizer plants is 97% pure carbon dioxide, or CO2. Stein pushed, saying that the remaining 3 percent could carry enough toxic chemicals to sicken those around a rupture, similar to the Sartitia incident that sickened 49 people.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said this pipeline proposal is more emotional than the other projects that have come through the county. The county has hired an inspector to monitor landowners' rights and work being done in the county, at Navigator's expense.

Fedler is also from West Point and said that the community is concerned about the proximity to the city's north side and a chilling effect the pipeline could have on future development there.

Carrelle Stein, who's a retired attorney, filed a motion to intervene in the IUB hearings. She said the company has a long way to go to prove this project is for the public good. Iowa code requires a public good component in eminent domain cases. Pipeline companies argue the capturing of carbon is critical to combat greenhouse effects of global warming, but opponents argue the the carbon is being used elsewhere, and other alternatives are just as effective.

Some even argue that the captured carbon will be a hindrance to the natural exchange of oxygen through plant life.

"You guys got a lot to do to satisfy me and these people here," she said. "People are coming to take property and it's not going to happen. We'll take it all the way to the Supreme Court."

The Navigator Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline is being proposed to run diagonally northwest to southeast through Iowa for a total of 810 miles, including more than 50 miles of pipeline buried in Lee County. The entire pipeline would run approximately 1,300 miles through five states.

Pate holding to campaign promises

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adjustment in some filing fees for users. Now that the five-year fee adjustment has ended, the fees that are under the control of the Secretary of State will be significantly reduced.

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Iowa has set a record for most new business filings in state history every year since Secretary Pate returned to office in 2015, with the exception of Fiscal Year 2020, when the COVID pandemic began. Despite the increased volume, including more than 33,000 new business entities in Fiscal Year 2021, the processing time is quicker than ever.

During Fiscal Year 2021, approximately 181,000 filings were completed using the Fast Track Filing system, accounting for 89% of all business filings completed with my office.

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