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Anglers work Lake Cooper



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fishermen with the Lake Cooper Anglers' Association set out early Saturday morning on the second event of a three-event fishing tournament in southeast Iowa. Several local fisherman lead the event. See page 6 for additional details.

SUPERVISORS

Former chair gives warning to board on pipeline

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A dire warning came from a familiar face at Monday's Lee County Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Former Supervisor Don Hunold spoke to supervisors regarding his concerns about the proposed carbon sequestration pipeline through Lee County.

Hunold gave a stark warning to the board, and to the public in general, about not only the political fallout of eminent domain being considered for the pipeline, but also the dangers of the structure.

"Judas Priest, West Point you'd be dead. If it goes where they say it's going to go, if there's any wind at all, they're all going to be dead," Hunold said regarding a rupture in the pipeline.



HUNOLD

"It's really kinda sad." Hunold said only 13.9% of landowners have signed onto the pipeline's easement request and the rest have not agreed to allow the pipeline to go through private land.

Navigator, Summit and Wolf, all companies that have submitted plans to the Iowa Utility Board for approval are hoping to capture carbon dioxide from fertilizer plants in the Midwest and bury deep under ground.

But opponents are making headway in the fight to prevent the pipeline, including the company's use of eminent domain. That tactic has been granted in the past for companies that are serving the public good. Opponents are saying the carbon levels in the atmosphere are some of the lowest on record and capturing the carbon dioxide isn't necessary, therefore no public good is being undertaken.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said he's confirmed that Illinois has declined Navigator's permit application in that state, leaving the company with no place to sequester the liquidized carbon dioxide.

"They said they were going to run the pipeline under the river and into Illinois

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IOWA NEWS

Iowa Legislators move quickly on fetal abortion law

PCC Staff

DES MOINES - On Tuesday Iowa House Republicans passed House File 732 to protect the lives of unborn children.

HF 732 restricts abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected by an abdominal ultrasound unless there is a medical emergency or the pregnancy is the result of rape and incest.

Representative Shannon Lundgren (R-Peosta) led the bill through the Iowa House.

"This bill protects unborn children in Iowa," said Lund-

gren. "This bill sets a clear standard where the state has an interest in the life of a child – when the baby's heart starts beating. Where there is a heartbeat – there is life."

Speaker Pat Grassley (R- New Hartford) said the bill is another promise kept to Iowans.

"Iowans know we are a pro-life caucus and they have continued to grow our majority," said Grassley. "While Demo-

WEST POINT

Beckman joins Kozlowski, Santiago in area law firm

Kozlowski Law Group is pleased to announce the addition of Attorney David Beckman as Of Counsel to their esteemed legal team. Beckman will join Attorney Mio Santiago in the firm's elder law, estate planning, and probate practice. With his extensive



BECKMAN

experience, Beckman will further strengthen the firm's ability to provide comprehensive legal solutions to their clients.

Attorney Beckman brings a wealth of

knowledge and a proven track record in handling complex legal matters. His legal career spans more than 40 years with most of it dedicated to elder law, estate planning and probate. As Of

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WEATHER

THU 13 Jul..... Partly sunny & warm, 85° F/ 66° F
FRI 14 Jul..... Warm with showers & thunderstorms likely, 87° F/ 66° F
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

BETTY L. TRIPP

Betty L. Tripp, 93, of West Point, passed away on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 11 AM at her home.

She was born on September 3, 1929 in Ft. Madison to Walter and Zera Smith Sandford. On September 29, 1948 she married Elbert Tripp in Ft. Madison and he passed away on January 1, 2000. She was a homemaker and a very active member of Community of Christ Church where she previously served as Pastor. Betty enjoyed spending time with her family and writing, especially poetry.

Survivors include one daughter, Ilene (Steve) DePriest of West Point; one son, Kevin (Colleen) Tripp of West Point; six grandchildren, Kara Strunk, Geoff DePriest, Brian Tripp, Eric Tripp, Adam Tripp and Jacob Tripp and twelve great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son, David and two sisters.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Community of Christ Church.

A memorial has been established for Kids for Camp of the Community of Christ Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



TRIPP

OBITUARIES

DEBORAH H. LAMPE

Deborah H. "Debbie" Lampe, 66, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the West Point Care Center.

Born December 7, 1956, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Harold and Rita (Grothaus) Mueller.



LAMPE

Survivors include her son: Bernie (wife Olivia Kowalski) Lampe of Catonsville, Maryland, two daughters: Glory Lampe of St. Louis, Missouri and Angie (George) Lampe of Portland, Oregon, two brothers: Mike (Lori) Mueller of West Point, and Rich (Rhonda) Mueller of New London, one sister: Carol Grenwald of Fort Madison, and one sister-in-law: Amy Mueller.

Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother Daniel Mueller.

Debbie was a 1976 graduate of Fort Madison High School. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2023 at the St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2023 at St. James the Less Catholic Church with Father Dan Dorau officiating.

Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in St. Paul, Iowa.

A memorial has been established for West Point Care Center.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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IT'S TIME



Colorectal cancer screening saves lives!

The recommended age for colorectal cancer screening has been lowered from 50 to 45 because colorectal cancer cases are on the rise among young and middle-age people. Colorectal cancer is one of the only cancer screening tests that can prevent cancer by finding precancerous polyps in the colon or rectum and removing them before they become cancer or find cancer early when it may be easier to treat. There are several screening options available. So, if you are over the age of 45, or at high risk for colorectal cancer, talk to your doctor about when to start getting screened and which screening option is best for you.



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VIRGIE A. COURTNEY

Virgie A Courtney, 91, of Kahoka, entered eternal Glory at 12:30 am, Monday, July 10, 2023, peacefully at the Clark County Nursing Home.

Virgie was born on October 7, 1931, in Williamstown, MO to Gilbert and Beulah (Dice) Young.



COURTNEY

Virgie married her high school sweetheart Allen Courtney on June 21, 1953 at the First Baptist Church in Kahoka. Their marriage was blessed with 3 children Debbie, Dena, and Kris.

Virgie is survived by her beloved children Debbie Farrell of Franklin, Iowa, Dena (Chuck) Shaull of Homestead, Iowa and Kris Courtney of Kahoka, Mo. 3 grandchildren Timothy Farrell, Brooke (Ryan) Livingstone and Cole (Taylor) Courtney, 2 sister in-laws JoAn Courtney and Elsie Young, and 1 brother in-law Gale Walker.

Family and Friends loved her Fried Fish in the (Cast Iron fish skillet), corn pudding that was her mother's recipe, and her mouth-watering potato salad. Virgie's grandchildren loved zucchini bread and cookies. Everyone loved pies with the wonderful flaky crust. One church member said of her deep-dish apple pie "Now that's what I call a Pie"! Although she made quite a variety of pies, cookies, brownies, cakes and Christmas candies. Virgie was a talented embroiderer & seamstress including making prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, mending and enjoyed scrapbooking. Virgie was a service to the Lord: She did birthday ministry and would send many birthday cards. She made picture books from calendars for many children and residents at the Nursing Home, also serving the church through Awana youth group program and bible school. Virgie was a Sunday school teacher for 2 & 3 year olds. Children are like sponges absorbing what they see and hear. They know more than you think, and you don't know what's going to come out of their mouths.

Virgie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Allen, 2 brothers, Kenneth and Keith, 2 sisters, Verena Yeager and Lorena Walker, 1 sister in-law Jeanne young, 2 brother in-laws Donald Courtney and Charles Yeager, 1 nephew, Mark Courtney, and 2 nieces, Patty Coffman and Charlotte Yeager.

Funeral services for Virgie will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, July 17, 2023, at the First Baptist Church of Kahoka. Comforting words will be given by Matt Gutting. Interment will follow at the Kahoka Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 16th, 2023 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at the Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home in Kahoka. Memorial contributions in memory of Virgie are suggested to the First Baptist Church Kahoka Missionaries outreach or The Franklin Graham ministry Samaritan's purse. Checks Payable to Kris Courtney.

OBITUARIES

JOSIE LIMAS

Josie Limas, 87, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:34 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Birkwood Village in Fort Madison, IA. She was



LIMAS

born on March 19, 1936 in Fort Madison, IA to Pedro & Guadalupe Nieto Martinez. She married Rodolfo Limas on September 7, 1962 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on August 9, 1997. She was a homemaker and worked at Wonder Years Childcare in Fort Madison for 22 years. She loved watching sports and spending time with her family.

Josie is survived by: 1-daughter: Maggie (Chris) Hayes of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Peter (Mary) Limas of Randall, IA & John Limas of Fort Madison, IA; 6-grandchildren: Sara, Sabrina, Olivia, Spenser, Nathan & Kathryn; 2-great grandchildren: Genevieve & Charlie and 1-sister: Helen Ramirez of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-granddaughter: Alyssa and 8-brothers & sisters.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery.

Online condolences to Josie's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Reynolds to sign bill into law Friday

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crats across the country continue to devalue the life of an unborn child, Iowa House Republicans are following through on our promise to protect life.”

Gov. Kim Reynolds released the following statement in response to the Iowa Legislature passing the heartbeat bill:

“Today, the Iowa legislature once again voted to protect life and end abortion at a heartbeat, with exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother.”

“The Iowa Supreme Court questioned whether this legislature would pass the same law they did in 2018, and today they have a clear answer. The voices of Iowans and their democratically elected representatives cannot be ignored any longer, and justice for the unborn should not be delayed.”

“As a pro-life Governor, I am also committed to continuing policies to support women in planning for motherhood, promote the importance of fatherhood, and encourage strong families. Our state and country will be stronger because of it.”

Gov. Reynolds plans to sign the bill on Friday, July 14, 2023.

HF 732 passed the Iowa House with a vote of 56-34.

Illinois declines pipeline permit

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and I’ve heard Illinois declined them the permit,” Fedler said.

Hunold confirmed that statement saying the state of Illinois had declined the permit application.

Plans initially included running the pipeline into southwestern Illinois and pumping deep into the bedrock where it will dissipate over centuries.

But Fedler said he doesn’t believe the company ever intended on burying the carbon but converting it to methane and selling it as an alternative fuel.

Hunold said the carbon being pulled from fertilizer facilities across the state and into South Dakota is some of the purest forms of carbon. Iowa Fertilizer Co. is one of the plants that has indicated it would be hooking up to the CO2 pipeline to minimize its carbon footprint and take advantage of federal tax credits.

“Right at this point, they have no place to sequester that CO2. South Dakota is the same way. There’s a huge land dispute up there and I think it went to the Supreme Court and they won it,” Hunold said.

“So the question is, if they can’t put it anywhere, is it dead in its tracks? I don’t know.”

Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said there are some tight time limits on these permits and he thinks there may be some end runs in the works to get it done.

“There’s a push right now to get people to sign up,” Seyb said.

Hunold said he heard at a meeting he attended in Fort Dodge over the weekend, that people are saying the counties have the most power.

An opponent of the pipeline told Supervisors in June that he’s working with an attorney who’s looking to get a county in Iowa to sign on as the plaintiff in a suit against the Iowa Utility Board regarding its actions permitting the pipeline work to continue.

“According to the folks up there, the most power lies within the counties,” Hunold said. He said there were more than 200 people at the Fort Dodge meeting.

Governor Reynolds recently replaced two members of the IUB and those two are already functioning on the board.

Hunold said legislation proposed at the Iowa Capitol has moved through the House, but always gets hung up in the Senate.

“They get slow-walked pretty bad. I don’t know you tell me, but my opinion is that something is not right here,” Hunold said.

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THE WEST POINT
CITY COUNCIL
WEST POINT, IOWA
52656
JULY 10, 2023**

Mayor Joseph Loving called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the West Point Library, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on July 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Joseph Loving indicated the following Council Members were present: Brian Meierotto, Dan Waters, Bruce Wellman and Will Stuekerjuergen. Council member Phil Kruse was absent.

Mayor reported the following: Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.; Next regular City Council Meeting is Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Public Library.

Randy Welding presented the City Administrator's report.

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JUNE, 2023**

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Cessford Construction Co	2,166.14
Churdan Public Library	20.00
City of West Point	615.00
Daily Democrat	257.20
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Demco Inc	100.51
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GRRWA	992.00
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Iowa Finance Authority	86,200.00
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Mastercard	1,337.71
McGowan, Denise	542.60
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Mississippi Valley Pump	7,960.00
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Sports/From the Front

Eaves brothers bag first at LCAA Open Bass tournament

FORT MADISON - The LCAA has sponsored the second of three Open events this summer with this one on Lake Cooper (pool 19).

Great weather, low wind and great temperatures finally found it's way to the river and was welcomed by the forty-two anglers participating in the LCAA Open Bass Fishing Tournament held in Fort Madison last Saturday. Fishermen launched at Ft. Madison, Willow Patch ramp at safe light and returned for the weigh in at 2 p.m. Fishing was good and good weights were recorded. Team anglers Jeff and Richie Eaves of Fort Madison and Nauvoo, Ill bagged first place with five fish at 15.51 lbs. Followed closely with five fish at 14.89 lbs were the Burlington father son duo of Chris and Tyson Powers. They also boated the second largest bass at 4.08 lbs.

The third-place team consisted of David Son, Donnellson, IA and Rob Needam, Kirksville, Mo. who also connected a five-bass limit weighing 14.67 lbs. Payout was to five team places. Fourth-place finisher Fort Madison's Scott/Seager team at 14.44 lbs and also had the big bass of the tournament with a 4.16 lbs. largemouth.

The fifth place and final cut for the payoff was the Jared and

Justin Flockhart team from Keokuk/Kahoka who managed to wrangle five bass to their live well for a 14.40 lb. weight.

The Ft. Madison event was the second of a three-tournament format where points are allocated in proportion to the accumulated weights. The third and final event will be held on Lake Sugema, at Keosauqua on August 5th where total angler points will determine the overall champion.

Information and applications for the final event can be found on the LCCA Facebook page or email address. Telephonic, message or email inquiries - contact: Scott Seager at 319-795-4026; sceager@yahoo.com.

The Lake Cooper Angling Assoc. was organized in 1986 and continues after 37 years providing SE Iowa aspiring anglers with a conservation minded club tournament format.

Many new anglers without a boat fit right in the club tournament format and in fact, is an important tenet of our organization. Past projects included a Riverview Park dredging project, Countless Kids fishing derbies, Food Pantry meat donations, construction and operation assist with one of the most advanced fish release boats (Ultimate Release Boat, Inc.) and logistic support for the Lake Cooper Tournament Group,



Inc. to support one of the largest fishing programs in the tri-states, to say just a few.

For more information regarding the LCAA fishing club, call or text J.R. Noll at 319-470-4864 or email at jimnoll@mchsi.com.

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Counsel, Beckman will provide valuable insight, strategic counsel, and assistance in the development of innovative legal strategies.

"We are thrilled to have Attorney David Beckman join our team as Of Counsel," said Stephanie Kozlowski, Managing Partner at Kozlowski Law Group.

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Health News

Great River launches new home dialysis system

Submitted article

WEST BURLINGTON - When you are told you have kidney failure and need treatment to stay alive, it can be a difficult time in your life. According to the National Kidney Foundation, 660,000 people in the United States live with kidney failure. Finding the right care and support and learning about the treatment options available to you is the first step in living with this condition.

Dialysis is one of those treatment options. Hemodialysis is a treatment that replaces the work of kidneys to clear wastes and extra fluid from the blood using a special filter called a dialyzer or artificial kidney. Blood travels through plastic tubing to the dialyzer, where it is cleaned and then returned into the body. Most people with kidney failure visit a dialysis center, like Southeastern Renal Dialysis, multiple times a week for hemodialysis treatments.

Another relatively new alternative is home hemodialysis which follows the same basic process, but the patient and a care partner are trained to do the dialysis treatment in the home.

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Nephrology in partnership with Southeastern Renal Dialysis started training their first patient for home hemodialysis in August of 2022. They received certification from the State of Iowa for a home hemodialysis program in January of 2023. They currently have four patients trained to perform home hemodialysis with capacity to grow the program. They are currently using Outset Medical's Tablo Hemodialysis System.

Tablo is a hemodialysis machine designed to improve patient experience and outcomes. It's a mobile system that fits seamlessly in patients' homes, requiring only tap water and an electrical outlet to work. The easy-to-use, automated device wirelessly connects with the patient's health care team, enabling real-time remote treatment monitoring and reducing the record-keeping burden for the patient.

Dr. Maria Story is a nephrologist overseeing the program at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center. She explains the benefits home hemodialysis provides patients in addition to the convenience factor,

"It is unclear exactly why, but patients tell us they feel substantially better using the Tablo machine compared to using a dialysis machine in center. Patients report less cramping, muscle cramping is very common in dialysis, less fatigue, and better sleep among others. People doing home hemodialysis generally dialyze four days per week as compared to three days per week at the dialysis unit. They have improved management of fluid accumulation on the body and some of their lab work also is under better control, which allows people to be a little bit more flexible with their diet."

Other benefits reported include taking less medication to control blood pressure, bone disease and anemia, having fewer and shorter hospital stays, and enjoying better quality of life.

Tim Torgler was one of the first Southeastern Renal Dialysis patients to be trained to use home hemodialysis and started in-home treatments in September of 2022. He shares why he chose home hemodialysis.

"Home hemodialysis is a great option to consider if you work or have a busy schedule. The ability to perform the dialysis on alternating days and on off hours allows you to continue to participate in family and other outings which are difficult when you are doing in-center dialysis. Home hemodialysis allows you the freedom to continue to enjoy more opportunities and have your dialysis in the comfort of your own home."

Home hemodialysis is not a good fit for everyone. Dr. Story explains further, "We have a team-based approach to evaluating potential candidates, which includes Dialysis Nurse, Social Worker, Nurse Practitioner, and Physicians. Patients need to be physically and mentally able to perform their own hemodialysis. Mostly they need to have a strong interest in taking responsi-

bility for their own health and be willing to commit to doing dialysis treatments at home independently. They need a clean and stable living environment. Most people will have a care partner, which can be a spouse, parent, adult child, or close friend that will participate in training with them and be available to assist during home hemodialysis treatments."

Like in-center hemodialysis, home hemodialysis is covered by insurance. "Any patient who has end-stage renal disease will have Medicare insurance, even if they are under age 65. Medicare will cover any dialysis modality, which includes home hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis also performed by the patient, at home, and in-center hemodialysis," commented Dr. Story.

Southeastern Renal Dialysis (SRD) is an organization jointly owned by Jefferson County Health Center, Henry County Health Center, and Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center with dialysis centers in Iowa in Fairfield, Mount Pleasant, West Burlington, Fort Madison and Keokuk. They currently have 160 patients receiving hemodialysis at all of the locations.

Mr. Torgler explains why he chose Southeastern Renal Dialysis.

"The staff and providers at SRD are like family. They provide excellent care for their patients, and truly care about you and your wellbeing."

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Nephrology Clinic's physicians and advance practice professionals diagnose and treat kidney disease. They provide proven treatments that may include medicine and diet management of underlying conditions. After beginning treatment, patients can expect to continue seeing a nephrologist throughout their lives.

People living with kidney failure should talk to their nephrologist about the best treatment option for them. But for patients in Southeast Iowa, it is nice to know those options include home hemodialysis.

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