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DOC moved 121 to FM

MAXIMUM SECURITY: Anamosa transition sent 121 of worst criminals to ISP

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After nearly five months of requests for information about the 2023 transition of Anamosa State Prison, Iowa DOC officials have finally responded with information about the impact of the transition on Fort Madison's Iowa State Penitentiary.

According to information from Department of Corrections Communications Director Nick Crawford obtained Thursday, the state transferred inmates into Fort Madison

as a result of a reclassification of Anamosa to a medium security prison.

Pen City Current requested the information back in February when word spread of the transfer of additional maximum security inmates to Fort Madison. That information was received Thursday.

As part of the transition, Crawford said a total of 200 medium-custody inmates were transferred out of ISP in Fort Madison to five other prisons within the state.

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HEALTH NEWS

LCHD gets new COVID classification

Health Dept. can now treat uninsured and underinsured adults for COVID

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Health Department (LCHD) is now considered a Bridge Access Program provider. This has changed the eligibility requirements on who we are able to provide COVID-19 vaccine to. LCHD will only be able to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to any adult, age 19 and older, who does not have health insurance or whose health insurance does not provide zero-cost access to COVID-19 vaccines. The eligibility requirements for adults (19+) are:

- Uninsured – a person who does not have health insurance
- Underinsured – a person who has health insurance, but the insurance does not include any vaccines; a person whose insurance covers only selected vaccines; a person whose insurance does not provide first-dollar coverage for vaccines. First-dollar coverage refers to health care services, such as COVID-19 vaccinations, covered pre-deductible and without any cost-sharing.

LCHD will hold a clinic for the uninsured and underinsured ONLY on Monday, October 9 from 2:00-4:00pm at LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison). LCHD has received a minimum quantity of vaccine making the clinic a first come first serve basis. There is a new screening and consent form for these new vaccines, and it can be found on the LCHD website (www.leeecountyhd.org) in the COVID Information section.

For those who do not fit these eligibility requirements, or are on Medicaid or Medicare, they need to visit with their

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Homecoming royalty

Following the Fort Madison High School Homecoming parade Thursday afternoon in downtown Fort Madison, the Homecoming royalty were announced. The 2023 Homecoming queen is Rylee Stefensmeier and the King honor went to Ben Ramatowski.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



ECONOMIC NEWS

Upper river basin expands effort to improve freight mobility

DES MOINES - The Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA) is expanding on a regional effort to improve freight mobility through innovative, strategic approaches as well as to promote the inland waterways to improve the nation's overall transportation system.

The Upper Mississippi River System and the Missouri River are vital transportation corridors, connecting the Midwest to the world economy. "Use of the Upper Mississippi and Missouri Rivers for freight supports and improves the flexibility of the entire U.S transportation

system, and increases our economic competitiveness in a global marketplace," says Iowa DOT Director Scott Marler.

"Through UMRBA, the states DOTs work collaboratively to achieve full inte-

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For the Record/From the Front

CDC says booster needed two months after last vaccination

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primary care provider or pharmacy.

The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone aged 5 years and older should get ONE updated COVID-19 vaccine, at least two months after getting the last dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.


For children ages 6-months – 18 years old, please call (319)376-4767 to schedule an appointment for during one the LCHD Immunization Clinics.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/25/23 – 10:49 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue F.

09/25/23 – 11:32 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2800 block of Avenue L.

09/25/23 – 3:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of 21st Street.

09/25/23 – 3:42 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

09/25/23 – 6:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

09/25/23 – 9:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Shawn Antoine Cooper, 40, of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.

09/26/23 – 9:23 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Leanna Hope Simpson, 30, of Fort Madison in the 3900 block of Bluff Road on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

09/26/23 – 11:43 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

09/26/23 – 6:26 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

09/26/23 – 7:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

09/27/23 – 2:43 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2700 block of Avenue L.

09/27/23 – 10:09 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jacqueline Kay Bohnenkamp, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 300 block of Avenue F, on a charge of 2nd offense trespassing. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/27/23 – 1:41 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Belinda Lorene McWhortor, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation – forgery. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/25/23 – 8:23 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Virginia Lee Stonehouse, 55, of West Point, at the north Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance.

09/25/23 – 2:11 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryn

Steven Sackman, 30, of Keokuk in the 300 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on charges of driving under suspension and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/25/23 – 8:42 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cellous Dalonden Glover, 24, of Burlington, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held in custody.

09/25/23 – 10:38 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mark Alan Wear, 51, of Luray, Mo., in Poweshiek County, on an active warrant. He was held in custody.

09/26/23 – 6:11 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mark Alan Wear, 51, of Luray, Mo., in Poweshiek County, on an active warrant. He was released on bond.

09/27/23 – 6:54 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at 180th Street and Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ariana Itzel Gonzales, 28, of Texas, was slowing to stop at a stop sign at 180th Street and Hwy. 61 when a vehicle driven by Daniel Santibanez, 22, of Texas, rear-ended Gonzales' vehicle. No injuries or citations were reported and both vehicles were undamaged and driven from the scene.

09/27/23 – 11:58 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to

a single-vehicle accident in the 3000 block of Hwy. 61 southbound lanes. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Haley Jo Hieatt, 23, of Montrose, was traveling southbound in the 3000 block of Hwy. 61 when it became disabled. No injuries or citations were reported. Hieatt's vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/22/23 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, two lift assists, and one false alarm.

09/23/23 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, and one boat assist due to dead battery

09/24/23 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical and one false alarm.

09/25/23 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, one power line odwn, smoke in basement, and one trash fire.

09/26/23 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls and one alarm.

09/27/23 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls.

BACK PAIN?

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"!

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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- Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
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- Shooting...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

MICHELE DEARING YOUNG

Michele Dearing Young, 60, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 10:14 am Friday, September 8, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. Michele was born November 1, 1962 at Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter of Bill J and Martha Charlene



YOUNG

(Hoover) Dearing.

In 1984, Michele earned a public relations degree from the University of Kansas, and was an active member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. During college she met Russell B "Skip" Young. They were married on June 1, 1985 at Prairie Village, Kansas. They moved to Fort Madison and for the past 39 years they ran Dana Bushong Jewelry Company, Inc. together. She quickly made friends and got busy, and she became known as the "downtown cheerleader." She worked hard to keep Fort Madison growing, especially the downtown area. She was an active member of the Fort Madison United Methodist Church, North Lee County Historical Society, P.E.O. Chapter BS-KV, and she was Retail Chairman for many years. She loved, and was loved by her family and many friends!

Michele is survived by her husband, Skip Young, of Fort Madison; four children: Lauren (Bryan) Rodeffer, Natalie (Kyle) Steffensmeier, William Young (Paige VanFleet) and Katherine Young (Jordyn Gerdes), all of the Fort Madison area; her mother, Charlene Dearing of Overland Park, Kansas; one sister, Mimi Dearing and her son, Joe Dearing, both of Overland Park, Kansas; five grandchildren: Raleigh Rodeffer, Michael and Grayson Steffensmeier, Hudsyn and Brody Young; and many other family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her father.

Michele was bright and beautiful in so many ways, and her family invites you to join them in wearing bright and beautiful colors at her Celebration Of Life at 4:00 pm Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Fort Madison United Methodist Church. Following the celebration, her family will greet friends during a reception at the church. A memorial has been established for the Fort Madison United Methodist Church. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Young family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Anamosa transition led to shift in structure at ISP

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The move made room in Fort Madison to transfer 121 maximum security inmates out of Anamosa to Fort Madison.

Crawford wouldn't elaborate on the details of the transfer, including how and when the transfers took place, but said they were done in the first quarter of 2023.

"The transfers of inmates in and out of the Iowa State Penitentiary took place over a several-month period during the first quarter of the year," Crawford said.

Following the transition of the security designation at Anamosa, Iowa DOC director Beth Skinner said the decision to make the transfers came after COVID-19 and with resources being freed up.

"Now that the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, and in conjunction with Iowa's prison population declining, IDOC has the bed space and resources needed to safely conduct and implement this transition," said Skinner.

"This decision was made after much consideration and detailed planning, and we feel certain that now is the time to make this transition. By transitioning Anamosa State Penitentiary to a strictly medium security facility, IDOC can focus on providing even further treatment opportunities for the system's medium-custody inmates, building upon two years of reducing Iowa's recidivism rate.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on August 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administrative Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Tom Schulz, and Matt Pflug

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Bonnie Pillard, Fort Madison, asked the Board about

rollbacks and tax increases. Spencer Fraise, Donnellson, asked how the County plans on reducing taxes to accommodate new families moving into the area. Ryan Drenner with Xiphos, the County's pipeline inspector, gave the Board an update on the progress of Nustar's ammonia pipeline, the topsoil is now finished all the way to the Wever plant.

Moved By Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-93. Roll Call: Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

Resolution #2023-93

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted notice and a request for the abatement of the taxes of property acquired by Lee County on January 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 445.63 provides in its material part:

When taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes were owing before the parcel was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the county treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing body which shall pay the amount of the taxes due. If the governing body fails to immediately pay the taxes due, the board of supervisors shall abate all of the taxes.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE, based upon the notice and request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.63 the Board of Supervisors hereby, through this Resolution, abates the amount due and directs

the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following properties:

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Address: 25 N. 16th Street, Keokuk, Iowa
Lee County, Iowa
Parcel Number: 044521251320050
Address: 1514 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, Iowa

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 28th day of August, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved By Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to ap-

prove a Joint Agreement with the City of Keokuk for an Urban Renewal Area for the Keokuk Ambulance Base. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the August 21, 2023 Board minutes, the claims for payment for the week and a Class B Native Wine Permit for Appleberry Farms, for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Community Action Meeting, a Landfill Board meeting and ISAC Annual Training. Holmes reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting and the ISAC Meeting where Nancy Booten was sworn in as the Iowa County Recorder Association

President. Seyb reported on a Job Care meeting, an EMS Staff meeting and an Empowering Families meeting.

Department Head Reports: Ginger Knisley, Children First Coordinator, gave her Department Head report. She reviewed the executive summary, budget, child care programs, empowering families and filling in the gaps of what we are lacking in Lee County. Lee County is listed as fiscal agent.

At 11:14 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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Lee County IT has two open IT Technician positions, one based in our Keokuk office and the other in Fort Madison.

Work involves the coordination and monitoring of the County's information technology functions including the support of in-house or third-party computer applications and management of County's LAN/WAN network; computer hardware including PCs, printers, cabling; operating systems including Windows 10, Windows 11, various versions of Windows Server, and IBM i; and the Vertical telephone system.

Successful applicants will have three or more years of relevant experience; be well organized; possess excellent communication skills; and be disciplined, ambitious, and self-motivated. The Keokuk position will be based in our South Lee County Courthouse office after appropriate amount of training in our Fort Madison office.

Competitive salary; IP-ERS retirement plan; health, vision, and dental insurance; and other benefits are offered.

The application form can be obtained online or at:

Lee County Auditor's Office
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

Please submit cover letter, resume, and completed application to kharter@leecounty.org or:

Kevin Harter, IT Director
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

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Education News/From the Front

Revealing the Dedication of Great Prairie AEA's Hearing Team

Submitted article

EDITOR'S NOTE - The following article has been submitted by Great Prairie Area Education Agency as a part of an ongoing partnership to share with our readership the programs, capabilities, and successes of GPAEA. The articles will appear regularly as submitted by GPAEA staff.

In honor of Deaf Awareness Month this September, we bring you an inspiring story of dedication, compassion, and profound impact from the heart of Great Prairie Area Education Agency (GPAEA). Did you know that GPAEA is responsible for hearing screenings at your school? Did you know GPAEA has audiologists and teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing? That's just the tip of the iceberg.

The spotlight this month is on GPAEA's exceptional hearing team, a group of highly skilled audiologists, audiometrists, and itinerant teachers and assistants of the deaf and hard of hearing. Their mission? To make a lasting difference in the lives of individuals with hearing impairments.

Our educational audiologists play a pivotal role in identifying, evaluating, and addressing the unique needs of those with hearing loss, and they're not stopping at the classroom door. Together, with the entire GPAEA hearing team, they help empower students, parents, and teachers by shedding light on the far-reaching consequences of hearing loss, encompassing communication abilities, academic achievements, and psychosocial well-being.

Consistency is key, and GPAEA's audiologist, Alyssa Ottmar, has a heartwarming success story to share. Thanks to her efforts with our school hearing screenings, Bentley, one of her students, was referred to the University of Iowa Hospitals for further testing and even featured on their website. "Bentley was a part of the school screening, and I found potential hearing loss in one ear. The family did a phenomenal job of following up, so now we are able to give her the services she needs in school to help her hear in her classroom." Alyssa continues

to provide support to Bentley, making sure her new hearing



equipment is in optimal working condition, and maintains ongoing communication with her teachers and family, ensuring that she will always have the support she needs.

But GPAEA audiologists don't stop there. They work tirelessly from birth to age 21, traveling from schools to community health centers and collaborating with families and educators to address individual student needs specific to hearing. Their early identification efforts, evaluation and intervention services, school screenings, and educational support create a holistic framework for success.

GPAEA also employs Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing who provide services in a variety of ways. "We work as partners, coaching parents to be strong language models for their children with identified hearing difficulties, in classrooms supporting teachers, paraprofessionals, and students, and by providing direct instruction for students with hearing challenges from preschool till the age of 21 in high schools or one of our 4 PLUS programs," explains teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing Maureen Mark.

In a world where hearing loss can sometimes seem like an insurmountable barrier, GPAEA's hearing team serves as a beacon of hope. Their commitment, compassion, and expertise ensure that no child's hearing loss goes unnoticed and no one's dreams and aspirations are hindered by their hearing status.

Join us in celebrating the extraordinary work of GPAEA's hearing team during this Deaf Awareness Month. Stay tuned for more inspiring stories and insights as we shine a spotlight on the remarkable individuals at GPAEA who are making a profound impact in our community.

Upper River Basin helps DOTs work collaboratively

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gration of the inland waterways into the nation's surface transportation system, ensuring that reliable, regularly scheduled, competitive, sustainable services are routine choices for shippers in the Midwest," says Missouri DOT Director Patrick McKenna.

The Navigation Assets Inventory, launched in 2021, is an interactive map that features ports, terminals, boat accesses, and other navigation-related information on Marine Highways 35 and 55, allowing users to search for intermodal access with a certain dock type or storage capacity. The expansion of the Navigation Assets Inventory includes an additional 734 miles of navigable river from Sioux City to St. Louis, including 2 ports, over 50 terminals, and 14 live National Weather Service and U.S. Geological Survey stream gauges.

The expanded Navigation Assets Inventory now includes Marine Highways 35, 55, 29, and 70, creating new opportunities for ports, terminals, and operators to access federal funding, technical support, and other resources to expand or develop new shipping services and make the Missouri and Upper Mississippi Rivers a more cost-effective and self-sustaining transportation route.

UMRBA hosts the Navigation Assets Inventory as part of its efforts to facilitate interstate coordination and leadership on behalf of the five Upper Mississippi River states – Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. UMRBA continues to work to strengthen the Upper Mississippi River transportation mobility and utilization and to ensure multi-use management of the Upper Mississippi River System.

The recently expanded Navigation Assets Inventory is available here: <https://umrba.org/navigation-assets-inventory>.

About the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association ¾ The Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA) is a five-state interstate organization formed by the Governors of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin to coordinate the states' river-related programs and policies and work with federal agencies that have river responsibilities. The UMRBA is structured as a 501(c) non-profit association, with the Board of Directors composed of all duly Governor-appointed representatives and alternatives. For more information about UMRBA, visit its website at www.umrba.org.

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