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Marshals wrap sweep

SE IOWA SNARE:

 Multi-jurisdictional task force completes month long sweep of three counties

BURLINGTON - From Apr. 29 – May 31, members of the U.S. Marshals Southern Iowa Fugitive Task Force - including the USMS, Des Moines County Sheriff's Office, Burlington Police Department, Fort Madison Police Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Department of Corrections High Risk Unit, and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations – joined forces with law enforcement officers from the Henry County Sheriff's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Keokuk Police Department, Mt. Pleasant Police Department, and the West Burlington Police Department to conduct a five-week long fugitive operation in Des Moines, Henry, and Lee counties and surrounding communities.

Dubbed "Operation Time's Up," the operation resulted in the arrests of 45 individuals wanted on outstanding local, state, and/or federal arrest warrants. Each of the individuals arrested during OTU had pending criminal charges for crimes involving guns, drugs, assaults, sex offenses, or other crimes of violence and/or criminal histories of convictions for such crimes. In addition, two firearms were recovered from wanted persons suspected of being prohibited from possessing firearms under state and federal laws, and a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine, fentanyl and illicit prescription drugs were taken off the street.



Courtesy image

A Burlington Police officer puts a suspect into the back of a cruiser during a raid last month in southeast Iowa. Law enforcement worked with the U.S. Marshals' office to sweep the area on warrants for drugs, guns, and other crimes.

"The proactive work of all officers and agencies involved in this operation is a testament to their dedication to making our communities a safe place to live, work and play," said Des Moines County Sheriff Kevin Glendening. "The Des Moines County Sheriff's Office is proud to have worked with all the law enforcement professionals to remove these

violent offenders from our streets and hold them accountable. Our gratitude goes out to the officers and agencies that dedicated their time and resources in Des Moines County and the surrounding area to build safer communities."

OTU was divided into three phases

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COMMENTARY



Rules optional for some groups, while mandatory for others

You know how some memories stick with you for no logical reason? One such memory involves my dad in the 1960s when I was a teenager.

After World War II, my father worked for the City of Bloomfield, eventually becoming operator of the city's water treatment plant.

Pop graduated from high school on the eve of the Great Depression. His most intense period of book-learning after high school came in the 1960s when Iowa decided to require state licenses for operators of municipal water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants.

After so many years away from the classroom, this was a time of anxiety as Pop prepared for the licensing exam. He attended classes at night and had his nose in textbooks other evenings.

I mention this, because this was about 60 years ago. More recently, a different and far larger contingent of Iowans has been experiencing anxiety over state regulations. But this time the anxiety involves people angry the government is turning its back on the same reasons for requiring Iowa cities and towns to have state-licensed operators of their water treatment and sewage treatment facilities.

The basis for the state's decision in the 1960s was simple — and it was one Pop did not quarrel with, even amidst the stress it created for him.

The state believed back then that establishing mandatory training and operational standards for these treatment plants was necessary to ensure the quality

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4TH OF JULY

GTSB says No One's Good Drunk during summer holidays

DES MOINES, Iowa - As Iowans celebrate Independence Day, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) reminds all drivers, No One's a Good DRUNK Driver. In 2022, a person was killed every 39 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads. July 3 through July 7, law enforcement across the state will be on high alert for signs of drunk driving and

taking necessary steps to remove these dangers from the road.

Every year, the Fourth of July stands out as one of the deadliest times on Iowa roads. Over the past five years (2019-2023), there have been 32 traffic fatalities during the holiday, with 50% of those being alcohol related.

"If you sense any level of buzz, it is your

duty to stay away from the driver's seat. For some people, even one drink is too many to drive safely," says GTSB Bureau Chief Brett Tjepkes. "Unfortunately, many drivers don't realize how impaired they are or feel they're still good to drive after consuming alcohol. That's why GTSB launched a new campaign this year to remind Iowans, No One's a Good DRUNK Driver."

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WEATHER

THU 27 Jun.....Mostly sunny & warm, 80° F/ 66° F
FRI 28 Jun.....Warm with showers likely, 80° F/ 72° F
SAT 29 Jun.....Very warm with chance of thunderstorms, 86° F/ 60° F

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

STEVEN L. SHIPMAN

Steven Lee Shipman, 57, of Basco, Illinois, passed away at 9:10 a.m. Monday, June 24, 2024 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Steve was born August 19, 1966 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the son of Henry and Sonja (Maynard) Shipman. On August 8, 2008 he married Mary Manley in Plymouth, Illinois. She survives.



SHIPMAN

Steve was a 1984 graduate of Dallas City High School. Following high school he worked for few years at the Nauvoo Blue Cheese Factory, Nauvoo, Illinois. He then worked for Garylord Construction in Fort Madison for 16 years. He was currently employed as a mechanic at Forklifts of Quincy, Illinois.

In his younger years, he enjoyed stockcar racing in the #88 car at Devils Bowl Speedway, near Ft. Green, Illinois and Lee County Speedway, Donnellson, Iowa. He was an avid outdoorsman, spending a lot of his time gardening, hunting, fishing, and taking fishing trips with his friends and family.

Besides his wife, survivors include his mother: Sonja Shipman of Dallas City; two children: Amanda McCarthy of Augusta and Steve (Jennifer) Shipman of Viola, Illinois; two step-children: Stephanie (Heather) Roberts-Wrenn of Ft. Campbell, Tennessee and John Eshom of Basco; eight grandchildren: Cody, Emilee, Ambrose, Emelia, Adam, Colby, Fabian and Izlonna; one great-grandchild: Ayden; one sister: Rhonda (Tony) Francis of Clarksville, Missouri; his father-in-law: John Manley of Basco; one brother-in-law: Robert (Linda) Manley of Basco; Lois (Dan) Kissinger of Kenai, Alaska and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; one brother: Rodney Shipman and his mother-in-law: Dorothy Manley.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

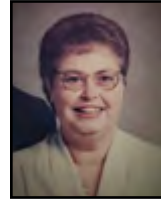
The funeral service for Steve will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Banks & Beals in Dallas City, with Rev. Jim Luder officiating. Burial will follow in Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City.

A memorial fund has been established for the family. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Steve's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

OBITUARIES

JEANETTE C. HEINS

Jeanette Cecilia Heins, 85 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Birkwood Village of Fort Madison. She was born August 8, 1938 at Edina, Missouri, a daughter of Raymond John and Anna Irene (Linkenfolder) Karhoff. She graduated in



HEINS

1957, from Aquinas High School. She soon met her first husband Bernard Steffen, the father of her three children: Rebecca Lynn, Marilyn and James. They later divorced. On December 1, 1980, she married Glen P. Heins. They were married for 33 years. He preceded her in death on November 23, 2012.

Jeanette worked at the Army Ammunition Plant for about five years, at Sheaffer Pen for three years, and then she worked nine years as a CNA at The Madison in Fort Madison. For 23 years, she was a snowbird, and loved to go to Texas during the winter months. She was a member of the Holy Family Parish and the Ladies Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by her children: Marilyn (Joey) Brown, of Fort Madison, Iowa and James (Julie) Steffen, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; one grandchild, Kimberly Lee and two great grandchildren: Atticus and Isabelle. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Glen, infant daughter Rebecca Lynn, and siblings: Dorothy Davis, Betty McKoon and Larry Karhoff.

Friends are invited to join the family to pray the Rosary at 2:00 pm Sunday, June 30, 2024 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, with visitation to follow until 3:30 pm Sunday afternoon. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:00 am Monday, July 1, 2024 at Holy Family Parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fort Madison, Iowa, with Reverend Gary Beckman as celebrant. Burial will be at Soldiers Circle, Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Heins family may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

PAUL W. SCANLAN

Paul Wayne Scanlan, 71, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 11:45 p.m. Friday, June 21, 2024 at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City.

Paul was born March 24, 1953 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the son of William and Opal (Smith) Scanlan Jr.



SCANLAN

Paul was a 1972 graduate of Nauvoo-Colusa High School. He worked in maintenance, locally, and in the Chicago area. Later, he worked as a farmhand for local farmers.

He enjoyed tinkering on cars and motorcycles, listening to music, especially classic rock and riding motorcycles.

Survivors include one son: PJ Scanlan of Niota; two brothers: Bill (Rita) Scanlan of Ft. Madison, Iowa and Frank (Wanda) Scanlan of Leisure Land, Illinois and his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Dallas City is assisting the family.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 27, 2024 at LaHarpe Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the family. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Paul's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Fort Madison Police Report

06/24/24 - 8:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Vanessa Latonya Nash, 43, of Fort Madison on a charge of dog at large.

06/24/24 - 10:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 200 block of Avenue F.

06/24/24 - 11:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Molli Rae Wilson, 19, of Fort Madison, on a five counts of assaulting a law enforcement officer. She was held in Lee County Jail.

06/25/24 - 11:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Renny Joe McCarty, 33, of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue, on an active warrant for failure to appear.

06/25/24 - 8:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

06/26/24 - 1:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

06/26/24 - 8:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of 33rd Street.

Keokuk Police Report

06/24/24 - 12:22 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3800 block of Main Street.

06/24/24 - 1:58 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of N. 19th Street.

06/24/24 - 11:02 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of S. 5th Street.

06/24/24 - 12:42 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at 7th and Exchange St.

06/24/24 - 3:40 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Sarah Danielle Rose, 28, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of N. 1st Street, on a warrant for 3rd-degree burglary. He was held at Lee County Jail.

06/24/24 - 9:22 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism at the police department.

06/25/24 - 12:45 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at 7th

Street and Exchange. According to the report a vehicle driven by Carmen Ann Kennedy, 70, of Boonville, Mo., failed to stop at a westbound stop sign at Exchange, entered the southbound lane and struck a vehicle driven by Abigail Ann Wrieden, 24, of Keokuk. There were no transports and Kennedy was cited for failure to stop.

06/25/24 - 2:00 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Donna Faye Childress, 73, of Donnellson, in the 1700 block of High Street, on an active warrant for another agency hold. She was held in Lee County Jail.

06/25/24 - 3:07 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of Messenger Road.

06/25/24 - 9:32 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Jason Alexander Peck, 44, of Nauvoo, on four active warrants for other agency holds. He was held in Lee County Jail.

06/25/24 - 9:53 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Timea St.

06/25/24 - 10:12 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Alexis M. Dresen, 23, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Johnson Street Road, on a charge of 3rd-degree harassment.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/24/24 - 12:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a three-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 61 and 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Diana Jean Yates, 61 of Montrose was headed southbound on Hwy. 61. Another vehicle driven by Brad Michael Bowden, 46, of Keokuk entered the roadway and struck Yates' vehicle in the rear. Yates' vehicle then spun and struck another vehicle driven by Audrey Jean Davolt, 78, of Farmington, who was stopped turning right from Hwy. 218 onto Hwy. 61. Yates and Davolt were transported to SEI Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. Bowden was cited for driving while suspended, failure to provide proof of insurance and failure

to obey a stop sign.

06/24/24 - 2:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Shelly Kay Wagner, 60, of Farmington, was headed westbound on Hwy. 2 near 140th Street when the vehicle left the roadway striking a sign and then a tree. No injuries or citations were issued.

06/24/24 - 4:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kyle Johnathan Barker, 18, of Argyle, in the 2700 block of 140th Avenue, on a charge of 5th-degree criminal mischief. He was held at Lee County Jail.

06/24/24 - 5:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Joseph Russell, 45, of Keokuk at the South Lee County Courthouse, on two active warrants for violation of parole and violation of probation.

06/24/24 - 9:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kyle Forrest Nielsen, 34, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. He was held at Lee County Jail.

06/25/24 - 6:49 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Thomas Joe Sebastian, 46, of West Point at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held at Lee County Jail.

06/25/24 - 3:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charles Heston Smith, Jr., 43, of Iowa City, in the 900 block of Johnson Street Road, on a warrant for violation of a domestic no contact order. He was held at Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

06/23/24 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

06/24/24 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.

06/25/24 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

IUB OKs Summit pipeline project with conditions

DES MOINES - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) today issued its final decision regarding Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC's, application for a permit to construct, operate, and maintain a hazardous liquid pipeline through 29 counties in Iowa. The IUB approved the application with modifications and will require Summit Carbon to submit additional filings for review before a permit is issued.

Summit Carbon filed its petition on January 28, 2022, for the proposed 688-mile pipeline to transport liquefied carbon dioxide through Iowa and into North Dakota, where it would be permanently sequestered underground.

The decision follows a 34-month process in which the IUB:

- conducted 33 public informational meetings
- received approximately 50,000 pages of prefiled testimony and exhibits from hundreds of witnesses and landowners
- held a public hearing over 25 days
- accepted more than 150 intervenors into the docket
- heard testimony at hearing from more than 200 witnesses and landowners
- reviewed nearly 7,500 pages of hearing transcript, and
- reviewed almost 4,200 written comments, including 600 filed after the deadline set by Iowa law.

In its decision, the IUB unanimously found Summit Carbon met the requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 479B and that the pipeline "will provide a service that is in the public convenience and necessity." The IUB's order approves the proposed overall pipeline route and grants the right of eminent domain over specific parcels listed in the order after the permit is issued.

In reaching its decision, the IUB applied a statutory balancing test, which found the public benefits of the project outweigh the private and public costs with the terms and conditions imposed by the IUB.

Included with the order are concurrences in part and dissents in part regarding specific conditions and the route. The concurrences and dissents do not impact the findings and conclusions of the order as all three Board members find the proposed service provided by Summit Carbon is in the public convenience and necessity and they vest Summit Carbon with the right of eminent domain.

Prior to the IUB issuing a permit and Summit Carbon beginning construction, Summit Carbon will be required to obtain and file proof of a general liability insurance policy of no less than \$100 million to cover any damages related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of its Iowa pipeline. Summit Carbon will be required to provide proof of such insurance to the IUB annually.

Summit Carbon is also not allowed to begin construction in Iowa until it has obtained approval from North Dakota for the route and sequestration site and approval from South Dakota for the route. The company also cannot start construction of trunk or lateral lines to ethanol plants in Minnesota and Nebraska until approvals are granted in those states.

Due to the potential for the IUB's involvement in rehearing and/or judicial review, the IUB will not have additional comment in relation to the order.

Tuesday's order and all filings in the docket may be viewed in the IUB's electronic filing system under Docket No. HLP-2021-0001.

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Sports

Bloodhound senior Lauryn Helmick takes a cut at a rise ball in the first inning of Wednesday's 13-1 Fort Madison win over Danville in Fort Madison.



Hounds' energy priming wins

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Head softball coach Jared Rehm said the energy from the Bloodhounds is as good as it's ever been.

That may have something to do with the ladies winning their last four games, including a 13-1 three-inning win over Danville at Baxter Sports Complex Wednesday night in Fort Madison.

"The energy is better than it's been in a long time and that helps us a lot," Rehm said. Senior Lauryn Helmick echoed the comment.

"I think we're finally coming together and our dugout is really high. We're cheering more and everyone is in the game and that helps us score more runs."

That seems to mesh with what's been happening on the field. Fort Madison has scored 43 runs in the last four games while allowing just seven.

On Wednesday, Danville jumped out to a 1-0 lead when sophomore Marley Garland singled to center scoring Kaylee Walker. That would be the only run incoming freshman Jordyn Marshall would allow in the win. Marshall allowed just three hits while fanning one and walking one in the win.

"She's coming along. She's going to be a good staple for the Bloodhounds for years to come," Rehm said.

Marshall is now 4-4 on the year with a 6.27 ERA and 23 strikeouts.

Fort Madison started the bottom of the first putting the first three runners on before Brylie Lorence laced a bases-clearing double over the head of right fielder Sadie Smith, who broke in on the ball and had to back-track to her left. Helmick and Alivia Holmes would both score on the play. Lorence would go all the way to third as Danville tried to get

Ruble at home.

Still with no outs, Taylor Johnson got plunked on the leg before Elizabeth Tanner singled, scoring Lorence. Kylie Lumino would work a walk to load the bases again. Danville would get a strikeout and then Olivia Buckner would hit into a fielder's choice at short scoring Johnson for a 5-1 lead with two outs.

Helmick then tripled in her second at bat of the inning, driving in Tanner and courtesy runner Reilynn Turnbull. Holmes then drove in Helmick for an 8-1 lead. Ruble would walk but Lorence would pop out to second to end the rally.

The Hounds would add two more in the second and three in the third to set the 12-run rule after three innings.

Lorence started the third with a single. Johnson and Tanner walked to load the bases. Johnson and courtesy runner Jaci Fullenkamp would score on passed balls followed by Lumino's infield ground out RBI to third scoring Tanner to end the game.

Helmick was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Holmes, Lorence, and Tanner all had multi-hit games for Fort Madison. Lorence had three RBIs and a run scored.

Rehm said going from the high-caliber competition in Marion over the weekend to some local schools may have been good for the Lady Hounds.

"We went from playing the No. 4 Class 5A team and a 4A ranked team this weekend and, when you play tough competition, you know how to play at that level. This is just easier for them."

Rehm said he adjusts practice speeds to help with the hitting and, early this week, he slowed the pace to get hitters used to the speed of pitching they see locally as compared to the D1 commit that pitched for Xavier on Saturday in a 10-5 loss.

A summer of the alebrijes with Sheri Lozano

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Sports/From the Front

Ruble homers twice in win over DC

3 IN A ROW: Bloodhounds string together wins over Mt. Pleasant and Mustangs to start the week

PCC SPORTS

BLOOMFIELD – Fort Madison’s Elle Ruble connected on two home runs as the Lady Hounds’ downed Davis County 9-2 for their third straight win and fourth of their last five.

Ruble’s homer came in the third inning on a 2-0 pitch that she sent over the centerfield fence with Alivia Holmes on base to make it a 3-0 game. Taylor Johnson would follow with a double to center and was brought around to score on Elizabeth Tanner’s single to left. Reiburn Turnbull would bloop an RBI single to right scoring Tanner before the Mustangs could get out of the inning.

Emma Snaadt set Davis County down in order in the bottom of the third and then Ruble homered again in the fourth inning this time on a 0-2 count that plated Holmes, who reached on an error.

Fort Madison would add two runs in the top of the sixth up 7-0 when Brylie Lorence hit her fourth homer of the year on a line drive to center scoring Ruble.

Davis County would score two in the bottom of the sixth on a two run homer, but the game was called due to weather with one out and no one on.

Ruble led the Lady Hounds at the plate going 3-for-3 with four RBI and three runs scored. Lauryn Helmick, and Elizabeth Tanner both had two-hit games. Tanner scored two runs and chipped in with an RBI.

Snaadt went the distance going 5 1/3 allowing two runs, both earned on four hits while walking two and striking out none.

Fort Madison is now third in the Southeast Conference at 6-6 behind Washington (10-3) and Burlington (12-1) and stand at 10-16 overall. They host Danville (3-18) at Baxter Sports Complex Wednesday in a 7 p.m. contest and then host Mt. Pleasant on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Ruble now has five home runs on the year and his hitting .488 with an .838 slugging percentage, both team highs. The senior has 21 RBI followed by Lorence with 20. Ruble also has a team-high 17 extra base hits.

Iowa’s water sources worse than we think

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and safety of Iowa’s drinking water and our public water sources.

State officials did not want Iowans drinking unsafe water. Officials did not want Iowa’s rivers and lakes to be polluted with untreated sewage from municipal wastewater systems. Officials did not want human waste running down the streets the way it does in some poor nations.

These were not voluntary standards cities like Bloomfield could choose to meet. Compliance was not optional. Owners of manufacturing and processing plants faced similar water and air quality standards decades ago — and meeting those standards was not optional for them, either.

The owners may have grumbled about these regulations. But in the end, they accepted the reality the air over their businesses and the water supplies they relied on belong to everyone and not just to their businesses.

Americans knew following these scientific practices was necessary if society was going to ensure our water was safe to drink, cook with, swim in and take fish from.

The attitude a half-century ago — doing something, despite the cost, because it is for the greater good — is far different from the hands-off approach Iowa government officials take today when the subject turns to the pollution of Iowa’s rivers and lakes by livestock wastes and farm chemicals.

State officials launched a voluntary program for reducing this pollution in 2013. Ten years later, any improvement has been negligible, at best.

The Des Moines Register wrote recently in an editorial, “Agri-

culture-related pollution is not getting better in Iowa. Water quality is not getting better in Iowa. What we are doing is not working. Policymakers and ag groups need to start over to find an approach that does more than shrug at the depressing data.”

One person who refuses to shrug is Chris Jones. The retired water quality research scientist at the University of Iowa discusses his assessment of our water problems in his sobering book, “The Swine Republic,” which was published in 2023 by the Ice Cube Press of North Liberty. It is still available, and I encourage you to read it.

Jones believes Iowans fail to understand just how huge the water quality problem is in our state.

Iowa’s population includes 3 million humans, and nearly all their waste is processed in the municipal sewage treatment plants that are closely regulated by the state and federal governments.

There is no comparable treatment required of the wastes produced in enormous quantities by Iowa’s animal population — approximately 23 million hogs, 250,000 dairy cattle, 1.8 million beef cattle, 80 million egg-laying chickens, and 4.7 million turkeys, Jones wrote.

Most people do not realize these animals, in total, produce vastly more manure than the humans who live here. The animal waste in Iowa is equivalent to the amount that would be produced if the state had a human population of 168 million people, rather than 3 million humans, Jones found.

And Jones writes no other state

produces more fecal waste from livestock ****per square mile**** than Iowa does. It is the equivalent of what would be produced if 2,979 humans lived in each square mile of this state.

Statewide, the livestock manure produced in Iowa is equivalent to the amount of fecal waste a state with 168 million people would produce, Jones found. Of course, no state has a population that large. California is the largest, with 39 million people. Texas is next with 30 million people.

That livestock waste in Iowa is being spread on farm ground, where rains and melting snow often wash it into streams, rivers and lakes before it can be taken up as an organic fertilizer. That contamination of surface water supplies is why people are discouraged from swimming in many rivers and lakes in Iowa, using some of our state beaches, or eating fish they pull from these waters.

Livestock production certainly has a positive effect on Iowa’s economy. It means thousands of jobs, in livestock confinement facilities, in trucking, meat packing, farm supply sales and similar businesses.

But what Jones calls “the environmental wreckage” that goes along with being a top ag state needs to be addressed, too — even if our political leaders prefer to minimize its effects.

Iowans would not stand still for human sewage flowing through the streets of our communities. Nor should we be complacent with livestock wastes washing into our rivers and lakes the way it does. There is no logic in having standards that some must meet while others get a pass.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
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CITY COUNCIL
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52656
JUNE 10, 2024**

Mayor Gary Peitz 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 June 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Gary Peitz indicated the following Council Members were present: Wendy Vonderhaar, Larry Buchholz, Bruce Well-

man, Brian Meierotto and Will Stuekerjuergen.

Mayor reported the following: Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.; Next regular City Council Meeting is Monday, July 8, 2024,

at 5:30 p.m. at the West Point Public Library. The City Administrator Report, Public Works Report and Police Department reports were all discussed with board members in detail.

Public Hearing and discussion were held on Budget Amendment for FYE24. A motion was made by Councilor

Meierotto and seconded by Councilor Buchholz to approve Resolution 884-24 to Amend the Annual Budget for FYE24.

Motion was made by Councilor Wellman and seconded by Councilor Stuekerjuergen to approve Resolution 885-24 to maintain current health insurance coverage for city employees.

A motion was made by Councilor Buchholz and seconded by Councilor Stuekerjuergen to approve Resolution 886-24 to set salaries and wages for city employees.

A motion was made by Councilor Stuekerjuergen and seconded by Councilor Meierotto to approve liquor licenses for Phil's Pub and Corner Tap.

A motion was made by Councilor Stuekerjuergen and seconded by Councilor Buchholz to approve building permits for Terry & Donna Simons and Ray and Becky Fullenkamp.

A motion was made by Councilor Stuekerjuergen and seconded by Councilor Meierotto to approve tobacco permits for Dollar General and Jet Stop of West Point.

On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of May 13, 2024, were approved as presented.

On motion, the Treasurer's report for May 2024 was approved as presented.

On motion, the Warrant's Payable report for June 2024 was approved as presented.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. June 10, 2024.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Ryan

Drenner, inspector for Xiphos, gave the Board an update on the status of the ammonia pipeline.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve replacing two full-time paramedics. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to refund \$64.00 in erroneously paid taxes to Cynthia Ryland. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a Service Agreement with Nyhart Company for Actuarial Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve a change to Section 3.15 in the Personnel Policy due to the passage of the Religious Freedom Reformation Act. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to accept 50 tons allotted from Great River Landfill for beautification and donate 20 tons allotment to the Skunk River Cleanup Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve a 28E Agreement with Iowa Governmental Health Benefits for an employee Health and Re-

lated Benefits Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the April 15, 2024 Board minutes, the claims for payment and a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House and Spirits, for the period May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on an Iowa Workforce Development Board meeting and an Insurance Committee meeting. Schulz reported on a Great River Landfill Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Collaborated Children's Committees meeting and met the new director of the Safe Coalition in Fort Madison.

At 10:45 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid
April 22, 2024**

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AssuredPartners, costs 3528.00
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HCurtis, svcs 157.50
Democrat Co, publ. 59.60
Daniels Janitorial, svcs 4328.41
Dejong-Greaves, svcs 2400.00
Diamond Drugs, svcs 596.89
Donnellson Tire, svcs 92.00
Double A Glass, svcs 150.00
Empower Trust, svcs 1050.00
EMSLRC, edu..... 3.00
Farm/Home Sply, splys 199.99
5th Dist Treas, dues 40.00
Floyds EZ Way, svcs 130.00
Jim Foecke, exps.. 106.07
Garner FoodMart, fuel 930.06
Gillund Entrps, svcs 546.00
Hall Excvtng, svcs .. 360.00
Heartland Busins, equp 50.00
Heritage Med, splys 55.50
P Hoffman, svcs 255.00

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ICONNECTYOU, svcs 160.00
ICS Jail Splys, splys 503.58
IA Bridge/Culvert, mtrl 14020.38
ISCTA, edu 250.00
Jays Auto, svcs..... 18.69
Jet Gas, fuel 9298.32
Jireh Inc, fuel217.11
Johnson Co MH/DS, svcs 365.00
JW Medical, equp 2272.00
Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs 1617.50
LeeCo Auditor, Ctrl Pur 7370.59
LeeCo Health, svcs 10820.43
LeeCo Treas, fndg 269951.41
LeeCo Treas, costs 2993.42
McKesson Med, splys 296.71
Mediacom, svcs..... 255.30
Midway Frtnr, svcs 180.48
JJ Nichting, parts.. 550.50
O'Reilly Auto, svcs.. 583.20
OMG Midwest, svcs 461.42
Optum Phrmcy, splys 1622.74
Pen City Current, publ 292.50
Peters Heating, svcs 2146.00
Prairie Farms, splys 564.40

Prvnt Child Abuse, edu 765.00
Red Lion Rnwbls, svcs 2293.13
S Shaffer, svcs 91.75
Shield Tech., svcs... 500.00
SpectraCorp, splys 29.00
Stericycle, svcs..... 604.69
J Strunk, exps..... 20.00
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Illinois News/From the Front

Operation Time's Up nets more than 40 arrests

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- investigation, enforcement, and follow-up. The investigation phase commenced on April 29 and concluded May 20. During this period, participating agencies identified a number of arrest warrants to work during the enforcement phase of the operation and developed credible information as to the whereabouts of dozens of fugitives.

From May 21-23, four teams of eight law enforcement officers representing 11 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies participated in the three-day-long enforcement phase of OTU. With its command center located at the Des Moines County Sheriff's Office Headquarters, OTU arrest teams worked 10-hour shifts to locate and apprehend 30 individuals wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

Most of these individuals were arrested in Des Moines, Henry, and Lee counties. However, some individuals were located as far away as Chicago and Phoenix.

"We are grateful for the outstanding collaboration and dedication of our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners," said Burlington Police Chief Adam Schaefer of the operation.

"Their participation in the recent fugitive roundup was instrumental in making multiple arrests and ensuring the safety of our community. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment. We look forward to continuing proactive projects throughout the summer to maintain and enhance public safety in the Greater Burlington area. Ensuring that Burlington remains a safe place to live, work and play is the top priority of the Burlington Police Department."

Even after the targeted enforcement week was over, OTU investigators continued to follow up on information developed during the investigation and enforcement phases of the operation. During the follow-up phase, May 24-31, OTU investigators located and arrested several more individuals wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

"Whether it's with a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency, the people who have dedicated their careers to serving are the same," said U.S. Marshal Ted Kamachus. "Each of us remains committed to upholding our oaths of office and to the diligent pursuit of combating violent crime in our communities. The success of "Operation Time's Up" is a testament to this combined commitment and to the spirit of cooperation amongst all law enforcement professionals in the Southern District of Iowa."

Additional information about U.S. Marshals and U.S. Marshals led fugitive task forces can be found at www.usmarshals.gov.

Legacy Theater sets up matching grant program

CARTHAGE - A matching challenge campaign for The Legacy Theater Foundation could bring up to \$150,000 to help pay for cost-saving improvements to the theater in Carthage.

Three donors from the area have each pledged \$25,000 for a matching fund totaling \$75,000.

The campaign runs until December 31, 2024. Any amount donated to the theater in the next six months will be doubled by the matching fund.

Money received from this campaign is designated for several cost-saving measures including solar energy panel installation and upgrades for digital and sound equipment.

Plans are already underway for solar panels to be installed on the roof of the theater. This system should result in an annual savings of several thousand dollars.

The community supported a capital campaign in 2019, raising funds for basic lights and sound equipment. The theater still continues to rent some of the equipment needed for shows.

Additional sound equipment and digital upgrades are needed to provide the quality of sound and experience expected by performers and patrons who come to the theater.

The campaign was announced at the theater June 22 during the Twitty and Lynn concert.

Legacy Theater Foundation board chairman, Doug Groth, is one of the three matching fund donors. He urges all supporters of the theater to use this opportunity to double the impact of their giving.

"Imagine the difference you can make with your contribution during this challenge," he said.

"A gift of \$50 will become \$100. A gift of \$1,000 will become \$2,000."

Connie Golob Dyer of West Point, Iowa, is another of the donors making a \$25,000 pledge. Dyer has been committed to the mission of the Legacy Theater since 2017 when she joined the Legacy Theater Foundation Board and its fundraising committee.

"The board and volunteers for the Legacy Theater are constantly working toward our goal of providing outstanding performances, making the theater in Carthage a destination for quality, live entertainment," said Dyer.

The third donor wishes to remain anonymous.

"These pledges show confidence and commitment to the mission of the Legacy Theater," said Joy Swearingen, fundraising committee chairman for the Legacy Theater board.

"They challenge patrons and friends of the theater to give at the highest level they can. Let's meet this challenge."

The Legacy Theater Foundation, organized in 2016, brings a wide variety of live performers to the region.

Donations can be sent to Box 34, Carthage, IL 62321. Or go to www.thelegacytheater.com and click on "Donate Today" under the "Donors" tab.

For more information about the matching challenge, contact Tom at the theater (217-357-9479) or director@thelegacytheater.com. The Legacy Theater Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.



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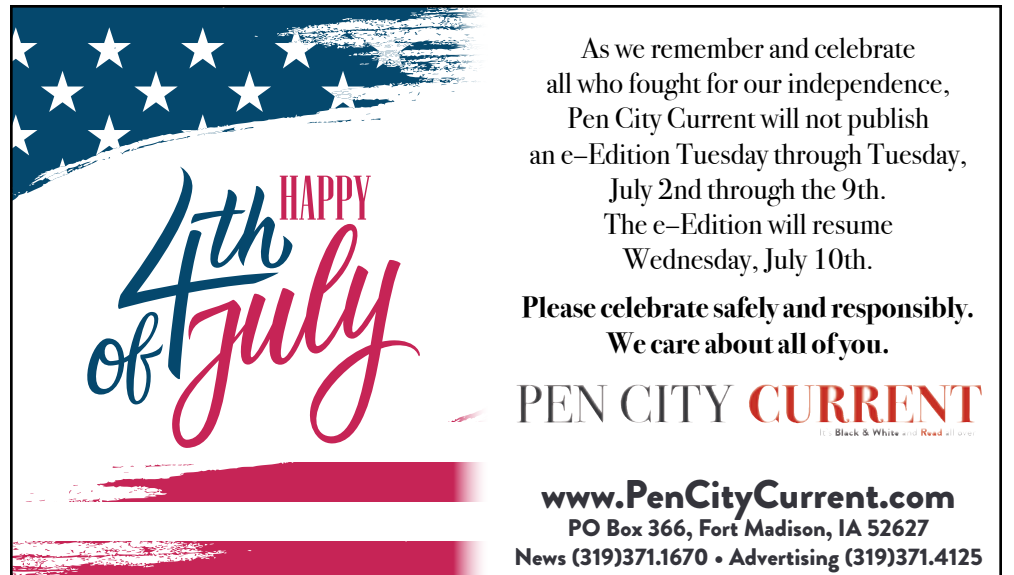
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