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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Brandon Rogers

I hope you made good use of those perfect fall days, getting work done when it was still great to be outside. Now, winter is upon us, and that means the January conference in Cedar Rapids is right around the corner. You'll barely be out of holiday mode and it will be time to sit back and beef up your industry knowledge through the many workshops presented by a host of onsite experts on January 7 and 8. Learn about what their educational sessions are all about on page 8.

We'll have a lot more new vendors in the exhibit hall who are ready to share their expertise, as well as learn from you. Plus, you'll see and hear from all those awesome returning vendors, too. You'll find a list of companies that are already committed to being with you in our exhibit area on page 7.

Remember, you'll get the lowest conference rates when you've paid your 2026 membership dues, which can be done on the conference registration form on page 11 (or online at <https://www.iowwa.com/register/263> or call Penny, 515-225-1051). There's

still time to be a sponsor or exhibitor, too — forms are in this newsletter.

If you're a newsletter advertiser, you're among the people I want to thank for your support of IOWWA. We've worked to keep rates low and affordable because you do so much for our organization year after year. But we haven't had even the slightest rate increase since 2018, and before that the last increase was 2011. So it was time to catch up with rising printing costs, and you'll see a 25% increase in the advertising rates for 2026. I hope you'll continue to spread your marketing message through IOWWA to its members.

As for the other people I want to thank, it's all of you who have participated in IOWWA and worked to enhance the industry, whether as a workshop speaker or attendee, board or staff member. My year as president has been one of growth for me and for IOWWA. And I look forward to being with you in January for our annual gathering.



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27TH IOWWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

DATES: Wednesday, January 7, and Thursday, January 8, 2026.
Pre-conference with CIOWTS credential testing and sessions with IDPH CE hours available on Tuesday, January 6.

LOCATION: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids
Convention Complex, 350 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids IA

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

January 7 – Wednesday

- + 7:00 a.m. Registration opens
- + 7:15 a.m. Continental breakfast
- + 8:00 a.m. Welcome, Keynote, NOWRA Update
- + 9:30 a.m. Exhibit Hall Networking, Roe-D-Hoe
- + 10:30 a.m. Workshops
- + 11:30 a.m. Lunch, Exhibit Hall Networking, Roe-D-Hoe
- + 1:00 p.m. Workshops
- + 2:10 p.m. Workshops
- + 3:20 p.m. Workshops
- + 4:30 p.m. President's Reception, Exhibit Hall Networking, Roe-D-Hoe
- + 6:00 p.m. Auction

January 8 – Thursday

- + 7:00 a.m. Registration opens, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall Networking, Roe-D-Hoe
- + 7:30 a.m. Workshops
- + 8:40 a.m. Workshops
- + 9:45 a.m. Exhibit Hall Networking, Roe-D-Hoe
- + 10:40 a.m. Networking
- + 12:00 p.m. IOWWA Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon, Raffle Closes
- + 1:40 p.m. Workshops
- + 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

GETTING THERE: Conveniently located in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa, just off I-380, only 15 minutes from Eastern Iowa Airport. The hotel overlooks the Cedar River and downtown Cedar Rapids.

• **From Interstate 380 from the north:** Follow I-380 South toward Cedar Rapids. Take Exit 20B on to 7th Street E toward the US Cellular Center. Turn right onto 1st Avenue NE. Doubletree by Hilton is on your right.

- **From Interstate 380 from the south:** Follow I-380/IA-27 North toward Cedar Rapids. Take Exit 19C towards 1st Street W merge onto E Avenue NW. Turn right onto 1st Street NE. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto 1st Avenue SE. Doubletree by Hilton is on the left.
- **From US-30 from the east:** Head west on US-30, take Exit 252C onto 1-380/IA-27 towards Cedar Rapids. Take 19A toward downtown, US-151. Turn right onto 1st Avenue SW. Doubletree by Hilton is on your left.
- **From US-30 from the west:** Head east on US-30, take exit 248 onto US-151 Williams Blvd. toward Amana Colonies. Turn left onto Williams Blvd. SW towards Cedar Rapids. Business US-151 N. Doubletree by Hilton is on your left.

PARKING: The hotel offers self-parking, \$12 per day.

Parking Locations & Rates: Information on Park Cedar Rapids lot and ramp locations, rates and hours of operation. Learn more <https://parkcedarrapids.com/>. A map of the parking facilities and sky walk is available here: <https://parkcedarrapids.com/find-parking/>

Off-Street Parking: A variety of off-street parking options are offered to fit the needs of those visiting downtown. Off-street public parking current rates are \$.75/hr. Select facilities offer your first hour of parking for free (Convention Center Ramp and 5 Seasons Ramp).

On-Street Parking: Metered on-street parking spaces are enforced 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Current metered parking rates: \$1.00 per hour in the Core Downtown areas and \$1.00 per hour in the Non-Core areas. Time limitations and restrictions vary at metered parking spaces and are posted at each stall.

BOOKING YOUR ROOM

IOWWA has a room block at the DoubleTree by Hilton Cedar Rapids Convention Complex. Room rate is \$163.07 + tax (single- or double-occupancy) so make your reservations now. Call 319-731-4444 or reserve on-line at www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/iowaonsitewastewater2026/. Block cut-off was December 10, 2025.

Join IOWWA and save \$\$ on the conference registration fees. The 2026 IOWWA membership dues – which can be paid on the conference registration form (page 11) – MUST be paid to qualify for member registration rates for the conference. Membership expires each year on December 31 so yearly renewal is required. To check your membership status, visit the IOWWA web site at www.iowwa.com and use the “member search” on the home page. If listed, your membership year expiration will be shown.

GREAT TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

Come celebrate great years of moving the industry forward as members share and learn together! Take a look at the packed agenda and the number of expert speakers on page 8.

EXHIBITORS

An exhibit hall will be open throughout the conference for viewing state-of-the-art technology and learning from knowledgeable company representatives. Many activities take place in the exhibit hall, including the Wednesday night President’s Reception. These provide great opportunities to meet and visit with attendees. Exhibitors have the option to sign-up for the Wednesday morning opening vendor product showcase. A slide show also runs continually during the conference highlighting the conference exhibitors and sponsors. The exhibit contract can be found on the IOWWA web site, www.iowwa.com/pages/conference. Links for technology utilities and the exhibit hall set-up companies are also available.

SPONSORS

Opportunities to be sponsors are available to all companies for happenings during the conference. Receive special recognition throughout the conference as well as specific inclusion in the conference program and on the IOWWA website. A slide show also runs continually during the conference highlighting the conference sponsors and exhibitors. Sponsorships do not include booth space. The sponsor contract can be found on page 12 or on the IOWWA web site, www.iowwa.com/pages/conference.

CONFERENCE CE CREDITS

Each conference attendee receives a punch card listing all programs presented and the number of CE hours that can be earned by attending various workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. There are 5.0 hours available for Wednesday and 4.0 hours for Thursday. These can be used for CIOWTS credential renewal, county CE requirements and Time of Transfer inspector CE requirements. Your attendance is indicated on the card as you exit each session attended. NOTE: Continuing education hours are based on actual class time only.

NOTE: Photographs and video may be taken at the conference. By registering, you agree to allow us to use your image.

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- + Iowa’s Roe-D-Hoe competition
- + Black-out Bingo
- + Huge exhibit area and exceptional vendors ready to interact

CANCELLATION POLICY

Written notice of cancellation of conference registrations must be received 7 days prior to the conference to receive a refund, less \$50 processing fee. The conference will be held in inclement weather.

EXHIBIT HALL SET-UP INFORMATION

- + Set-up: Tuesday, Jan. 6, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- + Loading dock door #1 is located on the A Avenue side of the Convention Center.
- + Vehicles/Large Equipment - Drive-in door #1 is on the A Avenue side of the US Cellular Arena. Loading in through the drive-in door will be scheduled in advance. You will be contacted for your assigned move-in time.
- + Tear Down: Thursday, Jan. 8 after 12:30 PM until 5:00 PM
- + Loading out through the drive-in door will be scheduled in advance

Counters, Freight Storage, etc. are NOT included. Contact R & D Events, 1220 Capital Dr SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404, Phone: 319-202-8374, Email: office@randdevents.com. Freight and storage information will be posted on the website www.iowwa.com/pages/conference, and is also included with your confirmation.

Power, Internet and other Event Technology are NOT included. Contact DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex, Erik Hagen, Director, Event Technology, Ph: 319-731-4519. Order online using this link: <https://eventnow.encoreglobal.com/landingpage/newexhibit/index/>

PRECONFERENCE ACTIVITIES ON JANUARY 6

Take time to earn CE Hours before the conference!

CREDENTIALLING TEST FOR CERTIFIED INSTALLER OF ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (COWTS)

Application due to IOWWA by December 15, 2025. The test application can be downloaded at <https://www.iowwa.com/pages/certification> or email penny@iowwa.com to request the COWTS test application. Basic Test: 75 multiple-choice questions, 2-hour completion time; \$184 for member, \$209 for nonmember; 1 p.m. check-in at room 310; 1:15 p.m. instructions; 1:30 p.m. start.

IDPH PLUMBING APPROVED SESSIONS (REGISTER ON CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM)

The Safety and Plumbing/Plumbing Code are the only sessions that qualify for Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) plumbing licensing continuing education (CE) hours. Sessions are taught by Jack Cooper, CEU Authority. You must attend both the 10:30 Plumbing Code session and the 1 p.m. Plumbing Discipline to receive CE hours, which are approved for the COWTS credential (not approved for IDNR Time of Transfer).

+ 8:00 a.m.

Fire and Electrical Safety (2 CE Hours Safety)

This is designed to guide an individual through the hazards of normal life as well as on the job in the trades industry. Course Value: This class is good for 2 CEUs for safety for the Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical License. This class also offers 2 hours credit for the Omaha ACAD license. (Not approved for Electrical Licensing CEU's). This session is not approved for CE hours for COWTS or IDNR Time of Transfer.

+ 10:30 a.m.

*Avoiding Common Plumbing Code Errors
(2 CE hours Plumbing Code)*

Non-compliant plumbing installations, the applicable code sections, and a practical explanation of what is required for compliance will be the focus of this class.

+ 1:00 p.m.

*Going Green: Plumbing and Mechanical Systems
(4 Hours Plumbing or Mechanical Discipline)*

This session addresses energy, energy analysis, efficiency rating systems, conventional and alternative space and water heating, cooling, dehumidification, methods of offsetting heating and cooling requirements, and energy conservation measures.

DMACC ONSITE WASTEWATER TRAINING FOR NEW COUNTY SANITARIANS (FREE, REGISTER VIA LINK) + 8:30 to 4 p.m. (8:00 a.m. check-in)

This 6-hour training focuses on basic onsite wastewater program management for sanitarians/environmental health specialists with three years or less experience. All levels of experience are welcome, along with tips, resources, and guidance to organizing a county onsite wastewater program. Instructors are Aimee Devereaux, DMACC, and Tammy McKeever, Clay County Environmental Health. Light lunch will be provided. Use this link to register: <https://appurl.io/w-6OCwWA41>

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Business Meeting of the Iowa Onsite Waste Water Association (IOWWA) will be held at 12:00 pm on January 8, 2026, in the grand ballroom at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex, Cedar Rapids, IA. Prior annual business minutes are posted in the "Documents & Files" section at www.iowwa.com.

2026 CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Look at the IOWWA supporters who have stepped up to sponsor key needs at the 2026 IOWWA Annual Conference! We thank them for their leadership and generosity that will enhance each attendee's experience. Items still available for sponsorship are on page 13.

- + Advance Pump & Equipment, Inc., Peosta, IA:
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- + Wastewater Supply, Riverside, IA: Lanyards

AUCTION DONORS

Have an item needed in our industry to donate to add value as an auction package? Those who made donations by December 15 will be acknowledged in the program. By mid-November, these generous companies had committed to auction donations:

- + Altorfer CAT, Cedar Rapids, IA
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- + Indianola Precast LLC, Indianola, IA
- + Martin Equipment, Cedar Rapids, IA
- + Municipal Supply, Des Moines, IA
- + Wieser Precast Steps, Stewartville, MN

2026 EXHIBITORS

Our 2026 conference couldn't happen without the investment and presence of companies committed to the industry who will be sharing information and technology with you. Look at the impressive list of companies that are set to be exhibitors with IOWWA in January!

- + Advance Pump and Equipment, Peosta, IA
- + Altorfer CAT, Cedar Rapids, IA
- + BioMicrobics Inc., Lenexa, KS
- + Cam Spray, Iowa Falls, IA
- + Cedar Rapids Winpump, Cedar Rapids, IA
- + Central Sales, West Des Moines, IA
- + City Supply Corporation, Des Moines, IA
- + Concrete Sealants, Inc., Tipp City, OH
- + Consolidated Treatment Systems Inc., Franklin, OH
- + Contractor Solutions LLC, Altoona, IA
- + Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, IA
- + Des Moines Winpump, Des Moines, IA
- + Dig in Digital, Jefferson City, MO
- + Future Line Truck Equipmen, Cedar Rapids, IA
- + Granse Trio Sales LLC, Lakeville, MN
- + Headwater Wholesale, Yorkville, IL
- + Indianola Precast LLC, Indianola, IA
- + Infiltrator Water Technologies, Old Saybrook, CT
- + Inspector Cameras LLC, Manchester, NH
- + Iowa Step and Tank, Toledo, IA
- + Jet Inc., Cleveland, OH
- + Kahn Tile Supply LLC, New Hampton, IA
- + Mack McClain & Associates, Grimes, IA
- + Martin Equipment, Cedar Rapids, IA
- + Meland Company, Oskaloosa, IA
- + Mid-Tech Servies, Inc., New Hampton, IA
- + Municipal Supply, Des Moines, IA
- + Norweco Inc, Norwalk, OH
- + Polylok, Wallingford, CT
- + Premier Tech Water and Environment, Williamsport, PA
- + Quartz Lamps LLC, West Chester, OH
- + Quinn Equipment Inc., Marion, IA
- + Rexco Equipment, Cedar Rapids, IA
- + Road Machinery & Supplies Co, Savage, MN
- + Roth North America, Syracuse, NY
- + Swales Precast, Inc., Strawberry Point, IA
- + T.G. Rankin Company, Chesterfield, MO
- + Wastewater Supply, Riverside, IA
- + Waterloo Biofilter System Inc., Guelph, ON
- + Wieser Concrete, Maiden Rock, WI
- + Wieser Precast Steps, Stewartville, MN

JANUARY CONFERENCE TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

Come enhance your industry expertise when you learn from an impressive group of industry experts assembled by IOWWA for you 2026 January conference!

Keynote Speaker: Brian Koski, Septic Check

Title: Building a Legacy: Leading Through Change in the Septic Industry

Content: In this keynote, Brian Koski shares his journey from field technician to CEO of Septic Check, offering insights on growing a business, navigating regulatory changes, and inspiring the next generation of wastewater professionals. Learn how challenges can become opportunities—and why leadership, adaptability, and passion are key to shaping the future of our industry. Brian has served as a board member and president of the Minnesota Onsite Wastewater Association (MOWA) and currently sits on the board of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA), where he continues to advocate for industry advancement and education.

Title: Design/Build Case Studies: Challenging Sites

Content: Explore real-world case studies of complex onsite wastewater projects, including tight lake lots, poor soil conditions, and demanding commercial installations. This session highlights innovative design/build solutions and lessons learned from navigating regulatory, environmental, and logistical challenges.

Presenter: Ben Booth, Iowa One Call

Title: Iowa One Call Update

Content: Overview of amended legislation (July 1, 2024) that impacted Iowa One Call processes and user requirements for excavators and locators. Includes an overview of new system tools and options developed in compliance with the law changes.

Presenter: Martin Equipment

Title: Machine Maintenance

Presenter: Cory Frank,

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Title: Iowa DNR Update and Education

Content: Iowa DNR staff, Cory Frank, will discuss and educate the audience on ongoing and emerging topics related to private septic systems, commercial septic cleaners, and time of transfer program issues.

Presenter: Aimee Devereaux,

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)

Title: Hydraulic Loading for Time of Transfer Inspections

Content: This session will be a brief refresher of hydraulic loading during a Time of Transfer Inspection and proper documentation.

Presenter: Aimee Devereaux and Katie Resor,

Des Moines Area Community College

Title: It Looked Flat on Google Earth: Site Evaluation and Install 101

Content: This session covers the brief overview of the essentials of septic system installation, including site evaluation, system selection, soil considerations, and installation best practices. Learn how to work with homeowners, communicate with county sanitarians, and avoid common pitfalls that lead to costly mistakes. Whether you're new to the trade or refreshing your skills, this class offers practical tips for compliant, efficient installations.

Presenter: Dr. Sara Heger, University of Minnesota

Title: Evolving Wastewater — How do we adjust?

Content: Over the last 50 years, what has been going into onsite wastewater treatment systems has changed. There are many reasons why, including reduced flows and an increase in the use of pharmaceuticals, personal care products, and sanitizers. Another substantial change has been our diet. This presentation will address the challenges with each of these changes and how they impact the concentration of various contaminants. Impacts upon treatment will also be covered. When troubleshooting an onsite wastewater treatment system these are items to discuss with property owners.

Title: PFAS and Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

Content: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of chemicals used in many consumer and industrial products, including cosmetics, food packaging, and non-stick pans. Wastewater is also a source of PFAS to the environment. When consumers utilize products in their home that contain these substances, they are delivered to an onsite sewage treatment system or wastewater treatment system. Research on related impacts from onsite sewage treatment systems will be discussed along with methods to reduce the impact or remove PFAS.

Title: Tools to Educate Property Owners

Content: How do we educate onsite sewage treatment system owners? In the last several years, the University of Minnesota along with partners has offered in-person and online seminar training events during Septic Smart Week to educate property owners. With EPA funding NOWRA developed interactive homeowner/public training for onsite sewage treatment system owners and the public. This best management resource for property owners explains how to keep their onsite sewage treatment systems functioning properly. These materials exist in a free online class or can be offered in person. These materials focus on the importance of wastewater treatment, an overview of treatment in an onsite system, typical onsite system features, final treatment and dispersal, management, maintenance, safety, and system troubleshooting. While the material's target audience is property owners who have an onsite system, the concepts are also applicable to the public, realtors, and local health officials. The training materials include a printed or electronic Onsite Wastewater Treatment System User Guide which is currently being translated into Spanish, and educational materials which can be offered in person or virtually.

Title: Troubleshooting Based Upon Wastewater Characteristics

Content: An onsite wastewater treatment system is designed to remove contaminants from water before the water is dispersed into the receiving environment. Trouble shooting requires a solid understanding of wastewater contaminants, how contaminants are removed in a treatment system and what laboratory measurements of these contaminants represent. The contaminants are discussed using analogies to foster better communication of concepts to owners. Contaminant removal in treatment components is described, impact of contaminant loading rates and the associated maintenance activities resulting from the contaminant removal. The laboratory methods used to determine the concentration of the contaminants provide clues when troubleshooting treatment component performance. An expanded knowledge of

these topics improves the troubleshooting skills of the service provider. The discussion is presented in a manner to enhance a service providers' knowledge and ability to communicate technical topics to owners.

Presenter: Jeff Helton, Norwesco Tanks

Title: Poly Tanks Are the Future

Content: Evolution in poly tank design over the years. Features and benefits. Special considerations as well as tips and tricks for installation.

Presenters: Trooper Job Huisman, IA DOT, and Rick Miene, Miene Septic Service

Title: Iowa DOT - Motor Vehicle Enforcement Safety

Content: This session will cover the information on the Iowa Department of Transportation's enforcement on CDLs and pre-trip inspections.

Presenter: Sam Lines, MBA, Concrete Sealants, Inc.

Title: Watertight Precast Concrete Tanks

Content: From joints to walls, the need for holding water in an assembled concrete structure is an increasingly necessary task. Infiltration can overload the system, and exfiltration may cause contamination of soils. In this presentation you will learn about the differences between watertight and dampproof. Joints are often thought of as a concern for water passage; concrete is a porous material and can contribute to seepage as well.

Title: Microbially Induced Corrosion in Concrete Tanks

Content: Hydrogen sulfide gas in a septic tank is a nuisance and a health hazard. Bacteria above the liquid converts the gas into acid, causing spotty corrosion of concrete. Research over the past decade has provided information that is leading to modifications that reduce the gas in tanks. After attending this presentation, you will know how to mitigate the exposure to the gas and stop the acid that damages the tank.

Presenter: Will Parker, Liberty Pumps

Title: Sewage and Wastewater Pump Sizing

Content: An overview of wastewater pump applications and factors that go into pump selection.

Presenter: Troy Resor, R & R Septic Solutions

Title: "I'm Certified, Now What?"

Content: This session is for recently certified CIOWTS contractors (new to one year). Open discussion is on what has been working and what mistakes have been made. We'll cover what didn't go right, what was forgotten, and what could have been done differently. Do you have questions about the CIOWTS renewal process, continuing education that's required, where do I go for answers? What problems were encountered that need correction or clarification. A "Question Card" will be available in your registration packet to turn in when you arrive at the session. This is your opportunity to talk about your experiences in the field.

Presenter: Jeff Sherman, Sherm's Septic Services

Title: Installing with Maintenance in Mind

Content: This workshop will present some ways to save time and money down the road when doing maintenance on conventional and alternative systems. This session is for installers and service providers.

Presenters: Josh Snyder, Contractor Solutions

Title: Trench Safety: Keeping your Workers Safe

Content: This is a brief overview of OSHA sub part P excavations, as well as a review of shoring, benching and sloping rules and regulations. Excavation rules, soil analysis and types of shoring equipment will be presented.

Presenter: Mary Tiedemann, Iowa State University

Title: Decoding Soil Properties for Septic Suitability Assessments

Content: This session outlines how onsite soil characteristics help determine a site's suitability for septic. Texture, color, and other features provide clues about a soil's ability to hold and process wastewater, which is essential for septic design and installation. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions, photos, or physical samples to discuss.

Presenter: Wayne Vanden Berg

Title: Tips, Tricks, and Requirements for Septic Pumping

Content: This session will be an open forum in the exhibit hall, walking around equipment and discussing equipment needs, PPE, and ways to improve operations as well as state and county requirements for pump trucks.

Presenter: Matt Wilshusen, T. G. Rankin Company

Title: Planet Care Biofilters Certification and Training Session

Content: Join in this session about Planet Care Biofilters. When completed, septic providers with ongoing septic

businesses will be factory-certified to install, maintain and complete a coir exchange. We will show you what is unique about this secondary filter and how it protects Iowa. Planet Care biofilters is a hybrid filter containing 90% Coco-Coir and 10% Peat. This filter has no moving parts, making it simple to install and maintain. The peat is included to provide a "ready to serve" microbial environment that stimulates action on day one and eliminates short inactivity concerns. Planet Care distributes kits through Iowa concrete pre-casters and their contractors to install systems for homeowners. We would love to see you in the session.

Title: Control Panels and Alarms

Content: Matt will have a review of common electronic schematics and how to match up the schematics to common components inside a simplex panel. The session will focus on simplex/duplex panel theory for demand dose and time dose applications. Matt will discuss different floats for pumping and panel control scenarios. He will also touch on alarms for most high-water situations, and looks forward to seeing you in this session.

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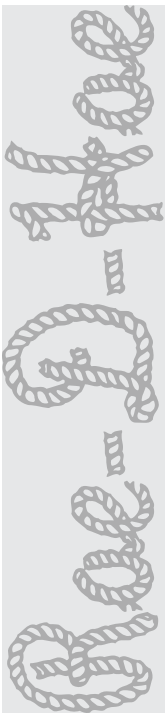
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Your company's logo will appear on the signage next to the registration table at the Roe-D-Hoe booth and in the conference program. Your sponsorship will allow anyone to participate for one hour. Your business name will be announced through the hour you are sponsoring. IOWWA newsletter ad 10% discount. *Submit company logo (130 dpi or higher).*



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Don't miss out on a great conference tradition — the famous IOWWA Backhoe Roe-D-Hoe Contest! The Roe-D-Hoe competition will take place during the breaks, lunch session, and reception at the January annual conference.

Think you're a good backhoe operator? Enter for a chance to win the \$500 first place prize, plus \$500 towards expenses to attend the International Roe-D-Hoe competition at the WWETT Show, February 16-19, 2026, in Indianapolis, IN. At the January conference there's a \$10 entry fee per attempt, and there's a chance to also win \$250 prize for second place and \$100 for third.

Special thanks for Housby Heavy Equipment and Rexco Equipment Inc. for providing the Roe-D-Hoe equipment for the 2026 IOWWA contest. Housby is furnishing a Volvo ECR25 Electric Compact Excavator, and Rexco is supplying a Bobcat E30. Come try your skill on the machine that you like to use. Plus, there's still time to sponsor an hour of the contest. Just email penny@iowwa.com.



IOWWA 2026–2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!

In 2025, 12 scholarships were presented thanks to companies donating full scholarship funds and through a portion of each person's membership dues paid to IOWWA.

The Iowa Onsite Wastewater Association annual offers \$500 scholarships to:

- 1 High school seniors wanting to attend a college or a trade school on a part-time (minimum 6 credit hours per quarter or semester) or full-time basis.
- 2 Students already attending a college or trade school on a part-time (minimum 6 credit hours per quarter or semester) or full-time basis, planning on continuing their education the following year. A course of study leading to a career in the onsite industry is not required.

You are eligible if you are a student and an IOWWA member or are related to an IOWWA member (primary or associate member) and attending or planning on attending a college or trade school. Scholarships are awarded one time only per individual.

These companies have already committed to the 2026 scholarship program:

- + Cam Spray, Iowa Falls, IA
- + Moorman Construction, Baxter, IA – Two Scholarships
- + Municipal Supply, Des Moines, IA – Three Scholarships
- + Premier Tech Water and Environment, Williamsport, PA
- + Ziegler CAT, Altoona, IA

Information requested includes grades/academic status, extra-curricular activities, hobbies, interests, work experience and future goals.

Download the application from the IOWWA website, www.iowwa.com/pages/scholarship or email penny@iowwa.com to request the application. Deadline for application submittal is April 15, 2026.

IOWWA ENDS 2025 WITH MORE WORKSHOPS

October 3 was a beautiful day to be outdoors and a small group received hands-on training during an Alternative Maintenance Systems Workshop at the Heartland Hills Habitat for Humanity site in Waverly, Iowa. Instructors Jeff Sherman, Sherm's Septic Services, and Andy Barber, Crystal Heating Plumbing and Excavating, moved from house to house and provided a brief overview, installation practices, troubleshooting and maintenance information for servicing the various alternative systems used for the homes at the Habitat site.

A septic pumping and inspections workshop was held October 20 at Miene Septic Services in Robins. Instructors were Rick Miene, Miene Septic Service, and Wayne Vanden Berge, Advance Pump & Equipment. Attendees received 6 CE hours approved for the CIOWTS credential and Iowa DNR Time of Transfer Inspectors.





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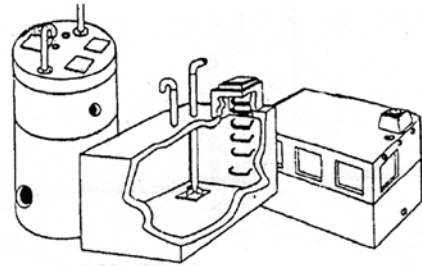
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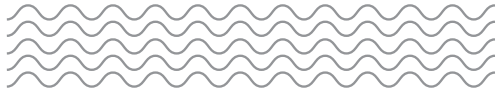
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