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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Kurt Leichty

As I write my first column as your IOWWA president it is below zero once again. But this is our spring newsletter, and if you are like me, you are really looking forward to the warmer days ahead. Shop time is definitely needed to get equipment back up to snuff. And it's also a good time to plan for the jobs ahead and try to pin down availability of the supplies needed in the next few months. For so long now this has been difficult with PVC and material prices continuing to rise. On top of those unpredictable costs, we continue to face rising fuel prices and labor shortages. I doubt that the coming of spring will end any of those challenges.

So I'll move away from challenges for a paragraph and focus of opportunities for us. The first was the opportunity for all of IOWWA to gather again in Des Moines in January for annual conference. It was great to come together as an industry to hear good speakers and learn from them and all the exhibitors who shared information. Your IOWWA board was pleased with the very nice turnout of more than 400 members. Thanks to all who attended and took advantage

of the organization's educational efforts. Since then IOWWA held its

first workshop in February – the installation overview followed by CIOWTS credential testing – and a workshop on pumps, alarms and control panels is scheduled for March 8 (see page 2).

With the pandemic hopefully behind us, I find myself pondering a number of questions regarding the health of septic systems throughout our state. Are we going to see more system failures this year because of prolonged stay at home with more water usage? And what if home becomes the permanent workplace for a significant number of those who have been putting in their hours in home offices or at the kitchen table? And how about all the hand sanitizer used since March of 2020? Will it affect the tank breakdown? No matter what the season – or the year – there's always something to challenge us and for us to think about. Here's to another year that promises to keep all of our brains hard at work.



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**Time:** Check-in 8:30 AM; Workshop 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (BBQ lunch provided)

**Location:** Fairfield Precast Concrete, 2606 W. Grimes Ave., Fairfield IA 52556

**Content:** This workshop will cover effluent, sewage, and grinder pump review; pumps in conventional and alternative application; and pump sizing for conventional and alternative applications. We'll review indoor/outdoor high water; alarms; and control panels in demand dose and time dose applications. We'll also discuss alternative treatment systems.

**Presenter:** Tom Rankin, Jr., T.G. Rankin

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# MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



**Zach Perrin** was elected to fill the board term remainder of the manufacturing board member seat previously occupied by Travis Scott. He will serve through January 2023. Zach is president/co-owner of Cedar Rapids Winpump, a full-service

wholesaler specializing in pumps and plumbing. He's been in the wholesale supply industry since 1988. Zach is dedicated to contractor support, product knowledge and preservation of the future growth of the wastewater industry through training and leadership opportunities. He and his wife Courtney and two daughters, Presley and Everly. In his free time he loves to hunt, fish and hike with family and friends.



**Brandon Rogers** was elected to a three-year board term as an installer. He's co-owner of Rogers Septic & Forest Pumping (Des Moines), a full-service septic contractor serving central Iowa. Brandon oversees field operations and currently leads the

crew responsible for commercial and custom-designed on-site wastewater systems. In working for his father's electric, plumbing and heating company while still a teenager, Brandon was introduced to several trades. After graduation, he joined the Operators Union Local 234, received his journeyman's license and worked in general excavation. He found his passion when he became a foreman on a septic crew. After 25 years he still enjoys working with his hands and solving complicated issues involving on-site wastewater systems. Frequently he performs field tests on new products to help manufacturers improve their designs. Brandon and his wife reside in Bondurant, and their two married children and three grandchildren live in central Iowa. Reading, bass fishing and being with family occupy his free time.

## NEWLY CERTIFIED INSTALLERS



*Congratulations to the most recent folks to become Certified Installers of Onsite Wastewater Systems (CIOWTS):*

- + **Adam Bachman**, Fairbank
- + **Scott Balik**, Spillville
- + **Wilson Camacho**, Hackensack, NJ
- + **Chad Carlson**, McGregor
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If you have the IDNR Time of Transfer License, be sure to review your continuing education hours prior to the March 30, 2022 deadline. Your license information is available at:

<https://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/pages/opmenu.aspx>.

Search "Operator Details", enter your Time of Transfer license number and select the "CEU" tab.

# SUCCESSFUL 2022 CONFERENCE IN DES MOINES

*Thanks to all who journeyed to Des Moines for IOWWA's Annual Conference in January at HyVee Hall in the Iowa Events Center. It was great to be together again to learn from conference speakers, exhibitors and through our conversations with each other!*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BLACK-OUT BINGO WINNERS!

What do these folks — **Brandon Rogers, Aaron Trunnel, Dustin Wood, Kelly Andorf, Caleb Fox, Steve Miller, J.D. Griffith, David Etter, Colin Brose, and Deedra Walker** — have in common? Each took home \$100 for making the rounds of the exhibit area to connect with all our industry exhibitors during the annual conference. Thanks to all who completed their Black-Out Bingo cards during the gathering. Maybe next year your name will be drawn for a c-note!

## ALMOST \$6,000 RAISED BY RAFFLE & ROE-D-HOE

The conference's general and gun raffles raised more than \$5,070 and Roe-D-Hoe entry fees brought in \$920. Thanks to raffle item donors **Darwin Bengford, Dickerson Mechanical, Miene Septic Service** and **Municipal Supply** (sincere apologies if we missed you, generous members)!

# AUCTION BRINGS \$13,350 INTO IOWWA COFFERS

*A huge thank you to the companies that donated high-quality auction packages featuring equipment and supplies utilized by IOWWA members.*

### AUCTION DONORS AND THE WINNING BIDDERS:

**Auction Package #1** – Wieser Precast Steps  
\$5,000.00. Kent Morton, Mort's Water Company, Latimer IA

**Auction Package #2** – Municipal Supply  
\$3,200.00. Tom Behle, Behle Inc., Ames IA

**Auction Package #3** – Wastewater Supply | Norwesco  
\$1,550.00. Tim Rozendaal, Norm Rozendaal Tiling, Monroe IA

**Auction Package #4** – Des Moines Winsupply  
\$1,250.00. Tom Behle, Behle Inc., Ames IA

**Auction Package #5** – Indianola Precast  
\$2,350.00. Chris Becker, Becker Construction, Urbandale IA





## Roe-D-Hoe RETURNS!

The pandemic may have kept IOWWA's best-on-the-backhoe from competing in 2021, but contestants were back in the seat during the January conference.



**Justin Rozendaal, Norm Rozendaal**

**Tiling, captured first place** and finishing in the top three in the state for the first time with a time of 1 minute 15 seconds. His father, Tim, holds the fastest time on record for the Iowa rivalry: 52 seconds, which was set at the 2020 competition.



**Second place finisher Jeremy Miller**

(1 minute 32 seconds) has been in the money four previous times. He finished second in 2013 (2 minutes 11 seconds), 2014 (1 minutes 11 seconds) and 2016 (1 minute 30 seconds), and took home third place in 2018 (1 minute 40 seconds).



**It's the third time Travis Hunter of Mort's Water Company** was in the winning threesome.

He took home third place (1 minute 36 seconds) this year and finished in second place in 2020 (1 minute 4 seconds) and 2019 (1 minute 17 seconds).

**Congratulations to IOWWA's 2022 winners!**

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An individual is eligible if s/he is an IOWWA member or related to an IOWWA member (primary or associate member). Scholarships are awarded one time only per individual. A course of study leading to a career in the onsite industry is not required.

The application deadline is Friday, April 1, 2022. The application (a form field document) can be downloaded from the scholarship page on the IOWWA website, [www.iowwa.com](http://www.iowwa.com). Or email [execdir@iowwa.com](mailto:execdir@iowwa.com) and an application will be sent to you by email. All applicants must submit the completed application, two letters of recommendation, school transcripts, and a photo (JPG form) to be considered for a scholarship.

IOWWA began offering \$500 scholarships for the 2005–2006 school year, with funding coming through an addition of \$5 to each member's annual dues and generous additional donations of member companies. If you would like to provide a full scholarship, please contact [execdir@iowwa.com](mailto:execdir@iowwa.com).

Since beginning the program, 74 \$500 awards have enabled young people with an IOWWA connection to further their educational efforts.

## The most recent recipients (2021–2022) were:

- + **Paige Lacina**, daughter of Rachael and James Lacina
- + **Madeline Morton**, daughter of Mary and Justin Morton
- + **Jacob Nektivinda**, son of Jody and Kyle Nektivinda
- + **Toby Resor**, son of Katie and Troy Resor
- + **Hannah Welch**, daughter of Alissa and Toby Welch; and
- + **Mikaylan Winters**, daughter of Amanda and Trent Winters.

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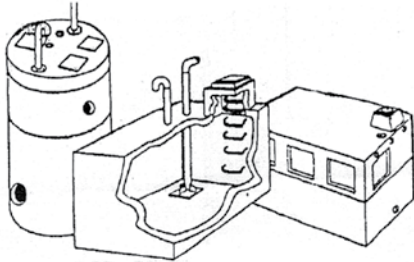
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Winning caption submitted by Dan Miller, RS, Jefferson County Environmental Health. He won his choice of a \$50 Casey's gas card or \$50 off a 2022 IOWWA workshops registration.



## WANT TO WIN?

Submit your top caption for this photo by May 3 to [info@iowwa.com](mailto:info@iowwa.com). Keep your suggestion "printable" for the spring issue of the *Onsite Observer*.

# WORDS ABOUT WASTE



**By Darwin Bengford**

Here we are, more than a month into the new year, and one of the industry highlights — the

IOWWA conference — is already history. But it was such a successful one that I hope you're looking back and smiling at what you learned, shared and enjoyed most. Maybe not having a conference in 2021 made this year's gathering extra special for all of us.

For me, going to our onsite conference is kind of like going to my family reunion. I don't know everyone by name, but there are an awful lot of familiar faces that I recognize! I think this year was a great conference for two reasons. First, it was an opportunity to finally get out in public and be with industry folks you know outside of work. And second, we had a chance to let loose a little for a short time with longtime friends who've never stopped contributing in their communities even when the world was a bit upside down. I think we can applaud our board members, Matt, Shirley and all the support crew that Matt assembles to put on this conference. Thank you all! It's a lot of work for the short time we have. But from my perspective, it was well worth it.

But that's now the past, and I'm now looking ahead into 2022. I would like to put a challenge out to Iowa's sanitarians to write a column for the summer issue of this *Onsite Observer* newsletter. Tell IOWWA's member about all that goes into being a sanitarian — the ups and downs about your job — day in and day out. What's the craziest situation you've ever faced? The most challenging? What's the easiest thing you do? What's the task you most dread undertaking? I say a "column" because I don't believe you could respond to any one of those things in just a paragraph, but submit just a sentence if you like! I'm hoping we'll hear from numerous sanitarians! I think it would be a good time to let everyone know what it is like for you and how many people you have to please in your work. Hint: Ted Trewin (Dallas County), I hope you'll be one person who will tackle this task for us. Thanking you in advance! Email your contribution to [pam@schoffner.com](mailto:pam@schoffner.com) by May 1.

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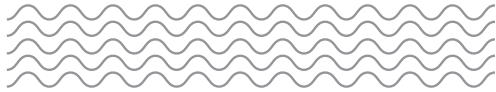


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