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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Jeff Sherman

Hello IOWWA Members. Well, where do I start?

I made some changes to my life. After 17 years with Floyd County, I have retired as environmental health administrator. I've joined the ranks of the self-employed and am doing septic maintenance, Time of Transfers and pumping. I went from 100 contracts for maintenance at the end of last year to 246 at the beginning of this year after I bought the contracts from R & R Septic Solutions (Katie & Troy Reiser). I would like to thank them for the almost smooth transition and all the help they have given over the last few months.

What have I learned? Key has been that working with attorneys is not always smooth, but we made it through the legal processes.

Now let's talk about the weather we've had this spring and the impact on outdoor work. With it raining almost every other day and tornados in some parts of the state, spring has made it hard for a lot of us to get much work done outside. This is a lot different from the weather we have had the last two years, but we do need the rain.

So please stay safe out there when you are working.

But when it's raining it's a good time to do industry training! We had a great class



at Heartland Hills, our training site in Waverly. About 30 people attend the class to get certified for maintenance on the AdvanTex systems. It was great to see such good attendance. This newsletter won't be in your hands before our May 31 Alternative System Maintenance Workshop, also at Heartland Hills, with instruction by Corey Kadlec, Septic Services of Iowa, and me. But hopefully this newsletter will be in your hands – and read – so those of you interested in CIOWTS can get your test applications submitted by June 15 for the June 26 certification exam. Be sure to take the Installation Overview course on June 25 and 26 in preparation.

Last but not least, your board has already started working on next year's conference in January, so if there are some speakers you would like to see or topics of interest, please let the board know.

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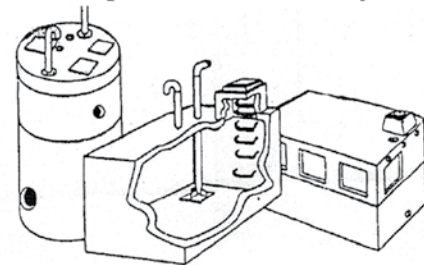
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HEARTLAND HILLS WORKSHOP

A septic system maintenance workshop was held outside on April 12 at the Heartland Hills Habitat for Humanity site in Waverly Iowa. With instructors and IOWWA staff, some 37 attendees learned the AdvanTex system. Nick Cheney and Chad Hadaway from Iowa Water and Waste Systems served as instructors, along with Jeff Sherman from Sherm's Septic Services. Crystal's Plumbing and crew pumped the two septic tanks.





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Meet the latest outstanding young people receiving IOWWA scholarships. They join more than 80 other members of the IOWWA family who have received \$500 scholarships to attend colleges and trade schools on a part-time or full-time basis since 2005.



Danelle (Dani) Arkfeld of Panama is the daughter of Shirley and Jayme Arkfeld, Arkfeld Water Services. She graduated from Harlan Community High School in 2020 with a 4.0 GPA and enrolled as a finance major at the University of Iowa, graduating in 2023 with a 4.0. Dani currently is a student in the U of IA College of Law and

wants to practice estate planning law in Colorado after graduation. Since 2016 she's worked 8 to 10 hours per week for Arkfeld Water Services. She completed two years of working 10 hours per week at U of IA's Academic Advising Center in 2023. A member of the Organization of Women Law Students and Staff and First-Generation Lawyers, Dani also is a member of the Reproductive Justice Society.



Jasmine Hjelle aspires to be an anesthesiologist. She's the daughter of Heather Sherman of Waterloo and granddaughter of Jeff Sherman, Sherm's Septic Services. A 2024 graduate of Grundy Center High School, Jasmine earned a 3.788 GPA there while also taking classes and earning a 3.688 GPA and complete her two-year AA

degree from Hawkeye Community College. She's worked 16 to 40 hours per week at Harmony Homes in Waterloo as a CNA since the fall of 2022. Previously she was lead food service worker at Western Homes in Cedar Falls. For her high school Jasmine played tennis and served on the student senate. Her combined volunteer service of more than 100 hours took place at Prairie Lakes Church, the Hudson Public Library, Cedar Bend Humane Society and Love Inc. Cedar Valley. She plans to attend the University of Iowa full time with a pre-medicine major.



Emilie Jo Rogers is the daughter of Billie and Rick Rogers, Rogers Septic & Forest Pumping, Des Moines. A 2024 graduate of Saydel High School, Madison earned a 4.1760 GPA and participated in golf, track, cross country and running club. She was manager for girls basketball, involved in student government, speech club and the

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Emilie, a member of National Honor Society, was vice president of leadership development for I Jag, earned silver cord, served on the prom committee and was part of her school's homecoming court. She plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College fulltime and become a dental hygienist. An employee of Goode Greenhouse, Emilie has worked 12 hours per week as a cashier and customer service representative since April of 2021. Her uncle is Brandon Rogers of Rogers Septic & Forest Pumping.



Brynn Rognes, who graduated from Lake Mills High School in Mason City with a 3.766 GPA, plans to attend North Iowa Area Community College full time to pursue a career in nursing. Music and athletics dominated her high school career. Brynn, who was first chair alto saxophonist for three years in a row, also was in marching

band, street band, jazz band and attended summer band camp. She was captain of her school's color guard for two years. Brynn participated in volleyball, basketball (captain senior year), softball, track and golf. Outside of school her volunteer activities revolve largely around her church. There she's served a Sunday school teacher and assistant, youth group, serving a meal after Sunday worship, and cleaning out an old apartment to turn it into

a new church. Brynn worked for a year as an ice cream scooper at Sweet Emmylu's in Forest City. Her parents are Racheal and Jeremy Rognes, Rognes Brothers Excavating in Lake Mills.



Marlee Trunnel has her sights set on a career in event management. She'll attend either Iowa or Iowa State to earn a business management degree. A 2024 graduate of Bondurant-Farrar High School with a 3.97 GPA, Marlee was a member of National Honor Society and captain of her school's dance team.

Through Kasey Leigh Dance Studio she competed in five regional competitions each year and attended national competition every other year. She volunteered at summer camps for young dancers, helping them to express themselves through dance and preparing them to perform at the Iowa State Fair. She's mentored kindergarteners and worked with children on letter sounds, sight words and math problems, as well as volunteered at the concession stand at the Spring Creek Sporting Complex in Altoona. Marlee is the daughter of Aaron Trunnel, Trunnel Excavating of Mitchellville, and Crystal Sinclair of Bondurant.



Congratulations to the latest Iowans to earn the basic level credential of the Certified Installer of Wastewater Treatment Systems:

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JUNE 25 & 26: INSTALLATION OVERVIEW COURSE AND CIOWTS TESTING

NOTE: JUNE 15 CIOWTS TEST APPLICATION DEADLINE

For the second time this year IOWWA is offering the Installation Overview Course and test for the Certified Installer of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (CIOWTS) Credential. Training and testing are held in the Olin Building at Luther College, 700 College Drive, in Decorah.

INSTALLATION OVERVIEW WORKSHOP

This comprehensive course is a review of the CIOWTS testing material and is helpful in preparing for the test, which can be taken immediately following the workshop. The 12 continuing education hours apply to your first 2-year CIOWTS credential cycle. CE hours are approved for Time of Transfer continuing education.

- + **Tuesday, June 25:** Continental breakfast 7:30 AM, Workshop: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (lunch included)
- + **Wednesday, June 26:** Continental breakfast 7:30 AM, Workshop: 8:00 AM – Noon (lunch included)
- + **Instructors:** Dr. Sara Heger, Univ. of MN; Troy Resor, R & R Septic Solutions; Jeff Sherman, Sherm's Septic Services
- + **Fee:** Installation Overview: IOWWA members - \$284, Non-members - \$409.00*
- + **Registration:** Online at www.iowwa.com/pages/trainings or download the Registration Form.
- + **Cancellation:** A refund will be given if written notice is received at least 7 days prior to the event. A \$50 processing fee will be assessed. No refunds for cancellations received after the 7-day period.

TEST – CERTIFIED INSTALLER OF ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (CIOWTS CREDENTIAL)

- + **Test Application Deadline: June 15.** The CIOWTS Test Application can be downloaded at www.iowwa.com/pages/certification. (Step 3 on application, "Work Experience Verification," is required for the Advanced test only.) There is no on-site submission of the CIOWTS test application.
- + A confirmation will be sent via email approximately one (1) week prior to the test date

- + Register for the test online at www.iowwa.com/pages/trainings or download the Registration Form.
- + **Wednesday, June 26:** Test check-in from 12:30 – 1:00 PM, instructions at 1:00 PM. Test will start at 1:15 PM – Basic (2-hour time limit)
- + **Test Fee:** BASIC LEVEL Member: \$184.00, Non-member: \$209.00*

NOTES REGARDING TESTING AND APPLICATION:

- + Please be sure to bring a small hand-held calculator and two #2 pencils.
- + If less than one (1) year of onsite wastewater installation experience, completion of the Installation Overview Course is required before testing.
- + The counties in Iowa that require the CIOWTS credential use the Basic Level. Iowa has 25 counties that require basic CIOWTS credential.
- + If you report to the test location after the exam start time, admission to the exam is not guaranteed and all examination fees will be forfeited. If a no-show, no refund is given for the test fee.
- + Study Guide "Installation of Wastewater Treatment Systems" can be purchased in advance of the test. If interested, it is available for purchase at Iowa State University. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16160>

Questions: Contact Penny Andorf, Association Administrator, IOWWA

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**Course and CIOWTS test fees are based on membership in IOWWA. If you are not a current member, you can join IOWWA at www.iowwa.com/pages/membershipapplication. Membership is not the same as the CIOWTS credential. Membership is yearly and is optional.*

INSTALLATION OVERVIEW + CIOWTS TEST REGISTRATION

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Instructors: Dr. Sara Heger, University of Minnesota; Troy Resor, R & R Septic Solutions, Jeff Sherman, Sherm's Septic Services				
Continuing Education: 12.0 hours. Approved for CIOWTS and Time of Transfer Inspectors				
Note: The Installation Overview fee includes two lunches, breakfast and four breaks. The fee also a course notebook.				
<input type="checkbox"/> CIOWTS TEST	CHECK-IN	SCHEDULE	MEMBER FEE	NON-MEMBER FEE
Wednesday, June 26, 2024	12:30 PM	Instructions: 1:00 PM Basic level test: 1:15 PM	\$184.00	\$209.00 *
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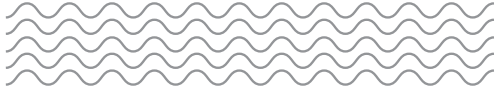
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