



Upcoming Events

November 6

Advanced SWPPP & Inspections Workshop

More information:

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November 18 — 20

Water/Wastewater Operators Training Workshop

Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines

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**IAMU
Fall Conference**
Sept. 30 — Oct. 2

Fall Conference presentations on the IAMU website

IAMU has begun posting selected Fall Conference presentations on the association website. More will be added in the coming days. Go to www.iamu.org and click on the link on the front page.



Overall lineworker rodeo winner **Logan Witte** of Independence Light & Power received an equipment bag donated by **Cahoon Sales**.

IAMU honors three individuals at Fall Conference

◆ IAMU presented three individuals with awards at the association's Fall Conference.

Ted Vorwald, who will soon retire after 32 years of service to the City of Fairbank, was honored with the Individual Achievement Award. He has served as superintendent of the water, wastewater and electric utilities in Fairbank, in addition to being in charge of streets and parks, and serving as a volunteer firefighter. Ted has also served on IAMU's Water Safety & Training Committee for more than ten years, and has been an instructor for many IAMU water workshops.



Norm Parsons was the recipient of the Honor Roll Award. He is a retired superintendent and is currently serving as a utility consultant with Hopkinton Municipal Utilities. His utility background includes working in Whittimore from 1967 – 1977, where he was promoted to superintendent in 1972; in Milford from 1977 – 1990; and in Hopkinton from 1990 to the present. He was instrumental in making upgrades and improvements to all of the utility systems he has worked for.



Larry Chapman of Chapman Metering Services was presented with the Jim McCaskey Associate Member Award. Mr. Chapman began Chapman Metering Services with his father 40 years ago. Larry has been a generous supporter of IAMU's training, conducting annual watt-hour metering workshops for numerous employees of IAMU member utilities. He also assisted with the landmark IAMU biodiesel tests at the Winterset Municipal Utilities location, which helped set standards for the use of biodiesel fuel in electric peaking plants.



Award winners included (top to bottom): **Ted Vorwald** (left); **Norm Parsons** (left); and **Larry Chapman** (center). IAMU Board President **Brian Geschke** of New Hampton joins all three, with Chapman also joined by IAMU Electric Safety & Training Coordinator **Eric Stoll**.

First-ever lineworker rodeo held at IAMU celebration

◆ Part of the activities at the Fall Conference Oktoberfest at the IAMU Training & Office Complex was a first-ever **Lineworker Rodeo**. Five participants took part in speed climb and pole top rescue competitions. The results are as follows:

Speed Climb: 1. Tyler Plate, Waverly Light & Power; 2. Logan Witte, Independence Light & Power; 3. Jared Juhl, Waverly Light & Power; 4. Kevin Sidles, Independence Light & Power; 5. Dan Llewellyn, Indianola Municipal Utilities.

Pole Top Rescue: 1. Sidles; 2. Llewellyn; 3. Witte; 4. Plate; 5. Juhl

Overall: 1. Witte; 2. Plate; 3. Sidles; 4. Juhl; 5. Llewellyn



Lineworker Rodeo entrants included (left to right): **Logan Witte**, Independence; **Kevin Sidles**, Independence; **Dan Llewellyn**, Indianola; **Tyler Plate**, Waverly; and **Jared Juhl**, Waverly.



Skyler Dickie, Villisca Municipal Power Plant

◆ IAMU joins the staff of the Villisca Municipal Power Plant and City of Villisca in mourning the death of lineperson Skyler Dickey, who was killed in a traffic accident while on his way to work at the power plant September 29.

Dickey, 24, graduated from high school in Villisca in 2003, and attended Iowa Western Community College in Clarinda. He was a fan of motorsports, and among other jobs, worked as an official at the Adams County Speedway in Corning.



Utility trucks belonging to the Villisca Municipal Power Plant helped lead the funeral procession for power plant employee Skyler Dickie.

IAMU/League of Cities Water Survey announced



◆ IAMU has partnered with the Iowa League of Cities to conduct a survey of our collective members that will focus on water and sewer rates and service. Both organizations receive numerous calls from utilities asking about the rates of similar-sized cities. While there are other factors to consider when talking about rates, it is felt the results of this survey will provide useful information to IAMU members. Go to the IAMU website, www.iamu.org, and look for the survey link on the front page.

Fall Conference brings activities, fun, information



◆ PowerFilm of Ames, maker of flexible solar panels, had a strong presence at the Fall Conference, with CEO/CFO Mike Coon (left) serving as a luncheon speaker, and a solar canopy from PowerFilm set up at IAMU. The electricity it generated powered the equipment used by the Barry Boyce Band of Omaha, which supplied music for the conference Oktoberfest.



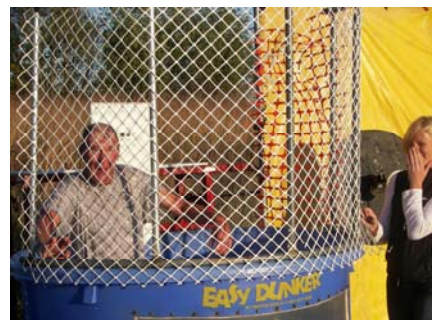
◆ The Lineworker Rodeo at Oktoberfest (see Page 1) drew plenty of attention, with a speed climb and pole top rescue competition.



◆ Dueco, Inc. and representative Suzanne Krieger-Mjosness supplied one of the company's new hybrid powered "green" bucket trucks for the Oktoberfest. An electronic presentation was also part of the visit.



◆ IAMU's Safe City facility was officially dedicated during the Fall Conference Oktoberfest, with many supporters and invited guests on hand. Shown taking part in the ribbon cutting are (left to right): Dave Hraha, IAMU Program Director; Jim Krieg, Cedar Falls Utilities and IAMU Board Second Vice President; Eldon Snook, Montezuma Natural Gas; Dick Eades, IAMU Safety & Training Field Coordinator; and Bob Haug, IAMU Executive Director.



◆ A dunk tank provided entertainment aplenty at the Oktoberfest, and helped raise funds for IAMU's MuniPAC. Here, IAMU Gas Safety & Training Coordinator Rudy Parcel gets dunked by Celeste Paulson of Altec Industries.



◆ The MuniPAC golf tournament saw many participants, including Bruce Harden of Everly (far left) and Denny Weber of Alta.

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