



Upcoming Events

January 17 — 19, 2012
Superintendent & Foreman's Workshop
Register/more information: [Here](#)

January 30 — Feb. 3, 2012
Complete Watt-Hour Metering Workshop (Basic & Advanced)
Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 8 — 9, 2012
IAMU Winter Meeting, Ramada Tropics Resort, Des Moines
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Iowa utilities beat energy efficiency goals set for 2010

◆ **Iowa's municipal electric and gas utilities exceeded their combined energy efficiency goals for 2010, as reflected in a joint report submitted by IAMU to the Iowa Utilities Board.** The report, submitted December 30, 2011, outlining municipal electric and natural gas utilities' energy efficiency plans, satisfied requirements under Iowa Code 476.6, Subsection 16, Paragraph c. It contained the results of the utilities' 2010 energy efficiency programs as well as the utilities' efficiency goals for 2011, 2012, and 2013.



In 2010 municipal electric utilities exceeded their combined goal by achieving annual energy savings of 32,374,155 kWh, or 113% of the goal. Similarly, municipal gas utilities exceeded their combined goal by achieving a combined annual savings of 321,965 Therms, or 108% of the goal.

Iowa legislation approved in 2008 required municipal electric and gas utilities to conduct an assessment of their cost-effective energy efficiency potential, establish energy efficiency goals, and develop programs for achieving the goals. The assessment of potential found that, on average, by 2012 municipal electric utilities could reduce consumption by 1.1% through cost effective measures, and municipal gas utilities could reduce consumption by 0.74% through cost effective measures. As a result municipal utilities have established energy efficiency programs for residential, commercial and industrial customers.



The report illustrates that Iowa's municipal utilities remain committed to providing cost-effective energy efficiency programs for their customer-owners.

Open houses for wastewater information will be held


◆ **Representatives of unsewered communities are invited to attend any of a series of open houses to discuss proper wastewater treatment in small towns.** The open houses will cover funding opportunities, types of sewer and septic systems and proposed rules concerning wastewater systems and disadvantaged communities. Attendees may discuss any or all of the topics of interest to them. The open houses will be two hours long but attendees may come and go as they please.



Each open house will run from 5-7 p.m. and will be held per the following schedule: Manchester, Jan. 10, Manchester Public Library, 304 N. Franklin St.; Ainsworth, Jan. 12, Conservation Education Center, 2943 Highway 92; Spencer, Jan. 17, Faith Lutheran Church, 2912 Highway Boulevard; Council Bluffs, Jan. 19, Bass Pro Shops, Green Room, 2901 Bass Pro Dr.; Des Moines, Jan. 25, Wallace State Office Building atrium, 502 E. 9th St.; Mason City, Jan. 26, Lime Creek Nature Center, 3501 Lime Creek Rd.


The open houses are hosted by Iowa Department of Natural Resources, IAMU, Iowa League of Cities, Iowa Rural Water Association, and Iowa State Association of Counties. Staff from these organizations, as well as from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority, will be available. For more information click [here](#).


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Staying Connected



IAMU Winter Meeting
February 8 & 9, 2012
Ramada Tropics Resort, Des Moines


Mark Crisson
APPA


Bert Kalisch
APGA


Jerry Stevens
AWWA

Lunch speaker **Aaron Thomas**
(son of slain Aplington-Parkersburg football coach Ed Thomas)





What's the latest on employee benefits?

The January issue of *Benefit Bytes* is now available from Benefit Resources of Iowa, IAMU's group health and life advisors. Download it on the IAMU web site [here](#).




Benefit Resources
of Iowa



◆ **Ellie Snook, wife of Eldon Snook (Montezuma Natural Gas Superintendent and longtime member of IAMU's Gas Safety & Training Committee) passed away December 26 after a battle with cancer. She was 68.**

Passings

Funeral services were held December 30 and interment was at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Malcom. Ellie and Eldon were married in 1962 and had four children. Her most recent occupation was serving as Poweshiek County Supervisor. Other pursuits included owning a business, Ellie's Soda Fountain, for 10 years. IAMU extends its sympathies to Eldon and to his family. For a complete obituary and information on sending condolences click [here](#).



Ellie Snook