



Bus tour brings Cedar River water quality front and center



By Dorothy Tate, ISA public relations manager

The Cedar River Watershed Coalition took advantage of the season, sun and calm-before the planting storm to host a bus tour for partnership stakeholders, local farmers, representatives and media on March 20.

The tour drew more than 80 people who spent the day visiting conservation practices. Discussion revolved around the impact and cost of practices including a bioreactor, buffer strips and saturated buffers, cover crops, conservation tillage practices and water monitoring.

Dennis Lindsay, a farmer from Masonville and an Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) director, attended the tour and joined the discussion.

"I think it went well and I really enjoyed the cover crop speakers," Lindsay said. "They were honest and I've had similar experiences, but we have to keep trying to find the right formula for our operation."

Jim Erb, mayor of Charles City, also attended the tour in hopes of learning about practices and potentially building a coalition of his own.

"We have had our fair share of flooding and that is one reason we are interested in this conversation," Erb said. "The other part is that creating infrastructure to remove nitrates is almost impossible for a small community, so upstream and downstream partnerships are important."

Erb indicated that Charles City is currently working with The Nature Conservancy to assess the city's water sources and determine if action is needed to ensure the continued safety of the precious resource.

"We will be looking to have a conversation about the best path forward for our needs and those of our partners," Erb said. "We are hoping to build a coalition with area cities and this group provides that opportunity."

Steve Hershner, Cedar Rapids Utilities director and supporter of the Middle Cedar River Partnership Project (MCRPP), elaborated on the benefits of a collaborative approach during lunch.

Hershner outlined the goals, plan and partners already involved in the five-year MCRPP initiative that was announced in January. The project is focused on improving water quality, soil health and mitigating flooding in the Cedar River Watershed and has \$2 million in federal funds and \$2.3 million matched by 14 partners.

When asked why Cedar Rapids is part of the partnership project, Hershner said, "It makes more sense to work with our source water, which will always be part of our process and get up into the watershed. We look forward to working with practices and seeing the impact."

Adam Kiel, ISA state water resources manager, also presented during the tour and has been involved in the watershed with water monitoring. Kiel will play a key role in the MCRPP by initiating and leading watershed planning, which is the first step of the project and will be the focus for the first year of the partnership.

"The bus tour was a good first step for gathering needed support and momentum for the project," Kiel said. "It is also important to educate stakeholders and farmers in the area about the suite of practices that can be implemented and what results can be anticipated." For more information about the MCRPP, visit www.cedar-rapids.org. Or, call Kiel at (515) 334-1022 or email at akiel@iasoybeans.com.



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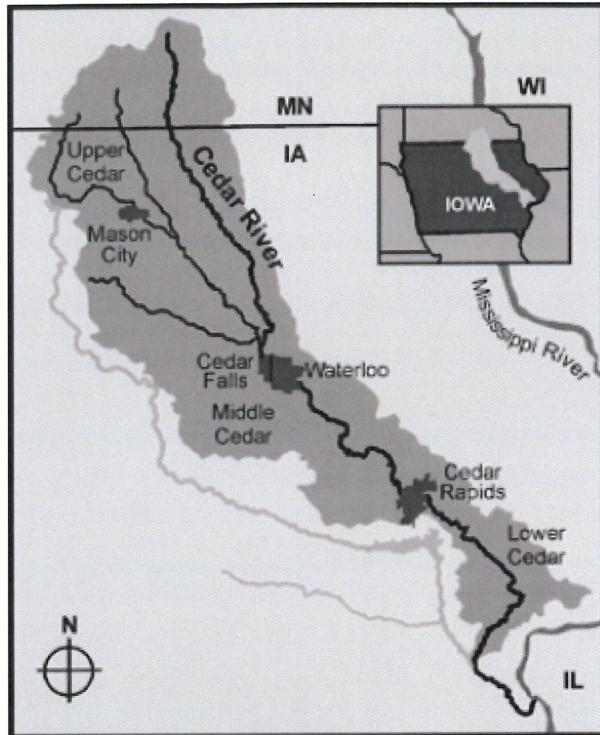
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The men were all rescued from the lake within an hour. They were found about 20 feet away from the shore.

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Swine derby class weigh-in scheduled

HAMPTON — Franklin County 4-H or FFA Swine exhibitors at the Franklin County Fair have an opportunity to participate in the Derby Pig Class.

Derby pigs will be weighed from 9 to 10 a.m. March 21 by livestock superintendents at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. Exhibitors may nominate

The program starts at 9:30 a.m. with a call to order for the board meeting. From 10 a.m. to noon, there will be key presentations from Northey and Duffy. Northey will discuss "Iowa Agriculture's Essential Role in Water Quality." Duffy will address "Iowa Land Values: How We Got Here and Where Are We Going?"

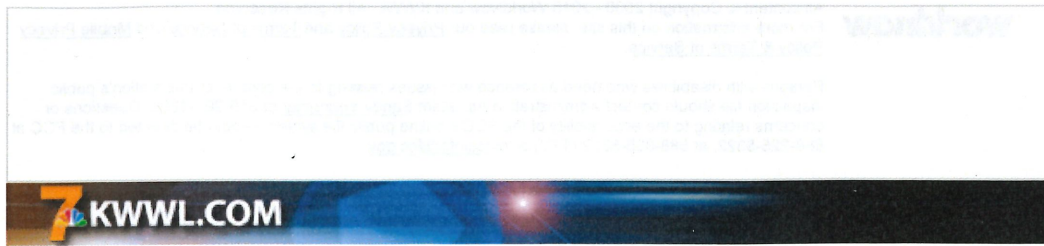
After lunch, Ken Pecinovsky, research farm superintendent, will re-

Volunteer workshops scheduled for 4-H

WATERLOO — Workshops have been scheduled for area county 4-H volunteers.

One is set for 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Black Hawk County Extension and Outreach Office, 3420 University Ave.

There is no cost to attend; however, registration is required by calling the Ex-



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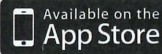
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Friday, March 20, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (registration will begin at 9:30 am, bus departs promptly at 10:00 am)

Join the Cedar River Watershed Coalition for a BUS TOUR of agricultural conservation practices in the Middle Cedar Watershed! The tour will be an opportunity to hear from farmers employing practices such as bioreactors, strip-till, and cover crops, and to learn about partnerships underway to improve water quality.

The tour will start and end at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo (1501 East Orange Road, Waterloo, IA 50701).

The tour will also include:

- A presentation from Sean McMahon, of the Iowa Agricultural Water Alliance
- An update from the City of Cedar Rapids on the Middle Cedar Partnership Program
- Information on water quality monitoring, from the Iowa Soybean Association
- Visits to several farms to learn about practices to reduce nutrients and runoff
- Lunch at Hickory Hills Park, sponsored by Iowa Corn Growers

More details on the event will be released soon.

Registration is REQUIRED for the event – please fill out the form here: [BUS TOUR REGISTRATION FORM](#)



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