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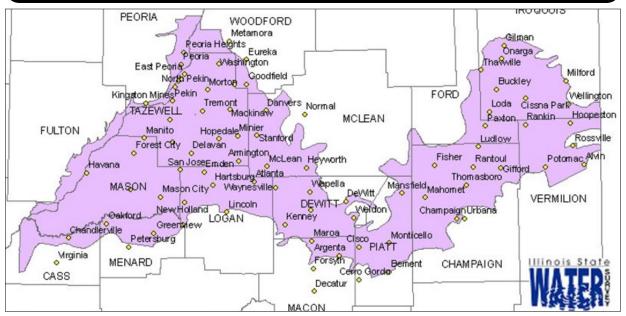
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A 2006 Illinois State Water Survey map shows the area of the Mahomet Aquifer. State officials approved storing carbon dioxide under the aquifer.

# Pritzker approves storing CO2 under Mahomet Aquifer

SPRINGFIELD—A bipartisan group of local legislators, including State Sen, Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet), sent

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a letter to Governor JB Pritzker to protect a part of the Mahomet Aguifer from so called "carbon capture" storage under it.

Pritzker's administration had been conducting negotiations regarding the statewide storage of carbon ("CO2") below ground in Illinois, or so-called "carbon sequestration." However, the final deal on carbon sequestration cut by Pritzker failed to include a ban on CO2 storage under the Mahomet Aquifer.

"The potential for leakage of injected and stored CO2 into our local water presents a clear danger," Rose said. "A threat which should be obvious given the earlier leakage of methane into the Mahomet Aquifer by the People's Gas company. Given that history, why would any ration-

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#### April 10

Delia G. Carrasquillo, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for restraint of dog, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Richard H. Coffey, Hoopeston, fine paid in full, case

closed.

Kimberly R. Coe, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance, new status hearing May 8.

Craig J. Vyhnanek, Hoopeston, entered a plea at initial appearance in two general nuisance cases, fined

#### From the Blotter

A debit card was turned in to police at 7:30 p.m. Saturday after it was found at South Market and Main. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Olivia Strawser, 30, of Hoopeston, was identified at a suspect in a previous report for retail theft at 5:53 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of East Washington. She was taken into custody, charged with retail theft and released.

Tyler Moore, 22, of Kingman, Ind., was charged with driving with expired driver's license after a traffic stop at 11:31 p.m. Saturday at West Thompson and North Dixie. He was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Seth Mershon, 23, of Rossville, and a 17-year-old Hoopeston boy were charged with illegal transportation of alcohol after a traffic stop at 8:07 p.m. Sunday in the 400 block of North Sixth St. Each was issued a citation and released from the scene.

A set of kevs with a Chevrolet fob was found Monday at Third and Maple. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

### Aquifer continued from other side

al person think it is a good idea to take on the additional risk of storing more poison under our water? But that is the deal that Gov. Pritzker cut."

Rose, a Republican, was joined in signing the letter by, among others, Democrat Rep. Carol Ammons, of Urbana, representing the 103rd District.

The Mahomet Aquifer is a critical resource for central Illinois and is a designated as "Sole Source Aquifer" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). According to the EPA, less than 50% of the population in the Mahomet Aquifer service area would be able to find an economically feasible alternate water source should the aguifer become contaminated.

The interaction between CO2 and the aquifer's water can produce carbonic acid, which alters the water's chemistry. This change can mobilize dormant contaminants, including dangerous heavy metals like arsenic, leading to significant health hazards.

Located under 15 Illinois counties, the aguifer provides more than 100 million gallons of water daily for 850,000 people for drinking, irrigation and industrial needs and is the water source for Hoopeston and surrounding towns.

#### Weather

Showers likely today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 63. Tomorrow, sunny. High 79, low 56.

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\$180 in one and \$80 in the second. Fines paid, cases closed.

Bryona R. McMillian, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for burning trash, default entered, fined \$180; case sent to sent for further enforcement.

Kayla R. Waddell, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing in two cases for restraint of dogs by owner, default entered, fined \$180 in each; both cases sent to state for further enforcement.

Teresa A. Delaplain, Hoopeston, appeared at initial appearance for general nuisance, fined \$80; paid in full, case closed.

#### May 8

Noe E. Vela, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance, new status hearing July 10.

#### Classifieds

#### HELP WANTED

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