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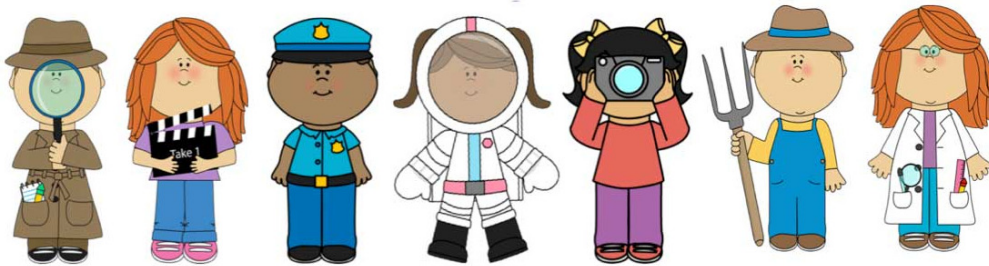
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If you cannot make it but know someone who can, please share this information with them. We hope to have a busy afternoon learning about the different careers and businesses in the area.

Please return the registration form on page 2 to the main office by Wednesday, April 24 or email to: kellytate@lm.k12.ia.us. Digital Response: <https://forms.gle/KJHEa4fRRY2o8vfkf8>



Career Day

Steve King Visits the Library

Iowa 4th District Representative Steve King visited Laurens recently for a Town Hall Meeting. Over 50 of his constituents turned out to hear where he stands on issues that are important to them. He started with an opening statement, then took questions from audience members.

Health care is on the minds of many, as he answered questions on rising health care costs and Medicare for all. A citizen expressed support of common sense legislation i.e. bills that it doesn't take a law degree to read, and King agreed there is a need for this. King told a story of hunting with Donald Trump Jr. as he came out in strong support of gun control. When asked, he told he has a staff of 16 including

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Name & Business/Career: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Briefly describe what you will be bringing to share:

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Increasing Productivity of Your Soil

Pocahontas County had the privilege to host Soil Health Specialist Doug Peterson on Monday, April 8. Doug grew up on a farm and continues to farm today in Northern Missouri. Doug is passionate about soil health and shared his passion with farmers in the area.

Doug states that Iowa soils have good inherent characteristics, but with conventional tillage for years, the soils are not performing at their highest potential. Back before pre-European settlement days, Iowa was covered in prairie. Living roots kept soil in place and fed the biology of the soil. After the ground has been worked, the biology in the soil either dies off or goes dormant. Soil bacteria feeds from organic matter and thrives in porous environments.

Disturbing the soil means disturbing the habitat that bacteria need to live. No-till increases the organic matter in the soil, which increases the number of bacteria in the soil. Pore spaces are created in

no-till and cover crop environments, which allow bacteria to move throughout the soil.

This is a picture of a little rye



Cereal rye cover crop grown in first year no-till field. Soil particles are sticking to roots due to exudates.

plant that overwintered. The roots secrete exudates that contain organic acids, vitamins, minerals, and carbohydrates. These exudates are glue for the soil. You can see that the soil is just sticking to the roots. This plays an

important role in soil strength. Soil aggregation is

comprised of soil particles sticking together from clay particles, roots or other organic matter, and biological activity. Soil aggregation creates pore spaces because when different size particles get “glued” together, they do not fit nicely, creating pores. These spaces are essential for air circulation for drying out the soils, water infiltration, bacteria and fungi, and other biological activity. No till ground has more soil strength than tilled ground because of soil aggregates.

For example, the next time it rains, go step in a wet tilled soil and a wet no till soil. When you step on

a wet tilled soil you will sink in and have very heavy feet due to the soil sticking to the boots. When you step in the no till soil, you will have less mud stuck to your boots because you did not sink a lot or at all. It is impressive what soils can do when you feed the biology in the soil.

If you are interested in learning more about soil health, stop in to the Pocahontas Natural Resources Conservation Service to learn about what financial assistance and conservation practices are there to help.



Cereal Rye cover crop growing into no-till corn stalks.

Pocahontas County Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship Winners

Jaden Ahlrichs, son of Greg & Lara Ahlrichs, Pocahontas, has been awarded a \$750 scholarship from the Pocahontas County Soil and Water Conservation District. Jaden is attending Pocahontas Area Community School and plans to attend Iowa State University in Ames to study Global Resource Systems.

Lincoln Fehr, son of Darren & Nora Fehr, Mallard, has been awarded a \$750 scholarship from the Pocahontas County Soil and Water Conservation District. Lincoln is attending West Bend – Mallard High School and plans to attend Iowa State University in Ames to pursue a degree in Agriculture Engineering.

Laurens Country Club Ladies Board Spring Meeting

Laurens Country Club Ladies Board Spring Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with the meeting at 6 p.m. Supper to follow.

Bridal Shower

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Gentry Miller, Bride-Elect of Matt Ballman (son of Dave and Sylvia Ballman) on Saturday, April 27 from 10-11:30 A.M. at the First Christian Church in Laurens.

The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

JAMMIN' 4 VETS
@ THE RALLY POINT

The Last Wednesday of Every Month!

Wednesday
April 24th
6:00 PM

Maidrites
Potato Salad
& Baked Beans

Free Will Donation

Sponsored by The Rally Point for Rally 4 Veterans
ALL proceeds go to the Honor Flight!

Easter Basket Raffle Tickets
Hats, Shirts & Koozies available

Great Food
Great Music
Great Cause

Thank You!

We had SO much fun at the Easter Carnival on Saturday!! We played games and won lots of prizes, we (Gavin) won one of the awesome Easter Baskets, Mom and Dad got to visit with some of their friends, and Grandma even won something from the Bake Sale!! Thank You to everyone who donated something so no one went away empty handed! Thank You, also, to the volunteers who worked so hard to make it a fun day for everyone! Thank You to the Chamber and Booster Club for putting in so much time and energy to plan the Carnival! We're hoping that we'll be able to come again next year!!

Thank You,

Gavin and Miles Petersen, Andrew and Jordan Petersen, Jean and Pat Murray.

Memorabilia Collector?

Anyone interested in an old vinyl envelope from the Farmers Elevator in Laurens? E-mail me at densuepaulsen@yahoo.com.



Huge Garage Sale/Bake Sale
Our Saviors Lutheran Church
401 Spruce St, Albert City
Friday May 3rd 9 am – 7 pm
Saturday May 4th 8 am – 2 pm
Free coffee served.

Church YARD SALE

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At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
April 24, 2019

Oh what fun we are having in our ALLI watercolor paint classes! I've read that it's good for our brain to try new things. I don't know if it's good for my brain, but it feels like it's good for my soul – maybe it's because of all the laughing at the “happy little accidents.” For me, it's not so much about the outcome, it's the creative process and being with others who aren't afraid to try something new. There are a couple chairs left in the remaining classes, let us know if you'd like to join the fun!

Just a few new books this week. Let's change it up and do the nonfiction first: *Point of View: a fresh look at work, faith, and freedom* by Elisabeth Hasselbeck. Our new fiction selections include *Mother in Law* by Sally Hepworth, *Stone Mothers* by Erin Kelly, *Invited* by Jennifer McMahon and *18th Abduction* by James Patterson. We also received a few more large print selections that were ordered in memory of Jean Larson.

Our Iowa programs are coming up fast! April 30 at 7 p.m. David Baker will be here to share interesting stories and pictures from around Iowa: *The 29th State*. Here's what his Facebook page has to say, “This is Iowa: The 29th State. It is a state of 99 counties; filled with 945 unique incorporated communities, dozens of unincorporated villages, scores of ghost towns, and countless depots, post offices, churches, cemeteries, and landmarks. They all deserve recognition, both the large and the small. Learn about the places we know and love, but it is also about us—present, past, and even future residents. Let's tell history, share memories, honor ancestors, and learn how each community fits into the state and, more importantly, the country as a whole.” He said he will concentrate his presentation on Pocahontas County.

The next week, historian/author Linda McCann will return on Monday, May 6th at 7 p.m. She will be talking about her new book *POWs in Iowa*, focusing on the WWII years.

COMING EVENTS

- Tot Time Every Monday at 10 a.m.
- Take it Tuesday 6:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of the month
 - Book Club 7 p.m. 4th Monday of the month
 - Card Class 6:30 p.m. 4th Tuesday monthly
 - ALLI Paint Classes 6-8 p.m. April 25 & May 2
 - Iowa: The 29th State 7 p.m. April 30th
- POWs in Iowa with Linda McCann May 6 at 7 p.m.

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Iowa & Washington offices. He went on to reveal that each member of congress is allotted 1.3 million dollars annually for staff and office expenses. Several audience members expressed concern over funding for education, and Rep. King told of his support of a voucher system.

A few questions, such as student loan forgiveness, he was unable to answer, but promised to follow up with the answer in an email to the questioner.

Representative King talked personally with several constituents after the meeting.



Bikers & the Brave

May 18, 2019
 Register at Rally Point
 Downtown Laurens, IA
 Kickstands up 10:30 am

RSVP 712-358-1718
 \$20 per person
 Includes Meal at Rally Point Finish Line



Approximately 300 mile ride
In Honor Of
ARMED FORCES DAY

Marathon Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Bring the whole family!
 Let us feed them!




Sunday, May 19th
 Serving from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs,
 biscuits and gravy, sausage,
 hashbrowns, coffee, juice and milk

Free Will
 Donation



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

CUSTOMER SERVICE / BILLING CLERK

- FULL-TIME POSITION
- COMPETITIVE WAGES & BENEFITS PACKAGE

JOB DUTIES

- RECEPTIONIST
- PROCESS PAYMENTS
- ASSIST WITH PAYROLL & ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES
- PROCESS MONTHLY BILLING
- DAILY OFFICE OPERATIONS

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED
- VALID IOWA DRIVER'S LICENSE

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- MINIMUM 2 YEARS OF COLLEGE IN RELATED FIELD OR EQUIVALENT TRAINING & EXPERIENCE
- PROFICIENT IN MICROSOFT OFFICE (WORD, EXCEL, PUBLISHER)

JOB DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION AVAILABLE

- LMPC OFFICE: 272 N. Third Street, Laurens
- WEBSITE: www.lmpc-ia.com
- APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED



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RALLY 4 VETERANS

GOLF TOURNAMENT
 FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE
 HONOR FLIGHT
 LAURENS, IA
 SATURDAY
 JUNE 1, 2019
 TWO PERSON BEST SHOT

10:00 A.M. PRESENTATION OF COLORS
 10:15 A.M. SHOTGUN START

\$40.00 PER PERSON
 INCLUDES
 18 HOLES OF GOLF
 LUNCH- TACO IN A BAG
 SUPPER-IOWA PORK CHOP, BAKED POTATO & SALAD

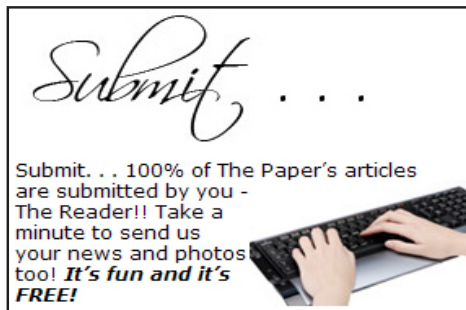
PLEASE CALL THE LAURENS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
 TO RSVP
 712-841-2287

Master Gardeners Webinar – “Limited Space Gardener”

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Master Gardener program will host the “Limited Space Gardener” webinar. Master Gardeners will gain educational hours for the webinar that is scheduled at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office for April 29th.

• April 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
– Limited Space Gardening, Explore a dozen ways to create container gardens with Ed Lyon.

To register, contact Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office, at 712-335-3103. The webinars are free of charge and open to anyone who may be interested.



Fred and Ruby Eaton Information Requested

Would like to have people share memories of Fred and Ruby Eaton, long-time Laurens residents and business people, for the 2019 Laurens Women's Club Cemetery Tour/Walk. Perhaps you bought candy or toys at the dime store; maybe you worked there or belonged to an organization with one of them. Please contact Grace Hertz at: 712-845-2231 or e-mail me at: gradon@ncn.net.

Come and Go Bridal Shower

A come and go bridal shower honoring Samantha Davies, bride-elect of Tyler Sandvig, will be held on May 4 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens from 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Tyler is the son of Al and Theresa Sandvig of Laurens, and Samantha is the daughter of Kim Kinseth and Scott Davies of Mason City, Iowa.

They are registered at Target and would welcome Menards gift cards.

They will be registering at Lizziedoodle and Heart 'N Home in Laurens.

Roy “Hoppy” Hopkins, Jr. Information Requested

Looking for people to share memories of Roy “Hoppy” Hopkins, Jr., long-time Laurens barber, for the 2019 Laurens Women's Club Cemetery Tour/Walk. Perhaps he cut your hair. Please contact Grace Hertz at: 712-845-2231 or e-mail me at: gradon@ncn.net.

Darrell “Huey” Korrekt Information Requested

Looking for people to share memories of Darrell “Huey” Korrekt, long-time Laurens businessman, for the 2019 Laurens Women's Club Cemetery Tour/Walk. Perhaps you worked with him. Please contact Grace Hertz at: 712-845-2231 or e-mail me at: gradon@ncn.net.

This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Saturday: April 27, 2019

9:00-11:30 AM - Women of the Church
General Mtg.

Sunday: April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM - Youth SS & Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM - Worship w/Chris Caswell of LSI
11:45 AM-12:45 PM - BBQ Luncheon
Fundraiser for LWR
4:00 PM - Laurens Care Center
6:00 PM - Youth Group (JH & HS) at UMC

Tuesday: April 30, 2019

7:30 AM - Prayer Group

*Worship, Love, Accept- Together
in Christ's Name*



Bethany
LUTHERAN CHURCH
North American Lutheran Church

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell
712-845-6164

Tuesday, April 23

2:00 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

Friday, April 26

7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Laurens Area Youth
Group at United Methodist Church



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., April 24th:

Life Line Reveal Party @ 6 p.m.

Thurs., April 25th:

Blood Drive 2-5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Fri., April 26th:

Mens Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., April 28th:

Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School (kids) @ 9:10 a.m.
Reception in honor of 2019 Confirmation
Class @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Sunday
Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High) 6-8 p.m. here



Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

Pocahontas, IA -- **Pastor: Very Rev. Craig Collison, VF**

MASS TIMES:

Daily Mass as scheduled in the weekly bulletin

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at Resurrection

Office: 16 SW 2nd Street, Pocahontas

Office Phone: 712-335-3242

Residence Phone: 712-335-8065

E-mail: colly@ncn.net

Pastoral Care: Sister Renae Hohensee, 563-552-8666

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Larry Lee Jensen Passes



Larry Lee Jensen, age 75, died Saturday, April 20, 2019 at his home in Mesquite, NV. He was born on June 11, 1943 in Rolfe, IA to James Frokjer and Mildred Irene (Baker) Jensen. In 1963, he married Kathryn Siddall. They had one son and later divorced. On September 28, 1972 he married Jeanette Norma Schlecht in Bangkok, Thailand.

After graduating from high school in Laurens, Iowa in 1961, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Biology and earning a minor in Chemistry, from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. He then earned Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Plant Pathology from North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND. He also served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1975, including a year of service in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

He then moved to the Laurens, IA area with his family, where he owned and managed Jensen Spraying, a vegetation control company. Jensen Spraying was sold to Habco Int'l, Inc. in 1989. Larry was the Chief Operating Officer and Sales Manager and co-owner of Habco Int'l, Inc. until the business was sold in 1997.

Larry and Jan moved to Mesquite, NV in 1996 and Larry retired for the first time in 1997. Larry then "unretired" in 1998 and began working for Helena Chemical Company, where he was a Specialty Division Operations Manager until his final retirement in 2008.

His hobbies included Ham Radio, golfing, hunting and fishing. He was also an early and life-long Apple Computer fan. Always intellectually curious, he loved reading and learning about science and history and "researching" online. Larry had a strong faith in God, and was a founding member of the Mesquite United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jan of Mesquite, NV; son Tom (Maren) Jensen of St. Louis Park, MN; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren, as well as two brothers; Frank C. Hopp, Jr. and Fredrick N. Hopp. He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Jensen; one brother, Lance D. Jensen; his parents; and Fred and Ruby Eaton, who encouraged and guided Larry throughout his life.

A service and interment are being planned for this summer in Fonda, IA. Friends and family are invited to sign our online guest book at www.virginvalleymortuary.com.

Yard and Garden: When Tulips and Daffodils No Longer Bloom

When their tulips and daffodils no longer bloom, many gardeners wonder why. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists offer guidance on what to do when these spring favorites fail to flower. To have additional questions answered, contact Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

Why are my tulips no longer blooming? Most modern tulip cultivars bloom well for three to five years. Tulip bulbs decline in vigor rather quickly. Weak bulbs produce large, floppy leaves, but no flowers.

To maximize the number of years tulips are in bloom, choose planting sites that receive at least six hours of direct sun per day and have well-drained soils. Promptly remove spent flowers after the tulips are done blooming. Seedpod formation deprives the bulbs of much of the food manufactured by the plant's

foliage. Lastly, allow the tulip foliage to die back naturally before removing it. Tulips that don't store adequate amounts of food in their bulbs are unable to flower.

Dig up tulips that are no longer blooming and discard the bulbs. (Small, weak tulip bulbs will likely never bloom again.) Plant new tulip bulbs in the fall.

While most modern tulip cultivars bloom well for three to five years, some tulip types (classes) bloom well over a longer period. Darwin hybrid tulips are generally the longest blooming hybrid tulip. Fosteriana tulips (also known as Emperor tulips) also bloom well for many years.

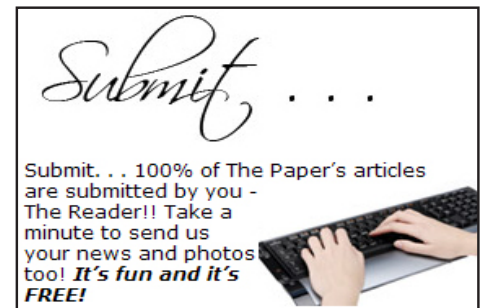
My daffodils produce foliage in spring, but no longer bloom. Why? If the daffodils aren't blooming, the plants weren't able to store enough food in their bulbs in the previous year. Daffodil foliage typically persists for four to six weeks after blooming. During this time, the daffodil foliage is manufacturing food. Much of the food is transported down to the bulbs. In order to bloom, daffodils must store adequate levels of food in their bulbs.

Cutting off the foliage before it has died back naturally may prevent the plants from storing adequate food in the bulbs.

Allow the daffodil foliage to die completely before removing it.

Plants in partial shade in May and June may not be able to store enough food in their bulbs because of insufficient sunlight. Dig up daffodils growing in partial shade when the foliage has died back and plant the bulbs in a location that receives at least six hours of direct sun per day.

Large clumps of daffodils may cease flowering because of overcrowding. Large daffodil clumps can be dug after the foliage has died. Separate the bulbs and replant immediately. Bulbs also can be dried for several days, placed in mesh bags, stored in a cool, dry location, and then planted in fall. It is possible to get weak (non-blooming) daffodils to flower again when given good care and favorable growing conditions.



New Curriculum Helps Children Learn Sound Financial Habits

Children are more likely to build money management skills and develop sound financial habits when what they learn at school is reinforced at home. A new curriculum from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach helps teachers and parents work together to increase financial literacy in Iowa youth.

The Financial Literacy Lesson Plans (Grades K-5) curriculums available for free download from the ISU Extension Store, either by grade level or as an entire K-5 curriculum. The curriculum addresses the financial literacy content and skills that are part of both the State of Iowa's 21st Century and Social Studies standards.

"This curriculum gives K-5 educators the tools they need to teach financial literacy in ways that are both developmentally appropriate and engaging for elementary students," said Cynthia Needles Fletcher, a professor and extension specialist

in human development and family studies.

The curriculum builds reading and vocabulary skills. Most of the lessons feature reading and discussion of a storybook as the main activity, with supplemental activities to extend learning and initiate discussions at home. The curriculum also reinforces a number of math standards, Fletcher said. Students get to apply mathematical thinking related to money and financial literacy concepts.

The lessons can be taught in fewer than 30 minutes, in most cases, making it easy to fit a lesson into the school day. Lessons can be taught in sequence at each grade level; however, each lesson also can stand alone. An educator doesn't have to teach any one lesson prior to teaching another lesson at any grade level, Fletcher said.

"Much of what a teacher can do with these lessons happens in the classroom, but another important part happens at home, because home is where children pick up financial habits, attitudes and norms that will guide their financial behavior as adults," Fletcher said. "Each lesson includes a section we've called 'Home Talk.' It's information that teachers can share with parents or

guardians so that they can revisit and reinforce the lesson's concepts with their children."

Glenda Seward, a learning design coach in Iowa's Mid-Prairie Community School District, prepared the curriculum, which Fletcher reviewed. Seward holds Iowa teaching endorsements for Elementary Education, K-8, and Family and Consumer Sciences, 6-12; and has National Board Certification in Career and Technical Education: Secondary Family and Consumer Sciences.

"Glenda and I thank the K-5 teachers in the Mid-Prairie elementary schools who gave their time and talents for pilot testing the lessons and providing feedback to improve the end product," Fletcher said.

The Iowa Insurance Division provided some financial support for the project.



Compare Toxicity in Lawn and Garden Chemicals

With the spring growing season upon us, homeowners and gardeners may be considering the use of pesticides and other lawn and garden chemicals to control familiar pests.

While the goal is to control or eliminate the problem, these chemicals should be applied in a way that is safe for both the applicator and the environment. With that in mind, educators with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach have recently developed an important chart of the toxicity of common lawn, garden and ornamental



chemicals used to control insects, weeds and pathogens in Iowa.

Found within the publication “Toxicity of Common Lawn, Garden, and Ornamental Pesticides in Iowa,” the chart compares the toxicity of nearly 60 insecticides, 38 herbicides and 37 fungicides in easy-to-understand terms.

“Finding the toxicity values for pesticide active ingredients can be a challenge, so we’ve streamlined the process in these tables,” said Mark Shour, entomology program specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “People concerned with the toxicity of a pesticide on pollinators can find this useful information before purchasing a product.”

The chart includes each chemical’s LD50 value (toxicity measurement), and signal words, ranging from “CAUTION” on slightly toxic insecticides, to “WARNING” on moderately toxic pesticides and “DANGER” on those that are highly toxic.

The chart also provides information related to bee toxicity, so that consumers can

choose a product that is less toxic to bees, especially when applying the product to flowering plants.

The full publication can be found in the ISU Extension Store at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15669>.

For more information, contact Mark Shour at 515-294-5963, or email him at mshour@iastate.edu.

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