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Local News

“Remembering The Way We Were”

By: Rick Davis

That aging brick schoolhouse on the hill in the north end of town figures for some special treatment this weekend.



At least from a small contingent of alumni – members of the Laurens High Graduating Class of '63, who are returning to their roots for a celebratory moment ... their 50th year reunion.

Celebrating, reminiscing, remembering back then and the way we were.

Once upon a time, many years ago, when we were just commencing our meandering sojourn through the Laurens Community School, we were like so many other Laurens kids before us and after us. Another classroom of kids, stuck in the basement of that brick schoolhouse. Fresh-faced 5-year-olds beginning a journey that would take us from kindergarten to, ultimately, pomp

and circumstance that then would beckon us to shake loose. Shake loose from that school on the hill and, in many cases, too, shake loose from small town ties. And get on with

adult lives. Caterpillars who needed to grow up and blossom into butterflies so we could fly

away. That's what we were back then.

Looking back now, it makes for good memories. We were the kids of Miss Beatrice Munson and those half-days spent in her basement classroom. In later years, new teachers and full days would come, along with this concept called recess that afforded a break from the humdrum of reading and writing. Glorious recess that had us looking – and maybe also smelling – like a brood of wet chickens afterward. Junior high and high school would come later, even if it seemed light-years away back then.

Year after year, learning unfolded in that brick schoolhouse. Experiences nurtured by R.E. Nonneman, Harvey Burnham, Berniece Peterson, Joe Hermsen, Jerry Hoenshel, Floyd Winter, Earl Veeder, Bertha Roewe,

Jerry Schmidt, Lon Bruggeman, Adalyn Meredith, Nadine Johnson, Farrell Reese, Ernie Salverson and the rest of a cast remembered now with a reverence. Possibly, those upper grades arrived sooner than we wanted, in some ways. Yet, striving to succeed in music, speech and sports injected variety into the challenge of academics.

Meanwhile, in between those school days, we embraced life in “The Busiest Little Town in Iowa.” Mosbach's Dairy Bar, George's Drug Store, the swimming pool, Cub Scouts, summer youth baseball, cutting corn out of the beans, the Elite Theater, Schubert's Clothing, the dime store, summertime at Lake Okoboji, Hobby Days, draggin' Main Street, Ina's Style Shop, bush-wacking unsuspecting romancers on Dahlberg's Road, the Spencer Fair, state basketball tournament runner-up glory in '62 (and even a return trip to the Big Dance the following year), the jukebox at Trenary's Cafe, Y-Teens, sock hops, hayrides, Rainbow Girls, Demolay.

Special memories.

Vintage Laurens stuff is how we view it now (perhaps through rose-

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colored glasses). Back then though, all that seemed rather ordinary, merely so much minutiae – folded and meshed into our small-town routine.

Only now, 50 years later, does it tug at heart strings and beckon us back to our special hometown – even if only for a weekend.

Yes, we did grow up – we, the class of '63. In different ways, in different directions, in different places, often marching to different drummers. Some classmates ventured off to college and subsequent careers. Some took jobs that had them making widgets or measuring up in the echelons of the business world. Others raised their right hands, dealing with Uncle Sam's military draft, serving their country in uniform, honorably. Invariably, we all mapped out our lives and embarked on journeys that took us down roads, sometimes ones less traveled, often times away from our Laurens roots.

Now, on this June weekend in 2013, years and years later, many of us from a class of 41 have returned for a nostalgic “seniors prom.” We're marking 50 years since we walked those hallowed halls of the old brick schoolhouse for the last time.

Indeed, it should feel good to be back. To reconnect, to reminisce. To remember the way we were – once upon a time.

(A 1963 Laurens High graduate now living in Cibolo, Texas, Rick Davis is an occasional contributor to The Paper.)

Our Town Our Paper!

Voices From the Past Cemetery Tour

The 6th Annual Laurens Cemetery Tour “Voices From the Past” will be held on Sunday, June 23 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at JH Design, Heart 'n Home, Vintage Market, Laurens State Bank and West Iowa Bank or from any Laurens Women's Club member or at the ball complex east of town the evening of the event.

Drive in from the east on 140th Avenue (N-28)) and park in the parking lot on the north side of the ball complex. The trolleys will load at the east side of Sportsmen's Park. Come and enjoy meeting some very interesting “Voices From the Past”.

Do you love swimming?

Have you ever swam in the OLD Laurens Swimming Pool?

Would you like to see a new pool in Laurens? Would you like to dive back in the pool for a good cause?! Then join us for our:

Laurens Swim Team Alumni and Friends Meet

Sunday, July 21, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Laurens Municipal Swimming Pool

Regardless of if you were a member of the Laurens Swim Team or not, you can be a part of this meet to raise money for the new pool!

The meet is open for anyone ages 18 and up, no matter your skill level! You pay the registration, get a t-shirt, and get to swim as many races as you would like.

****Meet Fees: \$25.00 Before July 1, 2013**

\$30.00 After July 1, 2013

\$35.00 Day of Registration, but must be in before 9:30am.

All proceeds of the meet will go directly toward the new Laurens Pool.

Contact Kayla Graff at 712-450-2412 for additional information.

Find Laurens, IA Swim Team Alumni on Facebook for an order of events and registration information.

Registration Form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pw8LTaeWW8t0g8YJR5nbEHo3xrqHVBZ6JQ7CabINfdw/edit?usp=sharing>

Event Sign Up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yVsiUIEevko_dEp1D-Cyzw3qJ2ATkxbBA86kpG038ZU/edit?usp=sharing

Pocahontas Healthcare Foundation Scholarships

The Pocahontas Healthcare Foundation recently awarded eleven area high school seniors \$510 scholarships. Applications were distributed to the Pocahontas County area high schools in January with a deadline of April 12th for any senior who was pursuing a career in the healthcare field.

Laurens-Marathon recipient of a Foundation scholarship this year was Caitlyn Heuton. Caitlyn is the daughter of Gary and Traci Heuton of Laurens.

These scholarships were made possible through generous donations received from Gary & Kathy Burns, Jeff & Kathy Johnson, James & Julie Roetman, Pat & Mary Sturtz - Pocahontas Pharmacy, Pocahontas Manor Care Center, Hughes Pharmacy, Rick & Kendra Winegarden, Dr. Darwin & Becky Schossow, Erin & Kerry Peterson and the Pocahontas Community Hospital.

The Healthcare Foundation Board would like to congratulate all of these graduating seniors and wish them the best in their future endeavors.



The French Connection- Laurens Sister City Commission

Laurens, Iowa and Laurens, France do have a lot more in common than the spelling of their names, they are Sister Cities! Each city has a population of a little over one thousand people with a rich history in agriculture. In 2001, when Peter Hong was the Mayor of Laurens, Iowa, he and the then Mayor of Laurens, France began communications about building a relationship between the two communities. The enthusiasm was strong, and the consensus was that "people must build bridges of international understandings" and that is exactly what occurred. Laurens, France sent a delegation during the Laurens, Iowa Quasiquicentennial in 2007. A delegation from Laurens, Iowa was formed and then traveled to Laurens, France a few years later. The Laurens Sister City Commission is still active today and participates in the yearly wine festival held in our town of Laurens, Iowa during the Laurens Town Celebration in July.

The Laurens, Iowa Sister City Commission has sponsored two student ambassadors to Laurens, France over the past several years. This year, five students have applied to become the newest ambassador to travel to Laurens, France. The applications have been reviewed by the commission members, and plans are underway to hold interviews with the five students within the next couple of weeks. From these interviews, the commission members will decide who will serve as the new Sister City Commission student ambassador traveling to France in the fall.

Laurens Sister Cities also has a facebook page. The commission would like to thank Katie Stumpf for creating this facebook page. We invite everyone to log onto facebook and type in "Laurens Sister Cities" and LIKE this page. We even ask that you invite your facebook friends to LIKE it also. There are many interesting articles and photos about our "French Connection" that can be found there. The Sister City connection is a great way to establish relationships with each other. The Sister City Commission is excited to continue this meaningful bond between Laurens, Iowa and Laurens, France.



Nancy Kunickis Attends IHSSA State Executive- Advisory Meeting

On Thursday, June 6, Nancy Kunickis, head speech coach and play director with the Laurens-Marathon School, attended the IHSSA (Iowa High School Speech Association) State Executive-Advisory Meeting. This meeting was held at King's Point in Storm Lake, Iowa. Nancy served as the Secretary for the Northwest District this past year, and she will now serve as the Northwest District's Vice President this year.

Executive Director Craig Ihnen, along with the Executive Committee, were in charge of the meeting. Reports were given by each of the state's four districts, Large and Individual All State chairpersons, and the Judge Certification Committee. Plans were shared for the upcoming Speech Convention to be held in Ames, Iowa this fall.

Ken Kunickis, assistant speech coach and play director, joined Nancy for the dinner that was held that evening, and gifts were presented to all district officers and executive committee members.

Great Day at the Fairgrounds!

*Editors: Michelle, Cole and
Mrs. Behrens*

What were you doing on Tuesday, May 14 when the temperature was 100?

The Laurens-Marathon fourth graders were having a terrific time running around the Pocahontas County Fairgrounds learning all about agriculture and conservation. The educational day was sponsored by Iowa State University Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach, Pocahontas County Conservation, and Pocahontas County Farm Bureau. We had such a great time that we thought we would tell you about it.

Elizabeth and Tasha: Our favorite part was the Farm Safety. We learned to never mess with chemicals. It could be very dangerous! If you ever touch a chemical that you should call 911, just in case. At the end we got to see some chemicals and got to guess what they really were.

Keirah and Allianah: We learned that you have to wear heavy gear to work on the windmills. It was fun letting us try on the gear. You guys

are so brave to climb the windmills. You guys were so kind to teach us about the windmills.

Adrianna and Max: Our favorite station was the Soy and Corn station. We learned that lots of things are made of soybeans and corn. We learned that corn has a lot of parts. Some things that were made out

of soy and corn are starch, syrup, crayons, and cake.

Alex and Shaunie: Our favorite part was the GPS station. What we did with the GPS was find a ticket using coordinates. We learned what

GPS stands for: Global Positioning System. We had to find the numbers on the remote on different parts of the fairgrounds.

Trey and Alyssa: We attended the water station. It taught us that if we litter or put chemicals on the ground, it can affect our water. The conservation lady used Kool-aid and coffee to show the pollution in the

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water. We thought that was cool how she used props. The Kool-aid was chemicals, and the coffee was dirt.

Payton: My favorite session was Bugs and Insects. It was cool. I loved their display of bees. It was awesome because they made us name the parts of insects. I loved it all. Bees are cool. I like them. We got to taste some honey, too.

Jaci: My favorite session was the Gate to Plate. It told you about how your food got to your plate from the farm. It was very fun at the end. You had to put the letters of the steps in the right order. I hope that sometime I will get to go again.

Lyla and Tyson: Tyson and my favorite part was the animals because they were alive! Also because I have never seen a goat or a real lamb before. Tyson has seen a goat and a lamb before. It was so awesome to see a real goat and a real lamb! I really loved the horse. Thanks for letting us come!



Danny Santos at the Laurens Public Library

A small, but appreciative audience enjoyed a concert by Danny Santos accompanied by Wes Green at the Laurens Public Library. The guitar (and sometimes mandolin) playing duo took credit for bringing the drier air and sunshine to our area. Let's hope they leave it here as they head to eastern Iowa for their next engagement!



4th Annual Laurens Alumni Run

FIT Exercise Studio will be sponsoring the 4th Annual Laurens Alumni Run as part of the Laurens Summer Celebration to be held July 19 and 20, 2013. The race will be held Saturday, July 20th, at 8:00 am. All are invited to participate in this 5k run/walk held on the streets of Laurens.

The first three races were very successful and included many alumni and friends of LM, LM-ACT and Northwest athletic programs. Keep in mind you do not have to be an alumni to participate in this event. The idea is to get people together to participate in a healthy, fun activity. Maybe some will have the chance to reconnect and compete with old (I use that term loosely!) team mates, friends and family. Start training, if you haven't already, and we look forward to seeing you on July 20.

Registration information can be found at <http://www.fitexercisestudio.com>. Any questions can be directed to John Jamison at (712 358-1038 or email johnjamison@lm.k12.ia.us.

Click Here for the Registration Form!



Summer Reading Program Begins at Laurens Public Library

Over 70 kids attended the Summer Reading Kick off at the Laurens Public Library! We told them to act silly so we could take their picture with the pink bracelet to show their support for LM teacher Amy Hannan, who is battling breast cancer.

We will continue to "Dig into Reading" every Tuesday at 1:30 through July 30th!



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The Laurens-Marathon Speech Department Presents



A Play in Two Acts
Samuel French, Inc.

Saturday, June 29, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Laurens-Marathon School Old Gym

\$5.00 minimum all ages - with Donations
Accepted

-No Passes Accepted-

Fundraiser for the High School Speech Department

Open House for Ben Winkler's 90th Birthday

Ben Winkler is celebrating his 90th Birthday. His children would like to invite all family and friends to an open house and dance on Saturday, June 29th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Laurens, Iowa. Featuring Tom Steinkoenig's "Sentimental Swing" Band playing from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Ben's children are Jack and (Mary Lou) Winkler, Don and (Sarah) Winkler, Rose Mary Cannon, Beverly Flynn, Carol and (Dean) Schade, and Lorri Rohrbaugh.

If not able to attend, cards may be sent to Ben at 311 S 1st Street, Laurens, IA 50554.

Bring your dancing shoes!



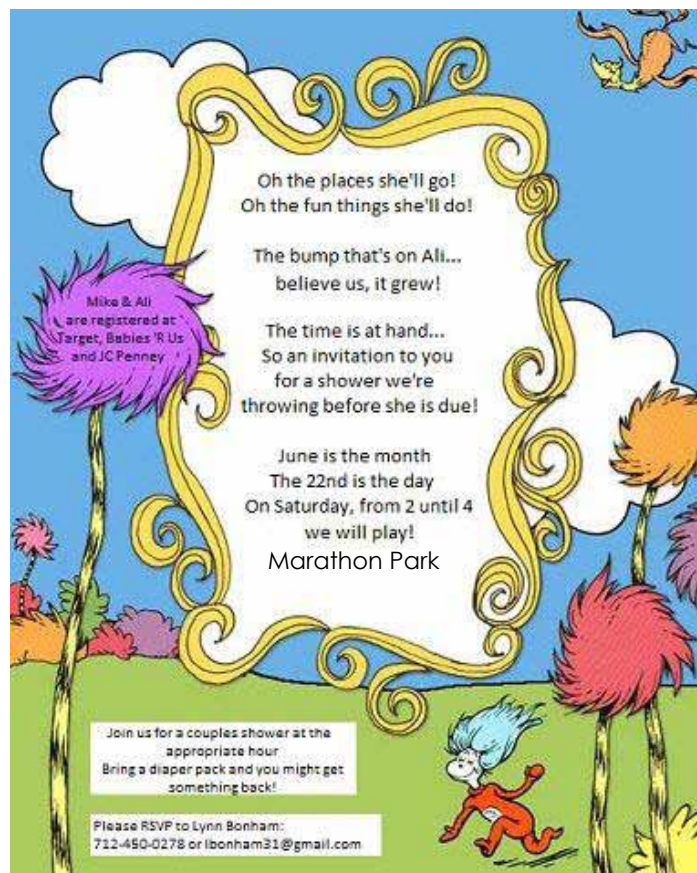
Leading Ladies

In "Leading Ladies", set in the 1950s, two Shakespearean actors, Jack (Will Cleveland) and Leo (Matt Cleveland), find their careers in a rut. They are currently performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. However, when they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost relatives, Max and Steve, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. Hilarity ensues when it turns out the relatives are actually nieces and not nephews. Things get even more complicated when Leo falls madly in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg (Kristen Alstott), who's engaged to the local minister Duncan (John Stumpf). Ben Kenobbie, Courtney Post, Addy Boettcher, Jordan Gunnarson, Rachel Potter, Lauren Link, and a few other surprise guests round out this talented cast.

Come see one act as a free sneak preview 1:00 pm Thursday, June 20th at the Laurens Public Library, then see the play in it's entirety at the school and show your support for LM's Speech Department.

This fundraiser for the Laurens-Marathon Speech Department will be held Saturday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Admission is \$5.00, but donations are encouraged.

Funds from this event will be used for entry fees for large and individual speech contests. This past year, Laurens-Marathon had three large groups selected to perform at the All State Speech Festival, and three performing students for Individual All State Speech. The production entitled "Leading Ladies" is written by Ken Ludwig and offered by Samuel French, Inc. This play is directed by Nancy Kunickis, University of Iowa student and Laurens-Marathon alum John Stumpf, Judy Boettcher, Connie Dallenbach, and Ken Kunickis.



At the Library with Glenda Mulder June 19, 2013

Something new just popped on my calendar for this week! We will have a sneak preview of the LM play, "Leading Ladies" this Thursday, June 20th at 1 p.m. Hope you can join the fun! Director Nancy Kunickis tells us the play is "set in the 1950s. Two Shakespearean actors, Jack (Will Cleveland) and Leo (Matt Cleveland), find their careers in a rut. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost relatives, Max and Steve, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. Hilarity ensues when it turns out the relatives are actually nieces and not nephews." Come see the sneak preview 1 :00 pm Thursday, June 20th at the Library, then see the play in it's entirety at the school on June 29th!

OK, I give up on my New Year's resolution to tell you about new arrivals every week! I seem to be breaking it all the time. Sorry about that, I'll try to do better! New DVDs include: *Return to Nim's Island*, *Beautiful Creatures* and *Hotel Rwanda*. New nonfiction: *Guns at Last Light* by Rick Atkinson, *Warman's Antiques & Collectibles 2014*, *Trident K9 Warriors* by Mike Ritland and *Impossible Odds* by Jessica Buchanan. New fiction includes: *The Silver Star* by Jeanette Walls (CD Book too!), *Eye of Moloch* by Glenn Beck, *Last Original Wife*

by Dortehea Benton Frank (CD Book too!), *Bad Monkey* by Carl Hiaasen, *The 9th Girl* by Tami Hoag, *One Heart to Win* by Johannah Lindsey, *Sisters* by Patricia MacDonald, *The Kill Room* by Jeffery Deaver, *Every Contact Leaves a Trace* by Elanor Dymott (CD Book too!), *Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra, *Jewelweed* by David Rhodes, *Sweet Salt Air* by Barbara Delinsky (CD Book too!), *Love Anthony* by Lisa Genova, *City of Women* by David Gillham, *Ladies Night* by Mary Kay Andrews, *Time Between* by Karen White, *Deeply Odd* by Dean Koontz (CD Book too!), *Triumph* by Janet Dailey, *The Unburied Past* by Anthea Fraser, *Classified* by Fern Michaels and *Choke Point* by Ridley Pearson

Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. through the end of July we'll have story times that help us "Dig into Reading" with our Summer Reading Program! This week we were "Digging up Trouble" and next week we will go "Under the Earth." Join us for the fun!

Have you picked up your Summer Reading Bingo card yet? Just get a bingo by using different library services and you will be entered to win the reading bag!

This month The Book Club is reading "Second Chance" by best selling author Jane Green. We've got lots of copies, so grab one and join our discussion on Monday, June 24th at 7!

Stop at the Library & Check it Out!

June 20 at 10 a.m. - Building Futures Play Group (3rd Thursday)

June 20 at 1:00 p.m. - Sneak Preview of the LM play!

June 24 at 7 p.m. - Book Club "Second Chance" by Jane Green (4th Monday)

June 25 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading

July 2 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading

July 4 - CLOSED

July 8 at 7 p.m. - Author Darlene Naig "I Want it Known"

July 9 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading with POCKETS FULL OF FUN PUPPETS at Summer Reading

July 15 at 7 p.m. - Writers Free for All

July 16 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading with Mike Anderson THE DULCIMER GUY at Summer Reading

July 22 at 7 p.m. - The Book Club "Walking Beans Wasn't Something You Did with Your Dog"

July 23 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading

July 30 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading



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Laurens, IA



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Announcements

Laurens Golf & Country Club
special for Thursday, June 20 will be spaghetti with salad and garlic bread. Public welcome!

Multi-Family Farm Garage Sale
Friday, June 21 4-8 p.m. &
Saturday, June 22 8-noon. 1772
470th Street Marathon. Rocker,
Loveseat, Couch & Display
Cabinets; Over-Stove Microwave;
Camping Gear; Large Kids Play Toys
& Ride Ons; Kitchen-aid Stand
Mixer, Keurig; Much Misc. Smoke
Free/Indoor Pet Free/Much Like
New! 10 Miles West of Laurens.

Multi family garage sale! Sat. June
29 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Wood
burner, Furniture, Antiques, TV's,
office furniture, Shop items, Baby,
Junior & some adult clothing,
Large amount of misc. 43462 140th
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N28. 2 Story Brick House, Laurens.

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baskets are 50% off! June Hours -
Mon.-Fri. 9a.m.-5p.m., Sat. 9a.m.-
2p.m.

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Local & School Calendar

June 20 - Softball with West Bend/
Mallard at West Bend at 5:30 p.m.,
JV & V.

June 21 - Softball with Sioux Central
at Laurens at 5:30 p.m., JV & V;
Baseball with Sioux Central at
Laurens at 5:30 p.m., JV & V.

June 22 - Softball, Harris/Lake Park
Tournament at Lake Park at 10:00
a.m., varsity; Baseball, Harris/Lake
Park Tournament at Lake Park at
10:00 a.m., varsity.

June 24 - Softball with Newell/Fonda
at Fonda at 5:30 p.m., JV & V;
Baseball with Newell/Fonda at Fonda
at 5:30 p.m., JV & V.

June 25 - Softball with Emmetsburg
at Laurens at 5:30 p.m., JV & V;
Baseball with Sioux Central at
Peterson at 5:30 p.m., JV & V.

June 26 - Softball with Alta/Aurelia
at Alta at 5:30 p.m., JV & V;
Baseball with Alta/Aurelia at Alta at
5:30 p.m., JV & V.

Bridal Shower for Taryn Kay

A "Come and Go" community
bridal shower honoring Taryn Kay,
bride to be of Isaak Unger, will be
held Sunday, June 23 from 2:00 -
4:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran
Church in Albert City. Everyone is
welcome to attend.

Taryn is the daughter of Todd and
Marcia Kay of Albert City and Isaak
is the son of Isak and Susie Unger of
Marathon.

The couple is registered at
Dillards, Sugar Bowl, The Straw
Horse, Target, Walmart and
Younkers.

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June 14 - June 20

Ironman 3
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Showtime: 7:00 nightly - 2:00 Sunday Matinee
Free Popcorn w/Paid Admission Thursday
\$2.00 Admission for ALL Monday Evening
Coming June 21: The Great Gatsby

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Wed., June 19th

Book Club @ 10 a.m. at Virginia
Otto's home
Leadership @ NOON at Pizza Ranch
Administrative Council @ 8:15 p.m

Thurs., June 20th

Rachel Circle @ 9:15 a.m. at Verlae
Nicol's home

Fri., June 21st

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., June 23rd

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Harriet Boothby filling the pulpit
Farewell Brunch for Pastor Tim &
Walker family following worship

Thurs., June 27th

Community Blood Drive here in Fel-
lowship 2:00-5:30 p.m.



Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Weekday Mass: Friday 8 AM

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5 PM
(March - June)

Cluster Parishes

St. Joseph Catholic, Sioux Rapids

**Weekday Mass: (Monday &
Wednesday) 8:00 AM**

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10:30 AM

St. Louis Catholic, Royal

**Weekday Mass: (Tuesday &
Thursday) 8:00 AM**

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM



This Week at First Christian Church

Sunday, June 23

9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by
coffee and fellowship
9:45 a.m. - Children's Church



Wednesday, June 19, 2013

7:00PM ~ Council Mtg.

Thursday, June 20, 2013

9:00AM ~ Morning Circle at Evelyn
Baker's
2:00PM ~ Afternoon Circle

Sunday, June 23, 2013

10:00 AM ~ OUTDOOR
WORSHIP & PICNIC BBQ
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4-H Sewing Workshop

Bonnie Wood, Quilting On Main, led the 4-H pillowcase sewing workshop with the help of volunteers Jane Hartsock, Heather Hull, and Janet Strouse. 4-H'ers learned basic pressing and straight machine stitches to complete their pillowcases. The pillowcases will be displayed at the 2013 Pocahontas County Fair and then donated to a non-profit organization as part of the 4-H'ers service learning project area.

To find out about other youth opportunities in Pocahontas County, contact the ISU Extension & Outreach Office at 712-335-3103.



Keely Boker sewing her pillowcase.



Janet instructs Daniel Jackson and Jaden Ahlrichs how to fold their fabric for pressing.

4-H and FFA Livestock Fees Due

4-H and FFA members exhibiting livestock of any kind at the 2013 Pocahontas County Fair must have their fees paid no later than June 21. Fees may be paid at the Pocahontas County ISU Extension & Outreach Office Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 712-335-3103.

SUMMER 2013 Iowa State University Design Camps: RESCHEDULED

Explore Design! Wednesday, July 24, 2013 is a one day camp (8am -4:30 pm) for 4-H'ers entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades. This camp uses hands-on design projects to introduce students to the fun of design and creativity. The camp fee of \$25 provides a workshop teaching students design thinking through creative exploration of the materials, tools, and technology of design. Campers will learn how to express their ideas both visually and verbally through sketches, critiques, discussions, and a gallery show for friends and family.

Design Innovation, a two-day design workshop for 4-H'ers and students entering 10th grade through recent high school graduates. Design Innovation July 25-26, 2013 Thursday thru Friday (8 am- 4:00 pm each day) will introduce 4-H'ers to careers and lifelong opportunities in design. The \$50 camper fee covers participant studio activity costs and transportation to local artists and professional studio take home resources. Sessions explore a range of art and design disciplines, including studio art, graphic design, interior design, architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning. Design Innovation culminates in a public exhibit, designed by student participants, featuring the work produced during the two-day event.

Both design camps held the week of July 24-26, 2013 will occur at Buena Vista County Extension and Outreach office located in the Prairie Lakes AEA Building, 824 Flindt, Storm Lake. The online registration for both is located at: <http://bit.ly/13qsqXx>

This unique set of Summer 2013 design camps are coming to the ISU Extension and Outreach Region 6 counties in a partnership with the Iowa State University College of Design. Any questions about registration information can be directed to your local County Extension staff or by contacting ISUEO 4-H Program Specialist, Carol Ehlers, xehlers@iastate.edu or by calling 712-732-5056

Flooding Impact and Crop Insurance Frequently Asked Questions

The frequent rains that have soaked Iowa this year have left many corn and soybean fields unplanted or with flooded areas. Many producers are wondering what options they have under their multiple peril crop insurance (MPCI) policies.

Fortunately, more than 90 percent of the insured corn and soybean acres in Iowa are covered by MPCI, which includes replant, delay and prevented planting coverage.

Q: What should a producer do if their planted crops are affected by the flooding?

A: Notify their crop insurance agent within 72 hours of the loss. If they qualify, the replant option provides a payment reflecting 8 bushels of corn or 3 bushels of soybeans per acre times the projected price of \$5.65 per bushel corn and \$12.87 per bushel soybeans, respectively. So replant will provide

about \$45 per acre for corn and over \$38 per acre for soybeans in 2013.

Q: What if a producer didn't have their crops planted yet, what are the late planting dates in Iowa?

A: May 31 – Final planting date for Corn. June 15 – Final planting date for Soybeans.

In Iowa, the crop insurance “late planting period” for corn begins on June 1. Corn can still be planted after this date, but the insurance guarantee on those acres is reduced by 1 percent per day until they are planted. Corn acres planted after June 25 will receive insurance coverage equal to 60 percent of their original guarantee. Producers should keep accurate records of planting dates on all remaining acres. The late planting period for soybeans in Iowa is from June 16 through July 10.

Beginning June 1, corn producers with unplanted acres have three choices: plant corn as soon as possible with a reduced guarantee, shift to soybeans with full insurance coverage, or apply for prevented planting. Prevented planting acres are insured at 60 percent of their original guarantee. Those acres may have a cover crop established on them or may be left idle (black dirt).

Q: Isn't there a 20-20 rule for coverage?

A: Yes, to qualify for an indemnity payment under the replanted, delayed or prevented planting provisions, a

minimum area of 20 acres or 20 percent of the insured unit, whichever is smaller, must be affected.

A unit could be a field or a farm – if you elected an optional whole farm or basic unit. An enterprise unit could also have been elected. This choice reflects the insured's corn acres combined in a particular county to determine loss or their soybean acres.

Q: I chose enterprise units to save on premium. Can I now change to basic or optional units because flooding has damaged my planted crop acreage?

A: Because unit structure impacts the premium cost, and in the case of enterprise units, also the premium subsidy, the policyholder's decision to elect enterprise units is made no later than the sales closing date to reflect the binding contractual agreement between the two parties on or before March 15, 2013. Changing the enterprise unit structure would be a contractual violation between the approved insurance providers and the policyholder, and leave the government vulnerable to a breach of contract. Therefore, any change to the contract at this time shifts risk to approved insurance providers from previously negotiated financial commitments within the terms and conditions of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement.

Q: If I am physically unable to get to a field for planting am I covered by prevented planting?

A: Prevented planting payments can be made if an insured cause of loss resulted in there being NO way into a field that otherwise could be planted. These types of cases are expected to be very limited. If there is ANY way into the field, even if it means the producer has to drive out of the way to reach the acreage, then the producer



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would be expected to do so if the field was dry enough to plant. Prevented planting payments would not be made if there was any access to the acreage. Producers, however, are not expected to go to extreme measures like airlifting equipment into a field.

Q: If I am prevented from planting by the final planting date, what are my choices under the terms of my policy provided I meet all other policy provisions and I do not qualify for double cropping?

A: You may:

- Plant the insured crop during the late planting period, if applicable, and insurance coverage will be provided. The late planting period is generally 25 days after the final planting date but varies by crop and area. For most crops, the production guarantee is reduced 1 percent per day for each day planting is delayed after the final planting date.
- Plant the insured crop after the late planting period (or after the final planting date if a late planting period is not applicable), and insurance coverage will be provided. The insurance guarantee will be the same as the insurance guarantee provided for prevented planting coverage.
- Leave the acreage idle (black dirt) and receive a full prevented planting payment.
- Plant a cover crop and receive a full prevented planting payment provided the cover crop is not hayed or grazed before Nov. 1, or otherwise harvested at any time. If the cover crop is hayed or grazed before Nov. 1, the prevented planting payment on the first crop is reduced to 35 percent of the first crop prevented

planting guarantee.

- Plant another crop (second crop) after the late planting period, or after the final planting date if no late planting period is applicable, and receive a prevented planting payment equal to 35 percent of the prevented planting guarantee.

Q: If my first insured crop was planted and failed, what are my choices under the terms of my policy provided I meet all other policy provisions and I do not qualify for double cropping?

A: Several choices under what is called “first crop-second crop coverage.”

If it is not practical to replant the first insured crop:

- o The acreage may be left idle (black dirt), or planted to a second crop and not insured, and receive a full indemnity for the first insured crop;
- o Plant and insure a second crop and receive a 65 percent reduction in indemnity for the first insured crop – the policyholder pays 35 percent of the premium for the first insured crop;
- o If there is not a loss on the second crop, the policyholder will receive the remaining 65 percent of indemnity on the first insured crop and pay the full premium on the first insured crop; or
- o If the second crop receives an indemnity, the first crop indemnity remains at 35 percent and the second crop indemnity is fully paid (no reduction). The policyholder may

choose to not accept the second crop indemnity and receive a full indemnity on the first insured crop.

1. If it is practical to replant the first insured crop and it is not replanted, no coverage for the first insured crop will be provided.

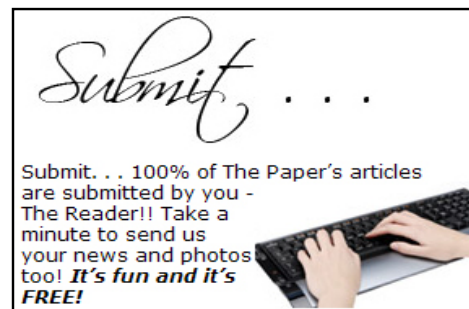
2. If it is practical to replant the first insured crop and the first insured crop is replanted, a replanting payment will be made and coverage for the first insured crop will remain at the production guarantee.

ISU Extension Resources

More details can be found in the ISU Extension publication “Delayed and Prevented Planting Provisions,” file A1-57 on the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Ag Decision Maker website, at www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/.

An electronic decision spreadsheet is also available to help analyze alternative actions. Producers should communicate with their crop insurance agent before making decisions about replanting or abandoning acres.

Additional flood recovery resources are available from ISU Extension and Outreach at *Dealing with Flooding - 2013*.



Yard and Garden: Tree Issues

Why is the ash tree in the front yard dropping leaves? What are those brownish, orange things in the cedar tree out back? Horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach answer questions about trees; to have additional questions answered, contact Hortline at hortline@iastate.edu or 515-294-3108.

Why are my ash trees dropping leaves? The leaf drop is probably due to anthracnose. Anthracnose is a common fungal disease of trees in Iowa. Anthracnose may occur on ash, sycamore, maple, oak, walnut and other deciduous trees. Cool, rainy weather in spring favors anthracnose development. Symptoms of anthracnose vary with the tree species. On ash, brown or black blotches typically appear on the leaflets. Affected leaflets often become distorted (they tend to curl toward the blighted areas) and fall from trees.

Fortunately, anthracnose does not cause serious harm to healthy, well established trees. The affected trees continue to leaf out. Leaves that develop later in spring usually are not affected, as weather conditions are less favorable for anthracnose development. There is no need to apply a fungicide to affected trees.

There are some strange looking brownish orange structures in my

cedar trees. What are they? Cedar-apple rust is likely responsible for the brownish orange structures. Cedar-apple rust is a fungal disease. It requires both an apple and cedar or juniper to complete its life cycle. On the cedar, the fungus produces reddish brown galls that are up to golf-ball size on young twigs. During wet weather, these galls swell and begin to push out bright orange gelatinous tubular structures. Wind carries fungal spores from these gelatinous structures to susceptible apple or crabapple cultivars. Infection occurs when these spores land on a susceptible apple cultivar and moist conditions exist. Small, yellow spots begin to appear on the upper leaf surface shortly after the infection. Spots gradually enlarge and become a bright yellow-orange color. These brightly colored spots make the disease easy to identify on apple leaves. Heavily infected leaves may drop prematurely. In late summer, small tube-like structures develop on the underside of the apple leaves. Spores are released from these structures and are blown by wind back to susceptible cedars or junipers, completing the disease cycle.

In most cases, cedar-apple rust does not cause serious harm to cedars (junipers), apples and crabapples. Apple cultivars, such as Haralson, Red Delicious, Redfree, Liberty and Jonamac, are resistant to cedar-apple rust as are many crabapple cultivars.

There are gray-green patches on the trunk of my tree. What are they? Are they harming the

tree? The gray-green patches are probably lichens. Lichens are unusual organisms. They consist of two unrelated organisms, an alga and a fungus. These two components exist together and behave as a single organism. The alga provides food via photosynthesis. The fungus obtains water and minerals for itself and the alga.

Lichens are common on trees because the bark provides a suitable place to gather sunlight and grow. They grow especially well on dead branches because they receive more sunlight. In addition to growing on the trunks and branches of trees, lichens can be found on exposed soil surfaces, rocks, wooden fence posts, shingles, gravestones, stone walls and other sunny surfaces. Lichens may be flat, leafy or branched and hair-like. The lichens on trees are often gray-green. Other species may be orange, yellow, slate blue or black.

Lichens are fascinating, unique organisms. They do not harm trees.

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Integrated Pest Management Publications Go to the Field, and around the World

Iowa farmers and crop advisors are scouting corn and soybean fields with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach field guides in hand. The guides outline integrated pest management information – how to protect crops based on data from specific fields, using both preventative and curative tactics to manage insects, diseases and weeds. They place an emphasis on scouting and thorough record keeping – and they are in high demand.

“Crop scouting is a cornerstone of integrated pest management,” said Daren Mueller, extension plant pathologist with the Iowa State University Integrated Pest Management program. “Scouting entails accurately estimating crop plant health, recognizing growth stage, and identifying crop injury and associated causes – the field guides improve scouting accuracy.”

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in conjunction with Iowa Soybean Association, created the first weather-resistant pocket guide, the Soybean Field Guide, with high quality images and descriptions of disease, insect and other disorders so it could easily go to the field. The guide serves as a reference for farmers

and crop advisors scouting fields and assists them in accurately diagnosing crop problems.

Requests for integrated pest management publications increase. The Soybean Field Guide was first sold through the ISU Extension online store on Feb. 22, 2008. In five years, that single publication has become part of a growing Integrated Pest Management publication series that now includes five field guides, three compendiums and twelve scouting cards. More than one million copies (1,094,000+) of the publications have been printed – 53 percent (581,000) by Iowa State University and 47 percent (513,000) printed upon request and distributed by outside entities such as agribusiness, academic institutions and commodity groups.

The extension online store has distributed the publications to all 99 Iowa counties, 375 Iowa cities, and 49 U.S. states (Rhode Island is the only state with no publication orders). The popularity of the guides has expanded well beyond Iowa – nearly 28 percent are delivered outside of Iowa and guides have been distributed internationally to 23 countries on five continents. The Soybean Field Guide has

been adapted for use in Canada by Canadian soybean experts.

Iowa State IPM team members authoring the publications are Extension faculty, researchers, specialists and other staff. “The publications are the result of the work of more than 25 authors,” Mueller said. “This group of scientists is dedicated to integrated pest management education. We have a broad portfolio of activities and products to support our educational efforts – this series of publications is only one part.”

The team plans to add more publications, including: Alfalfa Field Guide, Corn Field Guide 2nd Edition, Hail and Nutrient Deficiency Scouting Cards, and an update to Corn Diseases.

To learn more about the ISU Extension Integrated Pest Management educational offerings visit www.aep.iastate.edu/feel/; to order field guides visit the Extension online store <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/> and click on the Integrated Pest Management publications image.



Yard and Garden: Strawberries

Fresh strawberries, a favorite of almost everyone, are relatively easy to grow and hardy throughout Iowa. Horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach share cultural practices to reduce damage and losses caused by insects and diseases. Gardeners with additional questions may contact the ISU Hortline, hortline@iastate.edu or 515-294-3108.

There are small masses of foam-like material on my strawberry plants. What are these foam-like masses? The foam-like masses on the strawberry plants were probably created by the meadow spittlebug. The meadow spittlebug is one of several species of this commonly recognized group of sap-feeding insects. Spittlebugs are familiar because of the frothy, wet mass of "spittle" that surrounds the nymphs as they feed on sap from their host plants. The spittle is produced by the immature stage of the insect (the nymph) and protects the nymphs from natural enemies and desiccation.

While the foam-like masses of spittlebugs are rather disgusting, spittlebugs cause little harm to

plants. Control efforts are usually not warranted.

Some of the strawberries in my garden are covered with a gray, velvety growth. What is it and how can it be controlled?



The gray, velvety growth on your berries may be gray mold. It is

also known as Botrytis fruit rot. Gray mold is favored by poor air circulation and a high humidity in the strawberry planting. The most commonly infected berries are those touching the soil or other infected berries.

Cultural practices can reduce losses due to gray mold.

- Do not fertilize June-bearing strawberries in spring. The application of a nitrogen-containing fertilizer in spring promotes lush, vegetative growth. Dense foliage slows the drying of the strawberry planting, resulting in a more favorable environment for gray mold.

- Control weeds in the strawberry bed. Weeds reduce air circulation and slow the drying of the strawberry plants.

- Mulch the planting with straw to keep the berries off the ground. Berries resting on damp or wet soil are more susceptible to gray mold.

- During dry weather, irrigate in the morning when using a sprinkler.

Plants dry quickly when irrigated in the morning.

- "Clean-pick" the strawberry planting. Harvest the strawberry planting frequently. Pick berries as soon as they are ripe. Handle berries carefully during harvest to avoid bruising the fruit. Immediately refrigerate the unwashed berries. Berries that exhibit symptoms of gray mold should be picked and removed from the bed.

- Finally, fungicides are used by commercial strawberry growers to control gray mold. However, cultural practices are the best way to control Botrytis fruit rot in home gardens.

When should strawberries be harvested? Harvest strawberries when the fruit are uniformly red (fully ripe). Pick the berries with the caps and stems attached to retain firmness and quality. Pinch off the stem about one-fourth inch above the cap. Don't pull them off.

Strawberries should be picked about every other day in warm weather, every three to four days in cool weather. The harvest period for some June-bearing varieties may last three to four weeks. Strawberries can be stored in the refrigerator for up to five to seven days. Optimum storage conditions are a temperature of 32 F and a relative humidity of 90 to 95 percent.

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