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## Local News

### Capeless Heroes

"Capeless Heroes" were celebrated at the Laurens Public Library's recent summer reading program. When the kids got thinking about it, they could think of lots of Capeless Heroes, including firemen, ambulance drivers, their parents, daycare providers, and veterinarians. They read books, sang the superhero song, and made their own firefighter hats. Imagine their excitement when members of the Ambulance Crew and Fire Department walked in as they were finishing. Then they found out the trucks were out front! As they were touring these vehicles, Chief Toner pulled up in the police pickup. What a great crew of Capeless Heroes we have in Laurens!



Lucky Kable Graff has two uncles (Matt Tate & Jake Graff) who are firemen! Look how excited he is to show Uncle Jake his fireman hat. Thanks Cory Bailey for putting on all the fireman gear on a hot day.



Some of our capeless heroes visited the library for the summer library program.



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 1, 2015

Because July 4th lands on Saturday this year, the Library will be closed Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th. Stop in now to stock up on enough library materials to last you through the weekend!

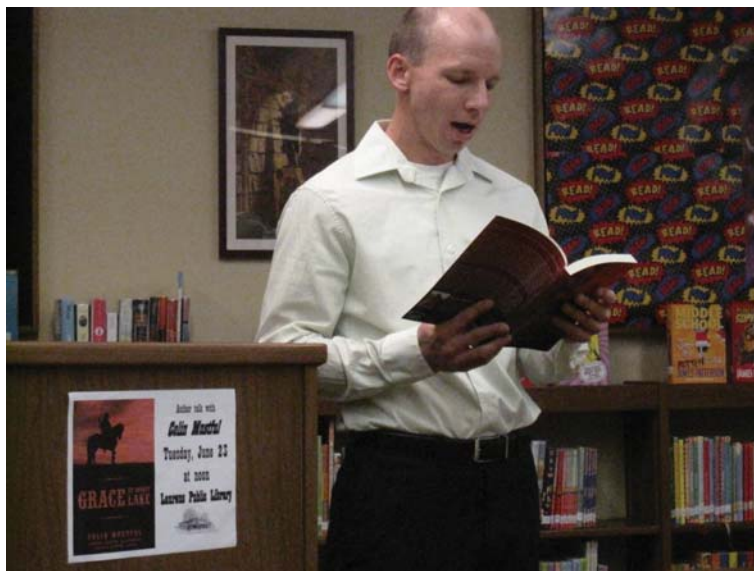
New novels lately include: *New Hope* by Robyn Carr, *The Melody Lingers On* by Mary Higgins Clark (Audiobook too!), *Ever After* by Jude Deveraux, *Wicked Charms* by Janet Evanovich (Audiobook too!) *Summer Secrets* by Jane Green, *Grey* by E.L. James, *Kiss Me* by Susan Mallory, *Untamed* by Diana Palmer (Audiobook too!), *Remember Me This Way* by Sabine Durrant, *Twice in a Lifetime* by Dorothy Garlock, *The Third Wife* by Lisa Jewell, *Long Tall Christmas* by Janet Daily, *The English Spy* by Daniel Silva, *The Book of Speculation* by Erica Swyler and *Truth or Die* by James Patterson.

The irony of a couple new books caught my attention this week. Sophie Kinsella, the popular adult author of the “*Shopaholic*” series, released her first young adult book *Finding Audrey*. Judy Blume, who of course is best known for her children’s books and realist young adult novels, has released her first adult book,

*In the Unlikely Event*. How interesting that these authors switched roles and released their new books so close together!

Have you been using the free e-books and audiobooks from Wilbor? You will be seeing a change by July 20th. There is the new eBook and audiobook buying consortium for Iowa public libraries. “Bridges: Iowa’s eLibrary” replaces the two eBook and audiobook buying consortiums WILBOR and NEIBORS. Overdrive was willing to help with the transition from two consortia into one statewide eBook and audiobook buying consortium. Having one consortium will provide Iowans with a larger selection of eBooks and audiobooks and provide better access to the items. We will get you the new URL as soon as we are able. That will be about the only change, since Overdrive is running it, it will work just the same as the one you are familiar with.

The fun of “Every Hero has



Colin Mustful, author of “Grace at Spirit Lake” reads a selection from his novel for patrons at Laurens Public Library. This book, available to be checked out from the library, is centered around actual events during the Spirit Lake massacre. He also talked about the writing, publication and promotion processes.

a Story” will continue Mondays at 1:30 through July. Whether your kids are live here or you have some visiting, come join the fun! The Grand Finale of our Summer Reading program will be Pockets Full of Fun on July 27th. They will present a puppet show and then hold a workshop for the older kids!

### Event Calendar

- Every Hero has a Story Summer Reading 1:30 p.m. Mondays until July 27
- Tell Me a Yarn Mondays 5-7 p.m.
- Writers Free for All is 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Book Club is 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.





*Anyone who grew up swimming at the Laurens swimming pool has a story about swimming the ropes. What's your story? It is an exciting time when you succeed and are able to advance to being able to go into the deep end (10 foot)!!! Pictured here is Emma Storms swimming the ropes in 2013. She is the daughter of Ben and Holly Storms of Laurens.*

*Have you donated to the new pool fund yet?*



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## *Softball/Baseball Equipment Wanted*

Do you have any ball pants, cleats, gloves or etc. that are too small? Please consider donating them to the Laurens Summer Ball Program. We would like to have some items available to those who need them during registration. So, before you put those items away for the season, please consider donating anything you may not use next year. Please contact Allison Price at: 712-845-2327 for pick up or to set up a meeting time and place.



## *Fund Raiser for Dawn Essing*

Dawn Essing of Pocahontas has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in her heart. To help defray medical costs and other expenses, an account has been set up at Pocahontas State Bank. Donations can be sent to: Pocahontas State Bank, PO Box 130, Pocahontas, IA 50574 and in memo: Dawn Essing Benefit Fund. You can also donate online at GoFundMe. [\*Click Here to Visit GoFundMe site!\*](#)



## *Thank You!*

Thank you for all the kind expressions of sympathy and remembrance for Kenny Reese.

*Sandy & Family*

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Thursday Night Special will be Golden Turkey Sandwiches with Sides

Wishing everyone a fun and safe  
4th of July Holiday!



## Memory Lane Bricks to be Engraved

Memory Lane bricks will be engraved before the town celebration in July. Click on the link provided for your order form, pick one up at the park, contact [peggymilton1951@hotmail.com](mailto:peggymilton1951@hotmail.com), or call 712-841-4645.

Please send your brick order forms to:

Peggy Milton  
321 E. Arthur Street  
Laurens, IA 50554

*Click Here for Brick  
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## Thank You!


The Silver Dollar Saloon would like to thank all the people that participated in the Golf Tournament, the spectators and the following businesses for the door prizes:

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*Kylie Woodley & Kevin Maurer  
Wedding - August 1*

*Shelby Neuton & Matthew Stafford  
Wedding - August 22*

**Special for Friday  
night, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Jumbo shrimp with  
baked potato, salad  
and toast**

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*Laurens State Bank  
will be closing at 2 p.m. on  
Friday, July 3 for the  
4th of July Holiday!*

July 2015

Laurens-Marathon Summer Food Program

LUNCH



All Children Eat FREE!! Monday- Friday  
11:30- 12:30 School lunchroom or  
Marathon Community Center.



**Nutrition Tip:** Vitamin D is important because it helps your body absorb calcium, but studies have shown that it also has a protective effect against chronic diseases including heart disease, type 1 diabetes, and others.  
Reference: Holick MF. J Nutr. 2005.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



BBQ Pork Sandwich **6**  
Peas ½ C.  
Mandarin Oranges ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Hamburger 1 each **7**  
Lettuce Salad, Ranch  
Melon ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Hot Dog 1 each **1**  
Baked Beans ½ C.  
Pineapple ½ C.  
Milk 1 C

Mr Rib 1 each **2**  
Corn ½ C.  
Fruit Cocktail ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Italian Chicken Sand **3**  
Green Beans ½ C.  
Pears ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Meat Ball Sub 1 each **13**  
Lettuce Salad, Ranch  
Moz Cheese ¼ C  
Fruit Cocktail ½ C  
Milk 1 C.

Chicken Nuggets 5 **14**  
Baked Beans ½ C.  
Pears ½ C.  
Dinner Roll 1 each  
Milk 1 C.

Ham & Cheese Sand **8**  
Baby Carrots, Ranch  
Pears ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Tacos 1 Each **9**  
Lettuce, Tomato 1 C.  
Peaches ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Chicken & Biscuits 1 **10**  
Mashed Potatoes ½ C.  
Apples 1 Each  
Milk 1 C.

Spaghetti 1 C. **15**  
Green Beans ½ C.  
Orange Wedges ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Scalloped Potatoes, Ha **16**  
Steamed Broccoli ½ C.  
Applesauce ½ C  
Milk 1 C.

Crispito 1 each **17**  
Lettuce Salad, Ranch 1 C  
Peaches ½ C.  
Cottage Cheese ¼ C.  
Milk

Turkey Sandwich 1 each **20**  
Baby, Carrots, Ranch ½ C.  
Fruit Cup ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Beef Burger 1 each **21**  
Mixed Vegetables ½ C.  
Fruit Cocktail ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Chicken Alfredo 1 C. **22**  
Broccoli ½ C.  
Mandarin Oranges ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Beef Burger 1 each **23**  
Corn 1 C.  
Apple 1 C.  
Milk 1 C.

Hamburger 1 Cup **24**  
Potato Salad ½ C.  
Melon Salad ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

PBJ 1 each **27**  
Baby Carrots, Ranch ½ C.  
Applesauce ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Roast Beef Sandwich 1 **28**  
Green Beans ½ C.  
Pears ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Italian Chicken 1 each **29**  
Corn ½ C.  
Peaches ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Mr. Rib 1 each **30**  
Baked Beans ½ C.  
Fruit Cocktail ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

Tacos 1 each **31**  
Lettuce, Cheese ½ C.  
Refried Beans ½ C.  
Fruit Cup ½ C.  
Milk 1 C.

## Services Held Recently for Kenny Reese

Kenneth Leroy Reese passed away June 4, 2015, at the Pocahontas Hospital Hospice of cancer.



Kenny was born February 27, 1940, at home in Laurens, IA. His parents were Rocky and Ruby (Reeves) Reese. He lived in Laurens until age 8. He moved with his family to a farm near Bradgate, IA. Kenneth graduated from Bradgate High School in 1958. He enlisted in the United States Army that same year and served 3 years which was during the Viet Nam Era. His service time was mostly at Ft Eustis, Virginia. His military duties included amphibious vehicle and light truck driver, carbine expert and company payroll check. He was honorably discharged and returned to live in Laurens, IA. He began working for Hakes Grocery Co. He worked there for 37 years as a "picker," truck driver and loading dock foreman.

After retiring in 1997 from this lifetime job, he continued

to farm, work seasonally on his trapping business each year, fished in Canada each summer and had many hobbies.

Kenneth was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Laurens Sportsman's Club and the National and Iowa Trapping Associations. He was a Teamsters Union Member.

Kenneth Reese married Alene Howe on February 4, 1962, in Marathon, IA.

They were parents of Darcel and Darren. Alene passed away July 20, 1992.

Kenny is survived by his spouse, Sandra Phillips Reese. They were married April 19, 1997, in Laurens, IA. Their home was Laurens and they also enjoyed winter travel to the Southwest US.

Other survivors include daughter Darcy Reese of Bellevue, NE, son Darren (fiancée Amy Halverson) Reese of Royal, IA, stepson Jeff (Angelene) Zweifel of Forest Lake, MN and stepson Chris(Stacey)Zweifel of Castro Valley, CA.

Grandchildren are Stephanie (Ron) Daughenbaugh, Caitlin Buchholz, Austin Buchholz, Lacey Reese, Lindsey Reese, Chelsea Musjgerd, Ashley Reese, Abigayle Zweifel, Trevor Zweifel, Anthony Acosta, Adrienne Acosta, Sophia

Costa, Gabriella Costa, Wyatt Zweifel and Olive Zweifel. Great-grandchildren are Alyssia and Alex Daughenbaugh and Justine Reese. Kenny is also survived by his brother Harry Reese of Laurens and two sisters, Theda (James) Nagengast of Albert City and Myra Reese, and sister-in-law Sue Reese, both of Laurens. There are also many nieces and nephews and other family members that survive Kenny.

He was preceded in death by his parents, spouse Alene "Toodie" Reese, grandson Cole Buchholz and brother Charles Reese.

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## *ISU Extension and Outreach Offers Weeds Week Aug. 3-7*

Weeds, herbicides and the effectiveness of herbicides to control weeds are topics of agronomic and economic importance to farmers and agribusinesses. It is so important that Iowa State University Extension and Outreach field agronomists are hosting Weeds Week, a weeklong series of informational meetings. The half-day sessions will be held Aug. 3-7 at five Iowa State University research farms.

“Farmers are challenged with producing crops and implementing effective weed management programs in a profitable manner,” said Virgil Schmitt, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach in southeast Iowa. “Our goal is to help farmers develop effective weed management plans.”

Schmitt said the meetings are intended to help farmers and ag retailers support each other in this process.

“By supporting each other, they can increase their profitability and minimize negative impacts on the environment,” Schmitt said. “The sessions have been developed to provide tools that help farmers and agribusinesses work together to develop long-term weed management plans that identify sites of action, promote timely application of herbicides and avoid the expenses of dealing with herbicide resistance.”

Each session will include presentations, hands-on weed management planning, small group discussion and plot tours presented by extension field agronomists. In the farmer-oriented session, farmers will learn how to select herbicides from the herbicide effectiveness table, identify which herbicides to apply and develop their own four-year weed management plan. Agribusiness representatives will receive similar information, but it will be presented with a focus on how to support farmers and their operations.

The schedule has been developed so that the morning sessions will conclude with lunch and the afternoon sessions will begin with lunch, which is included in the registration.

Aug. 5 — Northeast Research Farm. 3321 290th St, Nashua  
9:30 a.m. Farmer Session -- 1 p.m. Agribusiness Session

Aug. 6 — Northwest Research Farm. 6320 500th St, Sutherland  
9:30 a.m. Farmer Session -- 1 p.m. Agribusiness Session

Aug. 7 — Field Extension Education Lab. 1928 240th St, Boone  
9:30 a.m. Farmer Session -- 1 p.m. Agribusiness Session

Registration is \$25 for each session and includes refreshments, lunch and materials. To assist with facility and meal planning there is a registration deadline four days prior to each meeting. Register online with a credit card at [www.aep.iastate.edu/weeds/](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/weeds/). For more information, call 515-294-6429 or [anr@isstate.edu](mailto:anr@isstate.edu).

## *ISU Extension and Outreach Provides Resources on Human Impact of Avian Influenza*

In response to the recent avian influenza outbreak, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has launched a multi-state approach to providing research-based information and resources to families.

“By leveraging our resources and strategically sharing information with families throughout Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota, we are able to provide daily updates and recommendations,” said Debra Sellers, director of Human Sciences Extension and Outreach and associate dean in Iowa State’s College of Human Sciences. ISU Extension and Outreach is cooperating on the project with South Dakota State University Extension and University of Minnesota Extension.

Together, extension staff from the three land-grant universities will provide families with information on everything from food safety education and stretching food dollars as the cost of eggs and poultry increases to implementing strategies to manage a family’s finances and stress during tough times.

Iowans will find links to helpful resources on the Human Sciences Extension and Outreach website, [www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/content/finding-answers-now](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/content/finding-answers-now).

“Avian influenza has had a very real impact on families,” Sellers explained. “Our counterparts in ISU Extension and Outreach’s Agriculture and Natural Resources program are working to address producer issues. However, this group will focus on the families struggling with the human challenges brought on by avian influenza, whether that is ensuring families are implementing the proper food safety techniques when preparing eggs and poultry, the loss of employment or dealing with seeing their food budget increase, as eggs, which are traditionally an inexpensive protein source, have more than doubled in price.”

## Yard and Garden: Keeping Roses Healthy

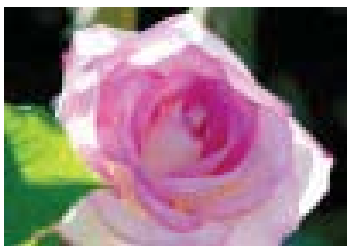
Several common disease problems can damage a rose's natural beauty. Disease organisms can cause unsightly leaves, reduced flower production and result in the death of leaves or even the entire plant. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists give advice on how to keep roses healthy and protected from these diseases. To have additional questions answered, contact ISU Hotline at [hortline@iastate.edu](mailto:hortline@iastate.edu) or call 515-294-3108.

### **There are round holes in the foliage of my roses. What is responsible for the damage?**

Leafcutting bees are most likely responsible for holes in rose foliage. Leafcutting bees resemble honey bees but are often darker in color.

Female leafcutting bees tend to make nests in rotted wood or the stems of plants. The sides of the nesting cavities are lined with round pieces of foliage. After lining the cavities with leaf discs, pollen and nectar are placed in the nest cells to serve as food for the immature bees.

Leafcutting bees may remove discs of foliage from many plants. However, they prefer rose, green ash, redbud, lilac and Virginia creeper.



Holes in the leaves are typically one-half inch or less in diameter. The cuts are clean, as if they were "punched out" with a paper punch.

Leafcutting bees are beneficial pollinators. Damage to roses and other plants is usually minor and control efforts are rarely justified or necessary.

**Small, green worms are eating the foliage on my roses. What can I do?** The small, green "worms" are probably the larvae of the rose sawfly. Rose sawfly larvae, commonly referred to as roseslug, have tapered bodies, may be up to a half-inch in length, and are pale green in color. The larvae somewhat resemble slugs, hence the common name of roseslug.

Rose sawfly larvae usually feed on the undersides of the rose leaves. They consume most of the green tissue of the leaf, leaving behind a thin layer of tissue and veins which eventually turns light brown. Foliage damaged by roseslugs has a window-pane or skeletonized appearance.

Small numbers of roseslugs can be picked off by hand and destroyed. However, larger infestations can be controlled with insecticides, such as: insecticidal soap, carbaryl (Sevin) or permethrin (Eight).

**How can I control blackspot on my roses?** Blackspot is a common fungal disease of roses. Symptoms of blackspot are circular, black spots on leaves. Initially, symptoms develop on the lower leaves and gradually move upward. Infected leaves will

turn yellow and drop prematurely. By late summer, severely infected plants may be nearly defoliated.

The blackspot fungus overwinters on fallen leaves and infected canes. Spores are splashed onto newly emerging foliage in spring. Blackspot development is favored by warm, wet weather. Careful rose selection, cultural practices and fungicide treatments can be used to control blackspot on roses. Rose cultivars differ widely in their susceptibility to blackspot.

When purchasing roses, select rose cultivars that are resistant to blackspot and choose a planting site that receives full sun and provides good air movement. Full sun and good air movement promote drying of rose foliage and discourage blackspot infections. When watering roses, apply water directly to the ground around the plants. Do not wet the foliage.

Reduce the amount of overwintering fungi by carefully cleaning up leaf debris in fall. Fungicide applications must begin at the first sign of disease symptoms.

## *Master Gardener Summer Webinar's Available*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will be hosting the 2015 Summer Webinars. The webinars will cover topics such as; Water in the Garden, and Pollinators & Growing Herbs.

- Tuesday, July 7th from 4:00pm- 6:00pm - Water in the Garden

- Tuesday, August 11th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm - Pollinators & Growing Herbs

To register, please call 712-335-3103 or email Holly at [hfrerk@iastate.edu](mailto:hfrerk@iastate.edu). All webinars will count towards Master Gardener educational hours.

## *ISU Extension Announces Master Gardener Training in Pocahontas County*

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in growing flowers, vegetables, fruits, shrubs, trees and lawns.

Master Gardener trainees attend 40 hours of classes taught by Iowa State University Extension staff and specialists in topics ranging from lawn care; flower and vegetable gardening; ornamental trees and shrubs; fruit crops and houseplants to insect, disease and weed control; soil; plant nutrition and pesticide safety.

In exchange for training, participants are asked to volunteer 40 hours of service to their local extension program. To sign up for the next Master Gardener class in this area, contact the Pocahontas County Extension Outreach Office at 712-335-3103 or [hfrerk@iastate.edu](mailto:hfrerk@iastate.edu).

## *Healthy Home Workshop Highlights Energy Efficiency*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in collaboration with Iowa Central Community College, is offering a workshop for creating a healthy home environment while maintaining energy efficiency. "Creating Energy Efficient Healthy Homes" will be Saturday, Aug. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Iowa Central Community College East Campus, 2031 Quail Avenue, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Participants will get a chance to evaluate energy efficiency of occupied buildings and home construction and potential energy savings. The workshop is for residential in-town and rural acreage homeowners, farm shop owners and farm facility (grain drying and livestock housing) owners. Even commercial business owners, city and county facility managers will benefit from attending.

"The workshop brings forward concepts that can be applied to any home or any occupied building space," said Kapil Arora, agricultural and biosystems engineering specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Advanced energy-efficient construction practices used in today's buildings are a possibility for all Iowa residents. This new energy-efficient technology makes homes more affordable, comfortable and healthy."

Workshop topics and presenters include:

- Home tightening and air sealing – Bill McAnally, owner of McAnally Consulting, Fort Dodge, Iowa
- Combating household pests – Donald Lewis, ISU Extension and Outreach entomologist, Ames, Iowa
- Building code requirements for energy efficiency – Bill McAnally
- Energy efficient lighting – John Temple, director of corporate lighting technology at 3E Company, Windsor Heights, Iowa
- Geothermal installation considerations – Rick Rockacy, territory manager at WaterFurnace Renewable Energy, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana
- On-farm energy efficiency – Mark Hanna, ISU Extension and Outreach agricultural and biosystems engineering specialist, Ames, Iowa
- Energy efficient home appliances – Kapil Arora, ISU Extension and Outreach agricultural and biosystems engineering specialist, Ames, Iowa
- Solar energy and panels – Bill Haman, program manager from the Iowa Energy Center, Ames, Iowa

The cost of the workshop is \$50 per person when registration is received by July 24; after July 26, the fee is \$75 and registrations will be accepted only if space is available. The fee includes morning refreshments, lunch and conference materials. Space is limited. All participants must pre-register as on-site registration is not allowed. Question regarding the workshop, call Webster County Extension Office at 515-576-2119.



## *Farmland Leasing and Land Value Meeting to be Offered in Pocahontas County*

More than half of Iowa farmland is rented. In some Iowa locations, as much as 70 percent of the land is farmed by farmers who don't own the land.

In Northwest Iowa, the result is many conversations and negotiations between farmland owners and producer-tenants to determine what makes sense for farmland leases and cash rental rates.

These are just a few reasons why Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers workshops designed to answer questions that land owners and tenants have about farmland leasing and land values.

These workshops will be held across northwest Iowa counties starting July 23 through July 31.

Melissa O'Rourke, ISU Extension Farm & Agribusiness Management Specialist will present a wide range of topics related to farmland values and leasing.

"Year after year, I receive numerous contacts from persons who have questions about farmland values and rental rates," says O'Rourke.

"Due to the volatility of land and commodity markets, we have seen had increased inquiries regarding flexible cash lease methodologies,"

says O'Rourke. "There are dozens of methods for putting together flexible cash lease arrangements, and we will work through several examples."

O'Rourke has also had calls from landowners about filing landlord liens to help assure the rent is paid, so she will be present some information on that topic."

O'Rourke has also seen that farmland owners and producer-tenants need to have more conversation about the cost of inputs to put in the crop and reasonable expectations on profit margins.

"ISU Extension and Outreach has good resources for people to use to gain an understanding of how crop input costs can be considered in setting cash lease rates, and I'll show how those can be used."

O'Rourke also noted is the increasing age of farmland owners. "ISU Extension research indicates that the average age of farmland owners continues to rise," stated O'Rourke. "Fifty-five percent of Iowa's farmland is owned by people over the age of 65, while 28 percent of the land is owned by individuals over age 75. We find that children and surviving spouses may be less likely to continue operating the farm themselves. That's a major reason why farmland leasing continues to increase."

O'Rourke encourages anyone with an interest in farmland rental rates to attend these meetings. "Both farmland owners and producer-tenants should attend. In fact, the ideal situation is for these folks to attend together and then sit down at the kitchen table to discuss their farm

lease arrangements for the coming year."

Workshop attendees will receive a comprehensive workbook packed with information about land values, leasing and different types of farm lease arrangements. "Everyone should leave with a heightened understanding of farmland leasing.

A registration fee of \$20 per person is charged to cover costs and includes a 90-page workbook. Walk-ins may attend for a \$25 fee at the door. Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach will be hosting farmland leasing meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 9:00am at West Iowa Bank in Laurens (202 W Main St.)

More information about this and other farmland leasing meetings in Iowa can be found at ISU Extension's Ag Decision Maker website: [www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm)

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*Grace Lutheran  
Church Marathon,  
Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church  
Albert City & St John  
Lutheran Church  
Rural Albert City*

**Pastor John Mayer**

Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship Service @ Grace Lutheran Church - Marathon

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Albert City

Sundays 9:00 a.m. @ St John Lutheran Church Rural - Albert City

*This Week at First  
Christian Church*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

Wednesday, July 1  
1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers

Thursday, July 2  
2:00 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

Friday, July 3  
7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, July 5  
9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by coffee  
4:00 p.m. - Service at Laurens Care Center



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*This Week at  
Bethany Lutheran*

Tuesday: June 30, 2015  
10:00 AM ~ Coffee w/Pastor  
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Sunday: July 5, 2015  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 AM ~ Worship w/Communion  
10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship  
Pastor Jerry & Nancy will be gone from July 6th to July 13th.

Tuesday: July 7, 2015  
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

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



*This Week at  
Laurens United  
Methodist Church*

**Thurs., July 2nd:**  
Basic Christianity Bible Study @ 7 p.m. at Linda Lingo's home

**Fri., July 3rd:**  
NO Men's Bible Study  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Sun., July 5th:**  
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.  
Hymn Sing  
Fellowship @ 10:30 a.m.

**Mon., July 6th:**  
Quilt Club Potluck here @ 6 p.m.



*Sacred Heart Church Laurens*

Weekday Mass : Friday, 8:00 AM  
Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM (July - October)

Cluster Parishes  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids  
Weekday Mass: (Monday&Wednesday) - 8:00 AM  
Weekend Mass: Saturday - 5:00 PM (July – October)

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal  
Weekday Mass: (Tuesday & Thursday) - 8:00 AM  
Weekend Mass: Sunday - 10:30 AM (July-October)

