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Local News

Threshermen & Collectors Making Big Plans for 50th Annual Show

Plans are well underway for a big celebration to mark the 50th Annual Show of the Albert City Threshermen and Collectors. The dates for 2020 show are August 7, 8, 9 and it is shaping up to be an exciting and unique event.

Special entertainment will be provided by Molly B from the Mollie B Polka Party. She and her band will perform Saturday, Aug. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the entertainment shelter. Over the three-day event, there will be a variety of musical entertainment, representing the various musical styles from late 1800s through the 70s.

This fits the feature of the show, "Farming through the Generations." Exhibits, demonstrations and other activities will all emphasize the changes seen from one generation to the next over a span of over 100 years in rural history.

Visitors will see the major makes of tractors, each gathered and organized to show their history by generation from

1920 through 1979. This display is being organized by enthusiasts, tractor owners and members of the various tractor clubs. Each display of tractors will be lined up side-by-side. Visitors can walk by the colorful display, learn about the manufacturer's history and compare the tractors.

In the exhibit area, organizers want to see more tractors and implements than there has ever been in the show's history. Everyone is invited to bring tractors, implements and machinery to be part of the feature. Tractors, machinery and implements will be grouped by generation, regardless of make. All makes and all models through 1979 are invited to participate.

Out in the field, visitors can expect to see a lot of demonstrations and activities. The feature field event will be held each afternoon. It is "Decades of Farming in Motion," and will demonstrate the typical farming operations being done by at least five different generations of machinery at one time. It will start with horse-drawn equipment and move through steam power, prairie tractors and gas tractors. This will be a great way to see the changes in farming practices spanning over 100 years.

Field coordinators for the 50th event are planning to

simulate an old-time wheat run. They expect to have at least 20 combines of various makes and ages in this event along with implements and wagons.

Other events include: the recreation of a M.A.S.H tent organized by the area Veterans Organizations and volunteers at Freedom Hall. The Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals were an army medical unit deployed during the Korean War; a large turn-out of both cars and trucks related to the changing generations; a walking plow contest organized by the Wheel Team and a jumping mule demonstration.

To stay up to date with the plans for the show, follow them on Facebook or visit their website at:

www.albertcitythreshermen.com



Search Begins for Iowa's Best Burger

The Best Burger Contest is not only a great way to celebrate Iowa's 25,000 beef farmers, it's also a great way to increase business for participating restaurants and draw visitors to Iowa communities.

"Winning the 2019 Iowa's Best Burger Contest put our restaurant on the map and garnered new customers from all over the state. We went from serving 200 burgers a week to 200 burgers a night," says Oskaloosa's Wood Iron Grille. "Our burgers have always been our best-selling menu item, but after winning the contest nearly every guest that dined at our restaurant ordered a burger."

The contest is sponsored by the Iowa Beef Industry Council (IBIC) and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) and occurs in two phases. In the first phase, Iowans are encouraged to nominate their favorite burger, whether it's gourmet or down-home style. Nominations will be accepted until Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

"Burgers are such a classic American favorite and a great source of high-quality protein that is authentic, real and raised responsibly. Beef supplies 10 essential nutrients without a long list of ingredients or added sodium. It's hard to beat the taste, satisfaction and nutrition you get from a serving of real beef and this contest showcases just that," says

Janine Moore, IBIC's Chairman.

This is the eleventh year of the contest, which unites beef lovers and beef farmers across the state. After the nomination period, 10 restaurants will be chosen as finalists and visited by a secret panel of judges, who will determine the ultimate winner. The 2020 Best Burger in Iowa will be announced on May 1, 2020 with the kick-off of May Beef Month in Iowa.

Details about the contest, rules, and the voting form are available on the Iowa Beef Industry Council's website, www.iabeef.org. Burger lovers can also find a link to the online nomination form at the Iowa Beef Council Facebook page; or by texting BEEF to 313131. Photos of your favorite burger can be shared socially using #IABestBurger. The nomination period will close at 5 p.m. on March 10, 2020.

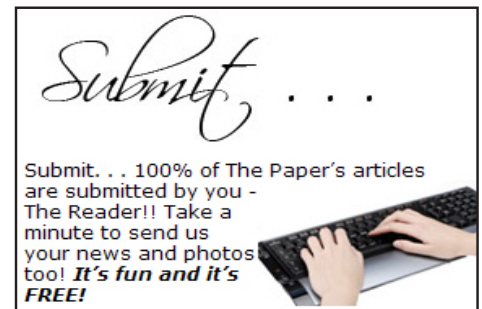
To qualify to be named Iowa's Best Burger, the burger must be a 100% real beef patty and be served on a bun or bread product.

Laurens Women's Club to Meet

The Laurens Women's Club will meet on Friday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead Cooperative of Laurens.

Pastor John Mayer of Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Albert City will present a violin performance.

The members of the serving committee will be Betty VanHorsen and Rita Cordell.



Come & Go Bridal Shower

Please join us for a Come And Go Bridal Shower honoring Kolesa Herrig, bride elect of Christopher Abbas on Saturday, February 29 from 2-4 P.M. at the Ag Partners Meeting Room in Albert City, IA.

Kolesa is the daughter of Mark and Terry Herrig of Albert City and Christopher is the son of Jerry and Starr Abbas of Marathon.

Christopher and Kolesa are registered at the following stores: Bed Bath & Beyond, Target and The Straw Horse-Albert City.

90th Birthday!

The family of Janice Fuchs would like to honor Janice with a card shower for her 90th birthday on February 19, 2020.

Birthday wishes will reach Janice at the following address: Janice Fuchs, Laurens Care Center, 304 East Veterans Road, Laurens, IA 50554.



Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Help Wanted

Pocahontas County Fair Food Stand Manager *July 15 to July 20, 2020*

Pick-up an application at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Office, Pocahontas County, 305 North Main Street, Pocahontas, IA. Available online at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas/>.

Questions may be directed to Dianne Dirks or Lisa Zeman in the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office. Applications are due February 28, 2020.



If you or someone you care about is living with a brain injury, you are not alone. We are a group who lives with or cares for someone who lives with brain injury! We exist to support, encourage, understand, inform and provide fellowship for brain injury survivors and those involved in their lives.

Northwest Iowa TBI Support Group

A monthly support group held 2nd Thursday of the month
Location: United Methodist Church, 201 W. Main St., Laurens
(Park and enter on the south side of the church off of Olive St)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Rob Schramm by calling: (515) 570-9816
or e-mail: NWlowaTBIGroup@gmail.com

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder February 12, 2020

We had James, the Naturalist from Pocahontas County Conservation lined up for a Hibernation Story Time on February 17 when L-M planned to have the day off. When a snow makeup day was scheduled for that date, we simply shifted the time of the program to after school. So, send the kids in Monday the 17th after school to learn about hibernation and how animals spend their winters!

February's Book Club choice is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. This novel is described like this, "In an enthralling new historical novel from national bestselling author Kate Quinn, two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption." We have plenty of copies available, so stop and get one, then join our discussion February 24th, if you wish!

New novels this week include: *The Other Mrs.* by Mary Kubica, *Sisters by Choice* by Susan Mallery and *Dead to Her* by Sarah Pinborough.

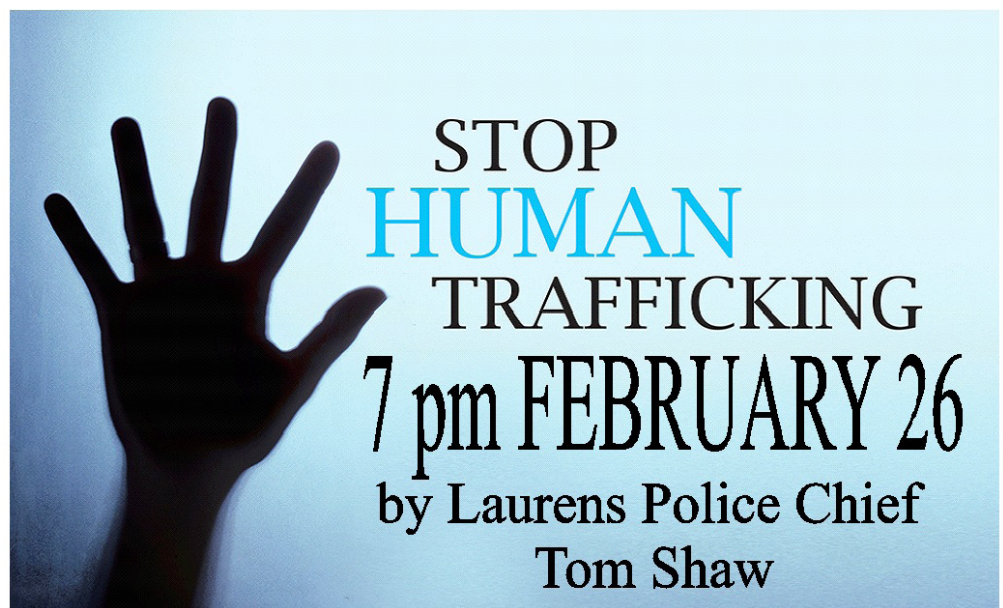
In nonfiction we received *The Impossible First: From Fire to Ice-Crossing Antarctica Alone* by Colin O'Brady. You all know I love winter weather, but even I find it strange that Amazon classifies this as a "Solo

Travel Guide"!

There is a lot of talk lately about Human Trafficking, so we asked Laurens Police Chief Tom Shaw to enlighten us about it. *Stop Human Trafficking* will be presented at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, February 26. Come, learn with us about this very real threat. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This crime occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Force, fraud, or coercion need not be present if the individual engaging in commercial sex is under 18 years of age. Human trafficking is a crime that hides in plain sight. Often, it simply takes an astute police officer, hotel worker, or bystander to notice and speak up - and save a victim.

COMING EVENTS

- Tot Time Every Monday at 10 a.m.
 - Book Club 7 p.m.
4th Monday of the month
- Card Making 6:30 p.m.
4th Tuesday monthly
- Take it Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
1st Tuesday of the month
- Hibernation Story Time 3:30 p.m.
on Monday, February 17
- Stop Human Trafficking by Tom Shaw 7 p.m. February 26



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Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza Held

The 2020 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza was held on Saturday, February 1st at the Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg. There were 22 youth and 7 accompanying adults represented from seven counties including Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Clay, Buena Vista, and Plymouth. All participants and adults attended four educational sessions throughout the day.

Dr. Dan Berkland from the Sibley Vet Clinic and Stacy Geerdes, an Iowa Lakes Community College professor who teaches Animal Nutrition and Beef Production, taught the session “It’s Not Just a Shot in the Dark”. Participants learned about reading vaccine/medical labels and withdrawal periods. They also learned about implants and how they impact beef production. Participants even administered implants into a real cow’s ear.

Beth Doran, a Beef Specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Sidney Riemschneider, County Youth Coordinator in Emmet County, taught the session “The Two T’s – How to Tag and Tattoo”. They explained why cattle identification is needed and demonstrated how to tag and tattoo cattle properly. Participants got to

use taggers and tags to properly place a tag in a cutout of a cow’s ear.

Youth also attended a session titled “Beef Skill-a-thon – Test Your Knowledge” taught by Amy Powell, a 4-H Livestock Specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, along with some help from ISU Animal Science students. Participants “tested their knowledge” on beef cuts of meat, breeds of beef, medication labels, feed samples, and beef equipment and their uses.

Lisa Berkland, 4-H Youth Field Specialist, along with Lisa Zeman and Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinators in Pocahontas and Palo Alto counties, led the session “Is It Really Meat?” Participants learned some facts about the differences between ground beef and beef substitutes. Youth actually cooked

85% ground beef and Beyond Beef burgers and compared texture and taste. Participants also compared grams of fats, calories, protein, carbohydrates, sodium, and price of 85% ground beef, Beyond Beef, and the Impossible Burger.

At noon youth enjoyed a delicious beef burger grilled by Palo Alto County Cattlemen members, Byron Hoffman, Nate Dreyer, and Eugene Ruppert, with chips, baked beans, cookie, and pop provided by Iowa Lakes Community College.



Dawson Svuba is working on matching the ingredients in a beef feed ration.

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., Feb. 12:

Book Club @ 9 a.m.

Crochet Club from 10 a.m.-NOON

5:00-7:00 PM ~ Youth Group Spaghetti

Dinner Fundraiser here at LUMC

Thurs., Feb. 13:

Brain Trauma Support Group @ 6 p.m. in the Wesley Room

Fri., Feb. 14:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 16:

Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Laurens Area Youth Group (High School) meets from 6-8 p.m. here at LUMC



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: February 12, 2020

5:00-7:00 PM ~ Youth Group Spaghetti

Dinner Fundraiser at UMC

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Sunday: February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

11:30 AM ~ Potluck

4:00 PM ~ Laurens Care Center

6:00 PM ~ Youth Group (HS) at UMC

Tuesday: February 18, 2020

7:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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



This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

712-845-6164

Wednesday: Feb. 12

5:00-7:00 PM ~ Youth Group Spaghetti

Dinner Fundraiser at UMC

Friday, Feb. 14

7:00 p.m. - A.A.

Sunday, Feb. 16

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - SR. High Youth Group at United Methodist Church



New Hope Baptist Church

202 Byron St, Laurens

New Hope Baptist Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 a.m. and our Worship Service at 11 a.m. Additionally all are welcome to attend our weekly Bible Study held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

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

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Daily Mass as scheduled in the weekly bulletin

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Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Seed Treatment Course Scheduled for February 19

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will host a Seed Treatment Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators, Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The program will be shown at locations across Iowa through the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the course runs from 9 to 11 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Dianne Dirks at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Pocahontas County by phoning 712-335-3103.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 4 and 10. Topics to be covered include safe handling and storage of pesticides, laws and regulations, personal protective equipment, and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered. Interested participants should bring their CCA number to the program.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP team can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

Report Compares Costs of Crop Production in Iowa

Managing the cost of crop production will continue to be critical for farmer profitability this year, and farmers have some recent data to consider, found in Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's "Estimated Costs of Crop Production in Iowa" report.

Included in the January edition of the Ag Decision Maker, the report "provides average cost estimates for Iowa farms in 2020, and provides guidelines to help farmers calculate their own costs of production," according to Alejandro Plastina, report author and assistant professor and extension economist at Iowa State University.

The report includes crop production prices for corn, corn silage, soybean, alfalfa and pasture maintenance, with data compiled from multiple state surveys.

On average, the total cost of corn and soybean production in Iowa is expected to decline by 4% from last year. However, producers will still need to be prudent to be profitable, as there is still substantial uncertainty regarding crop prices for the rest of 2020.

The estimated costs of production for continuous corn are \$3.81, \$3.78 and \$3.76 per bushel, for expected yields of 164 bushels per acre, 182 bpa and 200 bpa, respectively. The estimated costs of production per bushel for corn following soybeans are \$3.22, \$3.23 and \$3.23, assuming 179 bpa, 199 bpa and 219 bpa, respectively.

Cost of production estimates, per bushel, for herbicide-tolerant soybeans are \$8.89, \$8.72 and \$8.57 assuming 50, 56 and 62 bushels per acre, respectively. The total cost per bushel of soybeans is projected at \$8.72 for non-herbicide-tolerant beans at 56 bpa, according to the report.

The most recent United States Department of Agriculture projections for 2020-2021, published in October 2019, put the average U.S. farm prices for corn and soybeans at \$3.40 and \$8.85. In this scenario, soybean production would only be profitable for operations with medium and high yields, but the profitability margins could be very tight. A continuous corn system would not be able to cover all costs, even with high yields, and corn production following soybeans would generate \$30-\$40 per acre in profits. More optimistic price scenarios are found in futures prices, but uncertainty remains high.

"Producers need to have a strong grasp of their own production costs," Alejandro said. "Costs of production are not seeing the rapid fluctuations that were seen in recent years, but the trade war and other events create a lot of uncertainty when it comes to profitability on an individual operation."

For a more detailed crop production analysis, review the data found in the report and compare your own operation to these averages. Decision Tool spreadsheets for each budget are also available in this month's Ag Decision Maker updates.

Online Training Addresses Iowa Regulations, Licensing, Food Safety for Home Based Food Operators

Food Safety and Iowa Regulation and Preparation Training modules are now available online 24/7 from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The modules, which use the learning management system Moodle, address Iowa regulations and licensing, as well as food safety procedures from preparation to the point of sale. They are intended for exempt home food operations and home bakers who make and sell foods out of their homes or sell produce at farmers markets. The courses cover specifically Iowa policies and regulations, food safety basics, foodborne pathogens, perishable and non-perishable foods, and safe production and preparation practices.

"Iowa has unique laws that do allow for some foods to be sold out of the home or at a farmers market," said Shannon Coleman, assistant professor in food science and human nutrition and a human sciences extension specialist at Iowa State. "These modules have been tailored specifically to Iowa's laws and regulations and also include food safety information that can be used in production and at the point of sale."

Interested food operators may register online at <http://bit.ly/hbf15209>.

The training cost is \$35. Interested operators also may contact Coleman at scolem@iastate.edu or 515-294-9011 to register or for more information.

Yard and Garden: Start Seeds with the Right Supplies

With a little planning, your seedlings can get off to a good start

Many gardeners like to get a head start on the gardening season by starting flower and vegetable seedlings indoors. Successfully growing seedlings indoors requires high quality seeds, a germination medium, containers, lights and other supplies, note horticulture specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. To have additional questions answered, contact the Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

How do I get started? The first step is purchasing seeds, and flower and vegetable seeds can be purchased at local garden centers and other retailers. They are also available from numerous mail-order companies.

Mail-order/internet sources include (but are not limited to):

- Park Seed, One Parkton Ave., Greenwood, SC 29647 (www.parkseed.com)
- W. Atlee Burpee, 300 Park Ave., Warminster, PA 18974 (www.burpee.com)
- Stokes Seeds, P.O. Box 548, Buffalo, NY 14240 (www.stokeseeds.com)
- Harris Seeds, P.O. Box 24966, Rochester, NY 14624 (www.harriseseeds.com)
- Johnny's Selected Seeds, 955 Benton Ave., Winslow, ME 04901 (www.johnnyseeds.com)
- Seed Savers Exchange, 3094 N. Winn Rd, Decorah, IA 52101 (www.seedsavers.org)

What should I consider? When germinating seeds, the medium should be lightweight, porous and free of pathogens. Excellent seed-starting media are commercially prepared soilless mixes, like Jiffy Mix.

There are plenty of container options that can be used to start transplants. Gardeners can purchase flats, trays, pots, compressed peat or coir pellets and other products. Previously used flats, trays and pots should be cleaned and disinfected before use. Wash previously used containers in soapy water, then disinfect them in a solution of one-part chlorine bleach and nine-parts water. Cut-off milk cartons, plastic jugs, paper cups, plastic food boxes and other containers can also be used to start seeds. Holes should be punched in the bottom of milk cartons, jugs, paper cups and similar containers to allow for drainage.

Most flower and vegetable seeds germinate best when the temperature of the germination medium is 70-75 degrees Fahrenheit. Placing containers in a warm location in the house, such as near a heat register, usually works fine. In cool environments, electric heat mats can be used to ensure medium-warm temperatures.

While seedlings can be grown in a sunny window, they often become tall and spindly because of insufficient light. For best results, grow seedlings under fluorescent lights. Expensive "grow lights" are not necessary. A standard fluorescent fixture with two 32- or 40-watt tubes works fine. The fluorescent lights should be positioned no more than 4-6 inches above the seedlings. Keep the lights on for 12-16 hours each day.

For more information on starting seedlings at home, refer to the ISU Extension and Outreach publication "Starting Garden Transplants at Home."

Field Crop Scout School to be held in March

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will offer the annual Field Crop Scout School March 7, at the Scheman Building in Ames.

Intended to be a foundational course, the Field Crop Scout School provides essential information for effective and efficient crop scouting.

This year's program features sessions such as corn and soybean growth and development, pest identification and scouting methods for beginning crop scouts.

Instructors and their topics for the day include:

- Virgil Schmitt, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach – Crop scouting tips and tricks.
- Mark Licht, assistant professor in agronomy and extension specialist at Iowa State – Corn growth and development.
- Ed Zaworski, plant pathologist for Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic at Iowa State – Crop plant disease identification.
- Rebecca Baker, weed science graduate research assistant at Iowa State – Weed identification.
- Warren Pierson, program specialist with the Field Extension Education Laboratory with ISU Extension and Outreach – Soybean growth and development.
- Erin Hodgson, associate professor and extension specialist in

entomology at Iowa State – Insect pest identification.

“The Field Crop Scout School is a staple for those wanting to refresh their knowledge and skills, as well as for those new to crop scouting,” said Pierson. “The educational sessions, combined with the field guide publications, make this an exceptional value for those looking to increase their toolbox of resources to be better growers or crop scouts.”

Five publications are included with registration costs, and include:

- Soybean Diseases and Corn Diseases booklets: a combined 88-page compendium of soybean and corn diseases in Iowa and the greater north central region, in full color. Each guide is complete with disease life cycles and diagrams, as well as foliar disease estimation charts.
- Corn and Soybean Field Guide: includes updated text and 375 images, illustrations, diagrams and tables to assist farmers with identifying corn and soybean diseases, insects and disorders found throughout the Midwest. This 158-page guide focuses on development stages, pesticide decisions and production-related topics, and for the first time, has information on newer soybean viruses to help you when scouting fields this summer.
- Weed Identification Field Guide 2nd Edition: contains 35 illustrations and more than 250 high-quality photographs of weeds found in Iowa. Palmer amaranth information was added to this 108-page field guide, and information on herbicide resistance and management was

updated from the first edition.

- Field Crop Insects: contains descriptions and color images of more than 55 pest and beneficial insects, as well as information on insect life cycle, damage, scouting and management options. There is also information on basic entomology and integrated pest management tactics.

Advance registration is required. The cost of \$100 includes five ISU field publications, lunch, and refreshments. Registration for the course closes March 3, and the course is limited to 75 students.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., with the program running from 8:55 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit www.aep.iastate.edu/scout. Contact Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Services at 515-294-6429, or anr@iastate.edu.

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City Council Minutes

February 3rd, 2020

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3rd, 2020. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Council members Aaron Christenson, Rich Newgard, John Jamison, Julie Potter, City Manager Hilary Reed, City Clerk Joan Hoben, and City Attorney Ann Beneke. Council member Jean Swanson was absent.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the January 20th meeting and the list of claims, Potter seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

CLAIMS 02-03-2020

A&M SERVICES, INC.	MOPS, RUGS, RAGS	94.24
AHLERS AND COONEY, PC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	225.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY GAS FEE	681.64
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	690.94
BROWN SUPPLY CO	DISTRUBUTION SUPPLIES	638.87
IACMA	RETIREMENT 457	450.00
IMFO	MEMBERSHIP DUES	50.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,856.01
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	17.20
IPERS	IPERS	5,557.58
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	2,060.60
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	ANNUAL DUES	62.00
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	GARBAGE LABELS	140.00
LMPC	MONTHLY SIP CHARGES	30.00
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	7,160.55
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	147.88
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	GAUGE	118.91
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS	16.26
PETE RUNNEBERG	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	68.39
PLUMBING AND HEATING	SUPPLIES	21.10
POC HEALTHCARE		
FOUNDATION	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	245.16
PRIME BENEFITS SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE	3,692.50
RAMIERZ ROOFING, LLC	ROOF REPAIRS - LIBRARY	49,669.51
SANTANDER LEASING	PUMPER MONTHLY FEE	1,461.34
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL	30.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	101.37
TREASURER STATE OF IA	JAN SALES TAX	4,792.00
US BANK	SUPPLIES	1,385.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	116.60
	TOTAL	<u>84,581.55</u>

PAYROLL

1/27/2020

001	GENERAL	4,387.80
210	ROAD USE TAX	2,146.90
600	WATER	2,688.48
610	SEWER	2,125.30
670	GARBAGE	2,569.98

TOTAL 13,918.46

PAYROLL TOTAL 13,918.46

PAID TOTAL 98,500.01

001	GENERAL	64,731.20
110	ROAD USE TAX	6,456.75
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,659.15
600	WATER	12,893.29
610	SEWER	5,941.68
670	GARBAGE	5,817.94

TOTAL BY FUND 98,500.01

Mayor Johnson opened the public budget hearing for the FY21 Proposed Property Tax Max Levy. There were no written or oral objections.

After the public hearing was closed, Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 04-20 Proposed Property Tax Max Levy, seconded by Christenson. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson. Nays: none. Absent: Swanson.

After discussion, Potter moved to award the CD Investment Bid to West Iowa Bank in the amount of \$214,457.50 for 60 months. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 05-20 Utility Board Compensation. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson. Nays: None. Absent: Swanson. Motion carried.

Newgard moved to approve the release of City Specials at 332 S. 1st Street. Potter seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

A discussion was held on stop and yield signs within the city and a possible grant opportunity.

Potter moved to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk