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Local News

Swan Lake Cemetery Receives Bench

The Swan Lake cemetery (west of Laurens) received a bench this past week. The bench was donated by Daryl & Dorothy Long of Laurens. A cement pad was poured to accommodate the bench. This is the only bench in the cemetery.

Daryl Long has been the cemetery sexton since its renovation years ago. A lighted flag was installed three years ago. Ten maple trees were also planted 4 years ago.



Fonda Arts Center-Holiday Greens Sale

Colors fading, leaves falling. Sure signs that winter and the holiday season are close behind!

The Fonda Arts Center wants to add to the holiday color and festive air by hosting the sale of holiday greens again this year; however, on a pre-order basis only. These greens will come from the same source as in previous years, and will include the wreaths, swags, roping and planters, with all the beauty and freshness that you have come to enjoy and expect.

Please call Annie Reiff at (712) 288-6278 for pricing and to place an order, if possible before November 1. Pick up day will be held on Sunday, November 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in front of the Fonda Arts Center on the northwest corner of 4th and Main Streets in Fonda.

Festival of Trees Community Tree

This year we are asking for donations of gloves and underwear (size 4-10) to take to Laurens-Marathon school in January. This is what the school is requesting.

The tree will be at the Laurens United Methodist Church with donations starting December 5.

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
October 21, 2020

Do you use Bridges or Libby e-books & audiobooks from our Library? There's been a slight change that you will want to be aware of. You will now need a 5 digit number to log in, once you've selected "Laurens Public Library" from the drop down list. So just add a zero to the beginning of your number and you'll be set to go again. If you don't know your patron number, just ask us, we'll be glad to look it up for you!

While you are on the Bridges site, look at all those magazines that are available! I love this option. It's so much better than having print magazines clutter up my life!

We had an interesting experience the other day. All Library staff was trained to use a defibrillator. This AED device lives at the Laurens pool during swimming season, but our Ambulance Director thought it should be at the Library the rest of the year. So she trained us on its use, and we just hope we never have to use it!

Have you read Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things* yet? If not, you've still got time – our book group will discuss it Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m. Picoult is one of my favorite authors, and in my opinion, this is one of her best books. She really examines all sides of an issue, in this case, racism and white supremacists. It should make a spirited discussion!

Coming Events

October 26 Book Club *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult @ 7 p.m.

October 31 Halloween Magician Larry Dunbar @ 4 p.m.

November 3 "Take it Tuesday" at 6 p.m.

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In Honor of Jeff Hudson
*...our gentle giant,
 who was taken from us too soon...*



**A Celebration of Life Fundraiser
 and Free-Will Donation Luncheon**
Saturday, October 24
10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.
Ida Grove City Hall
Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips and Drink

Drive Thru and Carry Outs will be available in the alley at the rear entrance of City Hall. Seating will also be available indoors with social distancing protocols encouraged.



Donations can also be made to United Bank of Iowa Memorial Fund for the Jeff Hudson Family.



Baby Shower by Mail

**HONORING PARENTS-TO-BE
 BEN AND MIKAYLA FUCHS**

During these times, please share your love from afar with gifts by mail. Card and gifts can be sent to:
 The Fuchs Residence, 1404 Washington St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613
 or drop off at the home of Don & Nancy Fuchs by October 31.
 P.S. -Gender is a Surprise!
 They are registered at: www.babylist.com/little-baby-fuchs

**WANTED: DAYCARE DIRECTOR FOR KIDS
 KORNER DAYCARE IN LAURENS IOWA
 EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE AND
 TRAINING IS NEEDED.**

**PICK UP AN APPLICATION AT KIDS KORNER
 300 WEST GARFIELD (LM SCHOOL)
 OR EMAIL
MACKENZIEBELL@GMAIL.COM
 712-358-8000
 EOE**

Barn Wood, Barn Wood, Barn Wood!

- Landowner would like to offer his crib to be dismantled in return for barn wood
 - Interested parties can call to discuss exact location & landowners desired interests
 - If you enjoy a little labor and the joys of rustic barn wood for your home, this would be a great find
 - Call (712) 262.6425 for further details



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Thurs., Oct. 22:

Bible Study with Linda Lingo from 10 a.m.-
12 p.m. here at the church

Fri., Oct. 23:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., Oct. 25:

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at BLC

Charge Conference reports due to Autumm

Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

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



**WELCOME
BACK!**

Saturday
5:00 pm Resurrection
Sunday
8:30 am OLG
10:30 am Resurrection

*Doors open 30 minutes
prior to Mass
*Mask required
*Bring paper with names
in your household
*No prayer books
*Use south doors
*Ushers will seat you

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This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Sunday: October 25, 2020

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion, SS Ring &
Pin Recognition

5:00-7:00 PM ~ Laurens Area Youth Group at BLC

Tuesday: October 27, 2020

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Saturday: October 31, 2020

3:00-4:00 PM ~ Halloween at the Care Center

4:00-5:00 PM ~ Magician at the Library (outside)

5:00-6:00 PM ~ Trunk or Treat (South of Fire
Station)

5:00-7:00 PM ~ Trick or Treat around Laurens

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

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

712-845-6164

Sunday, October 25

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group at BLC

CropsTV Transitions Live Meetings to Online Delivery

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is announcing a new educational program aimed at delivering crop production information directly to farmers and agribusinesses.

CropsTV provides the convenience of viewing at home, office or anywhere there's an internet connection. Live webinars allow interaction with specialists, presenters and panelists. On-demand viewing of topics allows schedule flexibility. Participants can select from over 30 topics from Iowa State University faculty and staff as well as invited guest presenters. The 10-week program launches Dec. 1, 2020.

CropsTV replaces the Integrated Crop Management Conference, originally scheduled for Dec. 2-3, and the Crop Advantage Series, scheduled for January at 14 Iowa locations. These two programs are temporarily suspended due to safety concerns for attendees and staff as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, and are scheduled to return next year. CropsTV was developed to reach this audience conveniently, safely and effectively in the absence of these two popular programs.

"As pandemic uncertainty continues, there is still a need for science-based agronomic information," said Mark Licht, assistant professor in agronomy and cropping systems specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "The ICM Conference and Crop Advantage meetings were very effective at providing timely information to producers. CropsTV will provide the same top-quality programming Iowa farmers and agronomists have come to expect from ISU Extension and Outreach in a safe and accessible format."

The 10-week CropsTV season begins Dec. 1, 2020, and continues through Feb. 4, 2021. Live webinars are scheduled each week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Recordings of previous webinars, as well as additional topics, will be available for on-demand viewing throughout the program. Webinars will be a combination of live presentations and pre-recorded content, with a live question and answer session allowing discussion and interaction with presenters.

"The combination of live and on-demand content is ideal for our busy clientele," said Meaghan Anderson, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "We also have the opportunity to reach a wider audience and provide more guest presentations from invited speakers with this format."

Financial support for CropsTV is provided by the Iowa Corn Growers Association and the Iowa Soybean Association. "We encourage Iowa farmers to participate in CropsTV to benefit from the abundance of information it provides from ISU faculty and staff as well as invited guest presenters," said Carl Jardon, Iowa Corn Growers Association president and farmer from Randolph, Iowa. "Being the series is online, this allows for greater flexibility and farmers can adapt based on their schedules."

The current year required change – both on the part of farmers and agribusinesses, and those who deliver information.

"Farmers know how important it is to adapt and persevere," said Jeff Jorgenson, Iowa Soybean Association president and Sidney, Iowa, soybean farmer. "CropsTV is that mentality in action. I look forward to seeing soybean growers benefit from this quality programming now made even more accessible to every farmer in Iowa."

The program will be a familiar blend of research updates and guest speakers, similar to the ICM Conference, and management topics and local research results, similar to the Crop Advantage Series. Certified Crop Adviser credits will be available for all presentations, with at least 15 available prior to the end of the year. Announcement of the program and schedule will be in mid-October.

Registration for CropsTV is \$45 and includes all live webinar broadcasts, on-demand viewing of previous webinars and over 30 CCA credits. Online registration opens mid-November 2020.

Additional information is available at www.aep.iastate.edu/cropstv. For questions, contact ANR Program Services at 515-294-6429, or email cropstv@iastate.edu

Grief and Loss, What to Expect: Program Available Virtually to Community

Across Iowa people are doing their best to adapt to significant changes to their lives and to a new normal. Not only has the pandemic brought many changes, but for many it has caused a loss of employment, community or connection with loved ones. This sense of loss, combined with the stress brought on with the pandemic, has left people in many walks of life feeling sad, down, lonely and depressed.

In response to this sense of loss and isolation, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in collaboration with COVID Recovery Iowa, will begin offering “Grief and Loss: What to Expect.” This online program is designed to provide education about feelings of grief and loss and how to manage and process them.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has created a great deal of uncertainty about the future and a sense of loss over the past,” said Diane Eischeid, a crisis/outreach counselor with COVID Recovery Iowa and ISU Extension and Outreach.

“It is important as we navigate this time that we recognize the signs and symptoms of grief, what to expect and how to manage these feelings,” Eischeid said.

ISU Extension and Outreach will offer “Grief and Loss: What to Expect” during lunch hours. Each program will last for approximately one hour. Those dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday, Oct. 22 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 29 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 5 at 12 p.m.

Eischeid is leading the program along with crisis/outreach counselor Andrea Gustafson. This program is being offered at no cost to all those in the community interested in learning about this topic. To register, go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences//events?filter=> and select the program, date and time you are interested in. Participants will receive a unique URL prior to the program to access the Zoom-hosted program.

For more information, contact Andrea Gustafson at andreag3@iastate.edu or Diane Eischeid at dianee@iastate.edu.

Other resources. **Iowa Concern**, offered by ISU Extension and Outreach, provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. To reach Iowa Concern, call 800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or, visit the website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/>, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Or, email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues.

COVID Recovery Iowa offers a variety of services to anyone affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. Virtual counselors provide counseling, activities and referral information, and help find resources for any Iowan seeking personal support. Iowans of all ages may join groups online for activities and learn creative strategies for coping with the effects of the pandemic. COVID Recovery Iowa will announce upcoming programs on the website and via all social media to help Iowans build coping skills, resilience and emotional support. To request support, go to www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org.

Mosquito/Public Health Pest Management Course Offered Oct. 28

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office will offer the Mosquito/Public Health Pest Management Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

Due to social distancing requirements preregistration is required. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. The course runs from 9-11:30a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Dianne Dirks at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103 or email dianned@iastate.edu.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 7D (Community Insect Management), 8 (Public Health Pest Control), and 10 (Research and Demonstration). The course will cover topics such as: safe handling and storage of pesticides, laws and regulations, personal protective equipment, and pests, pests management and pesticides.

Additional information about this and other courses offered through the Pesticide Safety Education Program may be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/psep.

Yard and Garden: Late Season Harvest of Vegetables

Summer vegetables can still be harvested late in the season, but it is important to know when to harvest. The following are some tips that can help.

How do I harvest and store sweet potatoes? Harvest sweet potatoes immediately before or after a vine-killing frost. When harvesting sweet potatoes, dig carefully to avoid cutting or bruising the roots. After harvest, cure sweet potatoes for one week at a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and relative humidity of 90 to 95 percent. Curing promotes healing of minor cuts and bruises, prolonging the storage life of sweet potatoes. Curing also improves the flavor of sweet potatoes as starches are converted to sugars during the curing process. After curing, store sweet potatoes at a temperature of 55 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit and relative humidity of 85 to 90 percent. Storage temperatures above 60 degrees Fahrenheit may stimulate sprouting. Sweet potatoes may develop an off-flavor and the flesh may become discolored when stored at temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. If properly cured and stored, sweet potatoes can be stored for 4 to 6 months.

When should I harvest Brussels sprouts? Wait until the plants have been exposed to one or more light frosts or freezes. Temperatures in the upper twenties and low thirties improve the favor of Brussels sprouts. The sprouts have a milder, sweeter favor. Harvest individual sprouts from the base of the plant as they become solid. Sprouts should be 1 to 1½ inches in diameter and tender and green. Remove the sprouts higher up on the plant as they become firm. Do not strip the lower leaves from the plant as they are necessary for further growth.

Sprouts can be placed in a plastic bag and stored in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 weeks.

How do I ripen green tomatoes indoors? Just before the first frost, remove all mature, light green fruit from the vines. (Small, dark green tomatoes will not ripen off the vine.) The tomatoes should be solid, firm, and free of defects. Remove the stems, then wash and dry the fruit.

Tomatoes that are starting to turn color (have a pink blush) can be placed on the kitchen counter or a shelf to ripen. Individually wrap tomatoes that are completely green in a piece of newspaper. Place the wrapped tomatoes in a single layer in a box and store in a cool (60 to 70 degree Fahrenheit) location. Inspect the tomatoes frequently and discard any which show signs of decay. When the tomatoes begin to color, remove the newspaper and place the tomatoes on a counter top or shelf to fully ripen.

Virtual Field Day a Success

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulture specialists held a Virtual Field Day at the ISU Horticulture Research Station recently to highlight the use and effects of summer cover crops in organic vegetable production.

The projects at the Horticulture Research Station are focused on vegetable and fruit production. Graduate student Moriah Bilenky highlights the summer cover crop she has been working on for this Virtual Field Day.

“We started this [cover crop project] in 2019 and we are evaluating different summer cover crops for their benefits to fall vegetable production,” Bilenky said.

Eight different cover crops were evaluated for benefits like weed suppression, biomass production or nitrogen fixation and mineralization. Bilenky tours each cover crop in the Virtual Field Day video.

“This research project focuses on investigating how summer cover crops could fit under Iowa growing conditions and provide ecosystem services within organic production vegetable systems,” said Ajay Nair, associate horticulture professor and vegetable production extension specialist.

Cover crops can have many benefits to fall vegetable production and should be considered for commercial producers. The field day provides a firsthand assessment of the growth, establishment, and performance of summer cover crops under Iowa weather.

Monthly Dairy Webinar: What Does This Season’s Corn Silage Look Like?

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team monthly webinar series continues on Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The program “What does this season’s corn silage look like?” features a presentation from Neal Winger, Feed and Forage Consultant, Dairyland Labs Arcadia, Wisconsin.

Winger will discuss what the lab analysis from this year's corn silage samples are telling him about the quality of the crop and what producers can anticipate about how it will convert into milk in the tank.

Producers, dairy consultants and industry representatives can attend the webinar at <https://iastate.zoom.us/my/dairyteamfredprogram>.

No registration is required and there is no fee to participate.

For more information, contact Fred M. Hall, Dairy Program Specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, at 712-737-4230.

