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Our Town, Our Paper!



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Local News

Underground Railroad in Iowa Presentation at the Library

Story Teller Darrin Crow visited the Laurens Public Library recently for a program about the underground Railroad in Iowa. He started his program by telling us that owning slaves was legal in Missouri in the mid-1800s, but illegal in some neighboring states, including Iowa. Escaping slaves would often come to Iowa or Illinois. Iowa was easier because the Des Moines river is so much smaller than the Mississippi! (His arm movement was when he was crossing the river. He is a very animated presenter!)

The town of Salem, Iowa was a Quaker settlement and was perfectly situated to help escaping slaves. Quakers are nonviolent people, who believe all people are equal. They often would mislead the slave hunters by dressing the slaves in women's clothes, thus covering them head to toe...and have them walk in plain view! He also detailed a number of houses that were built in the community with secret passages or rooms for safety.


In the end, Darrin Crow encouraged us to be proud to be Iowans. We should emulate those who were active

in the Underground Railroad. They saw inequity, and rather than saying something should be done, they took it into their own hands and made a difference.



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FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TOUR

Imagine you were born in 1837 and you forged your way to the new country - America. That's what our ancestors did and this history will be brought to life by some Albert Citians on August 29, 2021 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm at the Fairfield Cemetery just one mile west of Albert City.

You will learn the first burial recorded in the cemetery was a 20-years old who drowned in June of 1881. Did you know there is a Bank Robber buried in this cemetery? Albert City was famous for foiling the escape of three bank robbers who robbed a bank up north, rode on horseback to Albert City depot where they were met by a posse of men, the Sheriff and deputies. You will also learn who the town of Albert City is named after, a Union Navy Seaman who is the only Civil War participant buried in the cemetery, and a couple that sailed to the U.S. in 1868 who were the first members of a Ljunghed Lutheran Church organized in 1873.

Explore the cemetery with your neighbors and friends to find out about all kinds of early settlers by riding the trolley on August 29, 2021 at a small cost of \$5.00. You will receive a booklet highlighting the characters, historical facts and photos. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Straw Horse, Community State Bank and Ag Partners beginning July 1st.

For more information call 712-358-0511. This event is sponsored by the Sesquicentennial Committee of Our Saviors Lutheran Church.



**Searching for a piano
instructor for 3 or more
children in or around
Laurens.
Please call Kelley at
712-450-0666**



United Methodist Men's Hamburger Meal

Saturday, July 10, 2021

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

at the City Park (shelter house)

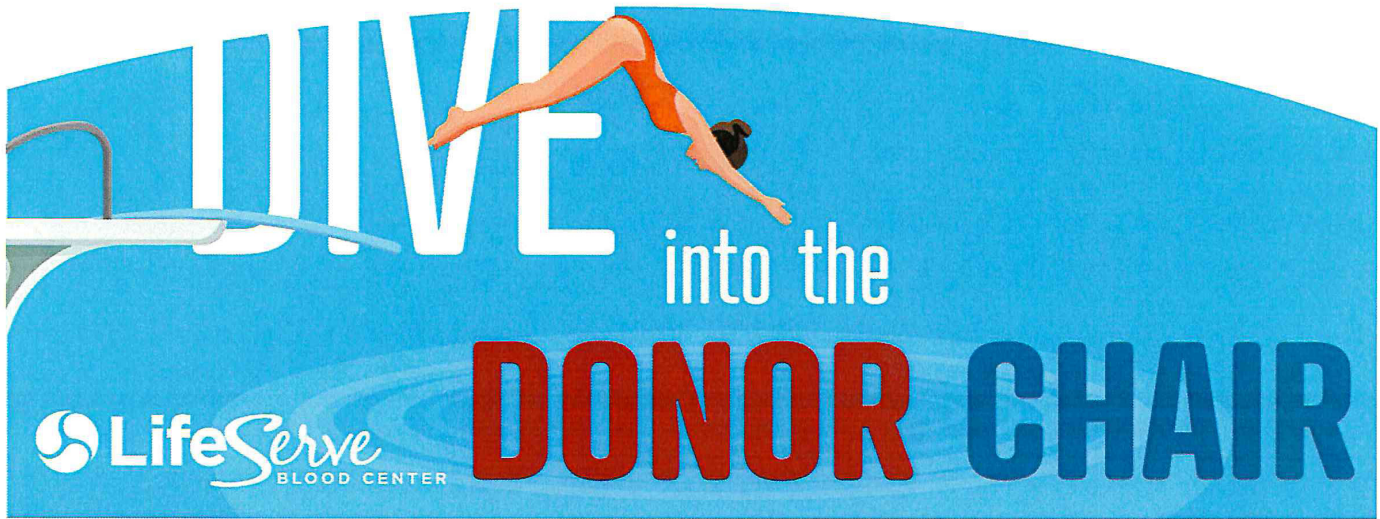
Free will donation.

All meals served with chips & a drink.

Mark your calendars & plan to attend!

The UMM support many local & global projects.





Every lifesaving blood donor receives a **health screening** at their donation, finds out their **blood type**, and is being **tested for COVID-19 antibodies** to help our state health department understand the virus and identify more convalescent plasma donors.

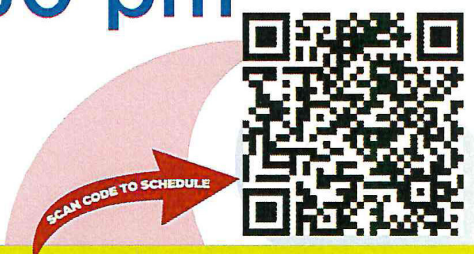
Laurens Community

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 24th, 2021

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

United Methodist Church



APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED:

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777 • **Call:** 800-287-4903 • **Visit:** lifeservebloodcenter.org

Sponsored by: Laurens Community

YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.

*For your safety, and the safety of our team members, appointments and masks are required for donations. Should you need a mask one will be provided.



**Laurens Area Community
Youth Group**

will be selling ice cream sundaes at the
Laurens Summer Celebration Days on
Friday, July 9 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the
Laurens Fire Station.

Free will offering.

Please come out & support our youth!

SAVE
THE
DATE!



Please join us in welcoming our new minister,
Pastor Deb Parkison, to the Laurens United Methodist Church
and our community on **SUNDAY, JUNE 27**
following our 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Please remember to bring a dish to share!

United Methodist Church
201 W. Main St., Laurens

Albert City's Covenant Church Women's Ministries

Presents

Glenn Henricksen

An evening of musical
entertainment
on the piano and organ.

Sunday

June 27, 2021

7:00 pm

Albert City Covenant Church
506 S. Third St.

Refreshments to follow
Free Will offering to support youth
attending church camp



Glenn has performed
at Okoboji and
Clay County Fair



2021 Pocahontas County Fair Entry Deadline

All 4-H and FFA livestock that will exhibit at the 2021 Pocahontas County Fair must make entry no later than June 25. FFA members please stop at the Extension office and fill out a paper entry. 4-H members will need to make entry online at www.fairentry.com. Due to the generous donation of PRO Cooperative, 4-H members will not need to pay entry fees, but you must make entry to exhibit. Static exhibits need to be entered no later than July 5.

If you need help with the entry process or have any questions, please call 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu.



Laurens United Methodist Women
will be selling pie by the
slice with ice cream
Saturday, July 10, 2021

during the Laurens Summer Celebration Days

11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

at the **Laurens United Methodist Church.**

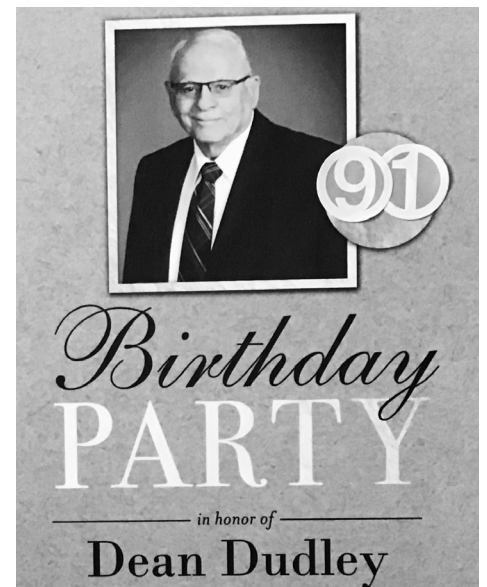
Please note the change in location from previous years.

COST ~ \$5.00 a slice



91st Birthday Open House for Dean Dudley

Last year delayed Dean Dudley's 90th birthday Open House. This year we will be celebrating Dean's 91st birthday with an Open House on Sunday, June 27 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at St Paul United Methodist Church in South Sioux City, Nebraska.



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At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
June 23, 2021

Book Club Choice for June is the nonfiction *Rise of the Rocket Girls: The women who propelled us, from missiles to the moon to Mars* by Nathalia Holt. In the 1940s and 50s, when the newly minted Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed quick-thinking mathematicians to calculate velocities and plot trajectories, they recruited an elite group of young women who, with only pencil, paper, and mathematical prowess, transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible. *Rise of the Rocket Girls* tells the stories of these women -- known as "human computers" -- who broke the boundaries of both gender and science. Grab a copy and join our discussion Monday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

This year's kids' Summer Reading theme is "Reading Colors Your World." What fun it is to see these smiling kids again as we explore reading through color. Join us now through the end of July Wednesdays at 1 for Colorful Fun!

Novels we received this week include: *Should We Stay or Should We Go* by Lionel Shriver, *The Hostage* by Claire MacKintosh, *Haven Point* by Virginia Hume, *Morningside Heights* by Joshua Henkin, *These Tangled Vines* by Julian MacLean, *Godpretty in the Tobacco Field* by Kim Michele Richardson, *Survive the Night* by Riley Sager, *Dream Girl* by Laura Lippman and *Night Neon: Tales of Mystery and Suspense* by Joyce Carol Oates.

Nonfiction arrivals include: *Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood* by Cheryl Diamond and *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century* by Jessica Bruder.

The Laurens Class of 1964 has purchased children's and adult selections from the National United Methodist Women's suggested reading list in memory of their classmate Sonj Perkins. They are now starting to arrive. Titles so far include: *Binkle's Time to Fly*, *Cinderella Liberator*, *Babbit and Joan* and *Let's Work*. More books will be arriving soon.

Coming Events

"Reading Colors Your World." Every Wednesday @ 1 p.m.

June 28 @ 7 p.m. Book Club *Rise of the Rocket Girls: The women who propelled us, from missiles to the moon to Mars* by Nathalia Holt

July 6 @ 6 p.m. Take it Tuesday Button Art Pictures

July 11 @ 11 a.m. Author Chris Hodges

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***This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church***

Pastor Ed Frank

Thurs., June 24:

Bible Study @ 1 p.m. here at the church

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

Sun., June 27:

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Jean Murray filling the pulpit

Welcome Luncheon in honor of Pastor

Deb Parkison following worship service



***This Week at
Bethany Lutheran***

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Sunday: June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM ~ Worship

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

4:00 PM ~ 4-H Club Mtg.

Tuesday: June 29, 2021

8:30 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

Sunday, June 27

9:30 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Coffee fellowship



***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

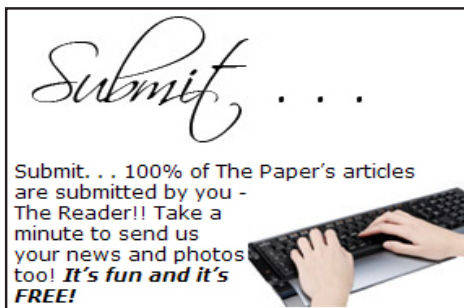
Pocahontas, IA -- Pastor: Very Rev. Craig Collison, VF

MASS TIMES:

Daily Mass as scheduled in the weekly bulletin

Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at Resurrection



“Produce Basics” to be Offered

“Produce Basics” will be offered on July 15th from 6:30 pm – 8 pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge.

The workshop, taught by ISU Extension and Outreach Nutrition and Wellness Specialist, Holly VanHeel, and Shannon Coleman, ISU Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist, Food Safety and Consumer Production in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. This workshop is intended for those wanting to learn more about producing fresh produce for Farmers markets, local food banks and producing produce safely. The workshop will review storage, cleaning, and safely producing various fresh fruits and vegetables. Numerous resources will be available for participants to take home.

The cost to attend this workshop is funded by the Growing Together grant. For more information and to register, please contact Webster County Extension office at 515.576.2119.

New Date: Agronomy Workshop and Certified Crop Advisor Training to be Offered July 13

Carbon markets and weed management strategies in soybeans will be the featured topics at an upcoming Agronomy Workshop and Crop Advisor Training to be offered from 8:30 a.m. to noon on July 13.

The training is targeted toward farmers, certified crop advisors, agribusiness professionals and independent crop consultants. It will feature the following four sessions that participants will rotate through: carbon markets, the science of carbon markets, integrated weed management strategies in soybeans and soybean herbicide programs.

“We are excited to be offering this workshop face-to-face this year,” said Rebecca Vittetoe, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “We’ve got some in-field demonstrations that participants will be able to check out and also have a chance to visit with different experts including Chad Hart, professor in economics and extension grain markets specialist at Iowa State, and Marshall McDaniel, assistant professor in agronomy at Iowa State.”

There will be one hour of soil and water management continuing education units, one hour of crop management CEUs and two hours of pest management CEUs for certified crop advisor.

There is a \$50 registration fee, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by July 9 and can be completed at <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/serf-cca> or by calling the ISU Extension and Outreach Washington County office at 319-653-4811. No walk-ins will be accepted. Class size is limited to 60 participants.

The Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm is located at 3115 Louisa-Washington Road, Crawfordsville, Iowa. To reach the farm, follow U.S. Highway 218 one and three-quarters of a mile south of Crawfordsville, then two miles east on County Road G-62, then three-quarters of a mile north. Signs will be posted near the farm.

For more information, contact Rebecca Vittetoe at 319-653-4811, or rka8@iastate.edu; or Virgil Schmitt at 563-263-5701 or vschmitt@iastate.edu.

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Northwest Iowa Research Farm Field Day is July 7

The annual Northwest Research and Demonstration Farm field day will be held Wednesday, July 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the farm, located at 6320 500th St., Sutherland.

The field day will focus on pest and weed management and nitrate reduction practices.

“We look forward to holding our field day live and in-person again this year,” said Joel DeJong, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The program will begin with a conversation with Daniel J. Robison, endowed dean’s chair of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State.

Robison will give an update on the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, followed by topics that include:

- Corn rootworm and soybean gall midge management, led by Erin Hodgson, professor in entomology and extension specialist in entomology at Iowa State.
- Integrated weed management updates for 2021, led by Prashant Jha, ISU Extension and Outreach weed specialist.
- Edge-of-field practices for nitrate reduction, led by Matt Helmers, professor in agricultural and biosystems engineering and extension agricultural engineering specialist at Iowa State.

Attendance at the field day is free and open to the public. Registration is not needed.

A complimentary noon lunch will also be available thanks to sponsorship from Security State Bank, 5th Gen Ag, O’Brien County Ag Supply, C-S Agrow and Ken’s Feed.

For more information, contact Joel DeJong at: (712) 546-7835 or jldejong@iastate.edu.

Yard and Garden: Watering Home Lawns

The recent warm weather has many people wondering if they need to water their lawns to combat the dry conditions. This week's "Yard and Garden" from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach tackles questions about watering home lawns with expert advice from Adam Thoms, assistant professor in horticulture and turfgrass extension specialist with Iowa State University.

Is it necessary to water an established lawn? Cool-season grasses, such as Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue, can survive extended periods of dry weather. In dry weather the shoots of the turfgrass plants stop growing and the plants go dormant. Dormancy is a natural survival mechanism for turfgrasses. While the leaves have died and turned brown, the turfgrass roots and crowns remain alive. Generally, turfgrass can remain dormant for four to six weeks without significant damage to the plants.

If I do decide to water my lawn, how and when should it be watered? The appearance of the turfgrass is the best way to determine when to water the lawn. The ideal time to water a lawn is at the first signs of water stress. Turfgrasses that have adequate supplies of water are normally dark green in color. For cool-season grasses, such as bluegrass, the first signs of stress are a bluish green color and footprints that remain in the turf after walking across an area.

Most lawns in Iowa need 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water per week. When watering

the lawn, apply this amount in a single application or possibly two applications three or four days apart. Avoid frequent, light applications of water, which promote shallow rooting and lush growth. Lush, shallow-rooted turfgrass is less drought tolerant. To determine the amount of water applied by the sprinkler, place several straight-sided cans within the spray pattern. Then measure the amount of water collected in the cans with a ruler.

Early morning (5 to 9 a.m.) is the best time to water the lawn. A morning application allows the water to soak deeply into the soil with little water lost to evaporation. When watering is completed, the turfgrass foliage dries quickly. Watering at midday is less efficient because evaporation is rapid and strong winds may cause uneven water distribution. Strong midday winds may also carry water onto driveways, patios or streets, wasting considerable amounts of water. Watering lawns in the evening or at night may increase disease problems.

What should I do if I allow the lawn to go dormant, but the dry weather persists through the summer?

Dormant lawns are in jeopardy of dying if dry conditions persist over an extended period. It's best to water the lawn if the turfgrass has been dormant for four to six weeks. Apply 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water in a single application. This will not cause the grass to green up, but it will keep the turfgrass crowns and roots alive. If the dry weather persists, water the dormant lawn approximately every two weeks. Avoid watering the yard to bring it out of dormancy and then allowing it to go back into dormancy. This is very stressful on the turfgrass. If you water the yard to stop

dormancy, then keep watering the yard until the precipitation levels improve.

How should I water a newly seeded lawn? After seeding, keep the upper 1 inch of soil moist by watering once or twice a day. With adequate moisture and soil temperatures of 55 degrees Fahrenheit or above, most turfgrasses should germinate in two to three weeks. Grass seedlings are very susceptible to desiccation injury. Continue to water the seedlings once or twice a day. When the turfgrass reaches a height of 1 to 2 inches, gradually reduce the frequency of watering, but water more deeply. A thorough watering once a week should be adequate after the new turf has been mowed two or three times.

How should I water newly laid sod? A newly sodded lawn should be watered once or twice a day for the first seven to 10 days. Apply enough water to moisten the sod and the upper 1 inch of soil. Sod will root to the soil in about 10 days. At this point, gradually reduce the frequency of watering, but water more deeply. After the sod has been mowed three or four times, a deep watering once a week should be adequate. You may have to water more often if temperatures are elevated during establishment. Avoid the sod going dormant during the rooting process.

Are there other turfgrasses that need less water? Most cool-season turfgrasses need 1 inch of water per week, but tall fescue and fine fescue will keep a green color longer during periods of drought. These grasses will typically stay green two to three weeks longer than Kentucky bluegrass during drought conditions. These grass species also need less fertilizer than Kentucky bluegrass, but can be susceptible to some winter injury (especially north of U.S. Route 30).