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Local News

Pomeroy's are Storm Lake Honda 2021 Summer Ride Challenge Winners

Dan and Alice began the challenge on June 18, 2021 in Albert City and finished on September 11, 2021 in Stone City in Jones County, driving nearly 4,400 miles. The Pomeroy's stopped for a photo at all 99 Freedom Rocks, one in each of Iowa's 99 counties. Alice joined Dan for about 3/4 of the stops.

Storm Lake Honda handed out passports with information about all the towns with Freedom Rocks. The challenge ended on September 18, the day of Storm Lake Honda's year- end banquet. About 50 people participated, but no one made all the stops like Dan and Alice.

Freedom Rocks artist Bubba Sorensen started painting rocks in honor of military veterans in 1999. The Pomeroy's also got a peak at the final rock in Central City, near Cedar Rapids in Linn County. Bubba finished painting this rock about a week after their visit.

Dan was grateful that Storm Lake Honda put on this challenge stating, "There are a lot of towns out there I'd never gone through."

He added, "We have always had an appreciation for those who serve on the front lines but we gained a bigger appreciation for them while seeing the stories on these rocks."

The Pomeroy's won a set of free tires for their 2008 1800 Honda Gold Wing for winning the contest.



"Women Behind the Veil"

On October 8, 2021, Jaye (Walstead) Grattan presented a program to the Laurens Women's Club at West Iowa Bank entitled "Women Behind the Veil". Jaye has visited seven Middle Eastern countries: Egypt, Kazakstan, Pakistan, Yemen, Tajikstan, Turkey (twice), and Jordan.

She made desserts of Baklava and Basbousa for the group, as well as a treat of rice wrapped in grape leaves.

Jaye works for Navigator in Iowa City. She is the daughter of Anne Walstead of Laurens.



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House & Shed To Be Sold At Auction October 23, 2021 @ 10 AM



206 S Sherman Marathon



East 75' Lots 4,5,6 Marathon Corp.

The Home is a Smaller 2 Bedroom Home, 1 Bath and a Nice 2 car detached garage. The home has approximately 1260 Sq. Ft and taxes are approximately \$388.00 per year. The home will be sold as is.

The shed 30' x 41' all Cement Shed with and Over Head door on the south, The main part is heated and there is some cold storage on the north end. Taxes are approximately \$64.00 per year. The Shed will be sold as is

The Home will be sold first at 10 am at the home at 206 south Sherman St Marathon Iowa and then the shed will be sold at approximately 10:30 on site 1 block east of Ike's bar in Marathon Iowa

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Higher Loan Limit Now Available for USDA Guaranteed Farm Loans *USDA Extends Disaster Set-Aside for Direct Loans Until 2022*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing a higher loan limit will be available for borrowers seeking a guaranteed farm loan starting Oct. 1, 2021, from \$1.776 million to \$1.825 million.

“Farm loans are critical for our customers’ annual operating and family living expenses, emergency needs, and cash flow,” FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux said. “Raising the guaranteed loan limit will allow FSA to better meet the financial needs of producers as natural disasters and the pandemic continue to impact their operations.”

FSA farm loans offer access to funding for a wide range of producer needs, from securing land to financing the purchase of equipment. Guaranteed loans are financed and serviced by commercial lenders. FSA provides up to a 95% guarantee against possible financial loss of principal and interest. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

In fiscal year 2021, FSA saw continued strong demand for guaranteed loans. FSA obligated more than \$3.4 billion in guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans. This includes nearly

\$1.2 billion for beginning farmers. The number of guaranteed borrowers has grown by 10% to more than 38,750 farmers and ranchers over the last decade. FSA expects the increasing demand for farm loans to continue into fiscal year 2022.

Disaster Set-Aside Extension. USDA has additional support available to producers given the recent outbreaks of the COVID-19 Delta variant and has extended the availability of COVID-19 Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) for installments due through Jan. 31, 2022. In addition, FSA will permit a second DSA for COVID-19 and a second DSA for natural disasters for those who had an initial COVID-19 DSA. Requests for a COVID-19 DSA or a second DSA must be received no later than May 1, 2022.

Last year, FSA broadened the use of the DSA. Normally used in the wake of natural disasters, the DSA can now allow farmers with USDA farm loans who are affected by COVID-19 and determined to be eligible, to have their next payment set aside. The set-aside payment’s due date is moved to the final maturity date of the loan or extended up to twelve months in the case of an annual operating loan. Any principal set-aside will continue to accrue interest until it is repaid. This will improve the borrower’s cashflow in the current production cycle.

More Information. Producers can explore available options on all FSA loan options at fsa.usda.gov or by contacting their local USDA Service Center. Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Contact your Service Center to set up an in-person or phone appointment. Additionally, more information related to USDA’s response and relief for producers can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
October 13, 2021

Plans are set for the Library Foundation Fundraiser Supper next week! It's Thursday, October 21 from 5-7 pm at the First Christian Church. Menu is: pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, cheesy potatoes & pineapple upside down cake. Dine at the church with us, or get your meal To Go, whatever works best for you. Please put this on your calendar & plan to leave the cooking to us that night!

Money raised will be spent on our ongoing library projects such as: Special Interest Programs for Children and Adults, Memorial Books, Convert VHS to DVD, Books for New Baby Packets, CD Audio Books, Preschool Outreach Baskets, Kids Summer Reading Supplies, and Digitize Laurens Sun.

The Board of the Library Foundation chose a few new projects for this year: Rework our Landscaping to better coordinate with the Music Garden, Slide Scanner so we can convert some fun Laurens slides we found, and reconfigure the office work area.

The Library tradition of a Magician Larry Dunbar show after Trick or Treating will continue this year! This show is fun for all ages, and best enjoyed in your Halloween costume! Join the fun Saturday, October 30 at 7 p.m.!

New novels this week include: *Christmas Engagement* by Linda Byer, *Little Christmas Spirit* by Sheila Roberts, *Three Sisters* by Heather Morris, *White Smoke* by Tiffani Jackson, *State of Terror* by Hillarie Rodham Clinton and Louise Perry, *Judges List* by John Grisham, *Dear Santa* by Debbie Macomber, *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles, *Secret Keepers of Old Depot Grocery* by Amanda Cox and *Chasing the Boogeyman* by Richard Chizmar.

In memory of Judy Carlson, the kids' books *Inside Cat* and *Dog Squad* were added to our collection. The Laurens Class of 1964 donated a Robin Lee Hatcher trilogy in memory of Violet Mumford Lovig.

Our October Book Club choice is the nonfiction, *Brain on Fire; My month of madness* by Susannah Cahalan. This book is the account of the author's struggle with a rare brain-attacking autoimmune disease and traces how she woke up in a hospital room with no memory of baffling psychotic symptoms, describing the last-minute intervention by a doctor who identified the source of her illness. We have a local lady with a family member who experienced this same illness, who is planning to join our discussion. It will be interesting to hear what she can add!

Dates to Remember

October 12 @ 5:30-8 p.m. - Open Cardmaking with Deb & Laura

October 21 - Library Foundation Supper 5-7 p.m.

October 25 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan

October 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - Cardmaking Class with Brenda & Milissa

Saturday, October 30 @ 7 p.m. - Magician Larry Dunbar

November 2 @ 6 p.m. - Take it Tuesday Christmas Ornaments

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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Deb Parkison

Wed., Oct. 13:

Caring Cards 5-8 p.m.

Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 14:

Pastor Deb out of the office

Bible Study w/ Linda Lingo @ 1 p.m.
at the church

Fri., Oct. 15:

AA meeting 7 p.m.-8 p.m. in the
Wesley Room

Sun., Oct. 17:

Sunday School (Cherubs-Adult)

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Ron Day filling the pulpit

Wed., Oct. 20:

Administrative Council mtg @ 7 p.m.



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: October 13, 2021

7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

Thursday: October 14, 2021

6:30 PM - Discipleship Class

Sunday: October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM - Adult SS

9:30 AM - Youth SS & Coffee

Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship w/Communion
& SS sing

3:00 PM - 4-H Club Mtg.

6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study

Tuesday: October 19, 2021

8:30 AM - Prayer Group

9:30 AM - Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Thursday: October 21, 2021

2:00 PM - Circle Group

6:30 PM - Discipleship Class

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



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

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, October 13

2:00 p.m. - Lydia Group

Sunday, October 17

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship



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.

Terry Wesley Robinson Passes

Terry Wesley Robinson, such a wonderful, caring, generous person, left us on September 9th after fighting head and neck cancer for over 2 1/2 years. He will be truly missed by all of those who have ever known him. He will never be forgotten and will always be in our hearts.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Gorman Robinson, his mother Betty Robinson of Spencer, his sisters Bonnie of Perry (husband Andrew Hoyt, son Tony Putnam and daughter Tracey Bailey), Becky of Lake Park (husband Tim Newbrough, sons Chris and Kenneth Laidig), and Sarah (husband Shannon Threlkeld) of Bloomington, Indiana, and his brothers Bob and Larry of Marathon, Todd (daughters Isabelle and Mallory) of Coppell, Texas, and Chad of Sioux Rapids. His beloved sister Barbara Zevenbergen of Storm Lake left us in 2016, survived by her husband Jerry, sons Mark (daughter Jada and son Micah) of Shakopee, Minnesota and Jason of Alta, and daughters Jill (husband John McGrane and sons Henry Joseph and Owen Avery) of Richmond, Virginia, and Rachel Hausenclever (husband, Nick, sons Ryker and Zander and daughter Aria) of Fort Madison. The Robinson family also includes many grand nieces and nephews, as well as great grand nieces and nephews.

Terry is also survived by his wife's family, who he treasured and considered immediate family. This includes Beverly's sister, Shirley Gorman of Spencerport, New York, and their late brother, Dale Gorman's family: widow Pam Brewer and step-son Greg Fillingane (wife Pam, son Dylan, and daughters Alyssa and Natalie) of Jackson, Mississippi, and daughter Amanda Gorman Arnold, (husband Ryan and sons Patrick, Garrett, and Jaxon) of Monclova.

While so sadly cut short, Terry lived such a successful and happy life. His main focus in life was family and friends, for which he did many things over the years, including buying a house for his mother to live in shortly after starting his career out of college, taking her, as well as others, on amazing trips, providing love and support over the years, and being there when needed. In the cemetery where Terry is going to be buried in Marathon, Iowa, he designed and created a beautiful family plot, including gravestones for all of his brothers and sisters, a family memorial, and two benches, as well as plots available for many other members of the family.

Terry's favorite time of year was Christmas, during which he always showed his caring and generosity. One of his favorite memories was when he and Beverly surprised the family with a major blowout Christmas party at the Everly Community Center in 2007, during part of which Terry was dressed as Santa Claus.

Terry also planned and personally catered many other events, such as parties on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in Marathon and a 2-day event for his mother's 90th birthday. Terry also hosted many parties, get-togethers, and visitations of friends, co-workers, and family in Illinois, Arizona, and New York. Most were amazed at what an excellent cook, baker, and grill master he was.

Terry was a major sun worshiper and loved going to beaches, including Aruba, Cancun, Hawaii, Florida, and others. In 2011, Terry and Beverly bought a house in Scottsdale, Arizona, where they lived most of the year. They were also building a house in Kendall, New York, where Terry planned to enjoy his favorite hobby, gardening, and using the fruits and vegetables to create amazing things such as his incredible pasta sauces and jams. They also built a pole barn, half of which was to be a processing kitchen and party center. The other half was to be a garage with lifts, as Terry planned to restore many of the classic cars he accumulated over the years beginning when he was a very young boy.

Terry and Beverly met while working at Philip Morris in the late eighties, where they became very close friends. Their relationship then turned into the love of their lives and, after being together for over 7 years, were married in Las Vegas in 1998. Throughout the rest of his life, they were the happiest, most dedicated a couple could be. The hole in her heart will never heal, but she will never be more grateful for anything in life than the time she was able to spend with the most wonderful, cherished person in the world. In addition to their favorite songs, such as Hotel California by the Eagles, the songs that will always be in her heart about Terry is Close to You by the Carpenters and Merry Christmas, Darling by the Carpenters, as there were many years when Terry spent Christmas with his family in Iowa, during which Terry and Beverly celebrated Christmas on New Year's Eve, their second favorite holiday.

While they didn't have any human children, Terry was the best father ever to their two miniature dachshunds, Cody, who left us in 2018, and Sadie, who also fought cancer for over 2 years and left us in 2020, as well as a little dwarf bunny, Bunny, who left us in 2012. Terry was also a wonderful grandfather to Cody and Sadie's puppies, Fluffy Boy (Buster), Middle Boy (Eddie), Little Girl (Lulu), and Yoda (Manny), all of whom are with friends and family. Terry is also survived by their miniature dachshund, Molly, who is 7 1/2 months old, who provided tremendous emotional support for Terry in his last few months and is now doing the same for her Mom, Beverly.

Terry was an extremely hard worker throughout his life, starting with a paper route when he was very young, working as a lifeguard and performing many other tasks at the Marathon Park, and doing various other things. Terry graduated from Laurens high school in 1978 as valedictorian of his class. After graduating from Iowa State University, Terry began his corporate career at Oscar Mayer, where he, as a new, inexperienced employee, created a claims system for the entire company. He then transferred to Philip Morris as a lead systems auditor, where he was one of their most hardworking, dedicated, liked, and respected auditors worldwide. During that time, Terry travelled all over the world to perform audits. He later transferred to Kraft Foods in Illinois, where he worked in Customer Service, then Sales. He became Director of Sales Systems at Kraft, then later at Mondelez, a spin-off of Kraft, where he retired in 2016. Terry was admired, respected, and loved by virtually everyone he worked with, as has been expressed lately by many of his colleagues.

Terry is also a friend to many people around the country, many of whom will not be able to make it to the funeral but have reached out to express how much they love and admired him, how devastatedly sad they are of losing him, and how much they will miss him.



Services to be Held for Tom Steinkoenig

Thomas L. Steinkoenig – age 88, of Laurens, passed away on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at his home in Laurens, Iowa.

Thomas L. Steinkoenig, teacher/band leader, was born November 2, 1932, in Mitchell, South Dakota, to Joseph and Emma Steinkoenig. He was baptized and confirmed into the Presbyterian faith as a child. He attended schools in Mitchell and at age 14 and 15, played trombone solos in the Mitchell Municipal Band with his dad who taught him how to play the trombone. He excelled in music, played with a dance band that traveled throughout the state and was a trombone soloist during his high school years, most often times played at the famous Corn Palace. He was also interested in sports as he was involved in basketball but later chose band over basketball, however, he was a bat boy for the Mitchell Kernels Baseball Team which was the city team.

After his junior year, he moved to Los Angeles with his parents where he graduated from Compton High School and Compton Junior College, where he played first chair trombone in the Compton Concert Band and lead trombone player in the Compton Big Band, which participated in “Bands in the Making” on KTLA Television, which was a new experience because television was new then – and they won first place. First place prize was band instruments and sound equipment for the schools. His first band was “Downbeat Tommy and His Jive Five” which he started at age 17, that played in the Los Angeles area several nights each week. He attended classes at two junior colleges so he could play in the jazz bands at both. He later graduated from UCLA with a degree in music and later attended the University of Boulder for Masters studies. While attending UCLA, he was solo trombonist with the UCLA Concert Band, sang in the UCLA Men Glee Club, played in the Peperdine Symphony and played in the Rose Bowl Parade two years with the Huntington Park Youth Band. Through the years, he played with many famous big bands, including Lawrence Welk, Russ Morgan, Dick Jergens and others.

He was married in 1955 to Shirley Early and they had four children, Nancy, Paul, Beth and T.J. Years later, the marriage ended in divorce. In 1983, he married Ruth Hildreth, also a music teacher, who he met in Denver, Colorado. Many beautiful notes of music have been played during this union, which made lasting memories.

His first teaching position was in Newhall, California and later in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and eventually in Denver, Colorado. In addition to teaching public school band, choir and orchestra from elementary through high school levels, he became the director of the prestigious Denver Concert Band for many years, during which time he led them to outstanding achievements. One of the thrills of directing the Denver Concert Band was when daughter, Nancy, was guest pianist and played “Rhapsody in Blue” in concert with the band held at the Arvada Center to the delight of a large crowd who applauded with a long standing ovation. A lasting memory was also when he took The Denver Concert Band to his home state of South Dakota to direct the band in concert at Mt. Rushmore in the Black Hills. Another memory was directing America's Youth in Concert (a group of 250 all-state musicians) in Innsbruck, Austria while on tour. He remembers fondly all the wonderful students that he was fortunate to chaperone to Europe twice, along with other band directors and staff.

He also had four popular bands in Denver, which included Herr Steinkoenig's Ratskapella German Band, The Old Townhall Dixieland Band and the Sentimental Swing Little Big Band. They were non-rehearsal bands composed of public school music directors that delighted dancers wherever they played. While living in Denver, members of the Colorado Springs Military Academy Falconaire's also played in his big band when they were not on tour.

Upon retirement from teaching and moving to Westcliffe, Colorado, a small old-west town in the Sangre de Christo Mountains, he organized and directed The Wet Mountain Chorale, which was an outstanding group of 75 singers who delighted large audiences with several concerts a year. While living in SW Colorado, he also started his own real estate company as a realtor and broker, during which time he earned the reputation of being the most honest realtor in the valley. In addition he owned his own house painting business, which was a carry-over from teaching days, something most all men teachers did during their summer months.

Along with teaching for nearly thirty years, he always had the desire to make people smile while dancing to the music of his bands. Upon moving to Iowa in 2000, he started another big band with the same name, “Sentimental Swing Big Band.” also composed of professional players, who were retired band teachers. He continued to front his band and play trombone up until 2021, which ended the musical career that was started at age twelve and ending at age eighty-eight.

Through the years, his musical talents found him as guest trombonist for many church concerts and events, one of which he played for gospel songwriters Bill and Gloria Gaither, who were seated on the front row. He was also music director, along with his wife, Ruth, in several churches in Colorado and in Iowa, where he directed vocal choirs, bell choirs, men's quartets of which he was a member, trombonist and pianist along with his wife, who played the organ.

In his late eighties, he was still teaching all band instruments and guitar to private students in his Laurens, Iowa, home music studio, along with his wife who taught many piano/organ students. His band still plays at many events around the state of Iowa.

Listed among his favorite past-times were pheasant hunting (big time), traveling with his family throughout the United States in the Ford pick-up camper, building furniture (quality hardwood furniture), fishing and hunting, watching world news and politics on TV, motor home traveling, and growing roses. He also loved mowing the lawn with his John Deere tractor mower, which made him feel a little like a farmer.

He participated in Kiwanis, Rotary, Eagles and Elk organizations, as well as the Lions and Masons. He is a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens. Through the years, Tom and Ruth appeared to be musical missionaries because with God as their guide, they found themselves in churches of many denominations whenever there was a need for a instrumentalist, organist/pianist, bell choir or vocal directors.

Tom is survived by his brother, John and wife Barbara, San Clemente, California; his children, Nancy, Kenn and Alex Ziebart, Seattle, Washington; Paul and Lina Steinkoenig, Hyattsville, MD; Beth Steinkoenig, Seattle, Washington; and T.J. Steinkoenig, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Surviving also is his wife, Ruth, and her family – Vicki and Bob Roby, Rockwell City, Iowa; Randy and Becky Hildreth, Rockwell City, Iowa; Lori Lenhart and Kelly Esser, Montrose, Colorado; Tony and Val Hildreth, Fairplay, Colorado. He is survived by twelve grandchildren, Alex, Nick, Jamie, Justine, Chad, Jasey, Karie, Micah, McKenna, Heather, Natasha, Mariah and ten great grandchildren.

Preceding Tom in death were his parents, Joe and Emma Steinkoenig; sister, Eileen Willis; brother, Rick Steinkoenig; and grandson, Theo Ziebart.

Tom was truly a music man, who had a story to tell; however, a guy who always turned down the offer by his wife to write his life story. He always said that he would just rather live it instead of talking or writing about it.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Tom's family will be used to benefit students in need of instruments.



Register Now for ‘Stay Independent’ Nutrition and Wellness Program

“Stay Independent: A Healthy Aging Series” is a new nutrition and wellness program offered through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for adults age 60 and older. The program begins November 3, 2021 in Pocahontas.

“Nutrition risk assessments of older Iowans living in Pocahontas, revealed that nearly one out of four are at risk for malnutrition or are malnourished,” said Holly VanHeel, a human sciences specialist in nutrition and wellness.

The key behaviors placing these adults at risk are not eating three meals a day and limited intakes of produce and protein. In addition, most are not physically active, which can increase their risk of sarcopenia, or age-related muscle wasting, VanHeel said.

“Stay Independent” provides research-based nutrition and wellness information intended to help adults age 60 and older reduce their nutritional risk through lifestyle changes. The program includes four lessons designed to meet the needs of older Iowans: Power Up with Protein, Exercise Your Independence, Brain Health and Three Meals a Day.

In-person Lesson Option. A four-week comprehensive course is being offered on Wednesdays in November from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach office. The cost is \$5 per participant.

“Each week you’ll take part in an interactive class discussion that includes hands-on activities,” VanHeel said.

To sign up for “Stay Independent: A Healthy Aging Series” contact the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach office at 712.335.3103 by November 1, 2021.

Aquatic, Forest, and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course is October 20

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office will host an Aquatic, Forest and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

Preregistration may be required and walk-ins are NOT guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$35. 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 credits for commercial and public pesticide applicators certified in categories 2 (Forest Pest Control), 5 (Aquatic Pest Control), and 6 (Right-of-Way Pest Control). Topics to be covered are: application equipment use, maintenance, and calibration; safe application techniques, including pesticide drift reduction; and category-specific pests, pest management and pesticides, including phytotoxicity as appropriate.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through the PSEP Program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.

Improving Water Quality with Wetlands and Oxbows

Iowa Learning Farms, in partnership with the Iowa Nutrient Research Center and Conservation Learning Group (CLG), will be presenting a virtual field day on the benefits of increased wetlands and oxbows in the Midwest on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. CT.

Join Iowa Learning Farms and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach as they explore different wetlands and oxbows in the state, look at program funding and hear about water quality benefits. In addition, we will look at how these wetlands and oxbows can add needed wildlife habitat in key locations. This highly interactive virtual field day will be a discussion between landowners, scientists, and wildlife specialists and virtual field day participants.

Featured speakers include Matt Helmers, professor and agricultural engineering specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center; Kay Stefanik, assistant director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center; Adam Janke, assistant professor in natural resources ecology and management and extension wildlife specialist at Iowa State; farmer Heath Stolee, of Nutty Farmer Chestnuts, Radcliffe, Iowa; and Casey Judge, environmental specialist senior with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

To participate in the live virtual field day at 1 p.m. CT on Oct. 21 to learn more, click this URL: <https://iastate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUdpuhjpj8iE9ZHcjpsenc2DWQILG41wg0D> or visit www.iowalearningfarms.org/page/events and click “Join Live Virtual Field Day”.

Or, join from a dial-in phone line by dialing 1-312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 914 1198 4892. The field day will be recorded and archived on the ILF website so that it can be watched at any time. The archive will be available at <https://www.iowalearningfarms.org/page/events>.

Participants may be eligible for a Certified Crop Adviser board-approved continuing education unit (CEU). Information about how to apply to receive the credit will be provided at the end of the live field day.