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Local News

Windbreak School Meeting in Marathon on August 16

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Buena Vista, Calhoun and Pocahontas counties along with USDA/NRCS, and Iowa DNR will host a free meeting on Friday, August 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location is at Mick Schleusener's, 4428 240th Street, Marathon. The meeting will last approximately 3 hours with a free meal provided after. The Windbreak Meeting will be facilitated by Billy Beck, Assistant Professor and Extension Forestry Specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The discussion will focus on proper windbreak establishment, windbreak management, and restoration techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to speak 1-on-1 with NRCS staff

and District Foresters, discussing objectives for their land, cost share potential, initiate the windbreak planning process, and schedule on-site visits. Speakers will be Billy Beck ISU Extension Forestry Specialist, Ed Zaworski Plant Pathologist with ISU Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic, Larrette Kolbe with USDA/NRCS, and Aaron Wright with Iowa DNR.

Preregistration is required by contacting Stacie at the Buena Vista County Extension office at 712-732-5056 by Tuesday, August 13.

Fonda Arts Center - "Donnie from the Senders"

Exciting news from the Fonda Arts Center!

Our July guest musician needs no introduction to many of you: Don Schossow, aka, "Donnie from the Senders" will take the stage at the Fonda Arts Center on Sunday afternoon, July 28th, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Don has been playing since his early teen years as a member of "the Senders" band, wowing audiences, not only in Iowa, but in surrounding states as far west as Colorado.

Come, bring your friends! Admission is free, refreshments are free, air conditioning is on!

All this happening at the Fonda Arts Center on the Northwest corner of Fourth & Main Streets in Fonda. Everyone is welcome



*At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
July 17, 2024*

The Dulcimer Guy, Mike Anderson will return to LPL at 11 a.m. this morning, and we are so excited! Mike's self-proclaimed goal is to promote imagination, the love of writing, reading, and music. "The integration of storytelling, folklore, the common-place, and the rhythms of the world have led me faithfully through a life-long career in education and performance." This program will be fun for all ages, but this retired kindergarten teacher has a special connection with kids.

Summer Reading continues Wednesdays at 11 a.m. through August 14. We've had great attendance, so we are thinking that moving the time was a good thing.

We will be adding a pop-up story time with Skeeter the Clown. She will be touring the area in advance for the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, which will be in Laurens July 31st. Our Story Time will probably be Monday, the 22nd, but we don't have a time yet.

August Book Club choice is one of my favorites that I will be listening to this time. This novel is a stand-alone story by one of our favorite authors. It's William Kent Krueger's *The River We Remember*. Set in Minnesota in 1958, it tells the story of the investigation that follows the discovery of a wealthy landowner's body. This author weaves such a good story. One reviewer calls this book, "A testament to the enduring power of the stories we tell about the places we call home."

Mark Your Calendar

July 17 @ 11 a.m. - The Dulcimer Guy
Wednesdays until August 14 @ 11 a.m. - Kids Summer Reading!

July 22 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *The River We Remember*
August 7 @ 6:30 p.m. - Preserving from your Garden with ISU Extension (new date because the circus will be in town July 31!)

October 14 @ 7 p.m. - Morbid Curiosities – Edgar Allan Poe


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Spencer Kiwanis After Five and SCT Playhouse Announces New Flood Disaster Relief Program: “Sweet Dreams For Spencer”

The Spencer Kiwanis After Five Club is partnering with the SCT Playhouse Basil & Mildred Deegan Children’s Theatre thanks to a grant from the Clay County Community Foundation with a program we are calling, “Sweet Dreams for Spencer”.

Our goal is to provide replacement household items to kids (ages: infant to 17) that were destroyed by the recent flooding that has impacted the Spencer and surrounding Northwest Iowa Communities.

With the “Sweet Dreams for Spencer” program, we plan to provide the following:

- A twin or full size mattress
- Bed frame and headboard
- Bedding: sheets, pillows, and comforter
- A book for bedtime stories
- A small stuffed tiger

Spencer After Five Kiwanis is a local group of like-minded volunteers who strive to make a difference for local youth and families. Our club focuses specifically on kids and we have been successful in providing college scholarships and community programs that are specific to kids. We are a part of a global network of clubs and members who partner with each other and with organizations whose missions align with ours – to serve kids who need us most. Program Partners include: Spencer After Five Kiwanis, The Basil & Mildred Deegan Children’s Theatre at Spencer Community Theatre, The Clay County Community Foundation, #SpencerReads, and the Spencer Public Library.

For more information and to access our simple application form, please visit the SCT Playhouse Box Office, Spencer Public Library, or Speed Printers offices. If you would like to help us bring sweet dreams to Spencer kids, please contact: TJ Johnson at 612-548-1603 or Alisha Bernardy at 612-524-9402.

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*This Week at
Bethany Lutheran*

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Thursday: July 18, 2024

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

Sunday: July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM ~ Worship

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: July 23, 2024

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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



Bethany
LUTHERAN CHURCH
North American Lutheran Church

*This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church*

Pastor Deb Parkison

Wednesday, July 17:

Administrative Council Meeting @

7:00 PM in the Wesley Room

Sunday, July 21:

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM



The
United
Methodist
Church

*This Week at First
Christian*

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Sunday, July 21

9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by
coffee and fellowship



*Resurrection
of Our Lord
Catholic Church*

**Pocahontas, IA -- Priest:
Father Paul Nguyen**

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

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Services to be Held for Eldora Schultze

Eldora Schultze, age 99, of Marathon, Iowa died Monday, July 15, 2024 at Laurens Care Center in Laurens, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. Burial will be in the Fairfield Township Cemetery in Albert City. Visitation will be held Friday, July 19, 2024 from 4-7:00 with family present from 5-7:00 p.m. at Sliefert Funeral Home in Albert City. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Marathon EMS. The Sliefert Funeral Home in Albert City is in charge of the arrangements.

Eldora (Erlandson) Schultze was born at home in rural Albert City to parents Nels and Selma (Peterson) Erlandson on September 17, 1924.

She was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Albert City and remained an active member her entire life. She attended school and graduated from the Albert City Community School with the class of 1942.

Eldora and Lester (Herky) Schultze were married on February 26, 1949. This union was blessed with two children, Kermit and Sally. Herky and Eldora began farming west of Albert City, until they purchased the Black Earth Farm

west of Marathon, moving in 1964. Eldora remained on the farm the next 59 years, where she loved being outside keeping her yard clear of sticks and mowing, with burning as her hobby! She often said she was staying on the farm until she couldn't drive or mow. That time arrived when she moved to the Ruthven Assisted Living at age 99. She later moved to the Laurens Care Center until her death.

Eldora started work immediately after high school. She first worked at Harper's Bakery in Albert City but was soon employed at the Sundholm ammunitions factory being an original "Rosie's Riveter." Her career in the newspaper/printing industry began at the Albert City Appeal owned by C. A. Paulsen. She was asked to gather local news, but when needed, moved to the backroom and learned to operate the linotype. She continued in the printing business working at the Newell Mirror owned by Leonard Paulsen, and eventually the Laurens Sun and Laurens House of Print under Neil Mauer and Dave Evans. She worked there into her mid-80's. Her printing family was very dear to her.

In her later years, her personal mission was visiting residents of the Pleasant View Home in Albert City. She went every Sunday morning prior to church, only stopping when she could no longer drive to church.

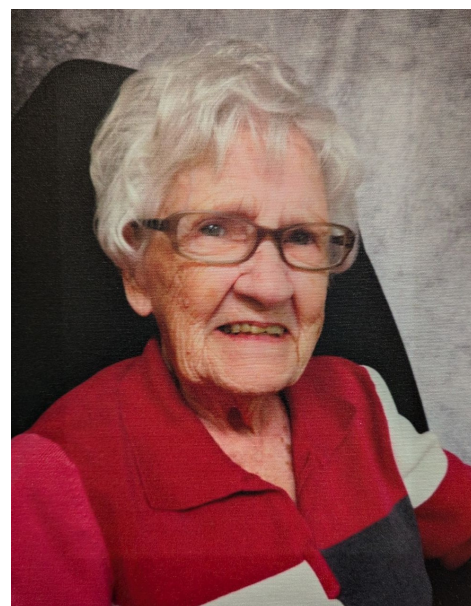
She loved all sports and you would always find her TV tuned to a ballgame – football, basketball, or baseball. Her favorites being the ISU Cyclones, Iowa Hawkeyes, and

of course, her beloved Cubs! When watching games, her hands were busy making nylon scrubbies. She made thousands of these scrubbies over the years, shipping them throughout the country.

Eldora is survived by her children: Kermit (Julie) Schultze of Marathon, Sally (Dale) Wenell of Albert City; granddaughters: Julie (JD) Greiner of Dunlap, Illinois, Felicia (Ryan) Harrington of Wilmington, Delaware; great-grandchildren: Clark and Emily Greiner and Clara Harrington; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herky in 1987; brother and sister-in-law, Eldon and Maxine Erlandson.

The family offers special thank you to the Ruthven Assisted Living, Ruthven Care Center, Laurens Care Center, and St. Croix Hospice. We so appreciated all your care, comfort, and compassion.



Season-Long Water and Manure Management to be Featured at August 2 Field Day

*Learn about innovative and
climate-smart strategies aimed
at helping solve nutrient water
quality issues*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host the “In-Season Manure Application with Irrigation Field Day” on Aug. 2 at Brent Renner’s Farm, near Klemme. The day will feature innovative and climate-smart strategies aimed at helping solve nutrient water quality issues originating from agriculture.

“Yield improvement from consistent and timely watering, the ability to introduce manure or critical nutrients throughout the growing season past V4 corn growth stage, and lowering off-season manure application costs are all key aspects of a recently introduced system, 360 RAIN from 360 Yield Center,” said Kapil Arora, field agricultural engineer with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The field day will demonstrate this autonomous machine, which applies irrigation water or diluted manure to the base of a growing crop season-long. Learn about the details of the USDA

Conservation Innovation Grant Project using 360 RAIN at this field day. A summary of the first year’s research will also be shared.

Iowa State researchers are teaming up with Ohio State University, and with industry partners, for developing and demonstrating in-season manure and nutrient management strategy, including projects like 360 RAIN.

Based on first year’s data, information will be shared on the topics of in-season manure application and irrigation strategy, corn plant nutrient needs and supply, economics of in-season manure application and what this all means for overall on-farm manure management. Field demonstrations will be held after the presentations and will conclude by 3 p.m.

The field day flyer explains the activities for the day. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a free lunch for registered participants.

Commercial and confinement manure applicators, agency staff involved in manure management, manure planners and consultants, watershed coordinators and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend. The field day is a collaborative effort of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, 360 RAIN and ISU Extension and Outreach.

Registration is required. Register by July 29 to ensure a free meal. Call

the ISU Extension and Outreach Hancock County office at 641-923-2856 or email kristyby@iastate.edu

Interested participants can also register online by visiting <https://go.iastate.edu/OIANSK>.

The Renner Farm is located at 2455 180th St., Klemme, Iowa.

For more information, contact Kapil Arora, at 515-291-0174; Daniel Andersen, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering at 515-294-4210; or Kris Kohl, field agricultural engineer at 712-730-5068.

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Lessons Beyond the Field: Integrating Sports, Business, and the Pork Industry

Sports and pork are two staples of American culture, both encompassing valuable lessons of integrity and accountability. Through those practices come stronger relationships imperative to the success of a team, which could be considered the “Champion’s Code.” The four plenary speakers at the 2024 Iowa Swine Day bring messages of integrity, sustainability, a positive industry future, and more. Speakers clockwise from upper left are: Mike Naig, Jamee Eggers, Steve Weiss, and Ross Bernstein.

Ross Bernstein will share his expertise and ideas on ways to overcome disruption while building stronger relationships. His presentation, “The Champions Code: Building Relationships Through Life Lessons of Integrity and Accountability from the Sports World to the Business World,” is not to be missed.

Steve Weiss will draw upon his extensive experience as CEO of NutriQuest in “Can We Reach a Trifecta of Sustainability, Profitability, and Growth?” He’ll review the current state of the U.S. pork

industry and outline his view on the most critical factors for improving sustainability, profitability, and growth.

Jamee Eggers, Chief Operating Officer of Cloverleaf Animal Welfare Systems, will share information on the California Proposition 12 certification process in “Life After Prop 12 Implementation – The Certification Process.” She’ll talk about regulations, definitions, and what happens during an on-site inspection of Prop 12 sow farms.

Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture in the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship, is invited to share his thoughts on “The Political Landscape of Iowa Agriculture.”

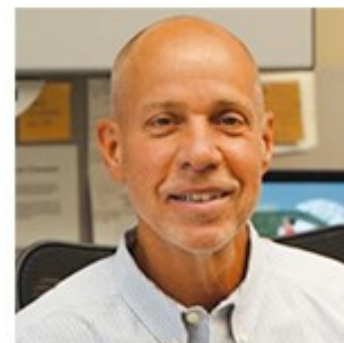
The 2024 Iowa Swine Day Program is set for Thursday, July 25, at the Iowa State Center in Ames. Registration and the morning plenary session will be in Stephens Auditorium, 1900 Center Drive, and the afternoon concurrent sessions will be in the Scheman Building, 1805 Center Drive. Registration begins at 7 p.m. and the official program begins at 8 a.m. Registration

cost is \$85 with free parking, and students may attend at no charge.

The registration fee includes an optional preconference symposium on soybean meal July 24 in the afternoon, in the Scheman Building, and the ISU swine networking social following this symposium. Sponsored by AB Vista, Iowa Pork Industry Center, Lynch Livestock, and TechMix, the social starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center at 2508 Mortensen Rd.

The full program, information, registration forms, and directions to the venues are available on the Iowa Swine Day conference website.

Iowa Swine Day is hosted by the Iowa Pork Industry Center with support provided by the ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.



Speakers clockwise from upper left are: Mike Naig, Jamee Eggers, Steve Weiss, and Ross Bernstein.

Test Your Weed Identification Skills at the Iowa State Fair

Participants of all ages can test their weed identification skills

The annual Iowa State University Extension and Outreach weed identification contest will be held at the Iowa State Fair on Friday Aug. 9, from 9-11:30 a.m. in front of the John Deere Agriculture Building.

Participants of all ages can test their knowledge of common weeds found in the state, by attempting to identify real weed samples, potted and on tabletop display. Contestants need to know commonly accepted names of weeds but do not need to know scientific names.

There are three divisions: Future Agronomists (youth under age 19), General and Professional. Following the contest, winners will be announced at the 3 p.m. awards ceremony inside the John Deere Agriculture Building. Weeds from the contest will also remain on display for the duration of the fair in the lower level of the John Deere building.

The top five winners in each division will walk away with a cash prize and a coveted Iowa State Fair ribbon. Future agronomists will identify 20 common Iowa weeds, those in the general division will

identify 30 weeds, and professionals will identify all 30, plus five extra-challenging Iowa weeds.

“The weeds for this year’s contest are off to a great start, including at least two new species we’ve never had before,” said Meaghan Anderson, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach and contest organizer. “We invite all weed identification enthusiasts to see how their ID skills stack up against the best. I highly recommend the whole family compete to see who the best is at weed identification!”

For more information on the contest, contact Meaghan Anderson at mjanders@iastate.edu or visit the Iowa State Fair Contests page online.

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I-29 Moo University Webinar on July 25 to Focus on Biosecurity Guidance for Dairy Operations

The I-29 Moo University Dairy Webinar Series continues Thursday, July 25 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. CDT.

Dr. Molly Lee and Dr. Delaine Quaresma of the Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH) at Iowa State University will describe the guidance and resources available for planning and implementing daily and enhanced biosecurity practices on dairy operations.

Special emphasis will be placed on measures to prevent the introduction and/or spread of two diseases of current concern in the dairy industry – highly pathogenic avian influenza and foot and mouth disease.

Dr. Lee holds a B.S. in animal science from Michigan State University, a DVM from ISU, a master's in public health from the University of Iowa, and is board certified in Veterinary Preventive Medicine. She practiced rural mixed animal medicine before beginning her current role at the Center for Food Security and Public Health

at ISU's College of Veterinary medicine. Dr. Lee's primary work focuses on veterinary educational capacity building, zoonotic disease prevention, biosecurity, and foreign animal disease preparedness and response. She is passionate about One Health and is actively involved in civic and leadership roles within public health and veterinary medicine in her community at a local, state, and national level.

Dr. Quaresma joined CFSPH in January of 2022. Prior to working at CFSPH, Dr. Quaresma worked as a mixed animal veterinarian in California and Iowa. She possesses a lifetime of experience and knowledge of bovine veterinary and animal health practices from being born and raised on a 3rd generation dairy farm in the Central Valley of California. Dr. Quaresma earned a B.S. degree

in Physiological Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2014, DVM from the University of California, Davis in 2018, and master's in public health from the University of Iowa in 2021. Her passion for animal health, education and agriculture led her to pursue a career in public health and she found the perfect fit at CFSPH.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, registration is required at least one hour before the webinar. Register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/BIODAIRY>.

For more information, contact: in Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230; in Minnesota, Jim Salfer, 320-203-6093; or in South Dakota, Patricia Villamediana, 605-688-4116.



Biosecurity Guidance for Dairy Operations

Thursday, July 25, 2024 | 12 noon - 1 p.m.

The presentation will describe the guidance and resources available for planning and implementing daily and enhanced biosecurity practices on dairy operations. Focus will be on highly pathogenic avian influenza and foot and mouth disease.

Presenters include Dr. Molly Lee and Dr. Delaine Quaresma, who both work for the Center for Food Security and Public Health at Iowa State University.

There is no fee to attend the webinar, but you must register at least one hour prior to the webinar at <https://go.iastate.edu/BIODAIRY>

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Cattle Producers Should Be Alert over HPAI, Not Alarmed

Amid disease outbreaks, producers should examine their current biosecurity plans

Announcements of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza should not cause alarm among cattlemen, although this should alert producers to examine their current biosecurity plan, according to a beef specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Denise Schwab said the announcements are reminders of how any disease can spread to cattle.

"Basic biosecurity practices are essential daily steps for the prevention of all diseases, and cattlemen should always be alert to the potential of disease spread," she said. "Diseases can be spread by aerosol, direct animal-to-animal contact, oral (through feed or water), reproduction, vector-borne (biting or sucking insects), or by vehicles and fomites (shoes, clothes, contaminated feed, needles). Everything we do to prevent this spread reduces the risk of diseases."

Direct animal-to-animal contact is the most significant risk for disease spread. Here are some management practices to minimize this risk:

- Isolate any incoming animals such as new bulls, purchased

replacement heifers, purchased feeder calves, or animals returning home from exhibitions for 30 days.

- Maintain good perimeter fences to prevent neighboring bulls from breeding your cows and keep them in their pasture.
- Prevent nose-to-nose contact between your cow herd and newly purchased cattle.
- Minimize contact with wildlife when possible, and especially control rodents.
- Obtain the health history of purchased cattle.
- Limit who can access pens, feed storage, mixing areas, feed bunks and treatment areas.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment before using it around healthy cattle.
- Keep a record of all visitors to the operation.

Humans also are disease vectors,

Schwab said.

"We control many management practices that can reduce disease spread," she said. "Our shoes/boots and clothing can move bacteria and viruses, so having separate shoes/boots for the farm, changing after attending public livestock events such as fairs, auctions and field days before doing your chores, and preventing access to livestock areas by outside vehicles can help mitigate risk."

It's impossible to prevent all disease spread risks, but producers can minimize the impact by having and using sound management practices within their control. See information on biosecurity practices in the BQA Field Guide or work with your local veterinarian to identify disease risks in your area and mitigation practices to use.

Contact Schwab for more information at dschwab@iastate.edu or call 319-721-9624.

