



Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Happy Birthday America. We're 245 years young, and just getting started, I hope and pray. I hope everyone ate some parade candy, saw and maybe even shot off some fireworks and said Happy Birthday to Uncle Sam. Our family spent a lot of time outdoors and enjoyed time with family, friends and neighbors. I even managed to get some time in on the bike trails. As I write this, tomorrow is back to work.

A new year and the same President? Well, this year we are starting off with some fun. All you need to do is sign up with Diane Downing. We are going to the I-Cub's game on Friday, August 6th. I cannot promise a win, but I can promise good seats with indoor / outdoor option in a sky box. The game starts at 7:08 and we can enter at 5:38 pm. This is our first social of the year and it should be a good one. We need to know how many tickets you need. You and your spouse or a friend are covered, and children or grandchildren are \$16.00 each.

Look for our announcement and the Prez Sez for future service projects and more information on the golf tournament this year.

Thanks for all the good you do in the world.



Scribbles...

Pat McGonegle Iowa Pork Producers

Our Speaker was Pat McGonegle, with the Iowa Pork Producers Association. Pat is a native Iowan, having grown up in Vincent (near Fort Dodge).

Iowa is our country's #1 pork producing state, responsible for about 1/3 of the production, nationally: 130 million hogs are produced and processed annually nationwide, with 45 – 47 million head in Iowa. Iowa has 6266 pork-producing farms; most of these are smaller farms, with 2,000 – 3,000 pigs. In addition, about 60% of the hogs grown in the country are processed here, most within 50 miles of the state border. Pork production provides jobs (142,000 just in Cedar Rapids!), and adds \$37 billion to the Iowa economy, annually. Hog production supports local communities by providing a market for a quarter of the corn and soybeans grown in the state. The farms are also very efficient: since many of them also grow crops for feed (60% of Iowa corn goes to ethanol, the next largest amount goes to feed pigs), manure goes from the barn to the fields in a self-sustaining cycle, which also reduces the need to rely on purchased fertilizers.

Despite their bad reputation, manure pits are biological machines and are heavily regulated; a farm with more than a certain number of pigs has to have a trained and certified pit manager. Manure is actually injected into the soil, which reduces odor and ensures it gets where it's really needed, while the crops are growing. John Deere is even working on a way to determine the optimum amount of manure needed to fertilize a field most effectively. This will make it possible to do more with less, have less impact on the environment, cause less damage, produce more meat with less feed, and improve water use.

Although small rural communities breed other livestock, pigs are such a major factor that when pigs leave, the communities can suffer. Why did pigs become such a big thing in Iowa? We have fertile soil, they provide natural fertilization so there is no waste, we have a good

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July 9, 2021

This Week's Program:

Wendy Blome
Spafford Children's Center
-- Hybrid + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Jenifer M-K

Greeter:

Eric Idehen

Invocation:

Bob Moore

Sergeant:

Jenifer M-K

Scribe:

Diane Downing

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

7/16: Chris Andrews
Cyclone Sports Properties
Hybrid + Zoom

7/23: Melissa Grandischnig
Central IA Shelter & Svs.
Hybrid + Zoom

Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (Noon)

Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)

Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)

Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)

Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)

West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

East Polk County, Prairie Meadows, (7:00 am)

Adel, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (Noon)

The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)

Des Moines, Wakonda Club, (Noon)

Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)



Birthdays

June 19

June 23

Jim Arthur

Brad Helgemo

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted
by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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transportation system with I-80 and I-35, we have available harvest facilities, and diversified operations, and the ISU State Veterinary Lab is a major support service - handles 60% of the animal disease and illness diagnosis work in the country.

The pandemic had a major impact, because 75% of the bacon produced goes to food service, and that market was shut off with only 7 days warning. Bacon is wholesaled in 30-pound boxes, making it not viable for retail sales. The market was too efficient – meat was being produced at a rate too fast to use, with all the restaurant shut-downs. And the wholesale price dropped from \$1.50 to only \$0.35 a pound. At the same time, as pigs could not be sold, more were being grown to bring to market – not something that can be shut down. They faced the prospect of having to euthanize 3 million animals, simply because there was no market for them, and continuing to feed them was impractical when new animals were coming in. Fortunately, they only had to lose 250,000, partly with the help of ISU which worked with the industry to keep them healthy on a slow-growth diet.

Emerging issues: sustainability, foreign animal diseases, reportable diseases stopping exports - Iowa pork is sold internationally, especially in Asia and Mexico – new proteins in the market to replace meat (growth of plant-based foods); however, a plus is that as their economies improve, other countries buy more meat.

Support your local hog farmer!

Scribe, Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!!

Annual Golf Outing - September 17, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting -- Meeting ID: 317 412 7211 Password: 840343

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3174127211?pwd=ck5FdHZDYmhwZXJJN0xDUmxnZUIGUT09>

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<i>Program</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Scribe</i>
July 16 - Cyclone Sports Properties	Jim Lipscomb	Kyle Pieper	Tim Olenjiczak	Kelly Peterson-Cruse
July 23 - Central IA Shelter	Mark McAndrews	Dave Piersel	Wendi Wilson	Leray Glendenning
July 30 - Blank Park Zoo	Jenifer M-K	Beth Goedken	Jim Arthur	Bill Grask
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!</i>				