



Christian Music To Be Featured At Concert On July 27th

The next concert of the season at Reading Park in Clarksville will feature SaltLight, on Sunday, July 27th. The performance will feature and evening of gospel centered music. The concert will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the bandstand at the park, which is adjacent to the Clarksville Public Library, near downtown. Those attending should bring lawn chairs. No admission is charged, but free-will donations will be accepted. Refreshments will also be available. In the event of rain, the event will be held at Immanuel Church in Clarksville. SaltLight performs music to glorify God, with many original songs written by lead singer, Darla Erskine, and arranged by the group. Her songs tell stories of common feelings and circumstances that give those listening an opportunity to relate, reflect, and respond in worship. All of the band members make the Cedar Valley their home, with the group performing at many churches and outdoor events throughout eastern Iowa. SaltLight has released an album titled "Love Hard", which is available at a several retail outlets, can be purchased at their concerts, and can also be streamed on a variety of online platforms. The band can be found online at their website and on Facebook.

Minutes and Proceedings of a Special Session of the Greene City Council

July 8th, 2025

The Greene City Council met in special session on Tuesday July 8th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Greene Community Center with Mayor Warren Van Dyke presiding. Council members present were: Marlene Schmidt, Al Zweck, Rodney Fesenmeyer, Vicki Malfero. Audrey Smith was absent. Al Zweck left at 6:00p.m. Also present were city attorney Heather Prendergast and deputy sheriff Bret Stirling. Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Malfero to approval of Agenda. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Schmidt, Zweck, Malfero. Absent- Smith. Carried. Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Zweck to into closed session pursuant to Iowa code 21.5 (1)(C) to discuss strategy with counsel in matter that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where it's disclosure would be likely to prejudice

or disadvantage the position of the government body in that litigation. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Schmidt, Zweck, Malfero. Absent- Smith. Carried. Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Malfero to come out of closed session. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Schmidt, Malfero. Absent- Smith and Zweck. Carried. Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Fesenmeyer to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Schmidt, Malfero. Absent- Smith and Zweck. Carried. Signed: Warren Van Dyke, Mayor Attest: Brittney Sanvig, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Butler County Board of Supervisors will meet on July 29, at 9:00 a.m. in the basement meeting room of the Butler County Courthouse. At this meeting the Board of Supervisors will: Hold a Public Hearing on Trepp Minor Plat located in the E½ NW¼ of

Section 2, Township 93 North, Range 17 West of the 5th P.M. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting. Written or oral comments may be submitted to the Butler County Auditor at the Courthouse, P.O. Box 325, Allison, Iowa, 319-346-6547 or via email at auditor@butlercounty.iowa.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Butler County plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities." The storm water discharge will be from a bridge and road construction project located along county road 120th Street west .2 miles of Ridge Avenue on the North side of Section 14, T93N, R16W Dayton Township, in Butler County.

Storm water will be discharged from 4 drainage ditch sources and will be discharged to the Flood Creek tributary of the Shell Rock River. Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. The Public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

Weed Identification Contest Returns to the Iowa State Fair

Fairgoers can put their Iowa weed knowledge to the test, win a ribbon and prizes

AMES, Iowa – The annual Iowa State Fair Weed Identification Contest will return on Friday, Aug. 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in front of the John Deere Agriculture Building. This contest is supported by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the ISU Department of Agronomy. Participants of all ages can test their knowledge of common Iowa weeds by attempting to identify real weed samples, potted on a tabletop display. The contest requires contestants to understand commonly accepted names of weeds, but they do not need to know scientific names. "We have a great variety of species planted this year, including common lawn and

garden species that are easy for kids to identify and rarer weed species that are more difficult to identify," said Meaghan Anderson, ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomist and contest organizer. "We invite all weed identification enthusiasts to see how their ID skills stack up against the best." This fun opportunity is open to all who would like to participate, with three distinguishing levels: future agronomists (youth under age 19), general participants and professionals. Future agronomists will identify 20 common weeds in Iowa. Those at the general level will identify 30 weeds, while professionals will identify all 30, plus five additional challenging weeds found in Iowa. Following the contest, winners will be announced at 3 p.m. during the awards cere-

mony held in the John Deere Agriculture Building. The top five winners in each division will walk away with a cash prize and a coveted Iowa State Fair ribbon. Weeds from the contest will also remain on display for the duration of the fair in the lower level of the same building. "We encourage the whole family to compete and see who is the best at weed identification," shared Anderson. For more information about the contest, contact Meaghan Anderson at mjan- ders@iastate.edu. Want to prepare for the contest? Review Weed identification apps (iNaturalist, PlantNet and PictureThis). Also review Weed Identification Resources from Iowa State, University of Missouri and University of Illinois.

Salsa Making Workshop offered by ISU Extension and Outreach- Butler County

Learn all the basics of water bath canning and salsa making at a Food Preservation Workshop on Wed., Aug. 20th, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The workshop, offered at the Parkersburg Community Center, is part of the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Preserve the Taste of Summer program. Jill Weber, a health and human sciences educator with ISU Extension and Outreach, will lead the workshop.

During the hands-on workshop, participants will:

- Learn the basics of water bath canning,
- Hear the most up-to-date canning and salsa-making recommendations,
- Make and can salsa, and
- Take home and enjoy a jar of salsa that they canned.

"These workshops are fun and helpful for beginning canners as well as experienced canners," states Weber, workshop instructor. "We will provide the most up-to-date science and guidelines for water bath canning." A past participant reported, "There were several

important things I learned - must follow a tested recipe, the process, and how to cut using a chef's knife." This workshop is partially sponsored by Butler County Extension and Outreach, and registration is required. The registration fee is due at the time of class. Participants can register for the workshop by calling 319-267-2707. To learn more or to ask questions, contact Lesley Milius, Program Coordinator at Butler County Extension and Outreach, Phone: 319-267-2707.

2025 Iowa State Fair Corndog Kickoff Benefit Auction "Stirs Up" Fundraising Success

DES MOINES, IA (07/14/2025) (readMedia)-- The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation cooked up significant fundraising success at the 2025 Corndog Kickoff Benefit Auction and Fair Food Grazing Party. The July 12 "Stir It Up" event raised a total of \$889,713 toward the renovation and preservation of the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds. More than 2,000 Iowa State Fair supporters gathered for a night of food and fun in the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building to raise money for various projects around the Fairgrounds. The Blue Ribbon Foundation auctioned off 31 live and 316 silent

auction packages for totals of \$335,500 and \$121,784, respectively. Patron contributions totaled \$381,300. The Blue Ribbon Foundation encourages the public to attend this year's Iowa State Fair, August 7-17. As you explore the Fair, please enjoy the most recent improvements to the Fairgrounds including window and restroom renovations in the Horse Barn, construction of a new inclusive Variety Star Playground in the Fun Forest and the creation of the Ron and Bev Shivers Family Plaza, which will feature new seating and restrooms. Iowa State Fair advance admission tickets can be purchased online at www.iowa-

statefair.org and can be printed at home without fees before August 7. Tickets can be ordered online and mailed with a fee. Adult and child advance admission tickets are also available at participating Iowa Hy-Vee and Fareway stores (while supplies last). The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Since its inception in 1993, the Foundation has generated more than \$210 million for renovation and preservation of the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds. For more information, please contact the Blue Ribbon Foundation at 515-262-3111 Ext. 371 or Info@BlueRibbonFoundation.org.

Chung, assistant professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering at Iowa State Sept. 16, Steer Comfort in Deep Pit and Bed Pack Monoslope Barns - Kris Kohl, field agricultural engineer with ISU Extension and Outreach, and Rick Stowell, professor and animal environment extension specialist at the University of Nebraska

Sept. 23, Camera Technologies for Calving Monitoring (or Other Applications) - Tony Mensing, field agricultural engineer with ISU Extension and Outreach, and Chris Clark, beef field specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach Sept. 30, Preparing for Winter and Minimum Ventilation - Brett Ramirez, assistant professor and extension agricul-

tural engineer at Iowa State Each webinar is available at no cost to participants, but online registration is required. For more information about the series, please contact Daniel Andersen at ds@iastate.edu or 515-294-4210. For registration inquiries, please contact Melissa McEnany at mmccenany@iastate.edu or 515-294-9075.

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