

Afton Federated Garden Club June Meeting Minutes

by Dixie Shinkle, Vice President

President Bonnie Morris called the meeting to order at 1:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was answered by 19 members and one guest. Once corrections were made to the minutes, they were approved and seconded. The treasurer's report was approved and seconded as read.

It was decided that plant monsters would be the project for Kid's Day at the Union County Fair on July 19th from 9:00 - 11:00.

Betty will be presenting

a bill for the centerpieces she made for the district meeting. They were beautiful.

A thank-you card will be sent to Sandy Rollings for her donation to our plant sale.

The awards committee presented our Circle of Roses award to Beth McGrath. Congratulations Beth. Members that attended the district meeting held at Knoxville gave a report on (our responsibilities, the results, the speakers, etc.). We had eight members attend that meeting.

We need to gather pictures for our 2025 Book of Evidence.

The various committees gave reports on their activities and what needs to happen going forward. We discussed the club's responsibilities for the flower show at the Union County Fair. David mentioned that besides entering flowers, we can enter vegetables also.

Our plant sale at Tuesday Night in the Park was a success. We had 16 members attend.

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Left: Beth McGraft (left) was awarded the “Circle of Roses Award “, on June 13th, at the Afton Federated Garden Club Meeting. Rhonda Mixdorf (middle) and Bonnie Morris (right) presented the award to Beth. Right: Blue Star Memorial at Mt. Ayr.

2025 Lorimor Alumni Banquet

Lorimor Alumni Banquet - May 24, 2025-

The Annual Lorimor Alumni Banquet was held Saturday, May 24, 2025, with 36 alumni and guests present. We met at noon in the Lorimor Community Center to visit with old friends and new while enjoying a

delicious lunch provided by HyVee and served by three young adults:

Khala Cornelson, Braydon Rutledge, and Eve Hanson - doing their community service work.

Alumni present were introduced beginning with 1951, represented by Dick Dowler and Bar-

bara Lahn Westrum. Class of 1957: John Tucker and Sue, Bill Jackson, Robert Loomis, and Bruce Strain. Class of 1959 represented by Larry Hammans and wife, Chris; class of 1960 - Jim Stalcup; class of

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What was Happening 50 Years Ago

by Mary Hill

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Jane Marie Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrell, and Stephen Eugene McCann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCann, exchanged marriage vows on June 7th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Creston.

Approximately 70 members of the Diagonal, Shannon City, and Arispe Churches met Sunday evening to honor Mr. Leroy Perkins, beloved lay minister who spoke in the church from February to May. He was presented with a box of money for which Chuck White, jokingly, offered to sell him some life insurance. (Mr. Perkins had often slammed, jokingly, real estate and insurance salesmen in his Sunday morning messages.)

Valerie Mauer won top honors at the Lakeshore Ladies Tournament last Sunday. She scored a 98 on 18 holes. Carolyn Kessler was second with 103, and Pam Weis 3rd with 106.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Peppmeier of Urbandale are the proud parents of an 8 lb., 4 oz. daughter born June 21st. She has been named Diane.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schad of Creston are the parents of a new son. Jody Lyn was born June 19th. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Schad.

The Cowbelles, along with the Creston Chamber of Commerce, are chartering a bus to Ames on July 10th to attend

Consumer Day at ISU.

Kirk, 5, and Scott, 3, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nixon.

Lightening put the double whammy on a tree in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nixon early this week, knocking about a third out of the top and leaving a gash all the way down the rest of the trunk.

THE EAGLE: Shirley Deahl tendered her resignation as high school principal secretary. She has accepted the same position at Corning.

The new school buses are ready, and Bill Crittenden and Dick Ross left Wednesday for Conway, Arkansas, to drive them home.

Keith Mitchell has been hired as custodian at the Lorimor Center.

With the hiring of Don Bowman as Resource Room teacher at Lorimor, all positions are now filled for the 1975-76 school year. Mr. Bowman has taught in Des Moines since 1961, with the exception of two years spent in American Samoa, setting up an elementary education television school.

Ann Wright and Kim Grandfield gave a demonstration on “How to Make Jelly” to their fellow club members in the New Hope Wonderettes 4-H Club. After the jelly was made, each member tested it on the five baking powder biscuits they brought. Michelle Flesher, Kelly Friday, Diane King, Tina Lemon, Jody Adams, and Brenda Grandfield presented a skit – “Beautiful People are Great Hostesses and Guest.”

LOCALS: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Haight and fam-

ily attended the Carson & Barnes Circus in Osceola Thursday evening.----Clarice Warrior, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheeler spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Amos and family to celebrate the Amos's 25th Wedding Anniversary, which is June 25th. Clarice Warrior baked the three-tier anniversary cake, which was surrounded by red roses.

ADS: CARPENTER WORK and Shingling, Ron Jones;- - - - W A S T E N E Y TRENCHING, Backhoe, Trenching, Dump Truck, End Loading, Craig Wastenev;----WANTED: Custom Baling, Gehl Baler, \$4.00, twine furnished, Mike Rollings;-----WANTED: Custom work with round baler and Hesston stacker, Lloyd Jones;---LAW ENFORCEMENT – Southwestern Community College is proud to announce a NEW program, two-year Associate degree;----EAGLE ’76 COLLECTION – Dingo and Acme boots, available at Ken’s Clothing for Men and Boys;----WANTED – Custom hay stacking with a Hesston 10 Stack-er, Martin Kingery;---ARTIFICIAL GRASS - \$3.99/sq. yd., For steps, patio, porch, Now in stock, Moore’s Plumbing & Heating;----FOR SALE – Part-Pom Puppies, \$5 each, Orlan Wilbur;----PLEASE – Visit our Lemonade Stand today, Thursday, at 600 E. Filmore; More later. MHill mhill052@icloud.com

It's Friday The Manure Trolley

by Rick Friday

Boys just wanna have fun. Just down the road from our farm was the Stephens farm, and back when I was a kid, neighbors were family. I was the only kid in the neighborhood who didn’t have a brother. Heck, even my little sister had a brother. However, in about a thousand steps or so down the gravel road, I could find the brother I never had. The Stephens farm was chock-full of ambitious boys, and in a short half mile, on foot or on a bicycle, I could find a brother, and we could easily find our own fun.

Stephens' big, beautiful barn was breathtaking and an impressive landmark of its time. On the bottom story of the huge red barn was a breezeway, a tack room, a feed room, and lots of animal stalls. On the top story was a huge hay loft with a

heavy barn rope hanging from a hay trolley that rested near the opening of the cupola sitting on the top of the barn.

In the center of the loft was a very large square hole where you had to climb a wooden ladder to get to the loft, and this large hole in the floor is where they threw the hay down to the bottom story to feedstock.

For hours, we would take turns swinging from one side of the hole in the loft to the other side. We would also freefall to the bottom story and land in the loose hay below. We built forts the size of castles with the hay bales stacked in the barn. The fun we found in that barn was everlasting.

On the bottom story was a manure trolley, or litter carrier, which was a large bucket that hung from a rail that could be navigated through each

of the animal stalls and through the wall to the outside. The purpose of the trolley was to scoop manure from each of the stalls into the carrier, then push the carrier outside and dump it in a manure spreader. The invention was an ingenious way of reducing labor, but it was also a country kid’s roller coaster.

We spent hours taking turns riding or pushing each other through the barn to a manure pile outside. We didn’t have a schedule or an agenda; we simply had the freedom to create our own fun. Between muddy creeks, tall trees, and big barns, we never used the phrase “I’m bored.” We knew that if we even thought we were bored, our fathers would hand us a pitchfork and that trolley would be full of manure instead of full of kids.

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DNR Recovers Missing Angler at Three Mile Lake

From Iowa Department of Natural Resources

UNION COUNTY — The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed the recovery of a body from Three Mile Lake in Union County. The individual, identified as Ryan Woosley, age 41, of Creston, was found at 3:30 p.m. on June 18th.

The DNR was notified at 3 a.m. about a missing person who was last known to be at Three Mile Lake to night fish on June 16th and had not been

heard from since. DNR officials discovered a car in the north boat ramp parking lot and an overturned boat in the lake. Initial searches of the lake by DNR law enforcement did not locate the victim. Local law enforcement joined the effort, utilizing a thermal drone to continue the search until daylight hours.

The Southwest Iowa Dive Team was then called to assist with the recovery efforts. Utiliz-

ing sonar technology, the dive team successfully located the body, which was recovered shortly thereafter.

Severe weather that moved through the area on June 16th may have contributed to the incident.

The Iowa DNR was joined in the search and recovery by the Union County Sheriff’s Department, Southwest Iowa Dive Team, and Afton and Creston Police Departments.

Retta's Real Estate Reports Sight Unseen

by Retta Ripperger, R Realty

It’s no secret that e-commerce has changed the retail world. While it’s one thing to purchase an outfit or equipment without seeing it first, buying a home is in another ballpark.

I have sold a few this way and not sold more this way. What looks great in still photos is a different story in a video and a lot different in person.

Start with a list of non-negotiables. Many times, these change as you get further into the process. If you can look at houses in person at least once, as a Realtor, you get a better feel for the buyer. Stay in close contact. More is better.

Inspections are always an excellent idea for remote buyers. That’s another set of eyes representing you looking at

the property. Your agent is required to tell you of any material defects, but agents aren’t contractors or inspectors.

A plane ticket is pretty cheap insurance, and you know what you’re getting. I had a really nasty listing in Creston once. An agent represented out-of-state buyers. They drove here with possessions in their car, closed, and then went to the house. They planned to spend the night. They

ended up getting a hotel room, listed the house the next day, and left town! Maybe they should have asked the agent about the utilities or even gone to the house to check it out before closing. Live and learn!

I, and many others, attended the wedding reception for Will and Kacie Gordon at the fairgrounds on Saturday. I Congratulate them and hope for a long and happy marriage.

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