Two Weeks Notice

**March 4**

11:00 AM - 3140 Agronomy
Computationally Engineered Plant Seminar
*Root-Based Approaches To Improve Nutrient Use Efficiency In Maize*
Presenter: Dr. Lixing Yuan,
China Agricultural University, Beijing
Put it on my calendar!

**March 5**

4:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy
Twenty-Fourth Annual David W. Staniforth Memorial Lecture
Weeds, Crops, and Health
Presenter: Dr. Frank Forcella,
University of Minnesota
Click here for Dr. Forcella’s Bio and More Info
Put it on my calendar!

10:00 AM - Commons
Departmental Cookie Social

**March 6**

2:10 PM - 2026 Agronomy
Plant Breeding Seminar
*Improved Haploid Inducers In Maize Breeding And Research*
Presenter: Silviu Mureseanu,
Procera Agrochemicals Romania S.R.L.
Put it on my calendar!

3:10 PM - 101 Industrial Ed II
Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium
*Seed Saving in the Tropics: Yucatan, Mexico*
Presenter: David Brenner, germplasm curator,
USDA-ARS/Agronomy
Put it on my calendar!

4:10 PM - 2020 Agronomy
Soil Science Seminar
*Corn cob bales and loose cobs storage in field effects on subsequent crop growth and soil health*
Presenter: Carlos Tenesaca
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**March 8**

4:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy
All Department Meeting
State Of the Department
Presenter: Kendall Lamkey

Agronomy Blotter

Happy to you...

Happy Birthday:
• March 5 - Michelle Graham
  Collaborator
• March 7 - Jode Edwards
  Collaborator
• March 8 - Cynthia Cabardella
  Collaborator
• March 10 - Patrick Schnable
  Professor
Mary Davis
Professor

“Where facts are few, experts are many.”
— Donald R. Gannon

Notes

**Popcorn & Donut Sales Resume**
After a two week hiatus, the Agronomy club will be selling donuts and popcorn on the first floor on Friday mornings.

**Staniforth Lecture March 5**
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**Lab Glass Recycling**
How to participate in this new campus program.

**Windows XP Support Ending**
In 399 days, the XP version of Windows will no longer be a supported operating system.
Job Postings

- Research Director, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, Troy, WI – Supervise and direct the Research Program at the Institute; Devise experimentation with colleagues to enhance and support research into the performance of cover crops species and determination of critical traits in effective production and management. More information on the Job Board.

Lab Glass Recycling Program Expands Across Campus

Some members of Agronomy have requested to start participating in the Lab Glass Recycling program on campus. Aaron Brand has asked the University to include our building in the program. If you haven’t seen the article about the program, and the procurement of red and gold containers used for glass collection, it is available online.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in the Lab Glass Recycling program, please pass along the Link.

Contact Aaron Brand if you would like your lab in Agronomy to be included. Brand will keep anyone interested in participating up to date with any new information provided by the University.

Windows XP Support Ends April 8, 2014

Microsoft will end support for Windows XP on April 8, 2014. This means there will no longer be any security updates, bug fixes, or other changes to the operating system after that date. This date also applies to Office 2003.

What Does This Mean?

If you currently are using a PC with the Windows XP operating system, contact the Baker Lab to discuss upgrading to Windows 7 (or, in certain instances, Windows 8).

If you are currently using Office 2003, contact the Baker Lab about upgrading to the latest version of Office.

Failure to upgrade and discontinue use of XP and Office 2003 prior to April 8, 2014 creates a serious security risk for the campus and for you data.

Can I Upgrade Now?

Anyone who needs to upgrade their operating system or version of Office can do so at any time. Contact the Baker Lab to make arrangements.

My Software/Equipment Requires XP!

There are some options for continuing to use XP in isolated instances. The most common will be computers dedicated to a single purpose and isolated from the network. Computers requiring network/Internet access will need a more sophisticated setup which includes an OS upgrade.

If you have a computer used for a purpose that requires XP, contact the Baker Lab to begin the process of planning for the end of XP support.

Can I Just Wait Until April 7, 2014? This seems like a hassle.

No.

Most computers have data that will need to be backed up and possibly restored once the operating system has been upgraded. Additionally, if you have any special circumstances requiring a more complex setup, extra time will be needed.

Who Can Help Me With The Change?

Contact the Baker Lab – bakerlab@iastate.edu