### Agronomy Blotter

**Happy to you...**

**Happy Birthday:**
- December 9 - **Tom Sauer**
  Collaborator
- December 17 - **Byron Sleugh**
  Lecturer

> “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”
> — John F. Kennedy

### Notes

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**Holiday Hours**

Holiday Building and Main Office Hours will be as follows:

**Winter Break**

Building will be locked December 25, 2014 through January 2, 2015

**Main Office hours**

- December 24, 2014 – Office Closes at Noon and remains closed for the entire Winter Break
- January 5, 2015 – Regular hours resume

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**Provision visit to Agronomy**

Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President and Provost, will be visiting Agronomy on Friday, January 9, 2015.

Schedule will be as follows:

- **2:00 PM**
  - Meet with Kendall Lamkey, Department Chair, 2104 Agronomy Hall
- **2:45 PM**
  - Walking tour of building
- **3:00 PM**
  - Meet with faculty and staff in 2050 Agronomy Hall

(1 Hour - mostly dedicated to conversation with faculty and staff)

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### Agronomy Winterfest Celebration

To Be Held December 19

Next week, on Wednesday, December 19, the Department of Agronomy will hold its thirteenth edition of the Agronomy Winterfest Celebration.

Starting at Noon in the Agronomy Commons, the department will provide soups, bread, and veggies for everyone in the department. Those wishing to provide food to share in addition to the provided fare may bring a dessert or side dish.

Also, keep an eye out for this year’s installment of the Agronomy Winterfest Celebration Brain Kicker Quiz. The Quiz Master has made travel plans and, barring any weather issues, plans to make his annual visit later this week.

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**Two Weeks Notice**

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**This Week**

**December 10**

- 10:00 AM - Commons
  Departmental Cookie Social
- 4:10 PM - 3022 Agronomy Hall
  Guests Seminar
  *Improved prediction of nitrogen mineralization and nitrification rates in soils*
  Presenter: **Oshri Rinot**, PhD Candidate, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology
  Put it on my Calendar!

**December 11**

- 4:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy Hall
  Agronomy Seminar
  *Evolution of Crop Insurance from Insurance to Social Welfare Program*
  Presenter: **Bruce Babcock**, Department of Economics, Iowa State University
  Put it on my Calendar!

**Next Week**

**December 17**

- 10:00 AM - Commons
  Departmental Cookie Social
- Noon – Commons
  Agronomy Winterfest Celebration

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