

The Paper

Our Town, Our Paper!



Laurens, Iowa



Vol. 12 No. 44

www.thepapernow.com

March 20,
2019

Local News

100+ Women Who Care - Pocahontas County Makes Big Impact in 2018!

Last year during the Pocahontas County Leadership Series, Amanda Tendal, Erica Svuba and Brooke McCartan decided they wanted to start a 100+ Women Who Care group for the ladies of Pocahontas County. They were seeing the awesome things that groups in surrounding counties were doing and knew it was something they wanted to bring to Pocahontas County.

A reminder message from Dawn Nelson about how great it would be to start a group in Pocahontas County and a promise of a game plan before the last session of the leadership series got the ball rolling and now the group has a year of making a local impact under it's belt.

In their first quarter meeting, the group donated \$1,900 to the Laurens Public Library to purchase

an instrument for their new Music Garden; during the second quarter meeting \$2,800 was raised and given to Maggie Hallman in her fight with Appendix Cancer; in the third quarter meeting, \$1,850 was donated to MAGS for Fonda making their dream of a slide for their pool a reality and finally in the fourth quarter meeting, \$1,800 was donated to Upper Des Moines Opportunity to help them with all the holiday programs they do for the people in need in Pocahontas County. That is \$8,350 given to worthy causes in

Pocahontas County in just four 90 minute meetings!

You might be wondering how it works? Well don't worry, it is super easy!

1. Sign up online via the form on our Facebook page, or contact us for a Registration Form. If you don't get this done, it is okay, please come to our meeting anyway!
2. Find us on Facebook so you know when our Quarterly Meetings are! Don't have Facebook, ask

...continued to page 2...



2018 First Quarter Meeting

...continued from page 1...

someone in the group and we will keep you posted. Mark your calendars for the meeting date so you don't forget.

3. Show up! Come as you are - this is a fun and casual evening with like-minded women - everyone is welcome.

4. Bring a check for \$100, but leave the "Pay To" line blank until after we vote.

5. Listen to information on LOCAL Pocahontas County charities who are worthy of our donation. Have an idea, please share it!

6. We VOTE!

7. Fill in your check & we give 100% of the proceeds to the LOCAL cause with the most votes!

8. Feel amazing! You were just part of #thepowerof100 and made an impact right here in Pocahontas County!!!

This is a small commitment that gives back great big rewards. It is such a wonderful feeling to help those in need. You can grab a friend and each donate \$50 each quarter, or split between 4 friends/family members and it is only \$25 each quarter. \$100, four times a year is only \$400 given to someone that truly needs it. What do you spend on clothes or dinner/drinks? Can't make it to the meeting, that's okay, just send in your check and you still get to make an impact with us.

The big idea is to get 100 or more women in your group and you will be giving \$10,000 or more each quarter, how awesome would that be for Pocahontas County!? It is a simple concept and the feeling when

making an impact right here in your county is heart warming. As if it could get any better, you make new friends at the meetings, too!!

Our 2019 First Quarter Meeting was held on March 4th in Gilmore City and \$2,300 was raised and Rialto Theatre was selected to receive the funds. This will help the Rialto to purchase new curtains and help with a summer movie program!! Do you want to join us and be part of making an impact!? Mark your calendars for Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Rolfe Roadhouse for our 2nd Quarter Meeting and bring a friend along too!



2019 First Quarter Meeting

POCAHONTAS COUNTY LEADERSHIP SERIES

JOIN US FOR OUR 2019 LEADERSHIP SERIES!

New to the community, company, management or leadership role, or just want to gain valuable skills that will help you in your career and community? We have four **free** engaging luncheon sessions planned that you won't want to miss! All are welcome!

BRENDA CLARK HAMILTON

Brenda is a dynamic keynote speaker and workplace trainer who offers fresh perspectives in leadership, communication, team-building, customer service, and offering one's best self to life, relationships, and career. Audiences describe Brenda as an energetic, engaging presenter who provides useful strategies that can be implemented in their daily lives right away.



Sponsored by



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING YOUR EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

📍 Prairie Lakes AEA, Pocahontas ⌚ 12:00 - 1:00 pm

This fascinating, interactive session will look at the many components of 'Emotional Intelligence' including the four key areas of Self Awareness, Social Awareness, Self-Management, and Relationship Management.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE: CREATE AN IMPRESSIVE REPUTATION FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

📍 West Iowa Bank, Laurens ⌚ 12:00 - 1:00 pm

This program is designed to heighten awareness of what comprises excellent customer service in all aspects of your job—from daily interactions with customers, to phone etiquette, to how to respond if a customer complains.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE AT www.tinyurl.com/poco-lead19

Questions? Contact Pocahontas County Economic Development at 712-335-4636 or pcedcmktg@evertek.net

FRIDAY, MAY 10

THE 5 GENERATIONS WORKPLACE IN 2019: RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES OF YOUR 5G COLLEAGUES

📍 Prairie Lakes AEA, Pocahontas ⌚ 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Gen X, Millennials, Baby Boomers, Radio Babies, and Gen Z...that's five generations of colleagues, working side by side each day! This fun, interactive program is designed to increase understanding of, and respect for, the different perspectives that each generation might bring to the workplace, based upon their shared life experiences.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS: SKILLS FOR COMMUNICATING ABOUT DIFFICULT WORKPLACE ISSUES

📍 West Iowa Bank, Laurens ⌚ 12:00 - 1:00 pm

In this session, we will start by helping participants understand their own natural styles of responding to difficult conversations, then we will walk step-by-step through a framework for having difficult conversations in ways that keep the conversation calm and productive.

WE'RE HIRING SUMMER MARKETING INTERN

COMMUNICATIONS // WEBSITE MANAGEMENT // SOCIAL MEDIA
EVENT PLANNING // GRAPHIC DESIGN // COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission is seeking an energetic, motivated, and creative self-starter to serve as our paid summer marketing intern. Applications are due April 1st. Pocahontas County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Learn more at www.pocahontas-county.com/marketing-intern.



POCAHONTAS COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

T-K & Kindergarten Roundup to be Held at Laurens-Marathon

On Friday, March 22nd, Laurens-Marathon CSD will be holding Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Roundup for the 2019-2020 school year. Any child who is, or will be, 5 years old on or before September 15, 2019 is eligible for kindergarten.

Students in the Laurens Early Childhood Program will have school on this day. Other potential kindergarten students for next year should report to the LOBBY of our school at 9:00 a.m. The children will be invited to spend some time in the kindergarten room. If your child is not in the Early Childhood Program, you may pick them up at 11:00 a.m.

If you have a child who will be in kindergarten next year, and they are not attending the Laurens Early Childhood Program, please contact elementary secretary, Marilyn Ehlers, prior to March 22nd to pick up a packet of pre-registration materials. You must have a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

There will be an informational meeting for ALL parents on Thursday, March 21st, in the main lobby at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend.



Bridal Shower

You are cordially invited to a Come and Go Bridal Shower for Paige Potter, Bride-to-Be of Nick Brincks.

Shower to be held on Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fellowship Hall of the Laurens United Methodist Church. There will be a short program at 10:30 a.m.

Please bring your favorite recipe for Paige on a 4 X 6 recipe card.

They are registered at Lizziedoodle Gifts & Home Décor and Heart 'N Home in Laurens, Target and Menards.



Bridal Shower

There will be a come and go bridal shower for Katie Fuchs, bride elect of Jordan Ives Saturday, March 30 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Rolfe Community Center.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Laurens Chamber & Community Boosters and to all the businesses who donated for the "Get Lucky" basket we won.

Randy & Milissa Frerichs

Summer Help Wanted:

The City of Laurens is now taking applications for *lifeguards*, \$7.25/hr first year; *pool manager*, salary to be determined; and *summer parks department positions*, \$9.50/hr first year. Applications will be accepted at City Hall through April 1. The City of Laurens is an equal opportunity employer.



Lenten Lunch 2019 Schedule:

March 20th ~ Bethany Lutheran Church

March 27th ~ United Methodist Church

April 3rd ~ First Christian Church

April 10th ~ **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Each Wednesday @ 11:30 A.M.
Offering will be taken.

JAMMIN' 4 VETS **@ THE RALLY POINT**

*The Last Wednesday
of Every Month!*

Wednesday
March 27th
6:00 PM
Hot Dog Buffet
Free Will Donation

Easter Basket Raffle Tickets
Hats, Shirts & Koozies available
Great Food
Great Music
Great Cause

Sponsored by The Rally Point for Rally 4 Veterans
ALL proceeds go to the Honor Flight!

***At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
March 20, 2019***

If you want to be a part of the fun of our free watercolor painting classes, contact the library right away, classes are filling up fast! These individual “Let Your Paintbrush Dance: Whimsical Watercolor” classes are Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm April 11, 18, 25 & May 2. Sign up for one, or take them all! These classes are made possible by an ALLI Grant from the State Library of Iowa and will be taught by Deb Burow from Arts on Grand.

Our Book Club choice for March is the classic dystopian novel *1984* written by George Orwell. This book will be celebrating 70 years in print this year. The novel is set in the year 1984, when most of the world population have become victims of perpetual war, propaganda, and ever present government surveillance. Independent thinking is persecuted – I can only imagine what my book club friends will have to say about that! Come pick up a book and join our discussion Monday, March 25 at 7 pm.

Take it Tuesday is becoming a favorite monthly library program!

The First Tuesday of each month, Deb shares a creative craft idea, gathering all the goodies needed. Tuesday, April 2, will bring cute little Easter Bunnies! Please let us know if you'd like to attend, so we can be sure to have enough supplies.

COMING EVENTS

- Tot Time Mondays at 10 a.m.
- Take it Tuesday 6:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of the month
- Book Club 7 p.m. 4th Monday of the month
 - Card Class 6:30 p.m. 4th Tuesday monthly
- ALLI Paint Classes 6-8 p.m. April 11, 18, 25 & May 2
- POWs in Iowa with Linda McCann May 6 at 7 p.m.

The City of Laurens is taking sealed bids for nuisance contract work. Contract Bid Forms may be picked up at City Hall and must be received by noon on April 1. Any questions, please contact City Manager, Hilary Reed, at: 712-841-4526.

***Fine Arts Banquet and PAC Art Show
Monday, April 15th 2019 6:30pm
PAC High School Gymnasium***

*Advanced tickets only: \$14 each- purchased by April 8th
(Fine Arts Students eat for free)

Tickets are available for purchase at the PAC High School office.

Please make checks payable to: PAC Fine Arts Boosters



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., March 20:

Book Club @ 9 a.m.
Confirmation Class @ 6 p.m.
Puppet troop practice @ 7 p.m.
Administrative Council meeting @ 8:15 p.m.

Thurs., March 21:

Rachel Circle @ 9:15 a.m. in Wesley Room
Dorcas Circle @ p.m.
Kids Club from 3:30-5 p.m. at FCC

Fri., March 22nd:

Mens Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., March 24th

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.<
Sunday School (kids) at 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. - Puppets perform
Youth Group Beef Burger Meal Fundraiser
from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. here at LUMC
Youth Group (jr. & sr. high) from 6-8 p.m.
at First Christian Church



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Wednesday: March 20, 2019

11:30 AM - Lenten Luncheon at BLC
5:30 PM - Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 PM - Lenten Evening Service

Thursday: March 21, 2019

3:30-5:00 PM - Kids Club at FCC

Sunday: March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 AM - Adult SS
9:30 AM - Youth SS & Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM - Worship w/Healing
11:30 AM - Potluck
6:00 PM - Youth Group (JH & HS) at FCC

Tuesday: March 26, 2019

7:30 AM - Prayer Group

*Worship, Love, Accept- Together
in Christ's Name*



Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

**Pocahontas, IA -- Pastor: Very Rev. Craig
Collison, VF**

MASS TIMES:

Daily Mass as scheduled in the weekly
bulletin
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 10:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at
Resurrection

Office: 16 SW 2nd Street, Pocahontas

Office Phone: 712-335-3242

Residence Phone: 712-335-8065

E-mail: colly@ncn.net

Pastoral Care: Sister Renae Hohensee,
563-552-8666

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

712-845-6164

Wednesday, March 20

11:30 a.m. - Lenten Lunch at Bethany Lutheran Church

Thursday, March 21

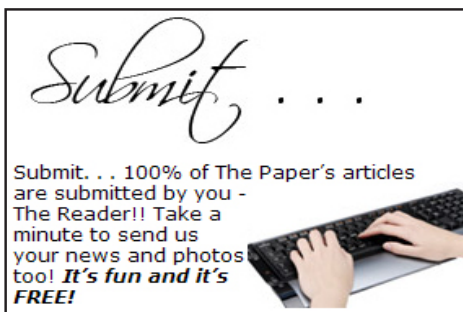
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Kids Club here

Friday, March 22

7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, March 24

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - JR. High and High School Youth Group here



ISU Extension and Outreach Celebrates National Ag Day

Crops grown and livestock raised in Iowa reach across the globe, feeding our state, nation and global community.

National Ag Day, March 14, celebrated these farmers, highlighting their contributions to agriculture in our everyday lives. This year's theme was "Agriculture: Food for Life" and was celebrated with events across the country.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is committed to helping farmers grow more sustainable and profitable enterprises through objective, scientific solutions to the issues and opportunities unique to agriculture in Iowa.

"Our work doesn't end at the farm gate, there is a depth and breadth to what we do as we work to improve the lives of all Iowans," said Jay Harmon, interim director of Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension and Outreach at Iowa State.

During 2018 ISU Extension and Outreach:

- Donated over 90,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to food pantries across the state through the Master Gardener program.

- Educated 5,628 beef producers through the Iowa Beef Center's Beef

Quality Assurance program.

- Provided over \$14 million in cost savings and profit increases to nearly 900 participants at the Integrated Crop Management Conference.

- Informed 257 farmers in southeast Iowa of best practices for safely feeding their corn crop during severe drought in that area.

- Trained 70 watershed coordinators to increase knowledge about water quality practices like constructed wetlands, saturated buffers, bioreactors, prairie strips and cover crops.

- Facilitated 89 farmland leasing programs that reached 1,597 landowners, tenants, ag lenders and professional farm managers on new trends related to land and leasing.

"Not only are we invested in helping farmers decide what crops to grow and how to run their business, but we want to make our communities better places and the people who live there healthier and happier," Harmon said.

To learn more about ISU Extension and Outreach, contact an ISU Extension and Outreach specialist or visit the ISU Extension Store at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/>.

Winter Webinar Series Offered for Master Gardeners in 2019

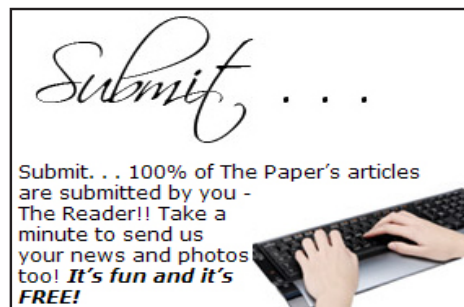
The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Master Gardener program will host a winter webinar series in 2019. Master Gardeners will gain educational hours for the webinars that are scheduled at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office for March 25 and April 29.

Winter webinar topics include:

- March 25, 2019 from 4:30 - 5:30pm – Engaging New Audiences, Elin Filbey will share examples of activities to attract new people to the garden.

- April 29, 2019 from 4:30 – 5:30pm – Limited Space Gardening, Explore a dozen ways to create container gardens with Ed Lyon.

To register, contact Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office, at 712-335-3103. The webinars are free of charge and open to anyone who may be interested.



New Guide Training and Certification for Tourism Staff and Volunteers

A statewide Guide Training workshop will be held April 11 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Central Iowa Expo administration building near Boone. The new program from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is the first of its kind in Iowa, and is designed specifically for staff and volunteers who lead guided programs at Iowa's community tourism attractions, including but not limited to museums, parks and conservation areas, historic sites, science centers and agritourism. The one-day workshop features interactive methods and techniques for creating and delivering dynamic guided programs, with a focus on guiding adult visitors.

The workshop fee is \$10.00 per person, which includes the course workbook, workshop activities, lunch and refreshments. Pre-registration is required and due by April 3. The same workshop will be held on Thursday, June 13 in Mason City. To register for either workshop, contact Central Iowa Tourism Region at 1-800-285-5842 or ann@iowatourism.com.

All individuals completing the workshop have the optional opportunity to receive Professional Guide Certification from Iowa State University for an additional fee. Certification is completed at each individual's place of work or an Iowa location of his or her choice. Certification details are available upon request.

Cost of the workshops has been underwritten by ISU Extension and Outreach, the Central Iowa Tourism Region, the Iowa Tourism Office/IEDA, ISU Foundation Excellence in Extension, Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau, Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Visit Mason City, and the Iowa Group Travel Association.

Hamilton County Cover Crops, No-Till Workshop

Iowa Learning Farms and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host a cover crop and no-till workshop on Thursday, March 28 from 12-2 p.m. at Titan Machinery near Williams. The event is free, open to the whole family and includes a complimentary meal.

The fall of 2018 was a challenge for most farmers; it started raining in early September as the corn and soybeans were maturing and continued to stay wet through harvest. With a priority on getting the crop in the field, there was limited time to complete fall tillage. However, this presents an opportunity to adapt to conservation tillage this spring and to protect the soil from erosion and improve weed control by adding a cover crop this fall.

The workshop agenda will include Brent Larson, Webster County farmer and member of the Sunderman Farm Management team, sharing his experiences with cover crops, tips for successfully adding them to your operation and working with landlords and tenants to implement conservation practices. J. Arbuckle, associate professor of sociology, will share results from the recent landowner survey regarding conservation and water quality attitudes. Angie Rieck-Hinz, ISU Extension and Outreach agronomist, will provide timely advice for preparing your planter and other considerations for no-tilling corn and soybeans this spring. Liz Juchems, Iowa Learning Farms conservation outreach specialist, will share results from cover crop projects examining species selection, water quality implications, and soil health indicators such as earthworms. Doug Gass, South Skunk River Watershed coordinator, will share updates and information about the project.

The field day will be held at Titan Machinery, 3093 220th St., Williams, IA 50271. Attendees should plan to use the west entrance door. The event is free and open to the whole family, but reservations are suggested to ensure adequate space and food. Please RSVP to Liz Juchems at 515-294-5429 or ilf@iastate.edu.

Iowa Learning Farms field days and workshops are supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information about Iowa Learning Farms, visit www.iowalearningfarms.org.

Established in 2004, Iowa Learning Farms is building a Culture of Conservation by encouraging adoption of conservation practices. Farmers, researchers and ILF team members are working together to identify and implement the best management practices that improve water quality and soil health while remaining profitable. Partners of Iowa Learning Farms include the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa Natural Resources Conservation Service, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (USEPA section 319) and GROWMARK Inc.

March 11th, 2019

The Laurens City Council met in special session at the Municipal Building at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11th, 2019. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Mayor Rod Johnson, Council members, Jean Swanson, Aaron Christenson, Rich Newgard, Julie Potter, and City Manager Hilary Reed. Councilmember John Jamison was absent.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing regarding Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. There were not written or oral objections. The public hearing was then closed.

Newgard then motioned to approve Resolution 08-19 Resolution Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action. Swanson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: none. Absent: Jamison.

Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 09-19 – Authorizing the Issuance and levying for a tax for the payment thereof. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: none. Absent: Jamison.

Mayor Johnson opened the public budget hearing for the FY20 budget. There were no written or oral objections to the FY20 budget. After the public hearing was closed, Swanson motioned to approve Resolution 10-19 FY20 budget, seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: none. Absent: Jamison.

Potter moved to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Swanson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk