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Local News

Pocahontas Mutual Makes Donation to Laurens Fire Department

Pocahontas Mutual Insurance Association held their 26th annual Firemen's Golf tournament this year on June 8 at the Pocahontas Golf Club. \$1,800 was raised for area Fire Departments.

Pictured is Laurens Fire Chief Pat Murray receiving the Laurens Fire Department check from Kaye Van Genderen, Secretary-Treasurer and Ethan Lindquist, Adjuster-Inspector.



Pictured L-R: Ethan Lindquist, Pat Murray and Kaye Van Genderen

9th Annual Laurens Cemetery Tour

The 9th Annual Laurens Cemetery Tour will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 26. To participate, everyone is to meet between 2-4 p.m. at the Sportsmen's Park on the east side of Laurens to get a ride on a trolley to travel to the Laurens Cemetery. You will meet some very special people who are buried there. Here are the answers from last week's quiz. Did you get all the answers correct?

1.) The first Laurens soldier to die in World War 1 was Clifford Larimer who will be honored by John Pohlman.

2.) A woman who served as a nurse in World War 11 as well as in Laurens for many years; Carol Johnson was a longtime nurse; she will also be honored by John Pohlman.

3.) This woman served two terms as the area representative in the Iowa House of Representatives. Frances

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Thank You!

The sponsors, the people who donate auction items, the people who donate for the dessert walk, as you can see these people are crucial in making our Rally4Veterans fundraiser a success. These people and the people who came and bought items or did a free will donation are the ones helping to purchase a dog, for an Iowa veteran. We are so proud of Pocahontas County!

A thank you to LMPC Channel 2, The Paper and the Record Democrat for getting the word out. A special thank you to our face painters and the young people who helped with the auction. We would also like to say thank you to John Stumpf, who is organizing our Rally4Veterans website. You will see new changes in 2017, go to www.Rally4veterans.com!

The Rally4Veterans board thanks you, for getting involved to support the men and women responsible for our freedom.

Thank you all and God bless America!

Brian Runneberg, Bob Schuller, Denny Krips, Brent Peterson, Tom Reis, Liza Ludwig, Nancy & Ken Kunickis, Ashley Stumpf, Ann Harrison, Sheryl Ahlers, Jennifer Valentine, Amy Rubel and Vani Ahlers. Thank you all. God bless america!

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Sharon Richardson

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Bev Overbey

Iowa Central Community College

Dave & Nancy Woodin

Dan Wardell Visits Laurens Public Library!



This picture was Dan's idea! He loved the silly edged scissors in our MakerSpace. The caption in his blog reads, "Before I left, the librarians felt I was getting a bit shaggy and they decided to give me a haircut."

Iowa Public Television is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its Reading Road Trip with a record-breaking 75 stops at libraries across the state.

Dan Wardell, popular host of the IPTV KIDS Clubhouse, welcomed kids and families as he promoted summer reading. On Wednesday, June 15, 104 kids of various ages welcomed Dan to Laurens Public Library. We were the middle stop on the 6th day of the tour. Wardell, through an interactive original story, encouraged kids to read, play outside, use their imaginations and eat healthy foods. Join us at the Laurens Public Library at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays this summer, as we "Get On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!"



Dan had the adults as well as the kids doing the Space Alien Hokey Pokey.



Dan is such a great story teller. You can see he's got them in the palm of his hand!

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
June 22, 2016



Kids' Summer Reading continues Wednesdays at 1:30 through July. You'll get to see Blank Park Zoo, Pockets Full of Fun and a couple more surprise guests all using this year's reading theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" This Wednesday Pocahontas County Naturalist Corrinne Peterson will be here!

Remember to come to the Library for LegoMania all day every Friday. "Drop Everything and Read" with us (You can even do it from home, if you'd rather!) Mondays 1-2 p.m.!

Are you looking for a good read? Here are some of our top circulating novels from the past 6 months:

NYPD Red 4 by James Patterson

Missing Pieces by Heather Gudenkauf

After You by JoJo Moyes

Blackout by David Rosenfelt

The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth

Far from True by Linwood Barclay
The Forgotten Room by Karen White
The Guilty by David Baldacci
Me before You by JoJo Moyes
After She's Gone by Lisa Jackson
The Bitter Season by Tami Hoag
Blue by Danielle Steel
Find Her by Lisa Gardner
The Gangster by Clive Cussler
Tricky Twenty-two by Janet Evanovich.

In anticipation of Author Heather Gudenkauf's visit in July, we are reading her book, "*Little Mercies*." I've actually started this one well in advance and am having a hard time putting it down. Now I hope I don't forget the good stuff before we meet to talk about it! Join our discussion June 27th, then come meet Heather Gudenkauf July 25th!

New fiction includes: *Rosalia's Bittersweet Pastry Shop* by Rosan Chiofalo, *Sweet Breath of Memory* by Ariella Cohen, *Pursuit* by Janet Evanovich, *Hero of France* by Alan Furst, *Fireman* by Joe Hill, *Better Get to Livin'* by Sal Kilpatrick, *Games* by James Patterson, *Modern Lovers* by Emma Straub and *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler.

Event Calendar

- On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Wednesdays @ 1:30 p.m.
- Babysitting Clinic June 23
- Tell me a Yarn every Monday at 5 p.m.
- Book Club is 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m.
- Wilkening Holocaust Program 7 p.m. July 12
- Author Heather Gudenkauf July 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- Meet Your Pocahontas County Candidates October 3

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(Gilchrist) Hakes will be portrayed by Barb Smith.

4.) She was a long-time Laurens music teacher who grew up in Lyons, Nebraska. Gertrude Newell will be portrayed by Connie Dallenbach.

Come meet and get to know these special people as well as Paul Mefferd (portrayed by his grandson, Eric Boughey); Jerry Sobotka (portrayed by his grandson, Jerry Sobotka); Paul Felsing (portrayed by Dick Lund); Roy Rubel (portrayed by Dave Alstott).

The Laurens Cemetery Tour is sponsored by the City of Laurens and the Laurens Women's Club; tickets for \$5 each are available at the Laurens State Bank, West Iowa Bank, JH Design in Laurens as well as from any Women's Club member. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at Sportsmen's Park. Profits from the cemetery tour will be used for maintenance and repair of the gravestones at the cemetery.

IRS FORM 2290

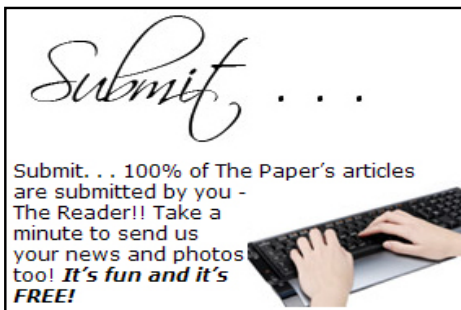
The 2016/2017 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Returns Form 2290 are now available. You can find this form at www.irs.gov and search Form 2290. Truck owners registering trucks at 55,000 pounds or more must submit the returned IRS stamped Schedule 1 to the Pocahontas County Treasurer Office before you can register your heavy truck tractors. This form should be filed by August 31, 2016.

If you purchase a new vehicle during the year you would file another Form 2290 reporting the new vehicle information. The due date of this return would be the end of the month after the vehicle was used. The IRS phone number is 866-699-4096.

You can pick up the 2016/2017 Form 2290 at the Pocahontas County Treasurer Office. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The phone number for the Pocahontas County Treasurer Office is 712-335-4334.

Memory Lane Bricks to be Engraved in July

Memory Lane bricks will be engraved tentatively July 2 or 3 (weather permitting). If you would like to have your brick engraved at this time, please turn in your order form as soon as possible to the City of Laurens or Peg Milton. Brick order forms can be obtained by going to: <http://www.thepapernow.com/brickorderform.pdf>, picking up a form at Memory Lane, or by calling or emailing Peg Milton (712) 841-4645 or peggymilton1951@hotmail.com.



Third Annual Gospel Hymn Sing

The Fonda Arts Center presents its Third Annual Gospel Hymn Sing, Sunday afternoon, July 10, starting at 2:00 p.m. This will be an afternoon of interactive sing-along of favorite hymns, punctuated by vocals by guests Jackie Kiefer of Dallas, Texas, Eric Howard from Fort Dodge, and duets by Myrv Samuelson and Mary Mattoon from Pocahontas/Fonda, and Humboldt, respectively. Not to be outdone, Fonda will share its talents with contributions from Gloria and Randy Mobley, Larry Heschke, and the Vacation Bible School Singers! Denise (Kuklenz) Veencamp of Madrid will be accompanying on the piano, and Sherry Gustafson accompanying on the organ. Master of Ceremonies will be Lyla Kuklenz, who, as in years past, will weave it all together for an afternoon of music, memories, and camaraderie.

All this at the Fonda Arts Center on the Northwest corner of Fourth & Main Streets in Fonda. As always, free admission, free refreshments! Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Class Reunion

The Laurens Classes of 1970 and 1971 will be holding a reunion on July 9, 2016 beginning at 5:00 at the Laurens Country Club. The event will be in conjunction with the Laurens Summer Fest, so additional ways to participate will be available. Those in the Class of 1970 are encouraged to contact Bob Stewart at 515-556-4900, robertstewart@yahoo.com; and the Class of 1971 should contact Frank Koenig at 319-212-0668, frnkkoenig@hotmail.com. Classmates should also join the Facebook reunion page. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!



**Please join us in welcoming
Pastor Ed & Kris Frank to the
Laurens United Methodist Church
& community on **Sunday, June 26th**
@ **10:30 A.M.** at the
Laurens United Methodist Church.**

**Pastor Frank's first sermon at
Laurens United Methodist Church will also
be June 26th @ 9:30 A.M.**

**SPECIAL FRIDAY,
JUNE 24th:**

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dinner. Smothered in
home made green
chile sauce. Topped
with lettuce and
tomato. Served with
rice and beans. Not
spicy, just delicious.**



Quilt Raffle to be Held

Once again, Mary Svuba and Shirley Kruse have shown us their talent and made another beautiful quilt to be raffled off at the annual breast cancer golf tournament at Laurens Golf & County Club.

The quilt is currently on display at West Iowa Bank and tickets are available for purchase there. It will travel to Laurens State Bank in a few weeks and you can purchase a ticket there as well.

Don't miss out on your chance to win this beautiful quilt! Tickets are one for \$3 or two for \$5 and can be purchased at Woodley Insurance in Laurens if you don't make it to the bank. You do not need to be present to win.



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LAURENS-MARATHON MIDDLE SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTER
2015 - 2016**

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must maintain a "B" average in the core academic subject areas, with no D's or F's on his/her Report Card in any subject. To be listed on the "A" Honor Roll, a student must earn an "A" or "A-" in ALL classes/subjects taken.

6th

**Jayden Albrant
Aisha Fehr*
Alyssa Klatt
Dakota Kunz
Austin Seiler
Anthony Vazquez**

7th

**Alyssa Kunz
Trey Oehlertz
Payton Roling
Elizabeth Runneberg**

8th

**Cage Arends
Samantha Beyer
Conner Hiatt
Riley Oxenreider
Ethan Runneberg
Mia Shannon
Kennedy Tate**

**HONOR ROLL
LAURENS-MARATHON MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOURTH QUARTER
2015 - 2016**

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**LAURENS-MARATHON HIGH SCHOOL
2nd Semester Honor Roll – 2015 - 2016**

To qualify for the B Honor Roll the student must have a 3.00 average, with nothing lower than a C.
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9th Grade

**Siera Brazel*
Allison Graff
Victoria Reese
Jadelyn Richardson**

10th Grade

**Weston Brazel
Mikenzy Fansega
Dylan Gerdes
Jonathan Kirsch
Jacob Nath**

11th Grade

**Noah Anderson
Anthony Gordon*
Cody Rohrbaugh
Hannah Runneberg
Alexis Seitz
Kenzie Sullivan***

12th Grade

**Rhianna
Aschenbrenner
Kayla Klatt
Wyatt Lawman
Brandon Litwiller
Destini Oehlertz*
Caitlin Rohrbaugh
Mali Todd
Victorie Wilson**

**LAURENS-MARATHON HIGH SCHOOL
4th Quarter Honor Roll – 2015 - 2016**

To qualify for the B Honor Roll the student must have a 3.00 average, with nothing lower than a C.
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***Announcement
from the
Treasure Chest***

Because of the birth of our granddaughter, the Treasure Chest will be closed until July 12. We will be spending time with our daughter and family.

*We will be open as follows:
July 12-14 (Tues.-Thurs.)
July 19-21 (Tues.-Thurs.)
July 26-28 (Tues.-Thurs.)*

We will not be accepting any new consignment items until further notice.

*Thank you!
Nancy & Ken Kunickis/Ashley Stumpf*

***Laurens Genies to
Meet***

The Laurens Genies will meet Friday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the West Iowa Bank in Laurens. The program will be about "Memories of Weddings in Our Families" presented by Jeanette Korrekt. Roll Call will be "Share photos and memories of weddings of your grandparents and further back in years." Anyone who is interested in family research and genealogy is cordially invited to attend.

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Swimming lessons begin this week at the pool. Little swimmers from ages 2 - 12 will be jumping in the pool to put their face under for the first time or perfect their strokes. The following is short list of life lessons learned from teaching swimming lessons.

*What I Learned About Life From Teaching Swim Lessons:
By Betsy Hnath*

1. Sometimes, you have to hold your breath, jump in and trust that someone you love will catch you.
2. Eventually, you need to learn to get your head up and take a breath all on your own.
3. When you're tense, you sink; when you're relaxed, you float.
4. Nothing will ever feel quite as exhilarating as the time you let go of a pair of trusted arms and make your first, independent swim.
5. If you can't float on your tummy, try learning on your back. A different view can be all it takes to help pick up a new skill.
6. First accomplishments mean more when your mom and dad are there to see it.
7. It's great to learn new things with your friends, but sometimes, you'll get more done on your own.
8. Good teachers never stop learning from their students.
9. At times your instinct is to push harder, when really you need to push smarter. The more you fight the water, the harder the water fights back.
10. We all touch the bottom sometimes, but we can always push our way back up to the surface.
11. People will be more willing to work for a smile and a lollipop than work to avoid a sharp tongue and a punishment.
12. Getting thrown into the deep end for your first experience might teach you to swim, but it will leave you with some serious PTSD
13. There will be a time when you feel like you just can't keep going, but don't give up. When your arms get tired and you feel like you can't go one more inch, focus on your kick.
14. One of the most important things you can do in life is exhale.
15. Water always, always makes everything and everyone feel better.

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Services Held for Kristine 'Kris' Van Berkum

On April 3, 1959, Kristine Anne Van Berkum was welcomed into the loving home of her parents, Paul and Helen Mefferd, one brother, and five sisters. Since Kris arrived nearly ten years after the last sibling, she was totally adored. Kris was always helpful, kind and appreciative when growing up, and those traits continued into her adult life. If anyone needed a helping hand, a listening ear, a pat on the back, something to eat, a bed to sleep in, a bottle of pop, a pep talk, an understanding point of view, a place to hang out, or a reality check, Kris was the person you could count on to be there for you.

Kris loved Spencer, her adopted home, after leaving her hometown of Laurens. She was a person who immersed herself in Spencer's innumerable causes through board positions and volunteering. She believed in being a part of the community by using her time and talents to promote, challenge, and continue Spencer's charm. Spencer was never far from Kris' heart-she was energized by the many friends she had made both personally and professionally. There was not much Kris could not accomplish if she set her mind to it. She had everything it takes to be an exceptional leader. She took on each responsibility with enthusiasm and common sense and never a complaint. The Spencer community returned their appreciation with their support and love for Kris and her family during her most difficult times, and for that she was forever grateful.

Kris accepted each challenge life handed her with courage, faith, and action. She was husband Dan's devoted helpmate and social director, and her children Sarah and Sam's Superwoman mom. Kris disciplined, inspired, and challenged Sarah and Sam. She was a hands-on mother, never dismissing her motherly responsibilities. Kris and Dan were a team living on Breezy Meadow Lane with a 'welcome' open door policy for Sarah's and Sam's many friends. Their Okoboji cabin



was the West Lake Okoboji Grand Central Station where friends gathered to have fun, and where Kris always had a refrigerator and kitchen full of goodies.

Kris had many very good friends who appreciated the very essence of who she was, and she felt the same about them. These friendships encompassed people from her childhood into adult life-true, loyal and so dedicated. Since Kris was much

younger than her siblings, she was very close to many of her nieces and nephews. She had slumber parties for them, played and conspired with them.

Of the many capabilities Kris possessed, her favorite was numbers. She loved working with numbers; thus, being a businesswoman and owning a business seemed so perfect. She had a unique ability to work with people by using her deep respect for the human experience to treat everyone with kindness and fairness. She expressed cheerful greetings, happy smiles, and a great sense of humor to make any day worthwhile.

Kris was very much like her parents-always doing, making, and enjoying life to the fullest. She was one for not waiting, but starting; not regretting, but participating. Kris accomplished much in her 57 years. She leaves a wonderful legacy of an amazing woman.

Kris was a light-bright, shining and never without energy. She was always 'on' to lead or participate in her community, her professional life, or her family obligations. She was never reluctant to say 'yes' to whatever was asked of her. Kris's illumination was evident with her friendliness, her compassion, her work ethic, her strength, her courage, and her love. She will be so missed-we were so blessed.

The silence is so definite. The memories so vivid. The gift so loved. The light still shines...

Survived by: Devoted Husband ~ Dan

Van Berkum (Married September 20, 1986), Beloved Daughter ~ Sarah Kristine (January 20, 1994), Beloved Son ~ Samuel T. (April 21, 1996).

Siblings: Patricia (Ken) Boughey of Laurens, Tom (Bonnie) Mefferd of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Linda (Loren) Gustafson of Spirit Lake, Paulette (Eduardo) Revez of Des Moines, Kathleen (John) Hinn of Spirit Lake, Margaret (Larry) Beckman of Council Bluffs and Hasan (Zohreh) Al-Hasawi, Kuwaiti brother of Kuwait City

Family: Mother-in-law ~ Ruth (Allen) Hansen of Spencer, Brother-in-law ~ Paul 'Doc' Van Berkum of Spencer, Sister-in-law ~ Beth (Dan) Van Hove of Worthington, MN and Sister-in-law ~ Dawn (Ivan) Crane of Spencer.

27 loving nieces and nephews, 44 great nieces and nephews, and 1 great-great niece.

Preceded in death by: Parents ~ Paul and Helen (Frykberg) Mefferd and Father-in-law ~ Wilmer Van Berkum.

Involvements/Recognition: Co-chair Spencer Flagfest Committee, Spencer Chamber of Commerce, Trinity Daycare and Preschool Board, Spencer Family YMCA Board, 1st female member of the Spencer Rotary Club, Charter member of the Spencer Regional Healthcare Foundation, Annual Campaign Chair for Spencer Regional Healthcare Foundation, Festival of Trees Committee Chair, YMCA Endowment Committee, Advisory committee for funding Clay County Regional Event's Center, Co-chair for Spencer Middle School bond issue, 2001 Spencer Citizen of the Year, Spencer Hospital Board (12 years), Shayla Bee Foundation, Co-chair Friends of the Park Bond Drive, Bone Marrow Donor Match Drive Co-Chair, Chair of the American Heart Association Board, Task force for Iowa Lakes Community College curriculum, Alpha Mu Sorority, 1993 Campaign Volunteer of the Year Award (AHA, Iowa Lakes Territory), Buena Vista University President's Advisory Council, Loose Change Investment Club and 2001 Jack Wedel Volunteer Award.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 am on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at Hope Reformed Church in Spencer.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials to: Abben Cancer Center or People for Pets.

***Grace Lutheran
Church Marathon,
Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
Albert City & St
John Lutheran
Church Rural Albert
City***

Pastor John Mayer

Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship Service @ Grace Lutheran Church - Marathon

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Albert City

Sundays 9:00 a.m. @ St John Lutheran Church Rural - Albert City

***This Week at
First Christian
Church***

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Thursday, June 23
2:00 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

Friday, June 24
7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, June 26
9:30 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship: Hostess - Shirley Martin
4:00 p.m. Service at Laurens Care Center
Elder: Craig Ferguson

Our Town Our Paper!

***This Week
at Bethany
Lutheran***

Thursday: June 23, 2016
NO Hand Bell Rehearsal

Sunday: June 26, 2016
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
WORSHIP TIME CHANGE
9:00 AM ~ Worship
10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship
2:00-4:00 PM ~ Voices from the Past
Cemetery Tour

Tuesday: June 28, 2016
10:00 AM ~ Coffee Time

Thursday: June 30, 2016
NO Hand Bell Rehearsal

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



***This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church***

Fri., June 24th:
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., June 26th:
Adult Sunday School Class @ 8:30 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Sermon- Pastor Ed Frank
Welcome Coffee for Pastor Ed & Kris Frank @ 10:30 a.m.



Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Pastor ~ Father Francis Makwinja
Weekday Mass : Friday, 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:00 PM (March - June)

Cluster Parishes:
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids
Weekday Mass: Monday & Wednesday, 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10:30 AM (March – June))

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal
Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 8:30 AM (March- June)



Babysitting Clinic 2016

ISU Extension and Outreach will be holding a Babysitting Clinic for 5th – 7th graders. It will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Laurens Public Library (273 N 3rd St.). Participants will learn the basics of CPR, home safety, money management, how to make a healthy snack. They will finish the day discussing the ages and stages of young children. Participants are asked to bring their own sack lunch. Register early for the class, size is limited to 20 participants. For questions, please contact Program Coordinator, Holly Frerk, at 712-335-3103 or email hfrerk@iastate.edu. Registration deadline is Friday, June 10th.

2016 Pocahontas County Fair Books

Pocahontas County Fair Books are available at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County, 305 N Main in Pocahontas but will not be mailed, you must pick them up here. The fairbook is also available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas.

How To's With Fresh Garden Produce

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will be at the Pocahontas Farmers Market three times this year. Human Sciences, Nutrition & Wellness, Katie Knobbe will be holding hands-on demonstrations on How To's with Fresh Garden Produce. Find the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach at the Pocahontas Farmers Market on June 29, July 27, and August 24 from 4-6pm. Don't miss the chance to leave with a bag of goodies.



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