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Local News

4-H Tri-County Junior Camp

4-H'ers in 4th-6th grade from Pocahontas, Humboldt and Palo Alto Counties had the opportunity to attend a day camp at Meredith Park. Corinne Peterson, Pocahontas County Conservation, led the youth on a scavenger hunt finding many animals that might live in the park. She also instructed the children on the canoeing session.

Humboldt Conservation led the fishing session. Sue Jarvis, 4-H volunteer, presented on water quality and aqua robots. Using an underwater camera, the youth could see the bottom of the pit. The 4-H'ers also participated in sand crafts, tie-dye t-shirts, solving a break out room.

There are many more youth activities planned for the summer months if you would like your child involved in any of the activities please call the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office at: (712) 335-3103 or e-mail us at: lzeman@iastate.edu.



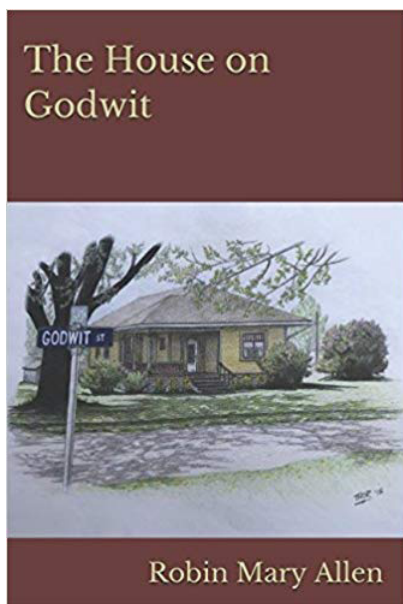
Abby Paulson and Erin Stuchlik work on their tie-dye t-shirt.



Sue Jarvis instructs 4-H'ers before they start their water samples

A New Novel, Set Locally, Hits Bookshelves Near You!

Local author, Robin Mary Allen, proudly announces the publication of her first novel, *The House on Godwit*. The novel fits in the sub-genre of Magical Realism, and the chapters alternate between 1915 and 1995. The story follows Diamond, the 40 year old



protagonist, as she tries to find her way in both time periods. The story is set in a fictional town which is an amalgam of Ayrshire and Curlew, renamed Godwit after the original name of Ayrshire. (The town petitioned to change its name from the suggested Godwit to Ayrshire in the early 1980s.) A plot paradox sustains to

the novel's end, holding the reader rapt in mystery.

Ms. Allen lives and writes in Ayrshire alongside her three dogs. She is working on her second novel, *Crow's Nest*. At age 64, she is thrilled to have finally

published her first novel, and is hoping to live long enough to publish her second, and a third novel, as well.

The House on Godwit may be found on the shelves of libraries in the towns mentioned in the book - Emmetsburg, Laurens, Mallard (Grouse), Ruthven, Spencer and West Bend. Moreover, it is for sale on amazon.com in paperback and on Kindle, and in stock at the Welcome Center and Sol Salon in Emmetsburg and at Arts On Grand in Spencer.

Regional names are used for flavor, but any resemblance to real people, living or dead, is not intended and purely coincidental.

Swimming Lessons in Full Swing

When Mother Nature allows, the first session of swim lessons is in full swing at the Earl Mackie Memorial Pool. Do you ever wonder how many kids learned to swim at our Pool? We want to continue this tradition! Wouldn't it be sad if the kids in our town couldn't ride their bikes up to the pool to learn to swim? Help us continue this service to our community by sending your donation today!

Remember, your gift has triple the impact during the Bellinghausen 2 for 1 Challenge!

Please send your donation to: City of Laurens, 272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, IA 50554.



Frances Messer Memorial Recruitment Grant

The Alpha Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is pleased to announce that it will again be accepting candidates for the Frances Messer Memorial Recruitment Grant. The Frances Messer Memorial Recruitment Grand will be available for the 2018-2019 college year to any college junior or senior who is majoring in education; any individual who is currently working as a teacher associate who wishes to complete his/her degree in education; or teachers who are working on an advanced degree. Interested persons must have attended high school or have a home address in one of these counties: Humboldt, Pocahontas or Northern Calhoun.

The mission of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Applying for this scholarship will enable our mission to continue. Scholarship recipients shall be selected on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis without regard to ethnicity, creed, disability or gender.

For further information or to request an application, please contact: Kay Muller, 407 11th St. SW, Humboldt, IA 50548 or 515-604-2455-BEFORE JULY 3, 2018.

***BILL MATHER IS RETIRING!
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FRIDAY, JUNE 29 - 10 am - 3 pm
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*Rally4Veterans
Honor Flight Auction!
Saturday, July 14th
6 pm, on the street by
Rally Point...all proceeds*

*Go to the Honor Flight!
America's Thank You!
Thank you for
your support.*

In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Immigrants Bring to Iowa

The Pocahontas County Historical Society, along with the Rolfe, Laurens and Pocahontas Public Libraries, invite you to explore and celebrate immigration to Iowa in a display “In Trunks, Hands and Hearts: What Immigrants Bring to Iowa.”

The exhibit, consisting of eight banners, explores immigration through objects, skills and traditions that were brought by immigrants. Thirteen museums and organizations shared stories, artifacts and historic photos for this display. One story comes from Pocahontas County. Amanda Kärf left Sweden in 1883 to join her older sisters in Iowa. Although she managed the sea voyage, her real difficulty began when she made her way to Pocahontas County. Amanda didn't speak English and had trouble locating her sisters in Fort Dodge.

The exhibit was created by the Vesterheim Norwegian-American exhibit in Decorah, Iowa and is sponsored by Humanities Iowa, the National Endowment for the Humanities and Edwin R, and Joan T. Hemphill.

This traveling banner display will be shown at the Rolfe Library from July 2-7, the Laurens Library from July 9-14 and the Pocahontas Library from July 16-21. In addition, a program by Laurann Gilbertson, curator of the Vesterheim Museum, will be held at the Laurens Public Library on Friday July 13 at 7 pm.



O'Brien Umpires & Campaigns

Candidate John O'Brien brought his campaign to Laurens June 18 in an unusual way—he umpired a ball game. After the game, he also stopped at the Rally Point bar downtown.

O'Brien is running for state senate in a district that covers all of Pocahontas, Calhoun, and Humboldt counties as well as most of Webster county. He is a school principal at the Rabiner campus of Manson-Northwest Webster. He lives in Ft. Dodge.

O'Brien is a one-time iron worker who has been umpiring for thirty years. He earned a history degree from Creighton University in Omaha and began teaching at Oakland-Riverside in 1997.

In a statement at his Facebook page O'Brien said, “To all those who have lost negotiation rights, correctional officers, teachers (thus all educators), firefighters, county employees, just to name a few, I've got your back..” He also endorsed the views of former Governor Robert Ray who said he wanted “harmonious and cooperative relationships between government and its employees by permitting public employees to organize and bargain collectively.”

The game finished in the rain. An umbrella shows at the edge of this photo. Laurens beat Peterson, thus advancing in the tournament.



4-H Baking Workshop

Under the direction of Master Food Volunteer Heather Hull, 4-H'ers had the opportunity to practice making the 2018 Pocahontas County Fair Food Challenge Recipe. 4-H'ers learned basic measuring and kitchen safety skills. Each 4-H'er successfully completed the Scone recipe.



Ava Tendal (front) and Maria Brownfield (back) are cutting their butter into the flour mixture.

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Biggest Little Paper In Town!

NEW Coop Feed Mill Tour

4-H'ers had the opportunity to tour the NEW Cooperative feed mill in Pomeroy on June 14. The youth were amazed by the technology that makes the feed mill work. The entire staff in Pomeroy was absolutely wonderful, showing the youth around and learning the many careers they might want to do in the livestock industry.



Sunday, July 15th....
1:00 pm....Laurens Country Club..... \$25 per team
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



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All proceeds will go to
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Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower is being held for
Karmen Loving, bride-elect of Joshua
Stewart. Karmen is the daughter
of Bob and Mavis Loving of Albert
City.

The shower will be held at the
Evangelical Covenant Church in
Albert City on June 30, 2018, at
2:00 PM.

They are registered at The Straw
Horse, Target, and Bed, Bath, &
Beyond.

VACANCY

LAURENS-MARATHON CSD
2018-2019

Board Secretary/Business Manager

Accounting degree preferred

Interested applicants need to send a resume/application to:

Mr. Williamson, Superintendent
Laurens-Marathon CSD
300 W Garfield St
Laurens, Iowa 50554
Applications due July 3, 2018
E.O.E/AA

Questions may be directed to:
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Rally4Veterans

DOWNTOWN LAURENS ~ SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018

★ **FREE WILL DONATION** ★

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:00 pm

COOKIE RUN...T-Shirts...Hats...Koozies
(located in the Auction Building next to Rally Point)

Bean Bag Fun Game (on street by Rally Point)

3:00 - 6:30 pm

ACOUSTIC RE-PUBLIC (Jeremy Ober)

(Playing on the street in front of Rally Point)

4:30 pm

Presentation of Colors by VFW
National Anthem by Chandler Todd
Guest Speaker, Ron Newsum

★ **HONOR FLIGHT** ★

5:00 - 8:00 pm...or longer

VFW Serving Pork Chop Sandwiches with Chips

★ **FREE WILL DONATION** ★

6:00 pm

Rally4Vets Auction

Auctioneer: Rick Winegarden

8:30 - Midnight

Music by **"THE JURY"**

(Playing on the street in front of Rally Point)

**Sunday
July 15, 2018**

First Annual
**Bean Bag
Tournament**
at the

Laurens Golf &
Country Club

Begins at 1:00 pm
\$25 Entry Fee Per Team

We Thank You for Your Support! All Proceeds Will Go To The

★ **HONOR FLIGHT** ★

Rally4Veterans Committee 2018

At the Library with Glenda Mulder June 27, 2018

We have had so much fun with this year's summer reading theme, "Libraries Rock!" Last week, (on our Monsoon Wednesday) the kids each got to make their own rainstick and a kazoo! We are hoping that the rain stays away on Wednesdays from now on because our Story Times will continue all summer at 1 o'clock on Wednesdays. We will also have LegoMania and a few surprise STEM related challenges every Friday.

In fiction books we received *Moscow Offensive* by Dale Brown, *Liar, Liar* by Lisa Jackson, *Lost Creed* by Alex Kava, *Lost Queen of Crocker County* (set in Iowa) by Elizabeth Leiknes, *Tom Clancy Line of Sight* by Mike Maden, *Lost Vintage* by Ann Mah, *Between You and Me* by Susan Wiggs, *Murder in Paradise* by James Patterson, *Unbridled* by Diana Palmer, *All We Ever Wanted* by Emily Giffin, *Before and Again* by Barbara Delinsky, *Buried in Books* by Kate Carlisle and *Lost Family* by Jenna Blum. In nonfiction we received *The Keto Reset Diet* by Mark Sisson and *You are a Badass* by Jen Sincero.

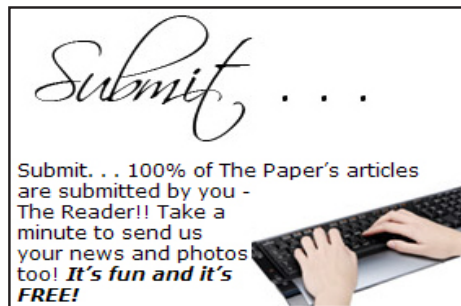
From July 9 to the 14th we will host the display "In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Immigrants Bring to Iowa" from the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. This display consists of banners depicting their reasons for leaving, their journeys, what objects, traditions and skills they brought with them,

as well as their life when they arrived in Iowa. The focus is on individuals' stories through historic photos and photos of things that were and are brought. The stories date from 1840 to 2009 and are from people from 16 foreign countries and 15 Iowa counties. There are also U.S. immigration law facts on the banners. On Friday evening, July 13th, we will have a speaker from the museum here to fill in more details and answer any questions we may have.

Naturally, the Library will be closed July 4th as we all celebrate our independence, so plan ahead!

COMING EVENTS

- Libraries Rock! Every Wednesday at 1 o'clock
 - LegoMania Fridays 11 to 5
 - Norwegian Immigration Display July 9 to 14
- Norwegian Immigration Program 7 pm July 13
 - Book Club 4th Monday of the month
- Pockets Full of Fun Puppets July 25 at 1 pm



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Services Held for Marilyn A. Washburn

Marilyn A. Washburn, 76 years old of Isle, MN passed away June 1, 2018.

Marilyn was born on August 28, 1941 in Laurens, IA. She was a graduate of N.W. Institute of Medical Technology, 25 year employee of U.S.A.F N.C.O Club, and Teal's Market as cashier and friend to all. She enjoyed friends, neighbors, boating, canoe trips, fishing and the cabin on Smith Lake. "She was a Wonder Woman."

She is survived by her husband of 57 years Lloyd; children Lori (John) Denman, Greg Washburn; grandchildren Jacob & Shelby Denman, Teddy & Alec Washburn. Preceded in death by her son Steven and parents Kathryn and Arnold Runneberg.

A Celebration of Life was held at The Vets Club, 38692 US-169, Onamia, MN on Sunday, July 15.

A private burial will be held in Isle, MN at a later date.



WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!

HOUSING SURVEY

Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission invites you to share your opinions about the county's housing supply and market. Please help us by completing a short online survey regarding your perceptions of the current housing market (both owner and renter occupied housing). This study will identify opportunities and issues in the housing market and present strategies for housing development in Pocahontas County.

SURVEY AVAILABLE AT
www.bit.ly/house76

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POCAHONTAS COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor Scott Baker

Sunday: July 1, 2018

6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship & Adult SS

Monday: July 2, 2018

7:00 PM ~ Call Committee Mtg.

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



This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Friday, June 29

7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, July 1

9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by
coffee fellowship



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., June 27th:

NO Book Club

Thurs., June 28th:

Blood Drive from 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fri., June 29th:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., July 1st:

Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Mon., July 2nd:

Quilt Club Potluck @ 6 p.m.



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 8:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at
Resurrection

Office: 16 SW 2nd Street,
Pocahontas

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Pastoral Care: Sister Renae
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4-H Quest to Be Your Best Day Camp

4-H'ers had the opportunity to learn team work and leadership as they participated in Quest to be your Best day camp at Elbert Park on June 7. 4-H'ers played "golf" by having their team get the different balls through the course. They discovered that there is a huge difference between leadership and bossing! After trial and error, all teams were successful at completing the course.

The afternoon brought them to the Extension Office where they were in a break out room. Working together in groups, they solved puzzles and codes to open locked boxes.

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County are offering several day camps throughout the summer that are open to all youth in 4th-12th grade, please call the office at 712-335-3103 to find out about the other opportunities for youth throughout the summer.



Alex Price, Verdy Klocke, Dawson Svuba are using team work to transport their golf ball.



Joshua Hoffman, Morgan Leith, and Aubrey Erickson are concentrating on getting their golf ball to the hole.

4-H Flower Workshop

Rolfe Flower Bin hosted 4-H'ers Monday, June 11, instructing the youth on different flowers that would work the best in their 2018 Pocahontas County Fair bucket of flowers entry. The flowers' tolerance to sun, shade, and water were discussed before the 4-H'ers picked out their flowers and arranged them in their bucket. The flowers will be on display at the 2018 Pocahontas County Fair that runs from Wed., July 18-Mon., July 23, 2018.



Hunter Valentine getting the plants in the bucket.

Babysitting Clinic

Pocahontas County Extension & Outreach held a Babysitting Clinic on Friday, June 8. Participants had the opportunity to learn about first aid and basic CPR from the Pocahontas Community Hospital, home safety from Pocahontas Police Department, money management from Availa Bank, diaper changing, and how to make a healthy snack for children.

