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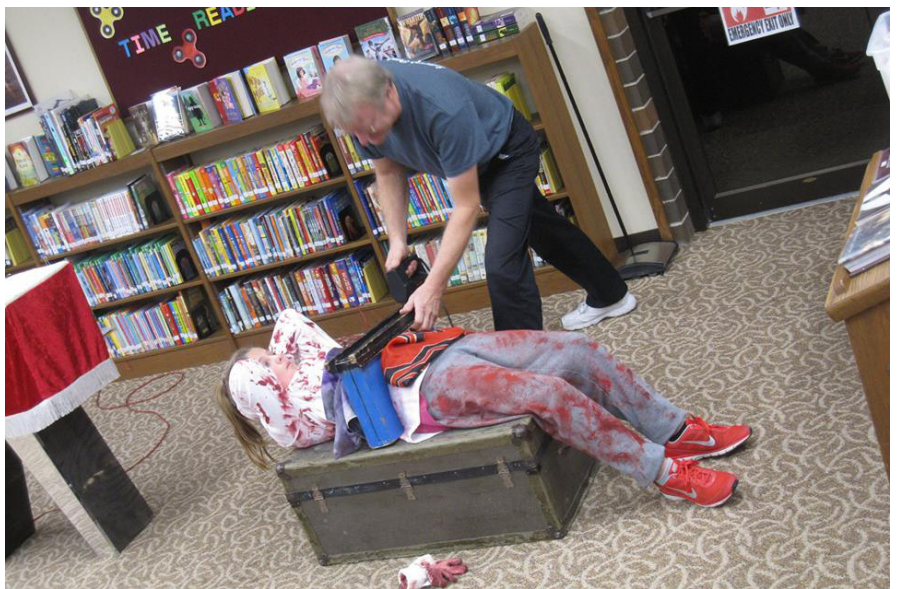
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Local News

14 Years of Halloween Magic at Laurens Public Library!

Fort Dodge Magician Larry Dunbar is shown teaching the ghosts and goblins who attended his Halloween night show how to perform an illusion. They were shown how to hold their hands just right so they could make it look like they pulled their thumb in two! Many tricks and illusions were enjoyed by the 150+ spooks that attended the 14th annual show at the Laurens Public Library.



*At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
November 8, 2017*

Wow, October flew by – especially that last week! What a lot of fun things we had on our schedule. It looks like November will be a bit less busy; but I usually think that at the beginning.

The Library will be closed Friday the 10th & Saturday the 11th in observance of Veterans' Day. Be sure to stock up!

New novels lately include: *End Game* by David Baldacci, *Midnight Line* by Lee Child, *Armageddon File* by Stephen Coonts, *Future Home of the Living God* by Louise Erdrich, *Hardcore 24* by Janet Evanovich, *Noel Diary* by Richard Paul Evans, *Strange Weather* by Joe Hill, *Blue Ridge Sunrise* by Denise Hunter, *In the Moment* by Karen Kingsbury, *House by the River* by Lena Manta, *Unremembered Girl* by Eliza Maxwell, and *Count to 10* by James Patterson.

In nonfiction we received *Colter's West Wind* by Chris Hodges, and yes, it's Laurens native Chris Hodges! One of our Book Club members told us he was reading this book by history buff Chris Hodges. This book tells the story of John Colter, who was

a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, as well as an explorer and fur trapper in the Rocky Mountains.

Our November book club selection is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Kidd Monk. Our catalog describes it like this: "Traces more than three decades in the lives of a wealthy Charleston debutante who longs to break free from the strictures of her household and pursue a meaningful life; and the urban slave, Handful, who is placed in her charge as a child before finding courage and a sense of self." We have lots of regular & large print copies of this book, so stop by and pick one up. Then plan to join our discussion November 27th.

COMING EVENTS

- Tot Time Every Monday at 10 a.m.
- Take it Tuesday - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 - Open Scrapbooking –3rd Tuesday at 5-8 p.m.
- Card Making – 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Book Club 4th Monday at 7 p.m.

Did You Know!?

If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ years of age or older, you can give all or any portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by December 31, 2017 to a qualified charity.

Any money gifted to a charity is entirely tax free on your 2017 tax return. The good news is the Laurens Swimming Pool Project is a qualified charity.

In fact, you can go above and beyond your RMD up to \$100,000. Congress made this permanent two years ago, which means you may give any amount up to \$100,000 each year and the gift may be made any time during the year.

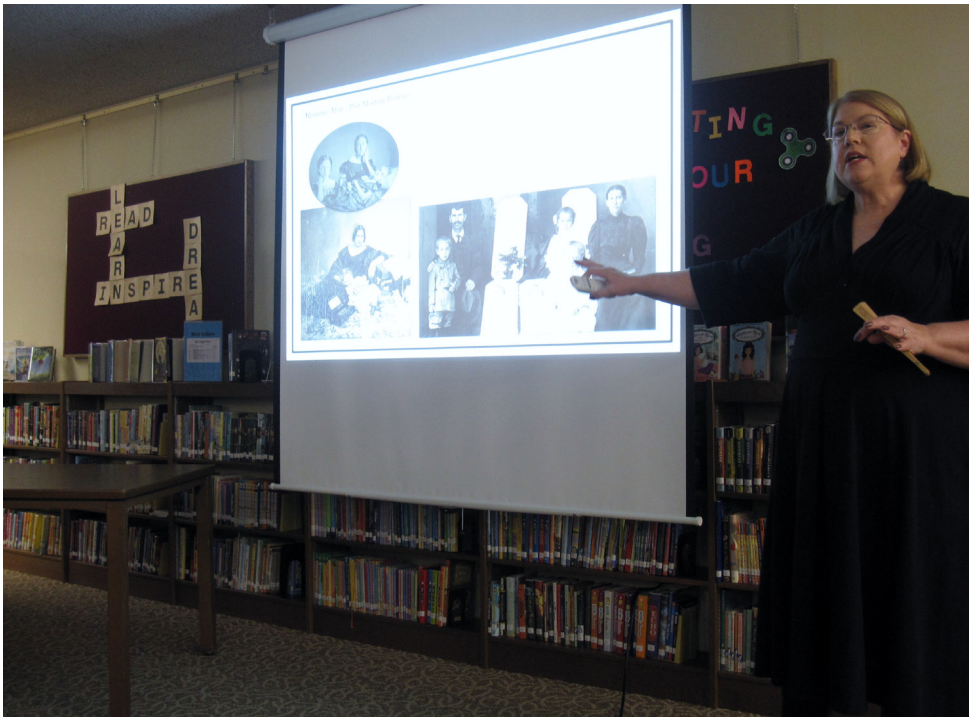
Donations can be made out to:
Laurens Pool Project
272 N. Third Street
Laurens, Iowa 50554



Historian Kathy Wilson Visits Laurens Public Library

Historian Kathy Wilson entertained Laurens Public Library patrons with her program “Death Comes For Us All.” She discussed many Victorian traditions surrounding death and funerals. In this picture, she is showing examples of people posing for a photo with their dead family members. She explained that most people in this era only had their picture taken once in their lifetime – when they got married. So, if the family member was unmarried, they had never had their picture taken and this would be the only chance.

She also explained the tradition of cutting the deceased person’s hair to make jewelry or flowers that were arranged in a frame with a portrait. Personal stories were exchanged about this, and examples shown.



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Hi!
I'm the
AVON
Lady!

Come and Go Baby Shower

Please join us for a come and go baby shower for Erin & Joe Verschoor and their soon-to-arrive baby boy! Saturday, November 25 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Home Plate in Pocahontas. Baby boy Verschoor is scheduled to arrive in January. Erin is the daughter of Carol Williams of Pocahontas and Joe is the son of Jack and Dede Verschoor of Kingsley.



ATTENTION VETERANS

All Pocahontas County Veterans and their dependents are invited to the
POCAHONTAS COUNTY VETERANS APPRECIATION

Saturday, November 11, 2017
(11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Pocahontas Expo Center
310 NE 1st St.
Pocahontas, Iowa

- ☛ Booth Representatives
- ☛ Free lunch for all Pocahontas County Veterans and their dependents
- ☛ Speaker – Elderbridge Agency on Aging

**Thank you to all Veterans
for your dedication
and service to our country!!**

For more information, please contact the Pocahontas County Veterans Affairs Office at 335-3270

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MOVIE DAY!!

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

AT 2 P.M. FOR A MOVIE!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**(CHILDREN UNDER 8 MUST BE
ACCOMPLANIED BY AN ADULT)**

WE WILL PROVIDE POPCORN AND A DRINK!!



SHOWING WILL BE

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BLANKET TO SIT ON AND JOIN
US IN THE LAURENS-MARATHON OLD GYM AT 2P.M.

SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, LAURENS-MARATHON SCHOOL
AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fall Church Bazaar

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Laurens United Methodist Church

Coffee--9:30 a.m. ~ Booths open at 10:00 a.m.

Breads, Cookie Walk, Homemade candies,
frozen casseroles, pies, nuts Quilted, knitted and
embroidered items, Crafters Corner supplies and

Good as New Table

Noon Lunch-Creamed Chicken and Biscuits

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

\$7 adults to 6 years—5 and under \$3

***Fonda Arts
Center - "Tribute
to Our Veterans"***

The Fonda Arts Center joins the rest of the country in a "Tribute to Our Veterans", Sunday, November 12, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of music, commentary, and refreshments.

All this happening at the Fonda Arts Center, on the northwest corner of Fourth and Main in Fonda. Free admission, free refreshments!

***Laurens Women's
Club to Meet***

The Laurens Women's Club will meet Friday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. at West Iowa Bank. The program will be "Laurens Food Pantry" presented by Wendy Hopkins. Members of the serving committee will be Jackie Stelter and Dorothy Runneberg.

Thank You!

The family of Lynn Bailey would like to thank those who visited, sent cards and reminisced. Also to Pocahontas Hospital and Hospice and Pleasant View Home in Albert City for their care of our dad, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather.



LAURENS AREA YOUTH GROUP

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 5TH JUNIOR HIGH

NOVEMBER 12TH HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 19TH MOVIE NIGHT FOR ALL YOUTH

NO MEETING NOVEMBER 26TH DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!!

Youth Group meetings are from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

All youth 6th to 12th grade are invited to attend.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH ADDRESS IS: 213 SOUTH HARRISON STREET, LAURENS

QUESTIONS CALL: ANGELA CHRISTENSON--712-450-0295

FISH FRY



Friday, November 10th
Serving from 5-8 p.m.

Menu: All You Can Eat Fish, Baked Potato,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw & Garlic Toast

Come Out &
Enjoy Dinner
with Us!



12582 Hwy 10 West, Laurens
Phone: (712) 841-2287

Public
Welcome!

Cheers to 10 Years at Hy-Vee

Celebrate with us in Downtown Laurens
Thursday, November 16th, 3-8 PM

Great Door Prizes * Great Snacks * Great Deals

Storewide 20% OFF All Regular Priced Items

Excludes Prescriptions

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER

FRIDAY – November 10, 2017

Laurens United Methodist Church
201 West Main Street

Serving - Roast Beef Sandwich
Baked Beans, Chips & a Bar

Time - 11:30 - 1:00

Cost - Free will offering



The money raised is going to be used to send
Pocahontas County Veterans on the Brushy Creek Area
Honor Flight.

Delivery is available by calling 712 358 4419

**HONOR ROLL
LAURENS-MARATHON MIDDLE SCHOOL
FIRST QUARTER
2017 - 2018**

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

**Ataya Arends
Kaydence Fansega*
Isaiah Schossow
Tiffany Sheets
Emma Storms**

7th

**Joel Carranza*
Devan Garman*
Emily Harrold*
Taylor Hubbell
Addison Olson*
Isaac Vote
Alia Wood**

8th

**Jayden Albrant
Toby Butler
Alyssa Klatt
Dakota Kunz
Bekka Madsen
Austin Seiler
Anthony Vazquez**

*This Week
at Bethany
Lutheran*

Pastor Scott Baker

Wednesday: November 8, 2017

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Sunday: November 12, 2017

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship W/Thanksgiving Offering,

Commitment Card, & SS sing

4:00 PM ~ Laurens Care Center Service

6:00-8:00 PM ~ Laurens Area Youth Group (HS) at BLC

Tuesday: November 14, 2017

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Thursday: November 16, 2017

9:00 AM ~ Morning Circle at Bertha Olson's home

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



*This Week at
First Christian
Church*

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, Nov. 8

1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers

7:00 p.m. - Lydia Group (Note time)

Friday, Nov. 10

7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, Nov. 12

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - HS Youth Group at Bethany Lutheran Church



*This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church*

Pastor Ed Frank

Monday, Nov. 6th:

Quilt Club @ 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 10th:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5th:

Adult Sunday School @ 9 a.m.

Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group (JH) from 6-8 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran



Fumigation Continuing Instruction Course is November 14

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office will host a Fumigation Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial and private fumigant pesticide applicators on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017. The program, provided by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the course runs from 9 to 11 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Dianne Dirks at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Pocahontas County by phoning 712-335-3103 or email dianned@iastate.edu.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 7C (Fumigation) and 10 (Research and Demonstration) and private pesticide applicators who are certified to apply fumigants. The course will cover topics including safe handling and storage of pesticides; pests, pest management and pesticides; laws and regulations; and personal protective equipment.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through PSEP can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/psep.

Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Management Continuing Instruction Course is November 15

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office will host a Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, Plant Disease Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the course runs from 9 to 11 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Dianne Dirks at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Pocahontas County by phoning 712-335-3103 or email dianned@iastate.edu.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, 1C, and 10. Topics covered will include information on safe handling and storage of pesticides, laws and regulations, personal protective equipment, and pests and pest management.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in Pest Management will be offered at this program. Any interested participant should bring his or her CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through the PSEP Program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.

FREE 4-H Thanksgiving Meal

FREE 4-H Thanksgiving Meal will be held Saturday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (or while supplies last). Pocahontas Area HS/MS Commons.

All are welcome to attend the annual 4-H Thanksgiving Meal! 4-H'ers will prepare turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dinner roll, and pumpkin pie. This meal helps 4-H'ers learn basic kitchen skills and food safety while serving the community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu

ISU Extension and Outreach Offers Pro-Ag Outlook and Management Seminars

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has scheduled a series of Pro-Ag Outlook and Management Seminars to be held across the state in November and December.

The program is designed to provide agribusiness leaders a concise evaluation of current market conditions, expected trends in crop and livestock income potential and management implications. Participants also will receive an overview of the agricultural industry and learn how changes may affect Iowa producers.

Speakers will vary by location but will include ISU Extension and Outreach state specialists Chad Hart, associate professor in economics and extension grain markets specialist; Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor and extension economist; Lee Schulz, assistant professor and livestock economist; and Wendong Zhang, assistant professor and extension economist. ISU Extension and Outreach field specialists will also be present at the meetings.

This program takes a deep look into the outlook for agriculture in 2018 and provides an opportunity to discuss the current Iowa economic situation with university experts.

Seminars locations and dates

- Waterloo – Friday, Nov. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Hawkeye Community College, Tama Hall
- Altoona – Monday, Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. Polk County Extension Office
- Fort Dodge – Thursday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. Webster County Extension Office
- Mason City – Friday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. Hardin County Extension Office
- Carroll – Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m. Carroll County Extension Office
- Spencer – Friday, Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m. Spencer School Administrative Building
- Greenfield – Monday, Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. Warren Cultural Center
- Iowa City – Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m. Johnson County Extension Office

Registration can be done on-site 30 minutes prior to the start of each program. There is a registration fee for the program. Additional registration information can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/info/meetings.html.

Northwest Iowa Beef Quality Assurance Workshops Set for Late November

There's still time for beef producers to become certified or to update their Beef Quality Assurance certification. Beth Doran, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach beef specialist, has two northwest Iowa workshops planned for late November.

"These events will help area cattle producers ensure they are meeting consumer and packer expectations," Doran said. "ISU Extension and Outreach, Iowa Beef Center, and Iowa Cattlemen's Association are co-hosting these workshops."

Workshop dates and locations. Producers can choose the date that works best for them. There is no fee to attend, but preregistration is encouraged to help in planning.

- Tuesday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to noon, Sac County Extension Office, 620 Park Ave., Sac City
- Thursday, Nov. 30, 1-3 p.m. Western Research & Demonstration Farm, 36515 Hwy E34, Castana

Both workshops offer the same certification information. Best management practices will focus on cattle care and handling, managing feed ingredients and medication, biosecurity and record keeping. Other topics include feedlot self-assessments, beef industry trends and the 2016 National Beef Quality Audit in which BQA was identified as an important strategy to increase consumer confidence.

Workshop participants will obtain their BQA certification, which will be effective three years from the training date and will meet beef packer requirements. To maintain integrity of the BQA program, all BQA certification in Iowa is administered by the Iowa Beef Industry Council.

To register for the Nov. 21 workshop in Sac City, call Lora Wright at 712-662-7131; for the Nov. 30 workshop in Castana, call Keith Baker at 712-432-2175. For more information, contact Doran by phone at 712-737-4230 or email doranb@iastate.edu.

Yard and Garden: Prepare Outdoor Flowers for Winter

With colder temperatures sweeping across Iowa, it's time to start thinking about winter. How should Iowans prepare flowers for winter temperatures to ensure their long-term survival?

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists can help answer questions about the best way to prepare flowers for winter. To have additional questions answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

How should I prepare roses for winter? Modern roses, like hybrid teas, floribundas and grandifloras, require protection during the winter months. Low temperatures and rapid temperature changes in winter can severely damage and sometimes destroy unprotected roses. (Most old garden roses possess excellent cold hardiness and don't require winter protection.)

Hilling or mounding soil over the base of each plant is an excellent way to protect modern roses. Begin by removing fallen

leaves and other debris from around each plant. Removing diseased plant debris helps reduce disease problems next season. Next, cover the bottom 10 to 12 inches of the rose canes with soil. Place additional material, such as straw or leaves, over the mound of soil. A small amount of soil placed over the straw or leaves should hold these materials in place. Prepare modern roses for winter after plants have been hardened by exposure to daytime temperatures in the 40s and nighttime temperatures in the 20s. Normally, this is early November in northern Iowa, mid-November in central areas and late November in southern counties.

How should I prepare mums for winter? Chrysanthemums are shallow-rooted plants. Repeated freezing and thawing of the soil during the winter months can heave plants out of the ground and cause severe damage or even death. Gardeners can improve the odds of their mums surviving the winter by mulching plants in fall. Mulching helps eliminate the freezing-thawing cycles that can heave plants out of the soil. Apply the mulch in late fall, typically late November in central Iowa.

Do not cut back the plants prior to mulching. Simply cover

the plants with several inches of mulch. Suitable mulching materials include clean (weed-free) straw, pine needles and evergreen branches. Leaves are not a good mulch as they tend to mat down and don't provide adequate protection. The mulch should remain in place until early April.

How do I prepare tree peonies for winter? Tree peonies are small, woody shrubs. Unlike herbaceous peonies, the stems of tree peonies do not die back to the ground in fall.

Cold winter temperatures can damage young tree peonies (especially those in northern portions of Iowa.) Rabbits also can damage plants in winter. Rabbit damage can be prevented by encircling each plant with chicken wire or hardware cloth fencing in fall. Fill the enclosure with a light, airy material, such as straw or pine needles, to protect plants from cold winter temperatures.

Protective materials should be in place by mid to late November. Remove the materials in early April.