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## Local News

### Community State Bank Makes \$50,000 Donation to Pool

Clark Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer at Community State Bank, presented the Laurens Pool Project committee with a check for \$50,000 recently.

Cunningham commented, "This is representative of our Bank's involvement in each of our communities. We are happy to support the New Pool in Laurens."

Pat Sullivan, Vice President and Laurens Branch Manager, added "This project is very important to Laurens and our community. I am glad our bank is supporting it."

Community State Bank recently acquired the former Laurens State Bank founded in 1935 by E.B Pannkuk.

Pool Committee member Glenda Mulder stated, "We are happy to have Community State Bank as a part of our community, and thrilled by this \$50,000 donation, which brings our donations total to \$1,250,000".



Pictured are Clark Cunningham, Holly Storms and Patrick Sullivan of Community State Bank; Mayor Rod Johnson, and Pool Committee members Ann Beneke, Julian Johnsen, Glenda Mulder, Troy Oehlert, Hilary Reed, Jean Swanson, Lyle Wallin and Hannah Zylstra.



## *Laurens Festival of Trees*

Laurens Festival of Trees is again open each weekend in December at the Laurens United Methodist Church. Hours are Saturday and Sunday noon to 7 pm.

Come browse the trees decorated by creative businesses, individuals, and organizations in our community. Allow a little extra time to sit for a few minutes and let the Spirit of the Season wash over you!



## *Laurens Women's Club to Meet*

The Laurens Women's Club will meet for a Noon Luncheon and meeting on Friday, December 10 at the Laurens United Methodist Church.

Glenda Mulder and Lanore Thumma will present the program "Twenty Years of the Laurens Festival of Trees".

Installation of 2022 officers will take place.



**HOURS**  
**Noon to 7pm**  
**each**  
**Saturday**  
**and**  
**Sunday**  
**in December**

*Laurens  
Festival  
of Trees*

**at the Laurens United Methodist Church 201 West Main**

## ***2022 Pocahontas County Beef Weigh In***

All market beef that will exhibit at the 2022 Pocahontas County fair will need to weigh in at Dale Wenell's Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Please enter his farm from the east as there is a bridge out on the west road.

Contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County with the number of calves you will weigh at 712-335-3103 or [Izeman@iastate.edu](mailto:Izeman@iastate.edu) or you may enter the number in your 4honline account under events. Tags and implants must be paid for that day.



**Retirement  
Party**

**IN HONOR OF**

**AL SANDVIG**

FRIDAY, THE 17th of DECEMBER 2021  
from 5:00 p.m. TO 8:00 p.m.  
at the SILVER DOLLAR SALOON  
135 N. 3rd Street, Laurens IA 50554

## ***2022 Pocahontas County 4-H Scholarship***

Applications are available for the 2022 Pocahontas County 4-H Scholarships. Due to the generous support of the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment, up to 10 \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to senior 4-H members.

The applications are available at the ISU Extension and Outreach Office Pocahontas County, on our website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas>, by emailing [Izeman@iastate.edu](mailto:Izeman@iastate.edu) or you may phone 712-335-3103 and we will mail you a copy. Applications are due no later than February 1, 2022 at 4:30 to the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office, no late applications will be accepted.

*At the Library*  
*with Glenda Mulder*  
*December 8, 2021*

The Library is all dressed in its Christmas finery. We set our tree up in that north window this year, right by the fireplace. This is the magazine reading area, so there are comfy chairs right there. When you need a change of scenery, come sit a



while and read a book or a magazine at the Library. This is a rather inviting spot, and the Library staff is trying to resist the temptation!

We have displays of Christmas materials set up in each department. We should be able to charge up your Christmas Spirit. Whether you prefer adult or kids fiction or nonfiction, CD audiobooks or DVDs – we've got you covered!

Our Library staff loves the Laurens Festival of Trees, so we have several entries again this year. Look for one from our Book Club and one with ornaments made at the last Take it Tuesday. My favorite is "Orange you Glad we Recycle?" which features eleven months of those orange plastic bags the newspapers are delivered in strung around and under it. Look for these entries as you wander Laurens Festival of Trees these December weekends.

December's Book Club choice is a cozy mystery by Joanne Fluke, *Christmas Cupcake Murder*. This is part of the popular Hannah Swenson series, which takes place mostly in Lake Eden, Minnesota at a bakery. But don't worry, each book is complete in itself, the series just has continuing characters. Our catalog describes the novel this way, "Firing up the Cookie Jar's ovens to attend a lengthy holiday checklist, Hannah Swensen helps loved ones manage seasonal doldrums before she is challenged to identify a skilled antique restorer found near death outside her bakery." Grab a copy and join our discussion Monday, December 27 at 7 pm

**Dates to Remember**

December 14 - 5:30 p.m. Cards with Deb & Laura

December 27 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *Christmas Cupcake Murder* by Joanne Fluke

December 28 @ 6:30 p.m. - Cardmaking Class with Brenda & Milissa

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## *Marie I. Wells Passes*



Marie I. Wells, age 96, of Laurens, Iowa formerly of Marathon, Iowa died November 25, 2021 at the Laurens Care Center in Laurens, Iowa.

Memorial services took place Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the United Methodist Church in Marathon. Burial was in the Poland Township Cemetery. The Sliefert Funeral Home in Albert City was in charge of the arrangements.

Marie Irene Taylor was born on July 30, 1925 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Milford, Iowa and was the youngest of eight children. She attended Okoboji country school and graduated from Okoboji High School near Milford in 1943.

Marie then attended Iowa State Teachers College in Waterloo (now UNI) for two years and earned a teaching certificate in elementary education. After teaching in West Bend and Estherville for several years, she married Gordon Wells of Marathon in 1947. Three children followed: Marilyn, Larry, and Cheryl.

She returned to teaching in 1953, serving in the Havelock school district until 1959 while taking night school and summer school courses to finish her B.A. The family moved to the A.A. Wells home in Marathon in 1959, and Marie taught remedial reading at the Marathon Consolidate School through 1976. She then trained to become a learning disabilities teacher, working in the Laurens schools until her retirement in 1987, having served the teaching profession for 34 years.

After retiring her adventurous spirit emerged and she took numerous trips with Bertie Paquin and with her daughter, Marilyn, including an Alaskan cruise and white-water rafting, a mule train trip down the Grand Canyon, and a hot air balloon ride on her 80th birthday. She spent many winters in Texas with Irene Johnson, where she also did volunteer tutoring in the local schools. She learned to oil paint and produced many still life pictures that we still enjoy. She also took woodworking classes and made two beautiful wall clocks.

Her many other talents included writing poetry and short stories, composing music and lyrics, and she enjoyed ballroom dancing. She had six stories and six poems published and continued writing until shortly before her death.

Marie is survived by her brother, Orville Taylor of Hartley, IA, daughters Marilyn Wells of Phoenix, AZ, and Cheryl (Scott) Frye of Laurens, IA, grandchildren Christina (Scott) Boudewyns of Des Moines, IA, Amanda Frye of Lincoln, NE, Jacob (Melissa) Frye of Lake View, IA, and great-grandchildren Evie, Owen, and Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Verna (Wilson) Taylor, sisters Francis (infant), and Mildred (Taylor) Groff, brothers Lloyd (infant), Howard, Dale, and Glen Taylor, and her son, Larry Wells.

She will be remembered for her fiercely independent spirit and her kind and patient teaching of special needs children. In any contest, she was always an avid supporter of the underdog.

The family expresses thanks and appreciation for the wonderful care that Marie received from the staff at the Laurens Care Center and the Hospice nurses that attended her during her final days.

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

**Pastor Deb Parkison**

**Wed., Dec. 8:**

Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Caring Cards 5-8 p.m.

**Fri., Dec. 10:**

Women's Club luncheon @ NOON  
AA meeting 7-8 p.m.

**Sat., Dec. 11:**

UMM meeting @ 8 a.m. at the church  
Come 'N Go Open House at parsonage 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Festival of Trees open NOON- 7p.m.

**Sun., Dec. 12:**

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Christmas Program  
Festival of Trees open NOON-7 p.m.  
Youth Group 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church



**The  
United  
Methodist  
Church**

***This Week at  
Bethany Lutheran***

**Pastor David E. Klappenbach**

**Wednesday: December 8, 2021**

7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

**Sunday: December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

9:15 AM - Adult SS

9:30 AM - Youth SS & Coffee

Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship

5:00-6:30 PM - Youth Group at FCC

**Tuesday: December 14, 2021**

8:30 AM - Prayer Group

9:30 AM - Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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



***This Week at First  
Christian***

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**

2:00 p.m. - Lydia Group

**Thursday, Dec. 9**

1-4:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

**Sunday, Dec. 12**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5- 6:30 p.m. - Laurens Area Youth Group at First Christian Church



***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 and Sunday at 10:30 AM

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:15 pm at Resurrection

## *Beef Quality Assurance Trainings Still Available in 2021*

Beef packers are reminding feedlot producers to update or obtain a current Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certificate. But there are other reasons for certifying – to assure consumer confidence, to improve animal performance, and to expand international demand for U.S. beef.

To help producers accomplish these goals, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Iowa Beef Center and Iowa Beef Industry Council are offering a series of “year-end” trainings in Northwest Iowa.

Trainings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to Noon – ISU Extension and Outreach Plymouth County office, Le Mars. Pre-register to 712-546-7835.

- Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to Noon – ISU Extension and Outreach Buena Vista County office, Storm Lake. Pre-register to 712-732-5056.

There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required two days in advance of the training. To pre-register, call the phone number listed for the site to be attended.

If an in-person training cannot be attended, BQA certification may be completed on-line at <https://bqa.beeflearningcenter.org/>.

For a flier or more information on these Northwest Iowa BQA trainings, contact Beth Doran, ISU Extension and Outreach beef field specialist, at: (712) 737-4230 or [doranb@iastate.edu](mailto:doranb@iastate.edu).

## *Beginning Farmer Gathering Dec. 14 in Orange City*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach invites beginning farmers from Northwest Iowa to attend a gathering at the ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County office in Orange City on Tuesday, December 14 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Following a COVID-19 hiatus, this is the first beginning farmer gathering to be held since 2019. The gathering is open to any farmers/ranchers, livestock producers or ag industry professionals who predominantly categorize themselves as “beginning,” or ag stakeholders who are looking for objective, research-based educational topics related to the continuing landscape changes in production ag.

“Our Beginning Farmer Gatherings serve several purposes,” said Beth Doran, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “First of all, they are a time for networking and meeting local peers in agriculture. Secondly, they provide an in-person opportunity to meet and learn from Extension specialists and industry experts. And lastly, they are a lot of fun.”

The gatherings always feature time for networking, as well as an education component. Sometimes the group also goes on tours.

On Dec. 14, the focus will be on negotiation skills, featuring Dennis Reyman from Stalcup Ag Services, Inc. as the keynote speaker. ISU Extension and Outreach agriculture specialists will also be on hand to introduce themselves and answer questions, and time will be spent providing a Northwest Iowa Beginning Farmer Group overview, vision, and schedule moving into 2022.

There is no charge to attend this gathering, but preregistration is required to adequately plan for materials, space, and the complimentary supper. Preregister online at <https://tinyurl.com/87eravk3> or call the ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County office at 712-737-4230.

## *Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops Scheduled for 2022*

Confinement site manure applicators and anyone interested in learning about manure issues should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in January or February 2022. These workshops are offered in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Registration is required. No walk-ins allowed. There is no fee to attend the workshops, but applicators will need to pay certification fees and send the forms in to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to complete certification requirements.

“Iowa law requires confinement site manure applicators to attend two hours of continuing education each year of their three-year certification period or take and pass an exam once every three years,” said Dan Andersen, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and extension

agriculture engineering specialist at Iowa State, and coordinator of the manure applicator certification program.

A total of 64 counties will participate in the confinement site manure applicator workshops. In addition, a series of six dry/solid manure applicator certification meetings will be held in February. These meetings are tailored toward dry/solid manure for either Commercial or Confinement Site manure applicators. ISU Extension and Outreach county offices have a complete list of workshop dates and locations, or view a list at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/immag/confinement-site-applicators>.

The workshops serve as initial certification for those applicators who are not currently certified, recertification for those renewing licenses and continuing education for those applicators in their second or third year of their license.

Due to uniform certification deadlines, applicators are encouraged to attend workshops prior to March 1 to avoid being assessed a late fee of \$12.50 for those who are re-certifying. Those unable to attend one of the workshops need to schedule time with their ISU Extension and Outreach county office to watch the training video. Due to scheduling conflicts, extension

offices will no longer accept walk-in appointments to watch these videos but do offer scheduled dates and times to provide this training.

If you can't attend training during one of the scheduled reshow dates at your county extension office, you will be charged a \$10 fee to view the training at your convenience. If attending the workshops or watching the two-hour training video is not convenient, confinement site manure applicators may contact their local Department of Natural Resources field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam to meet certification requirements.

Applicators also have another option, online certification; an applicator can take their training online at DNR MAC eLearning site at <https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov/>. The applicator will need to sign-in and get an A&A account.

Contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office for more information about the Manure Applicator Certification Program or visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/immag/confinement-site-applicators>.



## *Commercial Manure Applicator Training Set for Jan. 6*

Commercial manure applicators can attend annual training to meet commercial manure applicator certification requirements on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will conduct Commercial Manure Applicator training from 9 a.m. to noon at 80 locations in Iowa and one in Minnesota. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

There is no fee for the workshop. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins allowed. Applicators must register by Dec. 30 with the ISU Extension and Outreach county office where they plan to attend. A complete list of workshop locations can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/immag/commercial-manure-applicators>.

Commercial manure applicators needing to recertify and those wanting to certify for the first time should attend. All currently certified commercial manure applicator licenses will expire on March 1, 2022. Those wanting to renew must complete training requirements and submit forms and fees to the Department of Natural Resources prior to March 1, to avoid paying late fees. The law requires all commercial manure applicators to attend three hours of training annually to meet certification requirements. Businesses that primarily truck or haul manure of any type or

from any source are also required to meet certification requirements.

Those unable to attend the program on Jan. 6 need to schedule time with their ISU Extension and Outreach county office to watch the training Blu-rays. Due to scheduling conflicts, many extension offices will no longer accept walk-in appointments to watch these Blu-rays but do offer scheduled dates and times to provide this training.

If you can't attend training during one of the scheduled reshow dates at your county extension office, you will be charged a \$10 fee to view the training at your convenience. If attending the workshops or watching the three-hour Blu-rays is not convenient, commercial applicators may contact their local Department of Natural Resources field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam. Another option for commercial manure applicators is to take their training online at DNR MAC eLearning site at <https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov/>. The applicator will need to sign in and get an A&A account.

In addition to the commercial manure applicator training offered on Jan. 6, ISU Extension and Outreach will also offer six dry/solid manure workshops for commercial manure applicators in February 2022. Information regarding these workshops and locations is also contained in the link to the brochure listed above. Program requirements are the same as the regular commercial training program, but this training program is geared more toward dry/solid manure issues.

For more information about the commercial manure applicator certification program, contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office or go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/immag/>.

## *Dry Manure Applicator Certification Workshops Offered in 2022*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, will offer manure applicator certification workshops for dry/solid manure operators on six different dates and locations in February 2022. These workshops meet manure applicator certification requirements for both confinement site manure applicators and commercial manure applicators who primarily apply dry or solid manure.

"The information in this workshop will benefit not only those needing certification, but anyone using dry or solid sources of manure as a nutrient resource," said Dan Andersen, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and extension agriculture engineering specialist at Iowa State, and coordinator of the manure applicator certification program.

The workshops are free to attend and open to all. Applicators will be required to submit certification forms and fees to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to meet manure applicator certification requirements.

Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins are allowed. Please register for one of the workshops by calling the number listed with the selected site. All workshops begin at 1 p.m.

- Feb. 21, Buena Vista County, ISU Extension and Outreach office, AEA Office, Storm Lake. Call 712-732-5056 to register.

## *Children, the Holiday Season and Temperament*

The holiday season brings plenty of changes, festivities and time at home for children. How they handle it all is affected by their temperament, says Mackenzie DeJong, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Temperament, originally studied by psychologists Alexander Thomas and Stella Chess, determines how individuals fall on a continuum for each of nine traits.

“Parents, caregivers, friends and family members can use temperament to predict how a child will act in a situation and plan accordingly,” said DeJong, who specializes in family wellbeing.

So how might the different traits play out in winter holiday settings? DeJong offers the following examples.

Children with a high activity level are restless when quiet activities are expected for a long period of time. They are also likely the ones roaming around the house, while the child with a low activity level is happy cuddling up on the couch with some hot cocoa, a blanket and a favorite movie on TV.

Less adaptable children have trouble changing from their usual school schedule to the break schedule with holiday activities. The adaptable child is probably excited for the change and for the hubbub that

comes with it.

When entering family holiday events, the withdrawing child might take time to warm up to the situation rather than feeling comfortable hugging their great-aunt who they haven't seen in a while. The approaching child might be the one who runs off and is sledding at the snow hill with a family they don't even know.

A highly distractible child may be noticing every conversation, interaction and smirk the adults make at a family gathering, while the less distractible child is able to tune out all the adult interactions and play alone.

Will you know whether your intense child likes a gift? Absolutely. This child might shout and jump up and down when opening a gift. The less intense child might love the present just as much but express it much more quietly. This child may open each present without more than a “thank you” and a smile.

“Holiday joy!” might be the motto of your high mood child, who may have been insisting to put up the festive decorations back in October. Lower mood children, even if grateful for the holiday season and all it brings, might not show it on their face.

The persistent child may be happy to play one game or with one toy for quite a long while, even if the group is ready to move on. Less persistent children might have never quite finished the chore you asked them to get done before everyone came over.

Your child's regularity will be affected by all the schedule changes as well. A less regular child typically gets hungry, sleeps and goes to the bathroom at unpredictable times,

while a regular child can be more predictable and often operates on a schedule. During the holidays, a few questions that might come are “Will they be hungry at dinner time? Will they need to go to the bathroom right after you get out of town? Will they be so exhausted from all the excitement that they can barely stay awake during gift opening?”

A sensitive child could feel overwhelmed by the new sights, unfamiliar smells and loud noises at a gathering. The added stimulation could make these children more irritable, or they may simply need more breaks. Less sensitive children might not remember to go to the bathroom because they were so busy playing with their cousins they forgot to check in on their bodily cues. Weather wise, the sensitive child may get cold quickly and will opt to stay inside, while the less sensitive child thinks “the cold never bothered me anyway” and runs outside to play for hours.

“As you can see, temperament plays a part in how so many holiday scenarios may go. The key is to start to understand your child's temperament and plan accordingly,” DeJong said.

For more information relating to temperament, check out The Science of Parenting podcast, available on Facebook, the blog site ([www.scienceofparenting.org](http://www.scienceofparenting.org)) and anywhere you can listen to podcasts. So far two seasons have discussed temperament: season 2 provided a general overview of temperament, and season 7 looked at an intersection of temperament and child development. Season 7 wrapped in November and new season on guidance and discipline begins in February 2022.