



*At the Library  
with Glenda Mulder  
April 6, 2022*



Next Monday, April 11, we have an enjoyable musical evening planned. When Carter Nath was tuning the library's piano last month, I asked if he would be willing to do a program for us. I have heard that he is a very talented pianist, and based on what I heard at the end of the tuning session, I would have to agree! Carter agreed to do a program, and said he might bring other family members along, and it may be more than just piano. So join us for an evening of musical surprises!

April's Book Club choice is *What I Carry* by Jennifer Longo. It is a current "All Iowa Reads" choice about a teen who has spent her whole life in the foster care system and is about to age out of it. I enjoyed the audiobook version of this a while back before we laid the Book Club Plan. It was so good, I may have to see how the print version compares next month!

We signed up for a new Large Print book program, so we will be getting new titles on a monthly basis

now. This is a collection that seems to be of growing need in our library. Titles we have received include: *The Unsinkable Greta James* by Jennifer Smith, *The Recovery Agent* by Janet Evanovich, *A Relative Murder* by Jude Devereaux, *To All the Dogs I've Loved Before* by Lizzie Shane, *In the Margins* by Elena Ferrante, *Love and Lavender* by Josi Kilpack, *Jane Darrowfield and the Madwoman Next Door* by Barbara Ross, *The Summer Getaway* by Susan Mallery, *Ocean Prey* by John Sandford, *Dark Roads* by Chevy Stevens, *One by One* by Ruth Ware, *Flowers of Darkness* by Tatiana de Rosnay, *The Final Twist* by Jeffery Deaver, *For Your Own Good* by Samantha Downing, *Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder* by Joanne Fluke, *Imperfect Women* by Araminta Hall, *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth, *Good Neighbors* by Sarah Langan, *Robert B. Parker's Payback* by Mike Lupica, *Irish Parade Murder* by Leslie Meier and *The Therapist* by B.A. Paris.

In regular print fiction we received: *The Book of Cold Cases* by Simone St James, *Summer on the Island* by Brenda Novak, *Chorus* by Rebeccas Kaufman, *The Chase* by Candice Fox, *The Candy House* by Jennifer Egan and *Woman on Fire* by Lisa Barr.

Nonfiction additions include: *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience* by Brene` Brown and *Ancestor Trouble: A Reckoning and a Reconciliation* by Maud Newton.

**Dates to Remember**

- April 11 @ 7 p.m. - Music with Carter Nath
- April 12 @ 5:30 p.m. - Cards with Deb & Laura
- April 20 @ 5:30 p.m. - Tot Time
- April 25 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *What I Carry* by Jennifer Longo
- April 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - Cardmaking Class with Brenda & Milissa
- May 3 @ 3:45 p.m. - Kids Make-n-Take Patriotic craft
- @ 6:00 p.m. - Take it Tuesday Patriotic craft
- May 4 @ 2 p.m. - Carnegie Libraries in Iowa with Shana Stewart
- May 18 @ 7 p.m. - Orphan Train Program with Lori Vicker

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# Announcements

JOIN US FOR A MEET & GREET  
CARD SHOWER HONORING

Lindsey Meyer  
+ Matt Calderon



FRIDAY, APRIL 22 | 5 - 7 P.M. | LAURENS COUNTRY CLUB  
HORS D'OEUVRES WILL BE SERVED.

While your presence is all we ask for, if you insist on giving a gift, you can contribute to our honeymoon/charity fund, with 50% going to our favorite charity, Miracle Travel Works.

## Laurens Women's Club to Meet

The Laurens Women's Club will meet on Friday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the West Iowa Bank in Laurens. The program "Entrepreneurship or Running a Business" will be presented by several local women who run their own businesses.

Members of the serving committee will be Elaine Harriman and Sue Wenell. Betty VanHorsen will give the Auditing Report.

Everyone is invited to attend the  
**Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m. at Grandpa's Barn  
in Varina on April 14, 2022**

*"A new command I give  
you: Love one another."*

This is a joint service of the Varina & Laurens United Methodist Churches. There will be a meal, communion and a hand-washing ceremony.



Please join us for this special service.



**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**  
**2:00 - 4:00**  
**WEST IOWA BANK**

SWIM TEAM IS OPEN TO SWIMMERS UP TO 18 YEARS OF AGE WITH BASIC SWIMMING SKILLS.

EARLY OR LATE REGISTRATION CONTACT KELLY TATE  
@ 450-4396

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT:  
[HTTPS://GOO.GL/X8CHPR](https://goo.gl/x8chpr)

BE SURE TO "LIKE" LAURENS SWIM TEAM ON FACEBOOK!

*This Week at  
Laurens United  
Methodist Church*

**Pastor Deb Parkison**

**Wed., April 6:**

Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Thurs., April 7:**

UMW Executive Board mtg @ 5 p.m.

UMW General Meeting @ 6 p.m.

**Fri., April 8:**

AA meeting 7-8 p.m.

**Palm Sunday, April 10:**

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Special Processional with Palms  
(children & choir) - Choir performs

**Mon., April 11:**

Bible Study with Pastor Deb @

7 p.m. at Laurens UMC



The  
United  
Methodist  
Church

*This Week at  
Bethany Lutheran*

**Pastor David E. Klappenbach**

**Wednesday: April 6, 2022**

**NO Lenten Lunch**

5:30 PM ~ Lenten Soup Supper

6:30 PM ~ Lenten Evening Service

**Sunday: April 10, 2022**

**Sunday of Passion / Palm Sunday**

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee

Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/SS Procession  
of Palms, Communion, SS sing

11:30 AM ~ Potluck

**Tuesday: April 12, 2022**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

**Wednesday: April 13, 2022**

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

**Thursday: April 14, 2022**

7:00 PM ~ Maundy Thursday Service

w/Communion

**Friday: April 15, 2022**

1:00 PM ~ Community Good Friday  
Cross Walk (starting at FCC)

7:00 PM ~ Ecumenical Good Friday  
Service at FCC

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



*This Week at First  
Christian*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

**Wednesday, April 6**

11:30 a.m. - Ladies Lunch at Rusty  
Spoke

12:30 p.m. - C.W.F.

**Sunday, April 13**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Elder's Meeting

10:30 a.m. - Worship



*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



## *Youth For the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)*

All 4-H and FFA members that exhibit any kind of meat animal at the fair must be YQCA certified. Horse, dog, and pet are the only species that do not require certification. The fee for the online training is \$12 but all Pocahontas County 4-H members fee will be paid through a coupon code you will receive through the Extension office. This must be completed no later than July 1, but it is open and ready to use now. The YQCA website has changed please use the following website and if you have any trouble entering your coupon code call! <https://yqcaprogram.org> 712-335-3103 or [lzeman@iastate.edu](mailto:lzeman@iastate.edu)

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## *Sharp Shooters 4-H Club Meets*

The Pocahontas County 4-H Sharp Shooters met March 26 electing their club officers: Braylon Beschorner, President; Gauge Johnson, Vice-President; Tovah Coon, Secretary; and Uriel Coon Treasurer. The club learned about conducting a club meeting by making a trail mix using parliamentary procedure. Pictured are Bentley Johnson, Gabriel Coon, Uriel Coon, and Braylon Beschorner constructing bird houses. The next club meeting will be held April 9, 2022.



## ***2022 Pocahontas County Fair Book***

The 2022 Pocahontas County Fair Book is available at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas/files/documents/2022%20Fairbook.pdf>. If you would like a paper copy, you may stop at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office during regular business hours and pick one up, books will not be mailed.

Please read the rules for whatever project areas you will bring to the 2022 fair, if you have questions, please contact [lzeman@iastate.edu](mailto:lzeman@iastate.edu) or 712-335-3103. The tentative schedule is posted in the front of the fairbook with the final schedule posted July 1.

4-H and FFA members must have all livestock identified by May 15 and all fair entries completed by June 24. 4-H Static exhibits must be entered no later than July 6. The 2022 Pocahontas County Fair will be held July 14-July 18.

## ***Last Chance Private Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course***

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program will be offering a “Last Chance” Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for private pesticide applicators. Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach will be hosting two sessions on April 14, 2022, at 9:30am and 1:00pm. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required by calling 712-335-3103.

The course will fulfill 2021 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators.

A list of the county offices offering this course can be found on the Pesticide Safety Education Program website ([www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP/)). The course will run for approximately two and a half hours. The registration fee is \$20. To register or to obtain additional information about the course, contact the Extension office where you would like to attend.

The course will fulfill 2021-2022 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include:

- Review of pesticide labels, especially recent changes in pesticides
- Review of pesticide labels as restricted entry intervals and preharvest intervals impacted pesticide use decisions this year
- Review of pesticide use and the environment
- Updates on pests and pest management in your area, including insects, weeds and diseases.

## ***Read Across Iowa with 4-H and the Rolfe and Laurens Public Library***

All students in Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome and encouraged to attend “Read Across Iowa” at the Laurens Public Library on Wednesday, April 6, 3:45 p.m or the Rolfe Public Library Thursday, April 7, 3:45 p.m.

The children will have a fun-filled hour of reading, activities, and snacks. This program is free of charge, sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County.

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County at (712) 335-3103 or [lzeman@iastate.edu](mailto:lzeman@iastate.edu)

## ***2022 Pocahontas County Fair Livestock***

All 4-H and FFA members must have their livestock identified no later than May 15. 4-H members need to enter livestock information in their [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) account and FFA members must have paper copy to the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office no later than May 15. If you need help with this process please email [lzeman@iastate.edu](mailto:lzeman@iastate.edu) or phone 712-335-3103.

## *Money Smart Week Offers 'Spend Smart. Eat Smart.' to Help Consumers with Their Food Budget*

Iowans can learn how to “Spend Smart. Eat Smart.” during the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago’s 20th annual Money Smart Week, April 9-16. “Spend Smart. Eat Smart.” is a nutrition education resource from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and will be featured during a Facebook Live event on April 11.

Money Smart Week is a 100% virtual event, and each day features a 30-minute livestreaming presentation via Facebook Live with select resources on various financial topics. The week-long initiative aims to help people, especially those hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, better manage their personal finances through the coordinated efforts of experts and educators across the country. Diverse financial issues such as credit, buying or refinancing a home, and understanding Social Security benefits will be featured each day.

On Monday, April 11, 1-1:30 p.m. CDT, Money Smart Week

will host “Spend Smart. Eat Smart.” featuring Suzanne Bartholomae and Christine Hradek with ISU Extension and Outreach. The presentation focuses on budgeting for food and highlights the tools and resources of the “Spend Smart. Eat Smart.” website and app.

“With inflation at an all-time high, families and households are starting to feel the pinch. The presentation reviews some recommended guidelines for spending on groceries along with some strategies to start and stick with a food budget,” said Bartholomae, an assistant professor and state extension specialist in financial health and wellbeing.

ISU Extension and Outreach encourages Iowans to check out the weeklong event that features free workshops, tools and resources to help them with their personal finances.

“We hope Iowans take advantage of these events that are free and open to the public. We’re especially excited about bringing ‘Spend Smart. Eat Smart.’ user-friendly tools to consumers. The website, app and other tools will help viewers make informed decisions on grocery purchases and take charge of their food budget with planning strategies that make sense for their household,” said Hradek, coordinator for SNAP-Ed and EFNEP.

Iowans who want help with food budgets or other financial concerns are invited to contact an extension financial educator by telephone

or email. During confidential, individual conversations, educators can help walk through ideas and options to create or revise a budget, set priorities for bill payment, connect with community resources to stretch incomes and other personal financial issues — free of charge.

Human sciences specialists in financial health and wellbeing can share trusted web-based resources, tools and worksheets used or developed by ISU Extension and Outreach. For contact information, see the list of specialists. You also can leave a phone message at ISU Extension and Outreach’s toll-free Iowa Concern hotline (800-447-1985) to have someone get back to you. For more information, visit the Managing Personal Finances in Tough Times webpage. Visit Spend Smart. Eat Smart. to access information and tools to make eating well on a budget easier to do.

Money Smart Week was created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002. It is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is among several partnering organizations that participate. For more information, please visit the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, <https://www.moneysmartweek.org/>.

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Laurens City Council met in special session at the Municipal Building at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra by phone, Aaron Christenson, Loren Booth by phone, Jean Swanson, and City Manager Hilary Reed. Council Member John Jamison was absent.

Mayor Johnson opened the public budget hearing for the FY23 budget. There were no written or oral objections to the FY23 budget. The public hearing was closed for the FY23 budget at 12:01 p.m.

Booth motioned to approve Resolution 08-22 FY23 budget, seconded by Zylstra. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: none. Absent: Jamison. Motion carried.

Swanson moved to adjourn at 12:02 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Rod Johnson, Mayor

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Hilary Reed, City Clerk