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Local News

New Children's Librarian!

L-M Kindergarten made a special visit to the Laurens Public Library recently to welcome our new Children's Librarian Alyssa Chadwick.

She and the other Library staff are busy making plans to help our kids "Find Your Voice" through Summer Reading. She soon will become a familiar face to library patrons of all ages, so be sure to say hi next time you are at the Library!



Mini Triathlon Pool Fundraiser

2023 Mini Fun Triathlon Pool Fundraiser to be held on July 8th, during summer celebration.

1 Mile Run - 3 Mile Bike Ride - 5 Length Swim. Start at the City Park Shelter House at 7:30 am, end at the pool.

\$30 individual, \$80 relay. Age Groups: 10-20, male and female, 21-49, male and female 50+, male and female, Relay team (one person per leg). Return registration by June 17th to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Registration includes the race fee, t-shirt (by guarantee date), breakfast, water, gatorade, and one free drink to Silver Dollar Saloon (non-alcoholic drink under 21, alcoholic drink 21+)

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/2g1ADKQxzzNpAE636>

If you would like to help sponsor this event and be listed on the shirt, please fill out the sponsorship form: \$50 - \$100 - \$150. <https://forms.gle/qjXsFsmPz39vLd6VA>



Clover Kids Family Picnic

Clover Kids will have a family picnic Tuesday, June 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Elbert Park in Pocahontas. A light supper will be served to all, but we do ask that you RSVP no later than June 9 with number attending (all family members are welcome).

We will go over details for fair and have a craft for the children. To rsvp please either email lzeman@iastate.edu or call 712-335-3103 no later than June 9.

Fair Entry for the 2023 Pocahontas County Fair

ALL livestock must be entered in <https://fairentry.com> no later than June 23, 2023. This is different than the identifications you put in your 4Honline account!

Due to the generous support of PRO Cooperative, there is not a fee to enter the 2023 Pocahontas County Fair for 4-H members but you MUST enter. Static items (exhibits you bring to the Expo) must be entered by July 5 and you will have a scheduled time with the judges. FFA members DO NOT SIGN UP AS A 4-H member! You also need to make entry by June 23 but follow the directions and make sure you are under FFA.

If you need help with entry, make sure you contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu



LAURENS GCC
Ladies in Pink
4-GAL BEST BALL TOURNAMENT

\$40 per Person
Includes: Green Fees, Meal, Prizes
*Cart Rental not included,
Let the course know at sign-up
if you need a cart rental

Sign-In:
3:30 p.m.
Play Starts
5:00 p.m.

Call 712-841-2287 to sign-up!

Register by June 13th
to guarantee a spot!

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Prize for best group attire & cart decor!

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
June 7, 2023

We got a call a while back from Iowa Total Care, asking if we'd like to be part of their "100 Libraries in Iowa" Literacy program for kids, which was only being gifted to 100 libraries across the State. Well, you know we said yes. This week we received a box with a bunch of tote bags and information on how Iowa kids can sign up at iowatotalcare.com (More information at our library) to receive an activity book, a sticker, a poster & monthly newsletter with fun kids' activities and recipes. Also included in this box was a \$500 Amazon gift card for the Library! We are making a list of STEM kits and books to improve our kids' literacy.

And speaking of kids' literacy – Our kid's summer reading program starts next Wednesday, June 14! This year's theme is "Find Your Voice." Our new children's librarian, Alyssa, will be helping our kids discover how they can find their voice through music, science, art, cooking, nature, and I'm sure there will be more ways we haven't thought of yet! Special Wednesday events include a Bubbles program with the Grout Museum and a visit from Blank Park Zoo. Our County Naturalist and the County Extension Service will also be making guest appearances! Load up the kids and come to one, or come to all of them through August 9th! There is no age limit, we welcome all who are interested.

New fiction this week includes *Spectacular* by Fiona Davis, *Such Kindness* by Andre Dubus, *My Magnolia Summer* by Victoria Benton Frank, *The Favor* by Adele Griffin, *Love Theoretically* by Ali Hazelwood, *Little Ray of Sunshine* by Krista Higgins, *Survivor* by Iris Johansen, *True Love Experiment* by Christina Lauren, *Little Italian Hotel* by Phaedra Patrick, *Cross Down* by James Patterson, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See and *Near Miss* by Stuart Woods.

June's book of choice is the all Iowa Reads teens selection *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Our catalog describes it like this: Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths. I've heard good things about this selection. We've got plenty of copies, so stop and pick one up. Hope you can join our discussion Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m.

Dates to Remember

June 14 - August 9 Wednesdays at 1 p.m. - Find Your Voice Kids' Summer Reading

June 21 @ 5:30 p.m. - Tot Time

June 26 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley

July 8 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Local Authors Fair at Laurens Summer Celebration

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*This Week at
Bethany Lutheran*

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: June 7, 2023
9:00-11:00 AM ~ VBS at UMC

Thursday: June 8, 2023
9:00-11:00 AM ~ VBS at UMC
11:00 AM ~ VBS Program at UMC

Sunday: June 11, 2023
Second Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM ~ Worship
10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship
4:00 PM ~ LCC Service

Tuesday: June 13, 2023
8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group
9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: June 14, 2023
7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Thursday: June 15, 2023
2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

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



*This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church*

Pastor Deb Parkison

Thursday: June 8, 2023
9:00-11:00 AM ~ VBS at UMC
11:00 AM ~ VBS Program at UMC

Sun., June 4:
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.



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*This Week at First
Christian*

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, June 7
11:30 a.m. - Ladies Lunch

Thursday, June 8
2-5 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

Sunday, June 11
9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by
coffee fellowship

**Please Note hours for summer
worship is Sundays at 9:30 a.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 and Sunday at
10:30 AM
Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at
Resurrection

Strategic Considerations for Choosing a Corn Silage Hybrid

Reviewing guidelines for selecting an ideal corn silage hybrid is the focus of a June 21 webinar with the dairy team from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The program will be presented from noon to 1 p.m. by Adam Krull, a dairy veterinarian and nutritionist currently working for Pioneer.

“Adam will emphasize the significance of basic agronomic traits in ensuring yield stability, as well as a focus on dry matter and starch yield,” said Fred Hall, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Additionally, the presentation will underscore the crucial role of growing conditions in influencing fiber digestibility, discouraging the selection of corn silage hybrids solely based on their genetic potential for high digestibility. It will highlight that prioritizing kernel processing to enhance silage quality is more important than solely focusing on a hybrid's genetics related to starch digestibility.

Adam Krull is a dairy veterinarian and nutritionist currently working for Pioneer, where he provides technical support to dairy producers, optimizing forage production, harvest, storage and preservation to enhance animal productivity and health.

Trained at Iowa State with expertise in dairy science, veterinary medicine, and veterinary microbiology, he brings extensive experience as a general dairy practitioner and former clinical assistant professor at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Krull's passion extends to his hobby farm, where he and his wife Amanda raise a herd of registered black Angus cattle.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, preregistration is required at least one hour before the webinar. Preregister online at <https://go.iastate.edu/GXKBSQ>.

For more information, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach dairy field specialist in your area: in northwest Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230 or fredhall@iastate.edu; in northeast Iowa, Jennifer Bentley, 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu; in east central Iowa, Larry Tranel, 563-583-6496 or tranel@iastate.edu.

Northern Research Farm to Hold June Field Day

The Iowa State University Northern Research and Demonstration Farm will host a summer field day on Thursday, June 22, at the north farm, located at 310 S. Main St., Kanawha. This field day is being hosted by the Northern Research Farm, ISU Extension and Outreach and the North Central Iowa Research Association.

The day will begin with comments from Jason Henderson, vice president for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach; and Jay Harmon, associate dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director for Agriculture and Natural Resources with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Matt Schnabel, farm superintendent, will provide a summary of farm activities, and Andy Christensen, vice president of the North Central Iowa Research Association, will provide an update on the capital campaign. Field tours will include the following:

Antonio Mallarino, professor in agronomy and extension specialist at Iowa State, will discuss the recently updated phosphorus and potassium recommendations.

Lee Burras, Morrill Professor in agronomy at Iowa State, will demonstrate soil impacts on crop production via an open soil pit. Mark Licht, associate professor in agronomy and cropping systems specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, will discuss yields from the long-term tillage trials.

Registration and refreshments will start at 8:30 a.m. and the field day begins at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend and the meeting is open to the public.

Attendees are encouraged to pre-register by June 19 by calling Matt Schnabel at 641-762-3247. Certified Crop Advisers can earn 1.0 SW, 1.0 NM and 1.0 CM CEU credits by attending.

The association appreciates the support and sponsorship from First Citizens National Bank, Gold-Eagle Cooperative, Calcium Products and New Cooperative.

For more information, contact ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomists Angie Rieck-Hinz at 515-231-2830 or amrieck@iastate.edu, or Gentry Sorenson at 641-430-6715 or gentrys@iastate.edu.

Northwest Iowa Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Workshop Set For June 10

Dairy youth in the I-29 corridor who are interested in sharpening their fitting and showing skills are invited to a workshop on Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 3 pm, which includes lunch plus a time for one-on-one time for questions and the opportunity to clip. The event will be held at the Dykshorn dairy located at 4149 Elmwood Ave, Ireton, IA 51027.

Local fitters and showmen will share their knowledge. Presenters include: Nathan Johnson, Brian Rozeboom, Adam Hansmann, Kaylea Hansmann, Natalie Hasse plus Paul and Stephanie Dykshorn.

The day will be divided into four stations which will include: washing and show prep basics, clipping the full body, clipping the topline and belly plus showmanship in the ring.

Paul Dykshorn will demonstrate and discuss washing and keeping your animal clean plus getting the right “fill” before walking into the ring.

Adam Hansmann and Brian Rozeboom will demonstrate full body clipping while Nathan Johnson will demonstrate and discuss how to blow up toplines and bellies and clipping them to best enhance your animal.

Finally, Kaylea Hansmann and Natalie Hasse will demonstrate how to break and then show your animal in the ring.

For those who want the extra one-on-one time at the end of the day, the fitters will help guide students through the process as they handle the clipper.

While the program is designed for youth, moms and dads are invited to attend so they can assist their kids when they get home. While there is no fee to attend, registration is required to insure adequate materials and meals.

Register online at: <https://go.iastate.edu/TS5D06>. Or you can register by calling the Sioux County Extension at 712.737.4230. For more information contact Kaylea Hansmann at: khansmann@w-sioux.k12.ia.us

Trainings to Certify or Renew Beef Quality Assurance

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering June trainings to help beef producers become Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified or renew their current certification.

BQA is a national program featuring best management practices that align with the highest standards.

“Consumers are interested in the taste, freshness, price, and safety of the beef they eat,” said Beth Doran, Extension beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “BQA focuses on beef quality and safety, animal welfare and environmental stewardship. The program is win-win – high quality beef for the consumer and increased beef demand which helps producers stay in business.”

Doran said that two BQA trainings will be held in northwest Iowa:

June 15 from 10 a.m. to Noon (optional lunch following) at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office, 305 N. Main St., Pocahontas IA; RSVP by June 13 to 712-335-3103.

June 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the ISU Western Research and Demonstration Farm, 36515 Co. Hwy E34, Castana IA; RSVP by June 23 to 712-423-2175.

Those unable to attend an in-person training may complete BQA training online at: www.iabeef.org/cattlemens-corner/iowa-bqa. For more information or questions, contact Beth Doran at 712-737-4230 or email doranb@iastate.edu.

2023 Pocahontas County Fair Book

The 2023 Pocahontas County Fair Book is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas/files/documents/2023%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 2023 fair, if you have questions, please contact 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.