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## Local News

### Recycle for a Greener Tomorrow

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is pleased to announce an informative recycling program that aims to raise awareness and educate the community about the importance of recycling. Join us on Thursday, November 16th, from Noon to 1 PM for this informational event at Pocahontas Extension and Outreach Office.

In Pocahontas, we believe that knowledge is the first step towards positively impacting our environment. Our informational recycling program is designed to provide valuable insights and tips on sustainable recycling practices.

Highlights of the program include:

- Informative Presentations: Engage with our knowledgeable presenters, who will share essential information about recycling, its benefits, and how it contributes to a cleaner, greener planet.
- Recycling Demonstrations: Witness live demonstrations on correctly sorting and recycling

common household items. Learn the dos and don'ts of recycling to reduce waste effectively.

- Q&A Session: Have your recycling questions answered by experts in the field. Feel free to ask about recycling guidelines, local recycling programs, etc.
- Resource Materials: Take home informative brochures, flyers, and guides to help you and your family become more environmentally conscious and responsible recyclers.

This event is open to all members of the community who want to learn more about recycling and its positive impact on the environment. We encourage

you to bring your friends, family, and neighbors to this educational gathering.

Please RSVP by November 15th to help us ensure that we have sufficient materials and seating for all attendees. You can RSVP by contacting the office at 712-335-3103 or emailing Erica at [esvuba@iastate.edu](mailto:esvuba@iastate.edu).

Join us at the Pocahontas Extension and Outreach Office on November 16th, from noon to 1 PM, and become a more informed and eco-conscious community member. Together, we can make a difference through knowledge and action.



***At the Library***  
***with Glenda Mulder***  
***November 1, 2023***

What fun plans we have laid for our Library Foundation Fundraiser next Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>! Potato Bar Supper will be at the Christian Church from 5-7 p.m. When you're done eating, come across the street to see the original solo musical "Lucy" by Jillann Gabrielle. If you loved "I Love Lucy" like I did, you will want to be here! An evening of good food and great entertainment, all the while supporting the great things the Laurens Public Library Foundation has planned! What more could you want?

Speaking of the great things the Library Foundation is doing, funds raised will go towards that gorgeous stained glass window I have been dreaming of for years. Bogenrief Studio has been here to get the measurements and see the site on the north side of the Library, where the new window will live. We don't have an exact date, but we are anticipating it will be created for us next summer.

The Library Foundation's ongoing projects include: Library programs for kids and adults, digitization of the Laurens Sun, Summer Reading, Preschool Outreach Baskets, CD Audiobooks, and books for our New Baby Packets.

The first Tuesday of the month is a favorite of the crafty ladies at the Library. The month they have Fall themed projects for both kids and adults. Kids come after school until 5 p.m.; Adults start at 6:30 p.m. Adults please preregister at the Library so we can be sure to have enough supplies!

New novels this week include: *Wreck the Halls* by Tessa Bailey, *Resurrection Walk* by Michael Connelly, *Longmire Defense* by Craig Johnson, *Knowing You* by Traci Peterson, *Betrayal* by Phillip Margolin, and *Clive Cussler's Corsican Shadow* by Dirk Cussler.

Just one nonfiction, *The Woman in Me* by Britney Spears.

Our November Book Club choice is *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. This description has me intrigued, "A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over—and see everything anew." Join our discussion Monday, November 27 at 7 p.m.

**Dates to Remember**

November 7 - Take it Tuesday Fall Projects  
3:45 - 5:00 p.m. - Kids & 6:30 p.m. - Adults

November 9 @ 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Library Foundation Fundraiser;  
Potato Bar Supper @ First Christian Church

November 9 @ 7 p.m. - "Lucy" an original solo musical with Jillann Gabrielle

November 27 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

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## Ornamental and Turfgrass Applicators Course Offered November 8

Iowa State University and Outreach Pocahontas County office will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Applicators Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The course will provide continuing instructional credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 3O, 3T, and 3OT. The IDALS-required topics to be covered are personal protective equipment and safe handling, storage of pesticides including chemical safety; and pest management and pesticides.

Preregistration is required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses being offered by the PSEP team can be accessed at [www.extension.iastate.edu/psep](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep).



**FREE**  
Google Training

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POCAHONTAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

- Meet Your Coach**  
Lindsey Newland is your Grow With Google digital coach (pictured right). She is coming to teach you how to put your business on the map... literally!
- Pocahontas Visit**  
Come to the Pocahontas Hospital Conference room at 10:00 AM on November 14th to learn how to add your business to google search and google maps results.
- Laurens Visit**  
Come to the Northwest Career Academy in Laurens at 2:00 PM on November 14th to learn how to make an engaging website that is right for you and your business.
- Sign up now!**  
To RSVP, please Email MaryJo Litwiller before November 10th (contact info below). Also feel free to contact MaryJo with any questions you may have.



Grow with Google

Contact MaryJo +712-730-2259  
Litwiller@iowacentral.edu



Vote  
Tuesday  
Nov 7th!



Re-elect  
**Rod Johnson**  
Mayor

I have lived and owned a business here in Laurens for over thirty years. During that time, I have served on City Council or as your Mayor for 20+ years. Laurens faces many challenges as we move forward into the future and it is important to have an experienced Mayor and Council ready to address these issues. I have enjoyed serving the community as your Mayor and I look forward to serving another term in office.

Thank you for your support and your vote!

Paid for by Rod Johnson

## *This Week at Bethany Lutheran*

**Pastor David E. Klappenbach**

**Saturday: November 4, 2023**

8:00 AM - Men's Group  
9:00 AM - Women's General Mtg.

**Sunday: November 5, 2023**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 AM - Adult SS  
9:30 AM - Youth SS & Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 AM - Worship w/Communion, Litany of Remembrance w/candles  
4:00 PM - LCC Service  
5:00-6:30 PM - Laurens Area Youth Group at BLC

**Monday: November 6, 2023**

4:00 PM - W/M Mtg.  
7:00 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Tuesday: November 7, 2023**

8:30 AM - Prayer Group  
9:30 AM - Tuesday coffee at Bethany  
4:30-7:00 PM - Election Day Soup/Pie Supper

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



## *This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church*

**Pastor Deb Parkison**

**Thurs., Nov. 2:**

UMW Executive Board mtg @ 1 p.m.  
UMW General mtg @ 2 p.m.

**Sat., Nov. 4:**

UMM meeting @ 8 a.m. at the church  
Ingathering

**Sun., Nov. 5:**

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.  
Dan Keen filling the pulpit  
Potluck following worship service  
Youth Group 5-7 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church

**Mon., Nov. 6:**

*Town & Country Quilters meet at the church @ 2 p.m.*

**Wed., Nov. 8:**

Caring Cards 6-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



## *This Week at First Christian*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

**Wednesday, Nov. 1**

11:30 a.m. - Ladies Lunch followed by CWF  
7:00 p.m. - Mission Council

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
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