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## Local News

### 4-H Creative Arts Workshop

Julie Wurr, Heart n' Home in Laurens hosted a center piece arrangement workshop for 4-H members in Pocahontas County. The youth learned how to layer their center piece using a base of green silk plants and building their own center piece choosing the style, color, and decorative objects they wanted to use. Make sure you save the date of July 18-21 to view the 4-H exhibits at the 2024 Pocahontas County Fair.



### *At the Library* with Glenda Mulder January 24, 2024

Boy, January has once again proven to be the perfect month for staying home, reading, doing puzzles & watching movies! I know it's not a popular opinion, but I rather love these dark, cozy evenings and snowy days.

The first Tuesday of the month brings the creative people to our Library! After school until about 5 p.m., we have a kids' project, this month a cute Valentine Bear. This is a come and go program, as not much guidance is required. At 6:30 p.m. the adults will gather. This month Linda Booth will be guiding us through painting a few watercolor cards. Adult class size is limited, so preregistration is necessary. Contact the Library for details. See you February 6th!

New novels this week include; *Last Night* by Luanne Rice, *Mountain King* by Anders De La Motte, *Mercury* by Amy Jo Burns, *Goldenseal* by Maria Hammel, *Where You End* by Abbott Kahler, *Say You'll Be Mine* by Naina Kumar, *Maude Horton's Glorious Revenge* by Lizzie Pook, *Clinic* by Cate Quinn and *Come and Get It* by Kiley Reid.

### Dates to Remember

February 6 - Kids Make  
& Take and Adult Take  
it Tuesday

February 7 & 19 @  
5:30 p.m. - Evening Tot  
Time

February 26 @ 7 p.m. -  
Book Club Man Killed  
by Pheasant by John T.  
Price

February 27 @ 6:30  
p.m. - Cards with  
Brenda



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## **2024 Pocahontas County 4-H Scholarships**

All senior 4-H members in Pocahontas County are urged to apply for the 2024 4-H Scholarships that are available online at [www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas), or you may pick up a paper copy at the ISU Extension and Outreach Office Pocahontas County.

Due to the generous support of the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment, up to 10 \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. There are also \$500 scholarships available, but you will not receive both the \$500 and \$1000.

Applications must be received in the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office, 305 N Main, Pocahontas, IA 50574, no later than 4:30 on February 1, 2024.

If you need assistance with your scholarship application, please contact the office at 712-335-3103 or [lzeman@iastate.edu](mailto:lzeman@iastate.edu).

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**Havelock Am Vets  
Post 39**

**STAG/STAGETTE  
NIGHT**

**THURSDAY**

**January 25, 2024—7:00 p.m.**

**Happy Hour—6:00 p.m.**



## **For Sale or Rent:**

Spacious 2 bedroom unit, on one level, at Homestead Cooperative of Laurens. New flooring throughout done in 2019. Appliances are included and maintained by Homestead. 936 sq feet with big walk-in closet and lot of storage! Includes garage space. If interested please contact Homestead @ 712-841-2443.

## *This Week at Bethany Lutheran*

**Pastor David E. Klappenbach**

**Sunday: January 28, 2024**

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee

Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship

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



## *This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church*

**Pastor Deb Parkison**

**Sunday January 28th Services:**

9:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Fellowship Coffee

10:30 am Worship Services

**Sunday February 4th Services:**

9:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Fellowship Coffee

10:30 am Worship Services

Potluck Lunch following worship  
services



## *This Week at First Christian*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

**Thursday, January 25th**

2-5 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

**Saturday, January 27th**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Clothes closet  
Open

**Sunday, January 28th**

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

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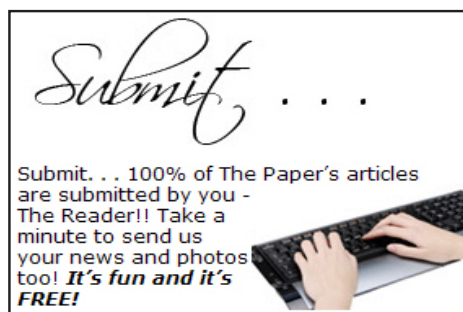
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### *Services Held for Dean A. Olson*

Dean A. Olson, age 94, of Dubuque, passed away peacefully at 11:25 p.m., on Friday, January 5, 2024, at Stonehill Health Center. To honor Dean's life there will be a Celebration of His Life held at a later date. Behr Funeral Home, 1491 Main Street is assisting Dean's family.

Dean was born on July 28, 1929, in Park Rapids, Minnesota, son of C. Axel and Pearl (Sutliff) Olson.

The family moved to Marathon, Iowa in 1945. He graduated from the North Central School of Agriculture (University of Minnesota) in 1949. Dean honorably served his country with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as a baker on the troop transport USS Rockbridge. After his return, he began farming part time for a number of years in Marathon while working at the Farmer's Coop and doing construction. He was lastly employed at Wilson Foods in Cherokee, Iowa from 1966, until his well earned retirement in 1991. He was united in marriage to Lois Beck in 1957, and they had 3 sons together before parting ways. Dean later married Dorothy Bell in 1986,



but she would sadly pass away in 2011. Dean was very devoted to his Methodist faith and The American Legion, always joining the local church and chapter no matter what town he was living in. He liked being active and was an avid BMW motorcycle rider in his 40's and 50's. He was also a talented wood worker and has created several beautiful pieces throughout the years. In his later years, Dean enjoyed gardening and doing volunteer work. He had an agreeable personality and was always willing to help out when asked. Dean has lived a very full life and has seen countless changes throughout the years. He will be deeply missed.

Those left to cherish Dean's memory include his 3 sons, Tim (Chris Happ) Olson, Dubuque, IA, Greg (Chris Montgomery) Olson, Columbia, MO and Brad (Karla Finn) Olson, Des Moines, IA; 5 grandchildren, Emma Olson, Lena Olson, Tess Wilkerson, Curtis (Jennifer) Finn and Brenda (Alan) Hall; 3 great-grandchildren, Marcus Finn, Bekah Finn and Adilyn Hall; his siblings, Barbara Salton, Spencer, IA and Palmer (Paula) Olson, Stone Lake, IA; his former wife, Lois Olson, Dubuque, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy Olson;

his siblings, Herb (Alice) Olson, Theone (Mike) Harris, Deltha (Dale) Barber, Charles "Bud" (Edith) Olson, Phyllis (John) Gobel and Marian (Elmer) Goodrich; and 2 brothers-in-law, Lloyd Hruby and Donald Salton.

Dean's family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Stonehill, Assisi Village and Hospice of Dubuque for their kindness and compassionate care.

The family will thankfully receive your support through greeting cards and memorials in Dean's memory which may be mailed to Behr Funeral Home, 1491 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001, Attn. Dean Olson Family.

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## *Private Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will be offering Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist, Gentry Sorenson. The course will be offered on February 7, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas. Walk-ins on the day of the program will be allowed. Please pre-register at the Pocahontas County office with payment.

The course will run for approximately 2 ½ hours including check-in and breaks. The registration fee is \$30. To obtain additional information about the P-CIC, contact Pocahontas County Extension at 712-335-3103.

The course will fulfill 2023-2024 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include:

- Application equipment use, maintenance, and calibration
- Safe application techniques and pesticide drift reduction
- Pests, pest management, and pesticides

## *Annual Shade Tree Short Course to Return in February*

*Valuable resource for arborists, industry professionals, students and educators*

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Shade Tree Short Course will be held Feb. 21-22 at the Scheman Building on Iowa State's campus. This is the 68th year for the course, which began in the mid 1950s and has grown to become one of the most popular and well-attended tree care conferences of its kind in the country.

This year, course organizers have assembled a diverse and highly relevant array of topics and speakers to satisfy the educational needs of arborists, nursery and landscape professionals, government officials, educators and students.

"The speakers are recruited from all regions of the country and generally recognized as leading experts in their particular field or discipline," said Jeff Iles, professor in horticulture at Iowa State.

The event will welcome back John Ball, South Dakota State University, and Guy Sternberg ("Mr. Oak") to the general session stage. Workshop sessions will include topics such as tree appraisal and the new USDA Hardiness Zone Map, tree grafting and much more.

Insect lovers can enjoy sessions on the periodical cicada, scale insects and spongy moth. Suzanne Wainwright-Evans will speak about the beneficial insects that help trees and how to preserve them.

The conference will also feature safety sessions including handling loads and pesticides on trailers, what to do if equipment gets caught in powerlines, and how to handle angry homeowners and customers.

Originally the brainchild of the late Harold (Sande) McNabb, forest pathologist and professor of plant pathology and forestry at Iowa State, the impetus and major reason for the meeting was to discuss the most significant biotic stressor of the day, Dutch elm disease.

In addition to the educational value participants receive at the course, they also can earn valuable continuing education credits. For pesticide applicators, the event offers courses that qualify for Pesticide Applicator CICs (continuing instruction courses). Arborists and tree care workers will find many opportunities to earn International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) CEUs.

Again this year, the STSC is partnering with the Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects to offer LA CES (landscape architecture continuing education system) approved courses.

Visit the STSC website to register. General registration on or before Feb. 9 is \$210, while registration after Feb. 9 is \$260. A discounted registration rate is available for Iowa State staff or full-time students.

## *Soil Fertility Workshop to be Held In Stanhope on February 7*

Farmers wishing to maximize the profits from their fertilizer dollars will want to attend the soil fertility workshop hosted by Iowa State Extension Field Agronomist, Angie Rieck-Hinz, and the Iowa State Extension and Outreach Hamilton and Webster County Extension Offices. This workshop will address the profitable management of soil fertility in Iowa as conditions continue to change with increased fertilizer input costs, lower crop prices, and an increasing demand for nutrients from higher-yielding crops.

“This workshop will lead farmers through the basics of soil testing, analytical tests, calculating crop nutrient removal, understanding return on investment from fertilizer applications, how crop response correlates to soil test levels and what is known about crop response to micronutrients,” says Angie Rieck-Hinz, field agronomist with ISU Extension.

The workshop is designed to help farmers understand their current soil nutrient situation, the amount their crops are using in a growing season and what needs to be added. Participants are encouraged to bring their own soil tests.

This workshop will be offered on February 7, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Stanhope Community Center located at 600 Main St. Space is limited, and pre-registration by Feb. 5th is required. Registration is \$45, and includes publications, copies of presentations refreshments and lunch. Certified Crop Advisers can obtain 3.5 Nutrient Management credits. Registrants should contact the Extension Office listed to register for the workshop or use this link: <https://go.iastate.edu/S7O3OH>.

## *Upcoming Parenting Workshops Offered Online from The Science of Parenting*

Research conducted by Zero to Three (2016), found that parents need and want information and support. 80% of parents work to be better parents, and 69% of parents say if they knew more parenting strategies, they would use them. Despite this motivation, however, almost half of parents say they aren't getting the support they need during times of stress.

The Science of Parenting team from Iowa State University has scheduled online workshops to help parents learn strategies to use. The four workshops being offered in November are Understanding Research and Reality, Understanding Temperament, Children's Ages and Parenting Stages, and Positive Discipline. These workshops all focus on the objective of sharing research-based information that fits each family's own reality. In the first workshop, you'll learn how we can connect what research is telling us about parenting to our everyday lives. The second workshop is all about temperament – or the unique traits we all have and how to navigate them! The third helps parents and caregivers better understand child development. The fourth addresses the common question of “how do I practice positive discipline and manage my child's behavior?”.

Understanding Research and Reality will be on Thursday, February 8th online from noon to 1:00 p.m. Registration is online at <https://go.iastate.edu/2K4XRF>. This workshop is approved for foster parent credit hours.

Understanding Temperament will be held online on Thursday, February 15th, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/KXFK2A>.

Children's Ages and Parenting Stages will take place online on Thursday, February 22nd, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/SVL0RE>.

Positive Discipline is scheduled online for Thursday, February 29th, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/UHJQP6>. This workshop is approved for foster parent credit hours.

These workshops are FREE for participants, but you are asked to register ahead of time to receive the class link and materials.

For more information, visit [www.scienceofparenting.org](http://www.scienceofparenting.org). Contact Morgan Newell with any questions at [mnewell@iastate.edu](mailto:mnewell@iastate.edu) or call/text 515-991-5892

# City Council Minutes

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, John Jamison, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, City Manager Hilary Reed, Deputy City Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, and Chief Ben Aschenbrenner. Council member Loren Booth was absent.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, meeting, and the list of claims. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

## CLAIMS 01/15/2024

BADGER METER	TECH SUPPORT	48.72
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	290.21
CENGAGE	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	128.95
COMMUNITY FIRST AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	188.11
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	30.51
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	REPAIR SLEEVE	359.52
DES MOINES REGISTER	12 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION	720.06
FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY	OPERATING SOFTWARE	1,202.03
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	1,578.00
GFC LEASING-WI	TECH SUPPORT	54.14
GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPIER LEASE	79.00
HACH CO	CHEMICALS	805.00
HEMPHILL LAW OFFICE	LEGAL SERVICES	58.00
HILARY REED	MILEAGE TO MEETING	21.98
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	7,102.74
JAKE GRAFF	BATTERIES	24.95
JCL SOLUTIONS	HAND TOWELS	154.67
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	WATER DISTRIBUTION	154.20
KRUDICO, INC.	EQUIP REPAIR	1,600.00
LMPC	PHONE & INTERNET	115.64
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	643.76
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	208.69
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	238.34
THE MACHINE SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	489.56
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL MONTHLY FEES	6,346.10
POCAHONTAS SALES AND SERVICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REPAIRS	43.69
PRIME BENEFITS SYSTEMS	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	385.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY LIFE INSURANCE	747.20
PRO COOPERATIVE	CITY FUEL	2,473.22
R&D INDUSTRIES, INC.	TECH SUPPORT	298.00
RB LUMBER	2X4-8 BOARD	10.00
RSM US LLP	TECH SUPPORT	4,694.00
SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	MONTHLY PUMPER PAYMENT	1,461.34
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,895.20
TOYNE, INC.	EQUIP REPAIR	702.32
USA BLUE BOOK	MANHOLE COVER	112.44
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONES	158.26
VISUAL EDGE, IT	MONTHLY COPIES	143.43
WEX BANKS	POLICE DEPT. FUEL	877.24
	TOTAL	<u>36,644.22</u>

PAYROLL

12/26/2023



# City Council Minutes

001	GENERAL	5,014.31
210	ROAD USE TAX	1,750.08
600	WATER	2,936.25
610	SEWER	2,700.37
670	GARBAGE	3,294.64
	TOTAL	15,695.65
PAYROLL	1/2/2024	
001	GENERAL	7,006.92
	TOTAL	7,006.92
PAYROLL		
001	GENERAL	5,881.31
210	ROAD USE TAX	1,538.61
600	WATER	3,276.62
610	SEWER	2,893.96
670	GARBAGE	2,904.85
	TOTAL	16,495.35
	PAYROLL TOTAL	39,197.92
	TOTAL PAID	75,842.14
	TOTAL PAID BY FUND	
001	GENERAL	30,594.49
110	ROAD USE TAX	5,599.58
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	589.73
600	WATER	12322.08
610	SEWER	10759.11
670	GARBAGE	15,977.15
	TOTAL BY FUND	75,842.14

Discussion was held on the Proposed Community Center with regards to the proposal from CMBA. No decision was made.

Zylstra moved to approve setting the Date for the Public Hearing for the Rezoning of Lots for Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Swanson moved to approve the resignation of Officer Sam Richison. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Zylstra moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

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Rod Johnson, Mayor

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Hilary Reed, City Clerk