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Local News

LPL Staff Attends Jodi Picoult Event

Laurens Public Library staff enjoyed a literary evening out recently. They traveled to Des Moines to hear Iowa author Heather Gudenkauf chat with literary icon Jodi Picoult about her latest bestselling novel "By Any Other Name". Picoult also touched on her opinion of book banning, as one of her novels, "19 Minutes", is the most banned book in Iowa schools, as a result of recent legislation.

After the book discussion, the audience was given the chance for a photo op with Picoult, which of course, we took advantage of because she is one of our favorite authors!



Join the Fun at ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 27th! The ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County invites you to stop by during the homecoming parade for a fun-filled event. Enjoy delicious free popcorn, grab an ISU Football poster, and learn more about the exciting opportunities available through 4-H.

4-H is open to youth in 4th through 12th grade, while Clover Kids is designed for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Both programs offer a wide range of activities that help young people develop valuable skills and make lasting memories.

To enroll in Pocahontas County 4-H, visit <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact Ashlie Jergens at 712-335-3103 or ashliej@iastate.edu.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of a vibrant community and explore all that 4-H and Clover Kids have to offer. See you Friday September 27th from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for popcorn, posters, and 4-H promotions.



At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
September 18, 2024

We will be hosting a Be Scam Smart program to help you avoid getting scammed. There are way too many of those tricksters out there, and they are coming up with new angles every day! Next Tuesday, September 24 at 1 p.m. Local Bank Manager Patrick Sullivan and Pocahontas County Chief Deputy Wes Van Donge will give tips to help fight Phone, Internet, and Banking Scams. I hope that you and your friends will join us to learn more about this important subject!

New novels this week include: *The Night We Lost Him* by Laura Dave, *Bad Liar* by Tami Hoag, *Santa's Secret* by Fern Michaels, *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman, *Counting Miracles* by Nicholas Sparks, *Hitchcock Hotel* by Stephan Wrobel and two books by Leonie Swann *Sunset Years* and *Agnes Sharp & the Trip of a Lifetime*.

Book Club Choice this month is also the All Iowa Reads 2024 Book. It's *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. Our catalog describes it this way, "A haunting novel spanning several generations, *The Seed Keeper* follows a Dakota family's struggle to preserve their way of life, and their sacrifices to protect what matters most." Grab a copy and plan to join our discussion! I've waited all year to read this one so it's fresh in my mind when we discuss it - I better get started soon!

Mark Your Calendar

September 23 @ 7 p.m. - The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

September 24 @ 1 p.m. - Be Scam Smart

October 1 from 3:45-5:00 p.m. - Kids Make & Take – Ghosts!

October 1 @ 6:30 p.m. - Take it Tuesday Beaded Indian Corn

October 2 & 21 @ 5:30 p.m. - Evening Tot Time

October 14 Library Foundation Potato Bar Fundraiser from 5-6:30 p.m.

October 14 \Morbid Curiosities an Evening with Edgar Alan Poe @ 7 p.m.

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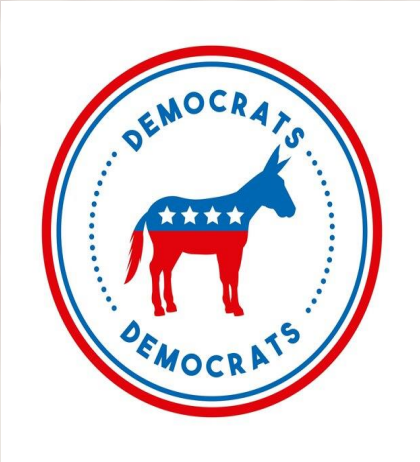
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Program about The Bottom Line Tax Business Presented to Laurens Women's Club

On September 13, 2024, Kristy Mather spoke to the Laurens Women's Club at the Homestead about her business, The Bottom Line. Kristy graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Ag Business and, was the first woman at Iowa State to do so. Later she obtained another degree in accounting by attending classes in the evening. Her tax business was set up in her home when her family was young. Kristy mentioned people who were supportive of her along the way. Each year Kristy updates her information at tax school.





Pocahontas County Democrat Fall Fundraiser

Hinde Center, Pocahontas

September 28, 2024

Menu: Chili, homemade cinnamon rolls, salads, desserts

Auction Items: Produce, baked goods, & mixes in a jar.

Guest speaker: Emma Schmit, a member of the Iowa Democratic Party State Central Committee & Director of the Pipeline Fighters Hub at Bold Alliance

6:00 p.m. - Social Time

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Speakers

8:00 p.m. - Auction

Tickets: \$15 (contact Helen Beneke at 712-335-3871)

Fall Open House

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH

12:00-7:00 P.M.

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Invest in Your Mission: A Planned Giving Workshop



Celebrating 20 Years of Charitable Giving in Pocahontas County

Learn to plan for your organization's future sustainability

October 2, 2024
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
County Conservation Office - 702 NW 7th Street Pocahontas, IA 50574

Free to Attend with a light dinner to be served

Intended Audience: Nonprofit staff and board members

Join Pocahontas County Foundation to discover the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, and WHY of planned giving to maximize your relationships with your donors.



RSVP by scanning the QR code or emailing pocofoundation76@gmail.com

- Name of your organization
- Name of those who will be attending

RSVP required by September 27, 2024

For additional information, contact Margo Underwood, Pocahontas County Foundation, Development Advisor, 641-420-3896.

Tom Lichter at Fonda Arts Center

One of the area's most talented musicians returns to the Fonda Arts Center on Sunday, September 22nd.

Singer/pianist, Tom Lichter will take the stage at 3:00 p.m. and will perform a variety of popular favorites.

Those of you who have heard Tom do his thing at the piano already know what I mean when I say "he is knock-your-socks-off terrific!!" This promises to be a rousing good time!

Tom is a graduate of Fonda High School where he was very active in choir, band, and played the lead in a production of "Godspell".

Tom now lives near Newell, and performs regularly at Northwest Christian Church in Alta.

All this happening at the Fonda Arts Center on the Northwest corner of Fourth and Main Streets in Fonda. Everyone is welcome!

As always, free admission, free refreshments; donations greatly appreciated

*This Week at
Bethany Lutheran*

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: September 18, 2024

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation Class w/
Parents

Thursday: September 19, 2024

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

Sunday: September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:15 AM ~ Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: September 24, 2024

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Worship,

Love, Accept~ Together in

Christ's Name



Bethany
LUTHERAN CHURCH
North American Lutheran Church

*This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church*

Pastor Deb Parkison

Wednesday, September 18:

Administrative Council Meeting @
7:00 PM in the Wesley Room

Sunday, September 22:

Sunday School @ 9:15-10:05 AM

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 AM

Worship Service @ 10:30 AM



The
United
Methodist
Church

*This Week at First
Christian*

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship



*Resurrection
of Our Lord
Catholic Church*

**Pocahontas, IA -- Priest:
Father Paul Nguyen**

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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Harvest Season Safety

Many farmers are working hard to prepare for the upcoming harvest season. Getting ready for this busy time probably involves tuning up the combine. It should also include reviewing best safety practices with everyone involved in your operation. Taking time to plan for an emergency situation can have a huge impact on the outcome of an emergency on your farm, and possibly save lives. Included below are tips to help keep everyone safe this fall.

- **Keeping yourself safe.** Harvest season tends to bring early mornings and late nights. Running equipment fatigued puts you and others at increased risk of injury. Do your best to prioritize rest. Along with rest, keeping your body fueled and hydrated will also help you to function better. I suggest packing extra snacks and water to have throughout the day and trying your best to not skip meals. Dressing properly can also help keep you safe. Close toed shoes with good grip and long pants are recommended. Avoid wearing baggy clothing that can get caught in equipment. Sunscreen and noise protection earmuffs are also good things to have along.
- **Running Equipment.** Many pieces of equipment that will

be used this fall are only used once a year. Reviewing manuals before operating equipment can help familiarize yourself with the machine before running it in the field. If other people are helping on your operation during harvest time they should be trained on the equipment before the season begins. Inexperience with equipment can be dangerous for everyone involved. Extra hands to help during harvest time is great but can bring risks as well. I recommend everyone wears bright colors when working on the farm to keep people more visible. Educate children about safety around farm equipment. Designate a safe play area, and always check around and below equipment before moving.

- **Awareness while traveling.** Keeping the roads safe during the fall is a job for everyone on the roads. Farmers can do their job by keeping 'Slow Moving Vehicle' emblems bright and clean and ensuring all lights on the equipment work. Farmers should also try to avoid busy roads and traveling during dusk, dawn and busy commute times. Motorists should be prepared during this harvest season to slow down when coming up on farm equipment. Don't

assume the farmer can move aside to let you pass. Shoulders may be soft, wet, or steep, which can cause the farm vehicle to tip. Never pass in a no-passing zone, and when you're clear to pass, always use your turn signals. Make sure you can see the farm vehicle in your rear-view mirror before you get back in your lane. Both farmers and motorists should stay off electronics while operating vehicles.

I encourage you to slow down this harvest season and prioritize safety. Getting everyone home at night is the most important task of the day. Wishing everyone a safe and plentiful harvest season!



Relationships Can Heal: Knowing the Farmer Client Training Offered in Dubuque and Fort Dodge for Healthcare, Mental Health Professionals

Even in good times, farmers face a unique set of challenges when it comes to rural stress and mental health. Professionals working in the healthcare or mental health fields may not be aware of or understand these unique challenges, said David Brown, behavioral health state specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Because of this, ISU Extension and Outreach is hosting two in-person “Relationships Can Heal: Knowing the Farmer Client” programs this fall. This training for healthcare and mental health professionals will help them learn more about the culture, identity, occupation and well-being of farm and ranch producers. These professionals will also learn more about the challenges and barriers that farmers and ranchers face in seeking care.

The first class will be held at the ISU Extension and Outreach Dubuque County office at 14858

West Ridge Lane, Suite 2 in Dubuque on Thursday, Oct. 17. Those interested can register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/IG015M>. The class will start at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

The second class will be held at the ISU Extension and Outreach Webster County office at 822 Central Ave., Suite 102 in Fort Dodge on Thursday, Oct. 24. Those interested can register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/NSES3T>. The class will start at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

Both classes are offered at no cost due to a USDA NIFA grant funded through the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center at the University of Illinois. This program has been approved for 6.25 continuing education hours through the National Board for Certified Counselors.

The presenters for both classes will include David Brown, behavioral

health state specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach; Tim Christensen, farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach; and Rich Gassman, director of Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health at the University of Iowa.

For more information, please contact David Brown at 515-298-1505 or dnbrown@iastate.edu.



Iowa Dairy Industry Doubleheader Set for November 1-2

Receive updates on cutting-edge topics in dairy management

Iowa dairy professionals, farmers and industry stakeholders are invited to join a unique two-day event this fall. The Iowa Dairy Industry Doubleheader will take place on Friday, Nov. 1, and Saturday, Nov. 2, featuring a professional development workshop and a social networking tailgate co-hosted by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team and the Dairy Science Club at Iowa State University.

On Friday, Nov. 1, the event kicks off at the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association headquarters in Ankeny, with an afternoon session titled "Professional Development for Iowa Dairy Industry Consultants." Beginning at 1:30 p.m., the program will offer hands-on learning opportunities and presentations from expert speakers on cutting-edge topics in dairy management. Space is limited, ensuring a highly interactive learning experience.

"The program will provide three hours of meaningful Continuing Education credits approved by both the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine and the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists," said Dr. Phillip Jardon, state dairy

extension veterinarian. "The topics (experiences with automatic calf feeders, HPAI and biosecurity) were chosen as important current topics to animal dairy producers, nutritionists, veterinarians and other industry consultants."

Following the workshop, attendees are invited to a social hour, sponsored by Elanco Animal Health, providing additional time for informal networking and discussion.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the event moves to Jack Trice Stadium in Ames for the Iowa Dairy Industry Tailgate, a fun and casual gathering for students, faculty, industry professionals, farmers and alumni. The tailgate will be held before the Iowa State Cyclones football game, with food, refreshments and plenty of time to connect and network. The Iowa State Dairy Science Club will also be hosting its annual alumni reunion as part of this event. This event is sponsored by the Iowa State Dairy Association.

"The tailgate is all about building connections and celebrating our dairy industry community," said Dr. Gail Carpenter, state dairy extension specialist. "Whether you're a student, an alum or a professional in the industry, it's a great opportunity to come together and enjoy the day."

The Iowa Dairy Industry Doubleheader offers something for everyone in

the dairy industry, from education and professional development to socializing and networking. Hotel room blocks are available for both nights, and registration for the events is now open.

Event details:

- Friday, Nov. 1 – Professional Development for Iowa Dairy Industry Consultants, IVMA Headquarters, Ankeny, 1:30 p.m. Social to follow at Magee's Irish Pub and Eatery at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 2 – Iowa Dairy Industry Tailgate, Jack Trice Stadium, Ames, time TBD (based on football game schedule)

Registration. For more information, visit the Iowa Dairy Industry Doubleheader webpage. Space is limited for Friday's program, so early registration is encouraged. Registration is not required for the Friday evening social or Saturday tailgate. Hotel blocks are available in Ankeny until Oct. 7.

For more information, contact Dr. Gail Carpenter at ajcarpen@iastate.edu or Dr. Phillip Jardon.

