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Pomeroy School Future — TBD



The Pomeroy School building is seen in this recent photo. The building is the focus of discussion, both in the city of Pomeroy and at PAC School Board meetings.

Fate of Pomeroy building causes heated exchanges at PAC meeting

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A contentious meeting at PAC High School ended with a school board member calling a member of the public a sociopath last week.

The name calling exchange happened as Board Vice President Zach Stuchlik was walking from the board table at the front of the high school cafeteria toward the doors in the back. Someone told him, or at least said loud enough for Stuchlik to hear, that the school is a tobacco-free campus. Someone reported seeing Stuchlik put chewing tobacco in his mouth before the meeting began.

Stuchlik shot back the word "sociopath," to which someone else responded with the word "drunk."

The exchange was caught on cell phone video, as district officials had turned off the livestreaming equipment just after the meeting formally came to a close.

Just after the board adjourned the meeting ended, Pomeroy Mayor Cindy Loots stood up to address board members and Superintendent Joe Kramer about a discussion she had missed about the future of the Pomeroy building in which two board members indicated they were ready to either immediately hand over the building to Pomeroy city officials or to begin demolition.

Kramer and Loots started with a back and forth about an email Kramer sent Loots, which she responded to after 4:30 p.m.

April 10, the day of the meeting.

"I do not find it appropriate to pull a fast one now," Kramer said.

Thompson cut in and asked Loots to read the emails.

"This is a violation of what we decided the other night at our meeting," Loots said. She was "left with the idea that nothing would be discussed until we had met one more time and then we could bring this up at the school board meeting and the council meeting."

That's when the livestream of the meeting ended, because the board had already formally ended their meeting a minute or so earlier.

Loots began to talk about the email exchange with Kramer. She told Kramer she had been told the district would make a video tour of the building to show prospective buyers, since the building is still closed for asbestos contamination.

Kramer said that wasn't quite what the school district's facilities committee agreed to.

"We discussed doing a video," he said, but that was "expressly if we knew who (would watch it). They haven't reached out to us."

Loots bristled at that. "They don't trust you," she said. "Period. That's where there's somebody in the middle."

At that point, Kramer said he wouldn't continue the conversation and most of the board members moved to the library to hold an exempt session for collective bargaining discussions.

About midway through the meeting, Board President Paul

Berte raised the question of what the district should do with the Pomeroy school building. He directed his first questions to Kramer.

"Have we been approached with any offer?" Berte asked.

No, Kramer said. "Have we been approached for a viewing" of the building, Berte asked next.

No, not as of the meeting, Kramer said.

Then, board member Dustin Thompson, who serves on the district's facilities committee, which met with Pomeroy City Council members and Loots April 5, spoke up.

"The town of Pomeroy sounded like they wanted to come up with a few ideas," Thompson said. "My assumption, you were going to give them some time."

Thompson said he would like the board to commit to holding of any decision for at least three months. That would give Pomeroy officials time to decide if they want the building.

Stuchlik, who has served on the board for nearly four years, seemed to have decided closing the building was something that needed to happen immediately.

"This morning, we sat in a very tough negotiation with our teachers association," he said, adding that the board didn't have a lot of sources for additional money to raise teacher pay. "We're subsidizing Pomeroy's Rec Center. We farted around with this for nine years. What's six months more? That's dollars we can pay staff."

Not true, several audience members shouted back.

At the Rialto

Showing April 21-27 is "Creed III" Rated PG-13, Running time: 1 hr. 56 min. Starring: Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson, and Jonathan Majors.

Adonis has been thriving in both his career and family life, but when a childhood friend and former boxing prodigy resurfaces, the face-off is more than just a fight. Schedule subject to change.

COMING SOON:
"John Wick: Chapter 4" — R
"The Super Mario Bros. Movie" — PG
"Air" — R
"Champions" — PG-13

AUCTIONS

Hay Auctions
First and Third Saturdays
of each month
May 6 & 20 @ 10:15 a.m.
@ the Fonda Sale Barn
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Kramer said the money the district is spending on the school now comes from a combination of General Fund sources and other funds, including a physical plant levy.

"It's been on the table a long time," Berte said. "We've talked about it until we're blue in the face. ... I don't think there's going to be a good time to say we need to move on, but I think we have to."

He said he was more than willing to deed the building to Pomeroy.

The problem with that, Thompson said, is that Pomeroy officials just last week started formally talking about building

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Community members considers options for school building

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Pomeroy residents weren't ready to pick the future of the Pomeroy school building at a community meeting Sunday night.

By the end of the meeting, however, the more than 80 people in attendance at the Pomeroy Community meeting said they preferred to see the city of Pomeroy take a wait and see approach than just go straight for demolishing the building. A meeting attendee said the show of hands vote had just a few people in favor of demolition now.

Community residents earlier in the meeting had a difficult time settling on which options to consider as they lacked the details about possible outcomes. For example, if the city were to take ownership of the building, would they get control of the bus barn, too? Pomeroy Fire Chief Dan DeVore has previously told PAC officials part or all of the bus barn would make a good fire station for the city.

Or, another man said, he

wasn't sure he really wanted the building to be developed, depending on how the building would be used.

"If we want to be able to use it, if none of us can do anything with it, then I don't see the point of keeping it," he said.

Pocahontas Area Community School Board members, at their April 10 meeting, approved a 90-day window for Pomeroy residents and officials to discuss the building's future.

"This 90 days thing, it's not like on the 91st day they'll be unloading the excavator," facility committee member Ben Olson said. "They don't want to heat it this winter."

Members of the city's facilities committee, Mayor Cindy Loots, City Clerk Sarah Juilfs and Pocahontas Area Community School Board member Dustin Thompson offered a recap of the events that led up to the community meeting, including the April 10 school board meeting, of which a recording has been viewed thousands of times on Facebook.

They also ran through options for the building, ranging from demolition to development.

"I really hope someone can come in and refurbish it," Loots said. "That would be helping our town."

Pomeroy native Mary Clancy, who began reaching out to Iowa developers who specialize in recreational buildings in December, said she's heard from two potential buyers for the building. One, Mitch Coluzzi, is a Des Moines real estate flipper — his company buys and rehabs properties to resell. He has thrown out ideas such as a veterans rehabilitation center or a charter school for possible uses of the building. The other, Pete Joy of Keokuk, has talked about some kind of recreational project there. In Keokuk, Joy converted a former school into party rooms and an arcade.

Of the two, Clancy said she'd prefer to work with Coluzzi, who told her his process would start with working with the community

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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig stopped by Dutchland Dairy in Rolfe April 13 as part of his 99 County tour. Seen, from left, are Dave Duitscher, Dean Duitscher, Naig, Dan Duitscher and Payton Duitscher. A calf is seen at Dutchland Dairy. Photo by Erin Sommers



Bunda honored for community leadership at Iowa Rural Summit

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Pocahontas' Cody Bunda was honored last week for his leadership and community involvement at the Iowa Rural Summit, hosted by the Iowa Rural Development Council.

Bunda, a business owner, coach and farmer, received the Rand Fisher Award. Parker Aden of the Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce nominated Bunda.

"Cody is a huge community advocate and is involved in multiple ways," Aden wrote. "I don't know that I know a bigger cheerleader for our rural Iowa town than him, yet he is too humble to want any recognition for all that he's done in our community. Cody is one of those guys that looks at what our local needs are and searches for ways to make it happen."

Bunda was a founder of the of the Northwest Iowa Badgers a traveling baseball team and is an owner at 90TEN Hobby, 90TEN Athletics and C & J Seed Services. He's an investor for Odd Fellows, too.

"What's really endearing about Odd Fellows is that it's the first business to exist in the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows building since it received the community catalyst grant a few years back," Aden wrote. "The investors wanted to pay tribute to the history of the building by naming the bar/restaurant Odd Fellows. Cody was super involved in the



Cody Bunda of Pocahontas received a Rand Fisher Leadership Award at the Iowa Rural Summit April 12. Submitted photo

renovation once the group took over the building and fills in the kitchen staff as needed since it's been open."

Bunda is often present at community events, too, Aden wrote in the nomination.

"Outside of all this, he helps with his family farm operation and attends as many school and community events as he possibly can," Aden wrote. "He's a one-of-a-kind individual, and we are so incredibly fortunate to have him in our community."

Bunda said Chamber officials notified him about the award before the ceremony at Iowa State University. He thanked

the Chamber for nominating him and all of the folks who had reached out via social media to congratulate him after learning of the award.

"As mentioned last night, my name was presented on the award but it's way more than just me," Bunda said the day after receiving the award. "My wife has been with me through all the different business ventures and always showed great support and my parents and sister have always showed great support and gave me a great foundation. My business

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Iowa Secretary of Ag tours Dutchland Dairy

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On a farm near Rolfe, the Duitscher family has been tending to their herd of 1,900 dairy cattle.

On Thursday, brothers Dave and Dan Duitscher were able to show off the operation to Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig.

It was a great opportunity to highlight how the milk produced in Pocahontas County is used for drinking — and for making some award-winning specialty cheeses. Milk from the Rolfe operation goes to Faribault, MN, where Caves of Faribault produces rich and creamy blue cheese and gorgonzola.

Naig ate it up. Well, actually, he drank it up, sampling a bottle of Prairie Farms

chocolate milk, one of a number of products that can trace origins at the Duitschers' farm.

Dave Duitscher graduated from veterinarian school and approached his dad, Dean, with an idea. Would Dean be interested in investing in a small dairy herd, maybe 250 to 300 animals?

Dan Duitscher told Naig the story while driving the ag secretary through one of the barns. In the intervening years, the dairy has slowly expanded.

Within a few years, Dan returned home, too, to help full-time with the operation that now employs nearly 30 people.

"I'm glad we did it," Dean said. "I'm glad they wanted to come back."

These days, Dutchland Dairy will send out two tankers of milk

one day and three tankers the next. The dairy owns the trailers and rents the tractors from a nearby trucking company.

Milk that isn't headed to Faribault to become blue cheese might go to a Prairie Farms cheese plant in Luana, or a liquid milk factory in Dubuque or even all the way to Sioux Falls.

Dan is proud to be a part of Prairie Farms, a farmer-owned company representing about 600 farms across the Midwest.

"Since 1938, (Prairie Farms) is on our fifth home raised CEO, if that tells you anything about our stability," he told Naig.

The ag secretary asked the Duitschers what he could do, from a policy perspective, to support dairy farmers around the state.

One big thing, Dan said, would

be help in changing school food guidelines.

"We got 1 percent (milk) back in schools," he said.

But he and other farmers would love to see schools able to serve 2 percent milk again. Kids don't drink as much milk when they're served skim, he said. And the higher fat milk can lead to healthier kids, he added.

"Dairy nutritionists will tell you, a higher dairy fat will make you fuller, you won't eat as much," Dan said.

Prairie Farms is also working on a new formula for flavored milks — those chocolate milks that students love to see in the cafeteria.

"You're limited to 10 grams of

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POCAHONTAS COUNTY ALUMNI REGISTRY
"Donating time and energy to programs we find valuable is a huge part of keeping small communities vital and prosperous." — Noelle Murray



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You can get registered with the Pocahontas County Alumni Registry by going to www.tinyurl.com/pocoalumni or scanning the QR code.

Hope UMC's Kings Kids will be held on Wednesdays

Hope United Methodist Church's faith-based after school program, Kings Kids, will be held on Wednesdays at the Pocahontas Center from 3:20-5:15 p.m. with the theme "God's Incredibles." Prep Kindergarten-6th grade are invited to attend. Register by visiting hopeumcia.org or stop at the church office, 306 2nd Ave. NW, Pocahontas, IA from Tuesday-Friday 1-5 p.m. For questions, call the church at 712-335-3663 or Lori Baede at 712-358-0556.

Joy Bells to perform on April 23

Joy Bells is an ecumenical youth handbell choir. They will be having a short program on Sunday, April 23 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of Hope UMC in Pocahontas. The doors to the church will be open by 3 p.m. There is a handicap entrance on the east side of the sanctuary. The program will last approximately 30 minutes. All are invited to listen to the choir. Hope to see you there.

Advance Directive Coffee to be May 4 at Pocahontas Hospital

The Advance Directive Coffee will be held Thursday, May 4 from 10-11 a.m. in the conference room at the Pocahontas Community Hospital. Please call 712-335-3501 to sign up for this FREE event. **Must register by Monday, May 1.** Coffee and cookies provided.

American Legion Post #18 to hold meeting May 10

The American Legion Post #18 will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Building. Bring your own steak. The Post will furnish the rest.

Team Pocahontas to take part in PurpleStride Iowa on Saturday, April 29

You are invited to join Team Pocahontas in the fight against pancreatic cancer at PurpleStride Iowa on Saturday, April 29 in Des Moines. PurpleStride is a 3-mile walk at Raccoon River Park to raise awareness and money to support pancreatic cancer patients as well as fund research for a cure.

To join Team Pocahontas (registration is free), go to https://secure.pancan.org/site/TR/PurpleStride/PurpleStride?team_id=38962&pg=team&fr_id=2662 Being a team member does not obligate you to walk in PurpleStride. You are welcome to come out and enjoy the festivities while cheering on the Striders, or to send good thoughts our way from afar. Please contact Kay Kordik for more information.

Pocahontas Chamber now booking performers for Art in the Park

The Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce is now booking musicians and performers for Art in the Park this summer! Art in the Park will be Wednesday evenings during June and July. If you would be interested in performing for an hour, please contact Parker Aden at 712-335-0900 or pocahontaschamber@gmail.com.

Pocahontas Women's Club Sub Sandwich Pick Up

Reminders — The Pocahontas Women's Club's sub sandwiches will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 22 from 8:30-11 a.m. at the PAC High School Main Entrance South Side.

ISU Extension's Iowa Concern Hotline is available to call 24/7

Who are you going to call if you have a legal question, need someone to talk to, trying to find a resource, or just feeling stressed? Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Iowa Concern Hotline (1-800-447-1985) is a toll free number that is available 24/7 for these such problems.

Iowa Concern also has a website with lots of FAQ's and information: www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern.

Rolfe Lions Club has Vision Aid for Area Residents

Do you have difficulty reading newspapers and letter? The Rolfe Lions Club has Low Vision Readers available for area residents in need of assistance.

Contact any Rolfe Lions Club member or call 712-848-3843, 712-848-3284, or 712-335-8060.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Any donations of items or monetary donations to purchase food, personal products, or meat would be greatly appreciated.

All donated items can be brought directly to the Upper Des Moines Opportunity Outreach office located at 406 NW 7th Street (Hwy. 4), Pocahontas, Iowa.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity thanks you for your generosity and continued support.

Can/Bottle Kennels

The can and bottle kennels are available for your deposits.

Reminder: only metal cans and plastic bottles are accepted. **Please place your glass bottles in the glass recycling area of the recycling building.**

The Pocahontas Rotary Club appreciates your contributions which are directed for the purchase of fire works.

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to develop a plan and move forward. Joy, she said, would pick a plan and then present it to the community.

"I was pretty anxious to save a building that's pretty solid," Clancy said.

Loots and Dan Roese, who works in construction, toured the building April 14. It is good shape, Roese told the crowd.

"Truthfully, it's just terribly dirty," Roese said. "I'd say the structure is good. There was somebody that said there was a mold issue. I didn't see (that). It's not that bad. It could be cleaned up."

Roese said he saw some crumbling ceiling areas in the south entry area, and an area with damaged ceiling tiles where he thought a squirrel may have gotten into the building.

Tyler Welander had some insights into the asbestos issue that PAC officials have brought up. In the late 1990s, his dad and several other Pomeroy men received the certification to abate asbestos and spent a summer removing asbestos items from the school.

The men spent two summers working in the building "from when the summer bell rang until school started," he added.

When Welander asked Superintendent Joe Kramer for records of that asbestos removal, Kramer didn't provide it, Welander said.

"He didn't know I knew about it," he said. "There's got to be a record of that — how much there was and where it was taken."

There is still asbestos insulation around some pipes in tunnels that students can't reach, Welander said, but there shouldn't be as much as PAC officials have implied might be in the building.

The amount of asbestos can affect how the building can be used, the cost of rehabilitating the building and the cost of demolishing it.

Meeting attendees had lots of questions about the cost of demolishing the building, pointing out it was relevant to them whether the city took ownership of the building and then ultimately had to tear it down, or if the school district opted to bring it down. Either way, tax dollars are involved.

Juilis said if the city owned the building, it doesn't currently have the money to demolish the building. That would be a capital project and city residents would have to approve it by a vote.

School officials, since a 2019 assessment by an outside construction management firm, have put a \$1.2 million price tag on bringing down the school

building. If the building does need to come down, one man said, better to let the school pay for it and spread the costs to all of the taxpayers in the PAC district, and not put the full cost on just Pomeroy residents.

Thompson, who made the motion to give Pomeroy's facility committee 90 days to determine if the city wants to own the building, or see if Pomeroy residents can find a developer to buy the building, said he sees demolition as a final option.

"To me, that's last-case scenario, which we've all come to terms with," Thompson said.

Olson offered a few options for communities to consider. One, the school district could knock down the building and Pomeroy could turn the space into a park. Two, the community could help PAC locate a developer or other third-party organization to buy the building for another use. Three, the city could sell the building to any third party for any kind of use. Four, PAC could tear down the three-fourths of the building that is in disrepair and leave the gym. Community members in this scenario would likely need to raise money to shore up the gym and to cover the cost to route the water and electrical services to the east side of the building. Finally, Olson said, demolition of the building could wipe the concrete foundation clean and the city could build a steel shed for a recreation center on the site.

Olson said he has looked into some fundraising options, including starting a Kickstarter. The website gives organizations 60 days to reach an initial funding goal — if they miss the goal, donors don't pay anything.

The advantage of that site, Olson said, is that it reaches donors around the world, including donors who might be looking for a tax-writteoff.

That is, he said, an off-the-wall suggestion, but the

question wouldn't just be going to strangers.

"There's 100 years of people who've gone to school in this building," Olson said. Some of those people may be willing to donate, too.

City Councilmember Audra Rosenboom joked with the audience about sneaking toward the door before making her comments, in case people weren't happy with what she had to say.

"I think what I'm hearing is we all love that school," she said. "My point is financially — how are we going to pay for it?"

She said she would be a big supporter of a rec center and would use it. But could the community support it?

"Our community is getting smaller," she said. "I can't see it being feasible. I would love it."

Rosenboom said she would propose letting PAC take on the costs of demolition and then turning the site into a park, which

frustration wouldn't just be going to strangers. A basketball walking trail around it. A basketball court there could commemorate the state basketball championship teams that played there, she said.

Rachel Olson said she agreed with a lot of what Rosenboom said. But, she said, that's the same kind of thinking that kept Pomeroy from having its own golf course or swimming pool. She encouraged community members to think hard about what they wanted to have in Pomeroy in the future.

Clancy told the group she would be speaking with the developers again Monday, to try to set up a visit to the building. City officials and the facility committee had the list of questions community members had posed about the bus barn, about the possibility of keeping just the gym and where Pomeroy children could wait for a bus if the school and barn were gone.

DAIRY: Naig visits Dutchland

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sugar in your half pint," Dan said. "We've come up with a formula with six grams."

The Duitschers have had some concerns about a raw milk bill going through the Iowa Legislature, Dan told Naig.

Naig doesn't support it, either, he said.

"I have gathered some differences of opinions," Naig said. "At any point, if someone wants to get me some info, what's your position?"

Naig also wanted to know the Duitschers' take on methane digesters — equipment to capture the methane from manure.

"One of the things I dislike about it right now, it really gives a big advantage to the really big farms," Dave said.

Yes, Dutchland Dairy is kind of big. But it's not on the scale of the dairies that are able to afford to

install the digesters.

"What I don't like about things that introduce regulation — that drives to the larger farms that can take care of things like that," Dave said.

Naig threw out the idea of farms working together to achieve the kind of scale that would make a digester feasible — but doing that, he said, would involve a lot of hauling water from location to location. Doing that might just cancel out the environmental benefits of the digester, he said.

Dan also raised the idea of changing limitations on how much milk can be transported at once. In Michigan, dairies can haul 12,000 gallons at once. In Iowa, the limit is 6,000 gallons.

Naig took notes on the Duitschers' suggestions and concerns throughout the meeting and tour.

May 17 dairy webinar focuses on heifer maturity

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team monthly webinar series continues Wednesday, May 17 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. This program will focus on how heifer maturity affects the dairy's finance bottom line.

The basic premise underlying this presentation is that a mature heifer is an animal that has the phenotypic characteristics (e.g. weight and frame) that will allow the full expression of the animal's genomic productive ability.

Dr. Gavin Staley will share what he sees is the impact of well-known key factors, such as weight and age at calving, as well

as average daily gain (ADG) on production.

Breeding heifers earlier has significant advantages, such as lowering heifer inventory and feeding costs. Not surprisingly, there has been a global trend within the industry to breed heifers earlier. However, the caveat to early heifer breeding is that the growth of these animals needs to be increased to meet the new earlier calving age. The evaluation of a significant number of field records (DC305, 174 herds, representing 456k cows) strongly suggest that improved heifer growth has not occurred in tandem with early heifer breeding. This has resulted in increasingly immature animals being bred, resulting in long lasting negative productive outcomes in these

herds.

His key observations include: • The high correlation between 10-week milk production of Lactation=1 animals and the average annual milk for the entire herd, confirming the predictive value as well as the critical contribution of Lactation=1 performance to overall herd performance;

• The relationship between Lactation=1 milk and subsequent lactations;

• The impact of first calving age on both lactation 1 and 2.

Staley graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa as a veterinarian in 1984. After two-year compulsory military service, joined the Faculty of Veterinary Science (Univ. Pretoria) as a lecturer in reproduction. Completed a M.Ed. in Veterinary Science (Theriogenology). After six years in academia, joined the largest dairy practice in South Africa in 1993 as a partner, with dairy and equine focus. Emigrated to the USA in 1998 and joined a dairy practice in Door County, Wisconsin. While in practice in Wisconsin, he qualified as a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists (2001). He then relocated to the Central Valley of California in 2003 and has worked in industry for past 19 years. In Technical Services positions. He enjoys international travel to learn more about dairying across the globe. Has presented at World Dairy Expo, AABP and various other national and international meetings.

Producers, dairy consultants, and industry reps are encouraged to attend the free webinar live from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. CDT on May 17 by pre-registering at least one hour before the webinar at: <https://go.iastate.edu/WJYLSZ>.

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 jrbentley@iastate.edu; in East Central Iowa, Larry Tranel, 563-583-6496 or tranel@iastate.edu.

The Advance Directive Coffee
Thursday, May 4 • 10-11 a.m.
Pocahontas Community Hospital Conference Room
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Monetary donations may be sent to Covenant Church, 501 S. Second St., Albert City, IA 50551
For further questions or to donate auctions items, you may contact 712-887-0134 or 712-299-0123

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Outpatient Clinic Schedule
Cardiology Clinic
Iowa Heart, Dr. Seghal ~
Next Clinic in May
Ultrasound ~ April 25
Orthopedic Clinic
Dr. Pick ~ April 27
Berryhill Center
Jamey Gregersen ~
Tuesdays & Fridays
Caryl Fuoss ~
Wed., Thurs. & Fri.
Pain Clinic
Jacob Miller, CRNA ~
April 26
Wound Clinic
Mondays and Fridays
NW IA Surgeons
Weekly
Urology Clinic
Bobbi Honkomp ~
Next Clinic in May
Dr. Christ ~ Next Clinic in May
Diabetes Education Clinic
April 25
Dermatology Clinic
Ashley Brown ~ April 20
Toenail Clinic
April 21
Back & Spine Clinic
Dr. McGuire ~
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Dr. Wellendorf ~
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Podiatry
Alicia Heuton ~
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*Must be 6 months or older for booster. Must be at least 2 months since last COVID-19 vaccine booster or you have completed your primary series. Can be used as a booster for Pfizer, Moderna, Novavax, or J&J vaccine. Limited quantities. If you have a child that needs the COVID-19 initial or booster, call to make an appointment.
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Pocahontas Community Wide Yard/Garage Sales!
Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6
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Includes area publicity, flamingo location marker & directory.
Add a listing of up to 10 items for an additional \$8.00.
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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
by Noon Thurs., April 26 to Register
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City of Pocahontas CLEAN-UP DAYS
May 8-12, 2023
Clean-Up Days are same day as your regular garbage pick-up.
Small clean-up items MUST BE in CITY GARBAGE BAGS.
Large items such as Grills, Chairs, Sofas, Etc. need not be in a bag.
NO construction debris, computers, fires, car batteries, waste oil, yard waste or hazardous material.
City of Pocahontas 335-4841

2023 Pocahontas County Fair Book available
The 2023 Pocahontas County Fair Book is available at <https://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.
ALL ABOARD!! JACKPOT JUNCTION CASINO
May 15-16
Includes: \$50 to play with Motel & Transportation
\$110 Ea. Dbl • \$134 Single
Call Buffy 515-570-3003 For Reservations or More Info.
Pocahontas Woman's Club Sub Sandwich PICK-UP REMINDER
Saturday, April 22
8:30-11 a.m.
PAC High School
Main Entrance - South Side