

PAC Class of 1993 will hold 30th Class Reunion July 15

The Pocahontas Area High School Class of 1993 will hold their 30th Class Reunion on Saturday, July 15 at Odd Fellows in Pocahontas, IA. The reunion will begin at 6 p.m.

Art in the Park to be held on Wednesdays

Join the Pocahontas Chamber every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Park for Art in the Park! Artists will perform for approximately an hour. Runs weekly through August 2.

Catholic Missionary Society Quilt and More Sale July 15

The Pocahontas Catholic Missionary Society will hold a Quilt and More Sale on Saturday, July 15 from 8 a.m. - 12 Noon at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 16 2nd Ave. NW, Pocahontas, IA.

American Legion Post #18 to hold meeting July 12

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

Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum Open during Laurens Summer Celebration

Come visit the Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum on Third Street in Laurens during the Summer Celebration. You can see a just-acquired oxen yoke, look over a new display of old tools and listen to music on an Edison phonograph. We will be open on Friday, July 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Saturday, we will also be on the lawn in front of the museum with activities for children.

Mobile Pantry Food Distribution July 26

The drive through Mobile Pantry Food Distribution for Pocahontas County residents will be held on Wednesday, July 26 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the UDMO Outreach Center at 406 NW 7th Street, Pocahontas. **Please stay in your vehicle** and items will be loaded into it.

Pocahontas Farmers' Market to be held on Wednesdays

The Pocahontas Farmers' Market will begin on Wednesday, June 14. It will be from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Located on South Main, behind Pocahontas Inn and Suites.

Pocahontas Community Chorus to hold practices

Calling all singers! Pocahontas Community Chorus invites everyone who enjoys singing to join us for Art in the Park this summer. We will be performing July 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. We will have two practices: July 9 and July 23 at 6 p.m. at the PAC High School Music Room. We will be singing several medleys of favorite songs. For more information, contact Tim Cook at 712-358-3550, Carol Hallman at 712-358-0547 or Corinne Peterson at 712-335-2081. Come join the fun!

American Legion Auxiliary will meet July 11

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas Legion Hall. The serving committee members are Shela Blomker and Ceil Olson. **Note change in time and date from our program book.**

Free Books available at the Expo during the County Fair

There will be free books available for children and adults at a book fair that is being held Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 from 12 Noon to 5 p.m. The book fair will be located at the Pocahontas Expo building. If you have gently used books to donate, please call Sherry Williams at 712-358-0312 or deliver them to 708 3rd Ave. NW, Pocahontas. This event is sponsored by the Pocahontas County Democrats.

Chamber brings new events to Heritage Days

By Parker Aden
Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce

The 2023 Heritage Days celebration is quickly approaching on July 14-16! Several annual and classic activities are returning, but some are brand new and some are retired favorites that are returning for the first time in a few years! This story highlights those brand new and returning activities!

Before I dive in, I want to note that you can go to www.pokychamber.com/heritagedays to see the full schedule of events happening for both Heritage Days and County Fair activities. We will also be borrowing an idea from Laurens and putting brochures of the full Heritage Days schedule of activities in the banks and retail businesses for those who prefer a physical copy on hand for the weekend.

A brand new activity that we're excited for is the Pickleball Tournament happening on Friday, July 14 at 4 p.m.! Availa Bank is sponsoring a prize for the winning duo and runner up duo. The competition is open up to any pair of individuals who would like to compete, and there is a \$10 entry fee per team. This competition is limited to 16 teams total, so make sure you pre-register at www.pokychamber.com/heritagedays under the "Contests/Form" button near the top of the page.

A big headlining event happening on Friday to kick off the weekend is Salty Street performing live on the street immediately south of Slammer's Saloon. They will perform from 8 PM - 11 PM and know how to put on a show, so we hope you'll come out for this exciting event! A big thank you to Seiler Appliance, Pocahontas Dental Associates, Med Spa Express, and Slammer's Saloon for sponsoring the band!

While in Washington, the group attended meetings with Iowa's congressional delegation, including Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Randy Feenstra, and Zach Nunn. In these meetings,

Another brand new competition that is happening is a puzzle! It will be at 2 p.m. at Hope Church. The puzzle is a special collage of Pocahontas pictures evered specifically for this event. It costs \$25 per pair of competitors and you get to keep the puzzle afterwards! Plus, the winning duo will receive a teledoscope from the Kaleidoscope Factory as well as a \$50 to a Chamber business of your choice! This event is limited to 20 pairs, so make sure to pre-register for this competition as well on our website.

Saturday will be filled with plenty of activities for the kids! Face Painting is happening 10-11:30 a.m. for the kids, thanks to Powhatan Travel Service, under the tent, which will be on the street by Heritage Park. The parade is happening at 11:30 a.m. again this year on Main Street, starting from Elbert Park and routing down to the library. Then, at 1 p.m., the Touch a Truck, Kiddie Carnival, Free Swimming at the Pool, and Water Fights + Inflatables all kick off on the grass lot south of the Legion Hall. The free swimming

is limited to the first 60 people, and the kiddie carnival is \$5 for an unlimited wristband, but the rest is free! Black Hills Energy, New Impressions, Murray Law Firm, Webbank Insurance, and the Pocahontas Fire Department make this fun-filled afternoon possible. Plus, enjoy free ice cream sandwiches (while supplies last) courtesy of Thomas & Kuchel Law Office!

Saturday evening, the fireworks sponsored by Pocahontas Area Rotary Club & PAC Interact Club return to their Heritage Days timeslot! They will be shot off from the soccer fields as soon as it's dark, so make sure beforehand to enjoy the Free Kids Admission at the Rialto Theatre courtesy of United Bank of Iowa. Plus, Beam Real Estate is sponsoring free kids trays to the first 75 patrons that evening!

As for food on Saturday, treat your family to a delicious Burrito Breakfast with a side of some freshly fried mini donuts from 8:30 - 11 AM under the tent. Ryan Baade will be performing during that time courtesy of the Pocahontas Community Hospital. The Women's Club

will be offering a noon meal as soon as the parade is done under the tent while Al Bodine and Craig Phillips perform. Enjoy their music until 2 PM, when the County Courthouse 100th Anniversary Dedication & Open House kicks off on the south side of the courthouse. They'll be giving free tours as well as free cake and ice cream! And then burn off some of those calories by line dancing from 4-6 p.m. under the tent by Heritage Park. Becky Dewey will teach you all you need to know, while Denise's Flowers & Gifts will be sponsoring refreshments.

There's even more happening that I haven't touched on, including the annual softball tournament being renamed to the Kyle Rierson Memorial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, a Best Shot Golf Tournament happening on Sunday, and some retail businesses offering \$5 off a purchase of \$20 or more if you're wearing a Heritage Days button. Go to www.pokychamber.com/heritagedays to see the full schedule for both Heritage Days and the County Fair. This is a week and weekend in town you won't want to miss!

Availa Bank team members visit Capitol Hill

Availa Bank team members Jackie Mahler (Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Operating Officer) and Scott Zurbriggen (SVP Risk Management and Information Security Officer) recently had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. as part of a group of banking advocates with the issue of discussing industry issues and firsthand experiences as part of the Iowa Bankers Association's (IBA) annual Capitol Hill visit.

While in Washington, the group attended meetings with Iowa's congressional delegation, including Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Randy Feenstra, and Zach Nunn. In these meetings,

they were able to discuss the bills that will benefit the banking industry and their customers, such as the ACRE Act, which would help lower the cost of financing farm real estate and support rural housing. They also discussed bills that could have a negative impact if passed.

Mahler had the additional privilege of moderating a session with Michelle Bowman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve. The discussion included information on how the rate increases are affecting Iowa customers and the banking industry.

Speaking on her experience, Mahler says, "Serving on the IBA board and attending the IBA Capitol Hill visit has been

a great learning experience. It has provided the opportunity to network with other bankers, hold discussions with leaders of regulatory agencies, and advocate for the banking industry.

Zurbriggen echoes Mahler's sentiments on the trip. "It is evident that the issues facing community banks today are on the radar of our Iowa legislative representatives and federal regulators in Washington. It was a privilege to meet with our delegation and hold meaningful discussions on how we can support legislative reform and actions that allow us to better serve our customers and communities," he says.

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Wells said. "This year is really important because we are working on the Farm Bill," she said. "We need to make sure we are hearing from those in ag business."

Wells said he has concerns about the spikes in grain prices in recent years, as well as turmoil in the supply chain. While there are tariffs on the finished products from China, there aren't the same costs applied to the raw materials, so those materials are coming to the U.S. to be converted to a final product here. That is taking about four times longer than in the past, because the industry isn't built up enough to meet that demand, Wells said.

"Tariffs on inputs of many fertilizers, that definitely affects the market," Wells said. "The more free trade we can have, the better impact for our local farmers."

He also has concerns about some of the larger ag companies. "Big, national companies don't seem like they have the farmers' best interests in mind,"

he said. "More competition is really what we need."

Ernst took notes as Wells spoke. She said she did have some confidence that Congress will pass the Farm Bill, although not without a debate. One big hangup, especially in the House, will be the bill's overall cost.

"The Farm Bill, five years ago, cost about \$800 billion," Ernst said. "This year's is projected to be about \$1.5 trillion."

Only 13 to 14 percent of that funding goes to farmers, she said, although even some of her colleagues from states without as much agriculture realize that.

"The rest is SNAP and food assistance," she said.

Couldn't Congress separate the two issues, Wells asked.

No, Ernst said, because without that food assistance funding, the Farm Bill definitely wouldn't pass.

"We do really have a lot of fat within a lot of these programs, Ernst said. "There will have to be some very hard discussions about what that Farm Bill is going to cost."

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Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum

N. 3rd Street, Laurens (Old Carnegie Library)

will be open during Laurens Celebration

Friday, July 7
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 8
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Outdoor Children's Activities Available

PIE AUCTION

Thursday, July 13
on the stage at the Fairgrounds
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