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Board picks Herr as new assessor

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Kalista Herr will be the new Pocahontas County Auditor, pending final approval from the state Department of Revenue.

Kelly Haberl resigned from the position last fall, after a disagreement with her own Conference Board and Pocahontas County Auditor Kelly Jepsen over the implementation of a new time clock system and over her Haberl and her staff submitted claims for mileage and travel expenses.

The process to appoint a new assessor when a certified deputy is laid out in Iowa Code, Iowa State Association of Assessors President Paul Overton said a few days after the Pocahontas County Conference Board met and appointed Herr. There's a specific, relatively short timeline that a county must adhere to that starts as soon as the resignation is tendered and it involves multiple boards. There's the Conference Board, as well as an Examination Board, whose sole job is to review candidates for the job of assessor from a list of certified candidates. The Iowa Department of Revenue holds that list and adds people to the list only after an applicant takes classes and receives certification.

"The position is not meant to be vacant for very long," Overton said.

He also pointed out that the code doesn't have much for teeth, though, to punish counties that need more time to fill the open assessor's position.

The Conference Board, which is comprised of mayors from cities within the county, representatives of each school board and the Board of Supervisors, met Feb. 13 to accept a recommendation from the Examination Board to hire Herr as the new assessor. Herr had completed the course and passed the test to become an assessor in Iowa, Jepsen told the Conference Board. Now that the board recommended hiring Herr, the Department of Revenue will conduct a background check before signing off on the hire.

Pocahontas County's human resources consultant, Paul Greufe, handled advertising the job opening, Jepsen said. He received six or seven applications, some of them from local candidates and some from other parts of Iowa. Herr was the only one to apply who was on the certified assessor's list.

Greufe did not place the ad in the Record-Democrat; Jepsen said she thought he had done

so. The ad was placed on Indeed.com, an online job board, as well as on an assessor's job board and in the courthouse. A search of previous job postings on the county's Facebook page did not show an ad for the assessor opening, although openings for a deputy assessor and a clerk were there. Those were also advertised in local newspapers.

Overton said while he didn't wish to offend local newspapers, but he didn't know that such an ad would have been worth the money the county spent on such an ad.

"Because it's so specific and it requires you to be on the list, it would be a waste of taxpayer dollars to put the ad in the newspaper," Overton said.

Further, he said, because a candidate must be on the list to be hired, "you can't just go out and entice people to be an assessor in a particular jurisdiction."

Randy Evans, a former Des Moines Register editor who now serves on the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, saw it differently.

"It is difficult to understand the rationale that was followed in seeking applicants for the county assessor's position," Evans said in an email. The cost would have been negligible to buy an ad in area newspapers to let the public know how potential applicants could be considered for the job. Neglecting to make area residents more aware of the application and selection process certainly deprived the public of this important information. And that is unfortunate."

The Conference Board also approved reimbursing Herr for traveling and attending the courses to become certified as an assessor. Jepsen said that was something other counties have done. Pocahontas County also covered the expenses of the county appraiser taking the same course, she added.

Jepsen and Herr have been working with Clay County Assessor Danika Welsch to keep up with the assessor's duties in the months since Haberl resigned.

"It's been really fun for me to be a part of Pocahontas' situation," Welsch said. "The county is gaining an excellent assessor. What she has accomplished while working with Kelly has been exceptional."

Jepsen told the Conference Board that Herr has earmarked some projects to work on once she's in place as assessor.

The Conference Board also voted to increase the assessor's

At the Rialto

Showing Feb. 24-Mar. 2 is "The Amazing Maurice" Rated PG, Running time: 1 hr. 33 min. Starring: Hugh Laurie (voice), Emilia Clarke (voice), and David Thewlis (voice).

This story follows Maurice, a goofy streetwise cat, who has the perfect money-making scam. He finds a dumb-looking kid who plays a pipe and has his very own horde of rats, who are strangely literate.

CLOSED March 3-16
PAC Swing Show March 10 & 11. Contact the school for tickets.
Schedule subject to change.

COMING SOON:
"80 for Brady" — PG-13
"Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania" — PG-13
"Mummies" — PG

AUCTIONS

Hay Auctions
First and Third Saturdays of each month
March 4 & 18 @ 10:15 a.m.
@ the Fonda Sale Barn
Hammen Auction Company
Jerry Hammen ~ 712-299-2523

Pocahontas Machinery
Consignment Auction
Wednesday, March 8 @ 8 a.m.
Advertising Deadline:
Friday, Feb. 24
Located at 401 1/2 East Elm,
Pocahontas, IA
Sale Barn Realty & Auction
401 1/2 East Elm,
Pocahontas, IA
712-335-3117
www.salebarn.ncn.net

Acres Auction
Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 10 a.m.
4879 220th Avenue,
Albert City, IA
Claire Anderson, Owner
Sale Barn Realty & Auction
401 1/2 East Elm,
Pocahontas, IA
712-335-3117
www.salebarn.ncn.net

salary for next fiscal year. Pocahontas County has the third-lowest assessor salary in the state right now. While the county's wage committee will need to review the increase request, the Conference Board added \$10,000 to the current salary of about \$64,000, so that the assessor's office can submit its budget for next year before deadlines to do so this spring.



PAC closed the Pomeroy building several years ago, bringing students to the centralized elementary school in Pocahontas. District officials have been debating what to do with the building. PAC School Board members, school officials and the public toured the Pomeroy school building Jan. 5, 2022. Here, they are seen in the former art room. Photos by Erin Sommers

Pomeroy community brings development possibilities to PAC board

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Pomeroy residents have at least three parties interested in the school building there.

Mary Clancy, who grew up in Pomeroy and graduated from the high school there before heading to Iowa State University, where she also now works, said she started circulating information about the empty building last year. In December, she had two different real estate developers contact her wanting to see the building. Before she could get them inside, though, some pipes burst and damaged the building.

Clancy tried to read a statement that she said would last about six minutes; the board limited comments on a petition from school district members asking to for a discussion of the building to two minutes.

"The cost alone is enormous," Clancy wrote in the statement, which she provided to board members and the media after her two minutes were up. "Have you even considered the thousands of tons of material that would go to the landfill. Our society is so quick to destroy what we have, only to build back something at astronomical costs that simply won't last. Minus the unfortunate consequences of the last polar plunge, the main Pomeroy School building and the new gym addition, has stood the test of time. The building has the potential to be re-purposed and used for good. The individuals who have shown a sincere interest in repurposing the Pomeroy school building should be given the respect and courtesy they deserve. As should the community members

wishing to be involved in this process. All I am asking for is a chance to save a building that still has life in it and your cooperation in doing so."

Clancy called any proposal to spend \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to raze the building unethical.

She also laid out her frustrations with Superintendent Joe Kramer. Clancy toured the building in July and sent photos of it to a dozen real estate developers in early December. By the end of the month, two had reached out to her asking to see the building. This happened just as a "polar plunge" dropped temperatures far below zero and led to burst pipes and water damage throughout the building. Insulation containing asbestos was also damaged, creating an environmental

hazard that PAC officials have been working to mitigate since. The board and Kramer have restricted access to the building until the mitigation is complete. Kramer said at the Feb. 16 meeting that a number of areas in the building are still assumed to have been contaminated with asbestos and have not yet been cleaned up.

Clancy was able to read two minutes of her statement. Pomeroy Councilwoman Audra Rozenboom read another two minutes of the statement. Clancy wrote that she asked the school district for copies of the building's blueprints to share with the developers; she was denied.

Board President Paul Berte later spoke up to say that

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Jefferson program brings history to life for President's Day

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Thomas Polking brought facts and stories about the nation's third president in honor of President's Day to the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas Saturday.

Jefferson followed a diet that doctors at the Mayo Clinic would still recommend today, Polking said.

"He ate fruit and vegetables, walked every day and drank wine every day," Polking said. "Thomas Jefferson just used meat to season his vegetables."

Historians estimate Jefferson had an IQ of 160, though how they came to determine that wasn't clear, Polking said. If true, that would give Jefferson the highest IQ of any American president.

Jefferson left commentary on a wide variety of subjects that still are relevant today, Polking said, from the military industrial complex to education.

The late president also went to great lengths to ensure that some of his thoughts were never shared with the public. Any correspondence between Jefferson and his wife, Martha, was burned or otherwise destroyed, Polking told the crowd of 50 or so people at the Rialto for the historical program.



Thomas Polking speaks to a crowd of more than 50 people at the Rialto Theatre Saturday afternoon. Polking portrayed Thomas Jefferson for the Pocahontas County Historical Society's annual President's Day celebration. Photo by Erin Sommers

Any letters between Jefferson and Sally Hemings were also destroyed.

Polking touched on Jefferson and his complex and hypocritical attitude and actions toward slavery. The Hemings family, descended from a slave and a white member of Martha Jefferson's family, were slaves in the Jefferson household, Polking. But several of the Hemings children traveled with Jefferson to France when he served as ambassador there. Once they arrived, any of Jefferson's slaves were technically free, as France didn't allow for slavery.

The Hemings children returned with Jefferson to Monticello. That plantation was also different from what people may think of as a slave plantation.

"Monticello was really a town," Polking said. "Slaves had their own cabins and gardens and worked with whites."

Jefferson had written a clause into an early draft of the Declaration of Independence to condemn slavery, but that portion of the document didn't make the final cut, Polking said.

"I don't justify," Polking said, speaking as Jefferson. "They

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Iowa nursing homes face higher costs and stagnant payment from Medicaid

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Iowa's nursing homes are facing a two-prong problem that is creating an unsustainable trajectory, industry officials say.

"In the past 12 months, 17 Iowa skilled nursing facilities have closed," Iowa Health Care Association President and CEO Brent Willett said. "The primary culprit has been an extraordinary explosion of wage and other operating costs since 2021, which has created a historic shortfall in Medicaid reimbursement rates of nearly 20 percent. Iowa skilled nursing facility providers are today incurring ongoing and devastating financial losses; for every \$1 spent to care for an Iowa Medicaid resident, the system currently reimburses providers 80 cents."

In all, Iowa had 13 percent of the nursing home closures in 2022, IHCA officials said last week. Buena Vista County has

recorded two nursing home closures in the past year: first Good Samaritan in Newell, which closed in the middle of 2022, followed by Pleasant View Home in Albert City. Officials with the latter care center announced earlier this month they would be closing the home within about 60 days.

"This is an unsustainable trajectory, and the announcement of more closures strongly underscores the underlying need for increased skilled nursing facility Medicaid funding now to stabilize the system and keep the doors open for rural Iowa facilities," Willett said. "Fortunately, the Iowa Legislature is now in session, and based on the Iowa's history of investing in long-term care, I am encouraged the Legislature will act to lift Medicaid rates and protect rural access to long-term care for Iowans."

Rural Iowa faces some unique factors, IHCA officials said.

"Staffing in rural communities is more difficult to find with declining populations and rising wage inflation," ICHA spokeswoman Lori Ristau said in an email. "Double-digit wage inflation is making it difficult to compete for long-term care and other health care workers. We need staff in rural communities to keep the doors open, and funding for long-term care and health care staff has not kept up with the demand of the work and the pace of 15 percent wage inflation."

State Sen. Lynn Evans, who represents Buena Vista County, said last week he supports the increases in Medicaid reimbursement.

"It's a rural health care issue," Evans said. "You have to consider elderly care in the equation."

Evans has fielded questions on the topic when he meets with

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Hope UMC's Kings Kids will be held on Wednesdays

Hope United Methodist Church's faith-based after school program, King's 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 hopeumc.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 Baade at 712-358-0556.

Coffee Cup Chat will be Wednesdays at Pocahontas Public Library

Is the Winter feeling long? How about joining us for an afternoon or two? It's time for you to mark your calendars and come join us for a Coffee Cup Chat with refreshments and conversation at the Pocahontas Public Library. Starting Wednesday, January 25th we will be putting the coffee pot on so stop by at 2:00 p.m. for a cup and an afternoon of coffee and chatting. If you are working on a craft project bring it along. The Library will be hosting the coffee hour every Wednesday afternoon (weather permitting) and the last coffee is scheduled for March 15th. So, mark your calendar for January 25th at 2:00 p.m. and join us for coffee, conversation, and great topics to brighten your afternoon. Everyone is welcome at the Pocahontas Public Library!

Walking at the Expo

You are welcome to walk Monday through Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the warmth of the Expo Building in Pocahontas. There will be no walking if school is 2 hours late or cancelled due to weather, holidays, or if the Expo building is rented. Everyone is welcome to walk.

Pomeroy Covenant Church to host MoM - Missions of Motherhood

Pomeroy Covenant Church is starting a new group called MoM - Missions of Motherhood. This group is open to all area mothers and will be meeting twice per month - 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and 6 p.m. on Thursdays. This will be a time for mothers to gather with other mothers for support, prayer, and conversation with other moms "who get it." Childcare will be provided. We hope you can join and invite other moms you know. Pomeroy Covenant Church is located on Highway 4, 8 miles south of Pocahontas or 5 miles north of Pomeroy.

All Star-T Preschool Registration March 1

Pocahontas Area All Star-T Preschool registration will be come and go meetings on Wednesday, March 1 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the preschool (910 W. Elm, Pocahontas). Children eligible for preschool must be 4 years old prior to September 15, 2023.

PAC Kindergarten Round-up March 9

Pocahontas Area Community School will hold Kindergarten Round-up on Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in the Pocahontas Elementary Lunch Room. There will be a parent informational meeting and a tour of the building will be given. Children must be 5 (five) by September 15, 2023. Any questions, please contact the school at 712-335-4642.

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.

Can/Bottle Kennels

The can and bottle kennels are available for your deposits. Reminders: 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.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Congregate Meals

The Pocahontas Congregate Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals in Pocahontas. Only takes about 45 minutes, plus you can have lunch. They are also in need of a driver to deliver meals in Rolfe. This person would get paid mileage and it only takes about an hour of your time. Stop in to the Hinde Community Center Monday-Friday to inquire or contact them at 335-3937.

Industry study: Generous tax credits are double-edged sword for low ethanol

Iowa Capitol Dispatch Federal incentives for low-carbon fuels would be a boon to Iowa ethanol producers — potentially more than tripling their profit margins — but they also put those producers at risk if they are unable to take advantage of the tax credits, ethanol proponents say. If Iowa producers are able to capture the carbon dioxide they would otherwise emit into the atmosphere, an ethanol plant that produces 100 million gallons per year might benefit to the tune of more than \$40 million annually, according to a recent study commissioned by the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association. That calculation is dependent on whether pipelines are built to carry the greenhouse gas away. On the other hand, if the pipelines aren't constructed — and if the plants don't find a different destination for their carbon dioxide — ethanol production might shift to other nearby states, the study concluded.

"Iowa ethanol is at a crossroads," said Al Giese, president of the association, which lobbies for policies that benefited the industry and commissioned the study. The study by Decision Innovation Solutions of Urbana predicted that a lack of carbon capture and sequestration for the state's ethanol plants could shift three-quarters of their current production out of state, resulting in lost revenues that might exceed \$10 billion annually. That relies on the premise that production will increase in nearby states that have better access to sequestration, especially where the geology is more amenable to retaining the gas deep underground. Little is known about Iowa's potential for underground sequestration, largely due to a comparative lack of oil exploration. Geologists have noted that about half of the state's ethanol plants are located in areas that have potential for sequestration but that it might

take years to fully evaluate that potential. "We're not going to be around to find out," said Monte Shaw, executive director of the association, insinuating that the state's ethanol plants would be imperiled by the delays. The study did not take into consideration the potential for localized or regional sequestration in Iowa. Environmental groups that oppose carbon dioxide pipelines have derided the doomsday predictions as scare tactics that are meant to block new legislation that could halt the projects. "It's fearmongering," said Jess Mazour, of the Sierra Club's Iowa chapter. The group has argued that carbon sequestration will unnecessarily extend the use of ethanol fuel as the nation shifts to electric vehicles. It further has concerns about safety hazards from pipeline leaks and environmental damage from their construction. The potential for revenue increases from sequestration is muddied somewhat by the agreements that have been forged between the pipeline companies and the ethanol producers, which have not been publicly revealed. David Miller, an economist for the company that conducted the study, said standard rates that ethanol producers pay other companies to transport carbon dioxide were used to calculate revenue projections. "We have not been privy to the individual negotiations of any of the ethanol plants with the pipelines," he said. Shaw also said he is unaware of the agreements: "When you run a trade association, the last thing you try to do is ever get into the business side of the business."

Udder Cow to reopen March 1 Burgers and ice cream will be back on the menu soon for fans of Udder Cow in Pocahontas. Carl and Erleen Graham said last week they're ramping up to reopen the restaurant after a winter hiatus to allow them to do some repairs around the restaurant. Work has included plumbing upgrades and cooler repairs. They also had the dining room floor stripped and refinished. Graham said he's ready to get back to cooking — he's been a bit antsy the past few weeks waiting for the March 1 reopening date. The Grahams are ready to see their regular customers, too, they said.

What's Happening at the Rolfe Public Library

Upcoming Dates to Remember: February is "Take Your Child To The Library Month" We have fun and exciting events for you and your children at the Rolfe Library!

- Feb. 23 at 4 pm: Story time & Craft with Lisa Z. "The Kid Who Changed The World"
Feb. 25 at 10 am: Black History Month -Story Time & Snack "Squashed In The Middle"
Feb. 28 at 4 pm: Kick-Off celebration for Dr. Seuss's birthday "Green Eggs & Ham"
March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

Weekly Events: *Check our Facebook page for up-to-date information on any cancellations*
Tuesdays @ 9:00 AM - Geri-Fit® class
Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM - Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM - Coffee Hour - Everyone is welcome!
Thursdays @ 10:00 AM - Geri-Fit® class

Monthly Book Discussion: Stop in and get your copy of "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray! The young Bella da Costa Greene is hired by J.P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle quickly becomes a fixture in New York's society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs! The book club will meet on Monday, February 27 at 7 pm to discuss this exciting book!

Rolfe Public Library hours are: Sunday Closed
Monday 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Thursday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Friday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Don't forget to check us out online! Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/RolfePublicLibrary

MEDICAID: Stagnant payments

From Page 01 constituents around his district. He sees the problem as coming from two directions. "It's a workforce issue and it's a Medicaid reimbursement issue," he said. Nursing homes are "doing those things as far as getting people in the workforce and getting them trained. But you have to offer an attractive salary."

That's something Madison Leisinger, administrator at Pocahontas Manor, has been running into, too. "It's a chronic health care problem," Leisinger said of attracting and retaining staff, and getting sufficient reimbursements to cover those costs. She was clear — the staff she has at the Manor are phenomenal. But she said she understands that most nursing homes can't afford high wages for staff. It would be helpful if the state did approve an increase in reimbursements, she said. "I would encourage people to talk to their local representatives, so that maybe we can up the reimbursements," Leisinger said. "When the government's only reimbursing 80 percent,

we can't reimburse workers 80 percent." Pocahontas Manor has called in traveling nurses, she said, which can cost a little more than a local hired nurse. Leisinger herself also stepped in as a temporary nurse's aide at a nursing home. Leisinger has a Master's degree in business — she hadn't been trained as a nurse. But during the COVID-19 pandemic, nursing homes could bring in extra staff to work as nurse's aides without that person completing the CNA training, she said. While Pocahontas Manor has stayed fully staffed, Leisinger said the care center isn't full. "We have two wings in the front that we would love to open," she said. She doesn't have the staff to care for residents in those wings, however. Gov. Kim Reynolds has proposed a \$15 million increase for Medicaid reimbursements to nursing homes as a part of the state budget. The state Department of Health and Human Services made a presentation to lawmakers earlier this month that included information about reimbursements. Iowa Medicaid doesn't have a regular process in place to review reimbursement rates for all providers, a copy of that presentation said. "The result of not having regular rate reviews is that Medicaid provider reimbursement lags with changes in the cost of providing the service," a slide in the presentation said.

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ELLIE'S ON MAIN & THE BEEHIVE Downtown West Bend, Iowa Spring Open House MARCH 2, 3, & 4 CHECK OUT ALL OF THE NEW SPRING IN BOTH STORES!

POCAHONTAS AREA SCHOOL ALL STAR-T PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION Come and Go Meetings Wednesday, March 1 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 910 W. Elm Avenue, Pocahontas, IA 50574 712-335-4025 Children eligible for preschool must be 4 years old prior to September 15, 2023.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY CATTLEMEN Banquet Saturday, February 25 5 p.m. Social Hour | 6 p.m. Meal Ribeye Steak Dinner - \$25.00 Pocahontas County Expo Center

7:30 p.m. Belt Buckle Auction, Scholarship Recipient Recognition followed by DJ Duane Murley

If you are unable to attend the auction and would like to sponsor a belt buckle, reach out to any board member for assistance. Belt buckle proceeds go towards scholarships for high school seniors. Pocahontas County Cattlemen's Board Members: Al Hauswirth, Joe Butcher, Levi Gardewine, Chance Ferguson, Austin Hauswirth, Barry Bacon, Justin Bacon, Troy Stockwell, Kerry Peterson, Steve Baade, Jake Clark

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HAVELOCK AMVETS STAG/STAGETTE NIGHT Thursday, Feb. 23 Happy Hour 6 p.m. | Meal 7 p.m. Ladies Welcome

Pocahontas Area Community School Kindergarten Round-Up Thursday, March 9 • 6 p.m. Pocahontas Elementary Lunchroom 208 1st Avenue SW, Pocahontas, IA | 712-335-4642 PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING A tour of the building will be given. Children must be 5 (five) by September 15, 2023. If your child is not currently in 4 year old preschool, but you would like them to participate in Round-up on March 9, please contact the school at 712-335-4642.

SIMULCAST AUCTION 80± Acres • Pocahontas County, Iowa Farmers National Company Live Event: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM Pocahontas County Expo Center 310 Northeast 1st Street • Pocahontas, Iowa ONLINE SIMULCAST BIDDING: Bidding starts Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 8:00 AM Bidding ends Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at close of live event To Register and Bid on this Auction, go to: www.FNCBid.com -- High quality Pocahontas County farm -- -- Windmill and CRP income -- -- Excellent appeal along Highway 7 -- -- Open lease for 2023! -- For more information on property details, please contact: Colin Hogrefe, AFM/Agent • Sioux Rapids, Iowa Phone: (712)-299-5276 CHogrefe@FarmersNational.com • www.FarmersNational.com/ColinHogrefe www.FarmersNational.com Real Estate Sales • Auctions • Farm and Ranch Management • Consultation Appraisals and Valuations • Insurance • Oil, Gas, and Renewable Energy Management Forest Resource Management • National Hunting Leases • FNC Ag Stock

Lunch & Learn "What's Wrong With My Feet?" presented by Alicia Heuton from Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint, and Sports Surgeons Wed., March 22 • 12:30-1:30 p.m. Pocahontas Community Hospital Conference Center Alicia will discuss common foot problems - how to treat them at home and when to see a doctor. Please RSVP to Pocahontas Community Hospital by Friday, March 17, 2023. A light lunch will be provided. POCAHONTAS PCH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL An Affiliate of UnityPoint Health 606 NW 7th St., Pocahontas, IA 50574 • (712) 335-3501

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Pocahontas Catholic School DINNER AUCTION DANCE Saturday, March 4 Social Hour: 5 p.m. | Dinner 6 p.m. Expo Center, Pocahontas Live Auction to follow Dance by Mojo Productions will follow the Auction Raffle tickets are being sold for your chance to win \$500 VISA Gift Card, Processed Half Hog, or Camp Chef WIFI Pellet Grill Tickets: \$50/Person For tickets, please call: Pocahontas Catholic School at 712-335-3603 or St. Sebastian Parish Office at 712-335-2065