Laurens Fire Department — Front Row (l-r): Allison Graff, Marc Stewart, captain; Pat Murray, chief; Dennis Sandvig, captain; Dennis Leuer, captain; Brian Hoffman, Julian Johnsen, Cory Bailey, and Troy Stockwell. Back Row (l-r): Mike Hertz, John Runneberg, Jake Graff, captain; Brad Tendal, Joe Ahlers, Ben Storms, Matt Hertz, Al Sandvig, Justin Bailey, and Dave Bailey, assistant chief. Absent from photo: Matt Tate, captain; and Mike Hayek. Photo by Chris Vrba

Please plan to attend the Laurens Volunteer Firefighters Association’s Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, October 8th from 8:00 am to noon. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and support your local Firefighters!
Manufacturing OPEN HOUSES in Pocahontas County

Please join us on Manufacturing Day for some refreshments!

FISHER HYDRAULICS

Where: 603 Highway 10 West, Laurens, IA 50554
When: Friday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Plant Tour • Refreshments • Meet Our Staff

Fisher Hydraulics is a leader in manufacturing quality custom engineered hydraulic cylinders. We serve the agriculture, railroad, and aerial work platform industries. We have remained committed to delivering excellence, having manufactured solid solutions for the toughest applications.

BOBALEE HYDRAULICS

Where: 137 N East Street, Laurens, IA 50554
When: Friday, October 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Refreshments • Learn About What We Do • Meet Our Staff

Bobalee Hydraulics has been delivering State Of The Art Technology for more than 40 years. Our commitment to quality begins by meeting customer specific individual needs. From the initial design to manufacturing field support, we combine technology and qualified personnel to give quality and confidence in every product.
At the Library

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
October 4, 2017

We’ve gotten lots of new fiction lately, including: Origin by Dan Brown, The Last Ballad by Wiley Cash, Wicked Deeds by Heather Graham, Fairytale by Danielle Steel, Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan, The Christmas Room by Catherine Anderson, Witches Tree by M.C. Beaton, Christmas Blessing by Melody Carlson, Stolen Marriage by Diane Chamberlain, Don’t Let Go by Harlan Coben, Winter Solstice by Elin Hildebrand, Lies She Told by Cate Holahan, Christmas in London by Anita Hughes, Western Star by Craig Johnson and Merry and Bright by Debbie Macomber.

We also received some interesting looking nonfiction: Killing England by Bill O’Reilly, The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Marta McDowell, It Takes Two; Our Story by Jonathan & Drew Scott and Sky Below by Scott Parazynski.

I had someone ask me the difference between the Library and the Library Foundation, so I think it’s time for a refresher. You all know how much I like food, so I’ll take this opportunity to use one of my favorite things in an analogy. The library is publicly funded and that budget takes care of our regular operating expenses. Think of that as the cake – it’s pretty good by itself, but how could it be better? Frosting, of course! Well, that’s what our Library Foundation is, the frosting that makes our library so much more fun! The frosting is the entertaining programs the Foundation sponsors, the CD audiobooks, the kids’ e-books, preschool outreach tubs, Summer Reading supplies and programs, and if all goes as planned, next summer, the Music Garden! All this frosting, I mean funding, comes from donations. So, to continue, we need your financial support.

Speaking of that, make plans to join us for pancakes October 19th. The Kiwanis will again be flipping their famous pancakes. All proceeds go to the Library Foundation to continue our fun projects, and start that new one – the Music Garden! I have a plan that will inspire your support of that project. But I better not spill too much until I know if it will come together!

COMING EVENTS
• Tot Time Every Monday at 10 am
• Take it Tuesday - 1st Tuesday 6:30
• Open Scrapbooking –4th Tuesday (this month only) 5-8 pm
• Card Making – 3rd Tuesday (this month only) at 6:30 pm
• Book Club 4th Monday at 7 pm
• Library Foundation’s Pancake Supper 5-7 October 19
• Magician Larry Dunbar 7 pm October 31st (of course!)
• Death Comes for Us All (Victorian death and funeral practices) – 7 pm Wednesday, November 1st

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Leading Communities Program Helps Communities Build Local Engagement

When Iowa State University’s Small Town Project asked small-town Iowa residents about why they weren’t more involved in their communities, two answers were revealing.
No. 1: No one asked me.
No. 2: I just don’t feel like I have the time.

“We find people want to be involved,” said Deborah Tootle, an associate professor with Iowa State’s Department of Sociology and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community Economic Development. “But they don’t know how to be involved.”

A new program aims to change that thinking. Leading Communities: A Place-Based Leadership Program has been developed by ISU Extension and Outreach and the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Based on cutting-edge community leadership research, it is designed to simultaneously provide participants with community-based skills while meeting the specific needs of the places where they live and work.

By building community engagement, small towns can retain or regain their vibrancy.

“If you don’t have community engagement, you don’t have people interacting,” Tootle said. “And if you don’t have people interacting, you don’t have people reacting and you don’t have the ability to move forward. A town can remain the same or it can go into decline, but to do better, we’re going to have to work at it.”

Leading Communities is built around understanding the importance of community leadership and learning the four key competencies associated with that leadership: understanding community leadership and the community, correctly identifying community issues and framing ideas, building social relationships and capital, and mobilizing resources for community action. Participants learn how to use tools relating to those core competencies to address community issues and opportunities.

The program is taught in six sessions, each lasting two to three hours, and gives participants skills to bring people together to change for the good of their community.

“We’re part of the university and want to make sure the extension programs we provide are based on research,” Tootle said. “It’s learning and understanding how we communicate and identify local issues, learning about social networks and building social capital – bringing it all together and talking about how to make things happen.”

Program pilots in Kossuth and Lee counties helped evaluate and assess its overall impact and improve it. This year, the program hopes to expand to as many as four counties, including Henry County.

The goal is to spread the program even wider, and get people involved and excited about their communities across Iowa.

“We need to be aware of communities and more engaged,” Tootle said. “We want people to learn how to plan. And not just plan – but develop and implement the strategies they’ve planned.”
Bridal Shower

Join us for a come and go bridal shower for Destiny Wiley, daughter of Mike & Kathy Wiley. Destiny is the bride-elect of Tyler Rommel of Polk City.

A come and go bridal shower for Destiny will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 2-4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Laurens.

The couple is registered at Lizziedoodle in Laurens, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Thank You!

Whether you attended our party or sent a card, we thank you for all the kind wishes on the celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary. All your thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Stanley and Donna Erickson

90th Birthday!

Verale Nicol is celebrating her 90th birthday! A celebration in her honor is being held by her children on Sunday, October 8 from 2-4 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Laurens.

No gifts, please just come and celebrate. If you would like to send her a card, they will reach her at: 511 East Olive Street, Laurens, IA 50554.

With Sincere Thanks

Our hearts are full of gratitude and we would like to say many thanks to all of those who remembered us with prayers, cards, memorials, beautiful arrangements, food, and kind words. A special thanks to those that were able to escort our Father, friend, brother, and fellow enthusiast Mick Schmidt home on our day of remembrance and celebration.

Also, a special thanks to the Bethany Lutheran church volunteers for all of the preparation of and service of the meal.

Lastly we would like to recognize and give a special thanks to the Class of 1974 for their memorial contribution on behalf of their fellow classmate and our beloved Father Mickey L. Schmidt. Thanks to the community and all for supporting us during our time of loss.

Thank You and Blessings to all,
The Aschenbrenner, Schmidt and Stewart Families.
This Week at Bethany Lutheran
Sunday: October 8, 2017
18th Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 AM - Adult SS
9:30 AM - Youth SS / Rally Sunday
9:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM - Worship w/Baptism
6:00-8:00 PM - Laurens Area Youth Group (JH) at FCC

Monday: October 9, 2017
7:00 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: October 10, 2017
12:00 PM - Christian Ed/Youth Mtg.

Wednesday: October 11, 2017
7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

This Week at First Christian Church
Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, Oct. 4
7:00 p.m. - Mission Council

Friday, Oct. 6
7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, Oct. 8
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - JR. High Youth Group at First Christian

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church
Thurs., Oct. 5th:
UMW Executive Board mtg @ 5 p.m.
UMW General mtg @ 6 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 6th:
Men’s Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sat., Oct. 7th:
UMM mtg @ 7 a.m.

Sun., Oct. 8th:
Our Fall Worship Schedule has begun:
Adult Sunday School @ 9 a.m.
Sunday School (kids & youth) @ 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Board meeting @ 5 p.m. here at LUMC
Laurens Area Youth Group (Jr. High) @ 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at FCC
Ray F. Roewe
Passes Recently

Dr. Raymond F. Roewe, DDS, 62, transitioned from this world to the next on the day of the autumnal equinox, September 22, 2017, in Rochester, MN surrounded by family and love. Ray “Doc” Roewe was born in Laurens, Iowa on June 10, 1955. Born the son of August and Rose Marie Roewe, he grew up working the family farm with his siblings, Keren, Fred, Linda, and Robin Roewe in Northwest Iowa. In high school, he was a stand out in academics, music, speech and debate, band, and most notably, football. He earned a scholarship to William Penn where he played middle line backer as an English major. He then transferred to Iowa State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. Ray went on to attend dental school and residency at the University of Iowa, completing his training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 1986. He moved to Burlington, IA later that year with his wife and three children.

Ray spent the next 30 years dedicating himself wholeheartedly to both his family and his patients. At work, his chair-side charm and quick-witted humor, along with his clinical expertise, made for a pleasant medical experience. At home, those who knew him best could find him in his back garage drinking coffee, fixing and rigging things, playing pool, drinking extra thick chocolate malts from DQ, or wandering the aisles of Menard’s in search of his next project.

A true Renaissance man who not only excelled in his chosen profession of oral surgery, but also in his varied personal interests: music, movies, cars, fishing, skiing the slopes of Colorado, playing guitar, and general home improvement. He was a man who dressed (and danced) to his own beat, opting for jeans and mock turtlenecks with Beatle boots or sneakers over formal attire.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Roewe, and his children, Rachael, Sara (Steve Swoboda) and grandchild, Sally Rae, son Raymond Jr, (R.J.) (wife Susan), and unofficially adopted son, Eulis Baez.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established at St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The family will also create a music scholarship in honor of his love for music and the comfort it has provided.

There will be a celebration of life with a visitation on the afternoon of October 28th from 1-3pm at Spirit Hollow G.G. Conn Pavilion. Much like the man himself, this will be a casual event with a little "special" music.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MOVIE DAY!!
PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH AT 2 P.M. FOR A MOVIE! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
(CHILDREN UNDER 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.)
WE WILL PROVIDE POPCORN AND A DRINK!!
SHOWING WILL BE E.T.
BRING YOUR FAVORITE BLANKET TO SIT ON AND JOIN US IN THE LAURENS-MARATHON OLD GYM AT 2 P.M.
SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, LAURENS-MARATHON SCHOOL, AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Services Held for Richard T. Krout

Richard Thurman Krout, age 85, of Lakeside, Iowa died Sunday, September 24, 2017 at his home.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements.

Richard Thurman Krout was born June 27, 1932 in Storm Lake, Iowa, the son of Clarence “Bud” and Bessie (North) Krout.

He attended school in Marathon, graduating from Marathon High School.

In November of 1952, Richard joined the United States Army. He proudly served his country during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in October of 1954.

On June 16, 1955, Richard was united in marriage to Judith Ann Cash in Laurens. Together, they were blessed with two children, Terri and Jim.

Richard was a member of the Alta VFW Post #6172.

Fishing with Jim, hunting, yardwork, and watching westerns were a few of Richards’ favorite pastimes. He enjoyed taking care of his home and cars and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. Most of all, Richard loved spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Judith Krout of Lakeside, Iowa; children: Jim Krout of Spencer, Iowa; Terri (Mark) Rebuhn of Marathon, Iowa; grandchildren: Michaela Boyd (Nick Simmons) and Holly Boyd; great grandson, Trey Boyd; sister, Betty Kuhn of Cherokee, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom Krout; and sister, Mary Peterson.
3rd and 4th Grade After School Robotics

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County invites all 3rd and 4th grade students that have not had the opportunity to participate in any of the Lego Mindstorm Robotics activities to join this short-term after school program. Sue Jarvis, 4-H volunteer, will hold 6 after school times to teach children beginning building and program skills.

The first session will be held October 24 and the last one will be held November 7. Once you are registered, you will receive a complete schedule. The registration deadline is Monday, October 9. The registration is online at https://ia.4honline.com.

If you need help with the registration process or have questions, please contact Lisa at 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu.

4-H Find Out Open House

All youth in 4th through 12th grade are invited to join Pocahontas County 4-H. There will be an informational come and go meeting Thursday, October 5 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Office Pocahontas County located at 305 N Main in Pocahontas.

Families that are already members of Pocahontas County 4-H are welcome to stop in and get re-enrolled that afternoon. If you are interested in joining 4-H, but can’t make the Open House, contact Lisa at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu.

2nd and 3rd Grade After School Program

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County and the Pocahontas County Conservation will offer a once a month program for children in 2nd and 3rd grade. The group will meet at the PAC elementary lunchroom and the Laurens Public Library. This free program will offer hands on educational lessons, after school snack, and a craft. The registration forms are due no later than October 2 and are available at the ISU Extension Office Pocahontas County, 305 N Main, Pocahontas. If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Lisa at: 712-335-3103 or email: lzeman@iastate.edu.

STEM & the Arts Festival in Buena Vista County

REGISTER NOW! … A day of fun-filled, mind blowing “STEM-ulating” and “Art-tastic” activities designed for youth in 4th-8th grade to address the Iowa Governor’s STEM initiative.

Mark your calendar today! Saturday, October 7, 2017! Registration at 8:45 a.m. Event from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake.

Registration online at: https://form.jotform.com/72366662302151
National 4-H Week 2017

Now is the time of year for youth to join and participate in 4-H! The youth development program of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will be celebrating all things 4-H during National 4-H Week October 1-7.

4-H is active in each of Iowa’s 99 counties and empowers youth to reach their full potential through many different types of experiences including photography, music, woodworking, sewing, archery, livestock and horticulture. Youth have fun while gaining valuable skills in communication and the arts, citizenship and leadership, science, technology, engineering and math, as well as healthy living and personal life management by being involved in 4-H.

There will be a 4-H find out afternoon on Thursday, October 5 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office located at 305 N Main in Pocahontas. Children in 4th through 12th grade are invited to join the Pocahontas County 4-H Program. If you are unable to attend this come and go event, please contact Lisa at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu

As National 4-H Week approaches, it is important to remember the 4-H pledge, which is recited at nearly every 4-H club meeting, and what it teaches. ‘I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H grows confidence, creativity, curiosity, courage, character and much more in youth. 4-H allows youth to use the skills that they learn to go out and make a positive difference in their communities.

Extra Safety for ATVs and UTVs with Liquid Tanks

Records available from 2014 estimate 93,700 all-terrain vehicle-related, emergency department-treated injuries in the United States. Most injury events involve the ATV or Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) rolling and pinning or crushing the victim. Sadly most victims were not found until hours had passed and they were often pronounced dead at the scene.

Popularity continues to grow among farmers who are now using ATVs and UTVs more and more for daily work chores. In addition, these vehicles are often equipped with liquid tanks or other attachments. These additions create a stricter set of safety recommendations than those for ATVs and UTVs without extra equipment.

The common addition is a liquid tank. Adding a liquid tank to an ATV or UTV changes the center of gravity, making the vehicle more top-heavy and easier to roll over. The “live” liquid load sloshing in the tank also creates additional potential for overturns and injuries. Some standard precautions necessary for ATVs or UTVs with tanks are:

• Stay under the manufacturer’s specification for weight limits and rack capacity and use a tank with internal baffles to reduce quick liquid movement.
• Use extra caution when making turns – reduce speed more because of the possibility of liquid sloshing around in the tank.
• Know how much weight can be transferred to one side of a vehicle and be prepared for rapid shifting of weight within the tank.
• Pre-scout area for irregularities such as holes, stumps and rocks.
• Tell someone where you will be operating your ATV or UTV and how long you will be gone.
Yard and Garden: Caring for Newly Planted Trees through Winter

Newly planted trees can eventually add great color and valuable cover to any landscape. But winter’s harsh conditions can hamper, delay or completely derail their development. How should they be cared for to survive and thrive in colder temperatures?

ISU Extension and Outreach horticulturists can help answer questions about the care of newly planted trees through the colder months. To have additional questions answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

How long should I continue to water newly planted trees? The roots of trees continue to grow until the ground freezes in winter. If the weather is dry, continue to water newly planted trees until the soil freezes. Small trees usually require watering for one or two growing seasons. It may be necessary to periodically water large trees for three or four years.

How do I prevent rabbits from damaging newly planted trees in winter? The most effective way to prevent rabbit damage to small trees in the home landscape is to place hardware cloth fencing around vulnerable plants. To adequately protect trees, the fencing material needs to be high enough that rabbits won’t be able to climb or reach over the fence after a heavy snow. In most cases, a fence that stands 24 to 36 inches tall should be sufficient. To prevent rabbits from crawling underneath the fencing, pin the fencing to the soil with u-shaped anchor pins.

Small trees can also be protected by placing white corrugated or spiral tree guards around their trunks. Since the weather in late fall in Iowa is unpredictable, it’s best to have the protective materials in place by early to mid-November. After a heavy snow, check protected trees to make sure rabbits aren’t able to reach or climb over the fencing or tree guards. If necessary, remove some of the snow to keep rabbits from reaching the trees.

The inner needles on several recently planted spruce trees have turned brown. What is the problem? The browning of needles is due to seasonal needle loss. Deciduous trees, such as maples and lindens, drop all of their leaves in fall. Though it largely goes unnoticed, pines, spruces, firs and other evergreens lose a portion of their needles (foliage) in fall.

The needles on most evergreens are retained for two to five years. New growth (needles) is produced at the tips of branches in spring. In fall, evergreens lose a year’s worth of needles. Seasonal needle loss is uniformly distributed throughout the inner part of evergreens. It is the oldest needles which are shed. The needles turn uniformly yellow or brown and drop to the ground.
The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 11:30 a.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Jerry Runneberg and Ben Storms. Also present were Don Aschenbrenner and General Manager Chad Cleveland.

The agenda for the September 26, 2017 meeting stands approved as presented.

Don Aschenbrenner asked the Board to consider revising the New Home Cash Incentive Program in order that the owners of 408 Lawman Lane could receive this incentive. The residential home at 408 Lawman Lane was built in 2014 and has all electric appliances, electric heating and cooling systems and an electric water heating system. As this home has not yet sold and currently doesn't have an occupant, it does not qualify for the incentive under the current program guidelines. After further discussion, the Board agreed that the program should be revised and they proceeded to work on the revision.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to accept and approve the revised New Home Cash Incentive Program. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**REVISED NEW HOME CASH INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

1. Be the first owner of a new all electric residence and receive a cash incentive of up to $5,000.00 from Laurens Municipal Power & Communications. This incentive is calculated at a rate of $2.50 per square foot of living area.

2. This new home incentive is available throughout calendar year 2017.

3. To qualify for this New Home Cash Incentive, the first owner must install electric heating and cooling systems and an electric water heating system.

4. The first owner must also have a Communication service (Telephone, Cable TV and/or Internet) from Laurens Municipal Power & Communications.

5. The cash incentive payment can be made at such time that the dwelling is ready for occupancy.

6. Be sure to check out the Energy Efficiency Rebate Program offered by Laurens Municipal Power & Communications for additional rebates.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts for August 2017 in the amount of $401,127.01 and the list of expenses for August 2017 in the amount of $350,010.17. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Summary of Receipts**

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Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to authorize the Investment Committee to purchase a $150,000 CD out of operating funds. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to authorize the Investment Committee to purchase a $150,000 CD out of the CTS Money Market account. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

General Manager reported that negotiations for retransmission consent with the local broadcast channels has begun and the proposed cost per subscriber represents more than a 50% increase from what it is today. No specific action was taken by the board.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees