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Local News

Rally4Veterans to be Held this Weekend!

Rally4Veterans is a newly formed organization whose rapid growth is even surprising the brain-child of this group. Vani Ahlers decided that it was time to give back.

"I have been asked many times why I decided to start Rally4Veterans. I thought "what have I done to pay back?" - the answer was "absolutely nothing!". That needed to change. I wanted to contribute something meaningful during my lifetime. What better cause then to pay back the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom."

This is when Rally4Veterans was born. Vani's enthusiasm for this organization captured most of the citizens in Laurens. To the point where it was easy for her to gather a board. She then applied for their 501(3c) non-profit status. Next step was Vani encouraging people to donate their time and sponsor the group. "But it isn't just me - I have an entire Board of Directors doing their part."

So a date has been set to kick-start the fundraising effort for Saturday, June 13th beginning at 3:00 pm. "We are still fine-tuning the event. It is taking on a life of its own" said Ahlers.

Activities for the day start at 3:00 with the Presentation of The Colors followed by music by Kevin Lind and he will be joined by Sarah Pohlman Hagar. A pork chop sandwich feed by the local VFW plus face painting for kids along with an auction that has a wide range of wonderful items....from a whole hog to a moped to a pallet flag - plus everything in between. The fun-filled day is closed with The Senders performing. All the events are in downtown Laurens. Large event tents have been borrowed so Rally4Veterans June 13th event will happen in rain or shine. Paypal has been set up so anyone can pay with credit cards and debit cards.

There has been very important sponsorship by businesses from all over. This isn't just a Laurens event, a Pocahontas County event, or even an Iowa event. This fundraiser is a nationwide effort. And the money raised has gone towards the minimal dollar amount of setting up of the organization. The rest has already gone towards their fundraising focus. "It is important that people know that 100% of the directors have donated time. Even the website has been donated plus the upkeep of it. Not one penny has gone towards administrative costs." Ahlers stated.

This year the board of directors decided to donate towards the Fisher House. A video explaining the importance of the Fisher House to our veterans can be found on the homepage of the website. Major Dennis Slattery will be speaking during the event about how The Fisher House has impacted his life and his family's life.

"I am in hopes that this organization spreads all across Iowa. Each year we will have a fundraiser for a worthy cause, to benefit our veterans." Ahlers also added "we need to remember that our freedom really isn't free. It is time to give back."

You can view the schedule of events, sponsors, auction items and raffle items on their website - www.rally4veterans.com.

Laurens Care Center Receives Bronze National Quality Award

Iowa care center recognized by national program for commitment to quality care



Laurens Care Center has been recognized as a 2015 recipient of the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care. The award is the first of three distinctions possible through the National Quality Award Program, presented by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). The program honors centers across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality care for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

“It is a great honor to be recognized by AHCA/NCAL with a National Quality Award,” said Gail K. Olson, Administrator of Laurens Care Center. “Improving the lives of the residents and families we care for every day is what brings us joy. This award symbolizes the dedication and commitment we have to the quality journey.”

Implemented by AHCA/NCAL in 1996, the National Quality Award Program is centered on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. The program assists providers of long term and post-acute care services in achieving their performance excellence goals.

The program has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Centers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile with essential performance elements such as vision and mission statements and an assessment of customers’ expectations. Bronze applicants must also demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system. Trained Examiners review each Bronze application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria. As a recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award, Laurens Care Center may now move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the criteria required for the Silver - Achievement in Quality Award.

“Laurens Care Center has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality care and I commend them for that,” said the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers Chair Christine Boldt. “I encourage Laurens Care Center to continue their quality journey by striving for the Silver and Gold levels.”

The awards are sponsored by AHCA/NCAL Associate Business Members My InnerView, by National Research Corporation and PointRight. My InnerView represents the true voice of nursing home and assisted living residents, families, and employees with the most insightful quality measurement solutions and satisfaction surveys in the healthcare continuum. PointRight is the recognized leader in data-driven analytics for health care and insurance. Laurens Care Center was one of 545 centers to receive the Bronze level award. The award will be presented to Laurens Care Center during AHCA/NCAL’s 66th Annual Convention and Exposition, October 4-7, 2015, in San Antonio, Texas.



Saturday, June 13th starting at 3:00

*Kevin Lind performing *The Senders

* VFW serving pork chop sandwiches

* Auction * Kid's activities

*Dennis Slattery testimonial & much more!

All downtown Laurens! Check out all of the schedule at **www.Rally4Veterans.com** or check out all the fliers around town!

New Research Summary: Lifestyle Changes Help Reduce Risk Of Cognitive Decline

The Alzheimer's Association unveils "10 Ways to Love Your Brain" in recognition of Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Iowa has the 5th highest Alzheimer's death rate in America with someone being diagnosed every 67 seconds

The evidence is mounting: People in Iowa can reduce their risk of cognitive decline by making key lifestyle changes. That is the conclusion of a new research summary published in the June issue of *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*.

"We are excited about the release of additional research that allows the Alzheimer's Association to support the idea that physical activity can reduce your risk of cognitive decline. It is very important that as you age you keep your health in mind in

order to age healthy. Being strategic about your choices and keeping your brain healthy as well as other parts of your body are key," says Shawna Schuler, Program and Event Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association's Fort Dodge office.

With this in mind, the Alzheimer's Association offers 10 Ways to Love Your Brain, tips that may reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

1. Break a sweat. Engage in regular cardiovascular exercise that elevates your heart rate and increases blood flow to the brain and body. Several studies have found an association between physical activity and reduced risk of cognitive decline.

2. Hit the books. Formal education in any stage of life will help reduce your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. For example, take a class at a local college, community center or online.

3. Butt out. Evidence shows that smoking increases risk of cognitive decline. Quitting smoking can reduce that risk to levels comparable to those who have not smoked.

4. Follow your heart. Evidence shows that risk factors for cardiovascular disease and stroke – obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes – negatively impact your cognitive health. Take care of your heart, and your brain just might follow.

5. Heads up! Brain injury can raise your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Wear a seat belt,

use a helmet when playing contact sports or riding a bike, and take steps to prevent falls.

6. Fuel up right. Eat a healthy and balanced diet that is lower in fat and higher in vegetables and fruit to help reduce the risk of cognitive decline. Although research on diet and cognitive function is limited, certain diets, including Mediterranean and Mediterranean-DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), may contribute to risk reduction.

7. Catch some Zzz's. Not getting enough sleep due to conditions like insomnia or sleep apnea may result in problems with memory and thinking.

8. Take care of your mental health. Some studies link a history of depression with increased risk of dementia, so seek medical treatment if you have symptoms of depression, anxiety or other mental health concerns. Also, try to manage stress.

9. Buddy up. Staying socially engaged may support brain health. Pursue social activities that are meaningful to you. Find ways to be part of your local community – if you love animals, consider volunteering at a local shelter. If you enjoy singing, join a local choir or help at an afterschool program. Or, just share activities with friends and family.

10. Stump yourself. Challenge and activate your mind. Build a piece of furniture. Complete a jigsaw puzzle. Do something artistic. Play games, such as bridge, that make you think strategically. Challenging your

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mind may have short and long-term benefits for your brain.

“It’s important to not get overwhelmed with everything you can do to stay healthy, but start with one or two things that you enjoy. Learn something new – to play an instrument or learn a new language. Walk with a friend. Add music to a walk to keep you interested. The important part is keeping your brain active and strong,” says Schuler.

In addition to reducing your risk of cognitive decline, these tips may also reduce your risk of dementia. Evidence for reducing risk of dementia is currently strongest in relation to formal education and the avoidance of head injury; other tips show indication of possibly reducing risk. Alzheimer’s disease, the most common form of dementia, is one of the nation’s largest public health crises. Alzheimer’s is an irreversible neurological disease that impairs cognition, orientation and functional capacity, and it is the only cause of death among the top 10 life-threatening conditions in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed.

Cognitive decline is deterioration in memory or cognition. Although some cognitive decline is expected with age, it is not yet known how this may directly relate to dementia.

Given the growing evidence that people can help reduce their risk of cognitive decline, and in recognition of Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month this June, the Alzheimer’s

Association is launching a new brain health education program, Healthy Habits for a Healthier You, available through the Greater Iowa Chapter.

- Friendship Haven – June 23rd at 2:30 in the Tompkins Celebration Center

In addition to recommending these healthy habits, the Alzheimer’s Association is asking the community to come together and help fight Alzheimer’s disease during Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month by doing the following:

- Take the Purple Pledge at ALZ.ORG/GOPURPLE.
- Join the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Iowa Chapter in wearing

purple on June 21 & June 22, and send photos of yourself, family, friends and co-workers wearing purple via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc. with the hashtags #IAENDALZ and #GoPurple.

- Participate in The Longest Day (Sunday, June 21), a sunrise-to-sunset event to honor those facing Alzheimer’s disease with strength, passion and endurance. Visit alz.org/greateriowa today to start a team to raise funds and awareness.

About the Alzheimer’s Association. The

Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. It is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer’s research. The Association’s mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Its vision is a world without Alzheimer’s. Visit alz.org/greateriowa or call 800.272.3900.

June Outpatient Clinic Schedule

Cardiology

Iowa Heart - June 2
First & Third Thursday
Call: (800) 515-6279

Iowa Heart Ultra Sound

June 2, 16 & 30
Call: (515) 574-6248

Oncology

Dr. Bala - June 15
Make Appt. w/ Peg Sones
Call: (712) 335-5232

NW IA Bone, Joint & Sports Surgeons

Dr. Hamann
June 4, 11, 18 & 25
Call: (800) 248-4049

Berryhill Mental Health

June 10, 12, 17, 24 & 26
Call: (800) 482-8305

Ear, Nose, Throat & Neck

Dr. Jorgensen
June 11
Call: (712) 262-8120

Mental Health

Chris Carr
June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Every Monday
Call: (712) 225-8054

Dermatology

Dr. Green & Katie Blomgren
June 2, 8 & 30
Call: (515) 955-4440

Pulmonology

Dr. Meyer
Next Clinic in July
Usually on a Tuesday
Call: (800) 622-8317

Urology

Dr. Christ, Bobbi Honkomp
June 1 & 15
Usually 3rd Monday
Call: (712) 262-6214

Orthopedics

Dr. Purudappa
June 5 & 19
Call: (515) 574-8333

Diabetes Center

June 9, 16, 23 & 30
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NW IA Surgeons

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Dr. Wilson - June 11
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HELP WANTED:

Dr. Bieri, Dr. Christensen and Dr. Hopkins are seeking a licensed dental assistant for their Laurens office. Please send resume to: P.O Box 124, Laurens Iowa 50554.

RALLY4VETERANS

Encourages all businesses and area citizens to decorate your home or workplace for our June 13th event.

*This Week
at the Saloon!*



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Thursday - Bike/Classic Car Night
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Special starting at 5 p.m.

LIVE ON STAGE! Friday, June 12
Big Louie & the Wrecking Crew
On Stage from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

**1st Annual Veterans
Golf Tournament**

Sunday, June 14th

Laurens Golf and

Country Club

Lunch at noon

Tee time - 1:00 p.m.

Call 712-841-2287

or 712-841-4917

to sign up!

Cost - \$25.00



IT'S PICKING TIME!

**HAVE ANY ITEMS, A COLLECTION,
OR JUNK YOU WANT TO SELL?
DON'T QUITE KNOW WHAT'S IN
YOUR BARN OR STORAGE SHED?**



Mike and Frank are always on the hunt for rusty gold, and they want to hear from you! If you have a large collection you think is worth the pick and want on *American Pickers*, now's your chance!

To be considered you must email us at: americanpickers@cineflix.com
Or leave a message at: 1-855-OLD-RUST

Be sure to include the following info:

- Your name
- Contact number
- Description of your item(s)

If you and your rusty gold qualify, you could be visited by Mike and Frank and appear on *American Pickers*!

PLEASE NOTE: No retail shops or flea markets. After all, Mike and Frank are modern day archaeologists! Happy picking!

AMERICAN PICKERS



Here are some of the items we're looking to buy:

- Motor scooters: Vespas, Lambretta, Cushman
- Old advertising signage
- Motorcycles
- Bicycles (Pre-60's to turn-of-the-century)
- Old toys: tin, wind-up, cast iron
- Pre 50's vending machines
- Pinball and slot machines
- Old movie posters
- Unusual radios: transistor, tabletop, etc.
- Antique casino/gaming machines
- Vintage movie memorabilia
- Vintage advertising items
- Taxidermy
- Vintage concert posters & t-shirts
- Early Boy Scout items
- Pre 60's vintage diner collectibles
- Pre 60's TV merchandise
- Pre 50's western/equestrian gear
- Classic motorcycle memorabilia
- Sports memorabilia
- Casino tables
- Houdini items
- Old rodeo items
- Airline collectibles: Pan-Am, TWA, Etc.
- Late 70's & earlier military items
- Extraordinary mobster memorabilia
- Vintage police officer collectibles
- Firefighter collectibles
- Pre 40's telephones
- Folk art
- Vintage BB guns/cap guns
- Early Halloween items
- Pre 40's Christmas items
- Hawaiiana/Tiki Collectibles
- Vintage sports collectibles
- Vintage election memorabilia
- Musical instruments
- Civil War antiques
- Vintage gas pumps
- Pre 70's old neon signs
- Strange woodcarvings
- Vintage collegiate collectibles

We currently are **not** looking for: Farming/ agriculture items, tools, glassware, appliances, tractors, crocks, stoves or country primitives



“Swimmers Take Your Mark!”...

This will be heard by each Laurens Swim Team member for the next two months, every Wednesday night when they step up to start their race.

Pictured is Michelle Anderson taking her mark. Notice how high the deck is from the top of the water. With the new pool that will no longer exist. Yes, the deck and the water will be at the same level. June 10, 17, and 24th are all home meets starting at 5:30 p.m. Come to the pool and cheer on the team!



TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS *may be sent to:*

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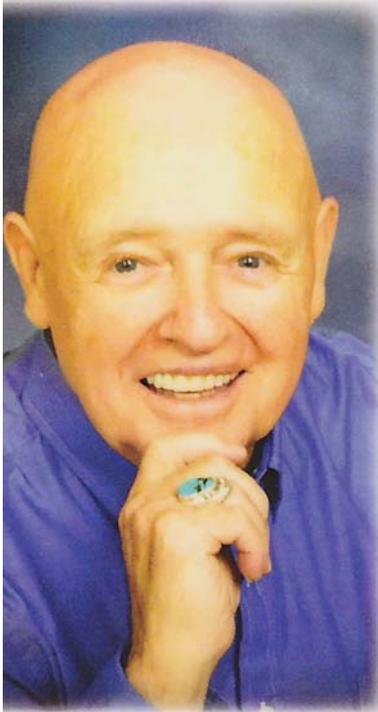
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Leo Crotty Passes



Leo E. Crotty passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2015, in Katy, Texas at the age of 80 years.

He was born on April 1, 1935, in Galva, Iowa, to Walter James Crotty and Gladys Loretta Morgan Crotty. He graduated from Laurens High School in 1953. Leo proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-1957. On April 27, 1957, he married Shirley E. Everett in Edenton, North Carolina. He has resided in Katy since 1994, where he was active at the Katy Senior Center. Leo was very active at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, participating in the Knights of Columbus and the Happy Hearts Club.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Shirley E. Crotty of Katy, Texas; children, Teri Treadway and husband Mark of Matagorda, Texas; Stephan Crotty and wife Kris of Ormond Beach, Florida; Walter Crotty and wife Marium of Spring, Texas; Dana Bendixen and husband Don of Arvada, Colorado; Nancy Dotson and husband Michael of Homer, Alaska; and Valerie Gothard and husband Donny of Katy, Texas; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; as well as numerous step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren, and numerous other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandchild; and eleven siblings.

A memorial mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, in Katy, with Rev. Wayne Wilkerson, Celebrant. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Lost Children of Peru, 1065 Krueth Way, Homer, AK 99603.

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Christy Stark and Matt Beneke Exchange Wedding Vows



Christina C. Stark and Matthew D. Beneke were married on Saturday, April 11, 2015. The wedding, held at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Madison, Wisconsin, was officiated by Fr. Randy Timmerman and attended by 200 family members and friends. Bridal party members included matron of honor Sarah Holbrook (sister of the bride); Rob Rivan (friend of the groom); bridesmaids Denise Reno and Katie Douglas (friends of the bride); and groomsmen Mike Falor (brother of the groom) and Charlie Stark (brother of the bride). Following the ceremony, a reception and dance were held at the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union Great Hall.

The newlyweds spent two weeks exploring various areas in Turkey on their honeymoon. They reside in Madison, Wisconsin, where Matt is a group lead systems engineer for Accuray, Inc., and Christy is an associate research scientist at Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc.

Christy is the daughter of Bill and Sue Stark of Madison and Matt is the son of Don and Helen Beneke of Pocahontas.

Enjoy the music of
Sarah Pohlman Hager!



Survivors' Day Celebration

Our local Survivors' Day Celebration is an evening for everyone, whether you're a cancer survivor, a family member, friend, or medical professional. This event provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of cancer – including America's nearly 14 million cancer survivors – to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize those who have supported them along the way.

Join us as musician Sarah Pohlman Hager performs and enjoy delicious refreshments

Sunday, June 14

2:00PM Come & Go

Main Lobby - Spencer Hospital

Sarah (Pohlman) Hager grew up in Laurens, Iowa and started singing when she was young, encouraged by a musically talented family. She has written and recorded her own music and has participated in various singing competitions, including trying out for America's Got Talent and the Amateur Talent Competition at the Minnesota State Fair.



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Boy Scouts all over the world have had a long standing tradition of living by the Scout Oath or Promise. Though not always an easy task, it is an important ideal that each scout is striving for.

Do Your Best...Each scout pledges a solemn promise to do his/her best. One's best

is something that every scout can not only achieve, but also seek to improve upon. Not everyone can achieve superior marks in school or be on the varsity team of an athletic squad. But, this one item of importance is certainly within the realm of every scout...to do your best. Slackers will quit when the going gets tough. Yet scouts push on and persevere. It is not always easy to live up to one's promises, but the scout will constantly push forward and keep trying. A scout will always try to do his/her best.

Your duty to God...A scout will worship God regularly and faithfully with family at the church or synagogue of choice. Scouting teaches the importance of following the teachings and beliefs of one's church, being faithful to church duties, and being helpful/accommodating when the church is in need of assistance. Above all, scouts are taught to be mindful of the commandments of Almighty God.

Many of America's great men in history were men of deep religious conviction and faith. George Washington was observed kneeling in the snow while in prayerful communication with his God at Valley Forge. Abraham Lincoln was not bashful about seeking divine guidance when faced with burdensome and important decisions. A scout is taught to be proud of their religious faith/conviction, and yet to respect the religious preference of their fellow man.

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- 5 will receive church religious awards
- One will enter the clergy due to a scouting relationship

MERIT BEYOND THE BADGES

According to the study conducted by Baylor University, "Merit Beyond The Badges", Eagle Scouts are more likely than men who have never been in Scouting to:

- Volunteer for religious/nonreligious groups
- Be in leadership positions at their place of employment or local community

*James R. (Jim) Dean, Retired
Boy Scouts of America
Fort Dodge, Iowa
6/1/2015*

Blank Park Zoo at the Library!

On Monday, June 8 we kicked off our Summer Reading program with Sam from the Blank Park Zoo. She showed us animals with super hero skills, and gave us a few examples of how other animals are like super heroes. She showed us how far an eagle can see and how high an armadillo can jump! Can you believe an eagle can see 20 feet away what we can see 5 feet away?? Or that an armadillo can jump 4 feet straight up in the air? I think animals would make great super heroes with skills like that!

She brought us Smiley the fox snake which brought out a lot of mixed emotions from our guests. But she showed us that Smiley wasn't really scary at all. Next she brought out Sydney the toad. We learned that toads are amphibians and they start life in the water and then make their way to land. They also have dry, bumpy skin. Next up was Jack the ferret. He has a very flexible back bone and he is able to bend very easily into different directions. Sam let everyone pet Jack nicely if they wanted. Next up we got to meet Knotch the alligator. We learned he was an alligator because he had a rounded snout and his eyes are on the top of his head. Everyone also got to pet him at the end of the program if they wanted.

Everyone had a great time at the program and we hope to see everyone back next Monday for our Superhero Camp!
—Kayla Graff, Children's Librarian



Engagement Announced

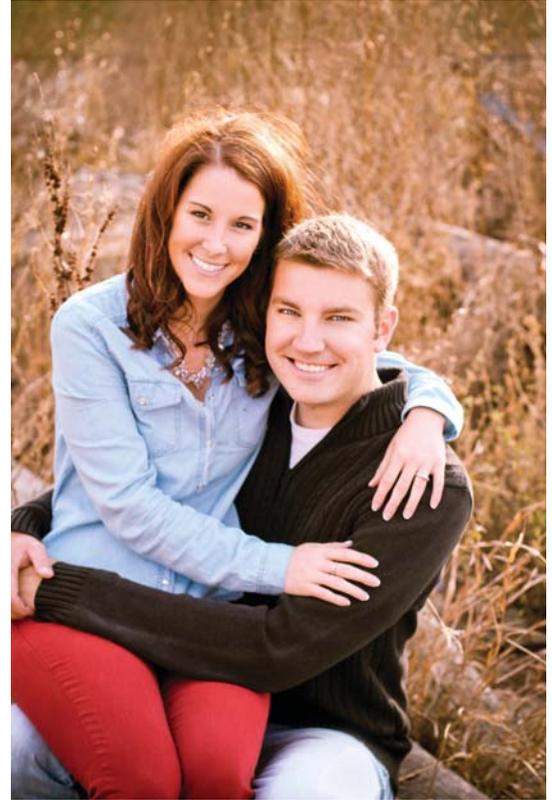
Rick and Kerrie Woodley of Laurens, Iowa are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kylie Rae Woodley, to Kevin Jeffrey Maurer, son of Jeff and Lori Maurer of Royal, Iowa.

Kylie graduated from Laurens-Marathon CSD in 2008, Buena Vista University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, and from Union College this May 2015 with her Master of Physician Assistant Studies Degree.

Kevin graduated from Clay Central-Everly in 2006 and from Iowa State University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art and Design.

The couple plans to reside in rural Hartley, Iowa where Kevin will continue working as a farmer, and Kylie will begin her job with UnityPoint Pocahontas after the wedding.

An August 1st wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens, Iowa.



New Arrival!

Welcome to the world, Drew Steven Henderson! Parents are Steven and Brandi Henderson of Pocahontas. Drew was born on Sunday, June 7 at 6:18 PM. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 oz and was 22 1/4 inches long.

Proud Auntie is Erica Svuba (Brent Svuba), and proud big cousins are Dawson (5 1/2) and Beckett (4).

Grandparents are George and Deb Pirie of Havelock, and Don Schuttler of Manson.



Information Requested for Laurens Cemetery Tour/Walk

Information Requested for Women's Club Cemetery Tour/Walk. We are looking for information about Rev. Charles Seward and his wife, Florence. He was the minister of the Laurens Methodist Church 1929-1936. Would like to obtain stories and a photograph of them if possible.

Please contact Grace Hertz at (712) 845-2231 or gradon@ncn.net. Thank you.

Community Bridal Shower

Come & Go Bridal Shower for Shelby Heuton, bride elect of Matt Stafford, on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the West Iowa Bank Cornerstone Room, 202 W Main St, Laurens, Iowa.

Registered at: JH Design, Heart 'n Home, and Target.

Andrew Henriksen Information Requested

We are looking for information about Andrew/Andy Henriksen, Laurens blacksmith during the 1930's & 1940's for the 2015 Women's Club Cemetery Tour/Walk. Would like to find a photograph of him if possible. Please contact Grace Hertz, (712) 845-2231 or gradon@ncn.net. Thank you.

Historical Society to Meet

The Board of Directors of the Pocahontas County Historical Society will be meeting at the Pocahontas Library at 6 PM on June 11th, 2015. They will be discussing future projects and the status of current items like the museum in Laurens and the Wiegert Prairie farmstead.



JH Design Studio **Gift Registry**

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We Wrap & Deliver!

Lacey Van Sickle & Bjorn Carlson
Wedding - June 20

Kylie Woodley & Kevin Maurer
Wedding - August 1

Shelby Heuton & Matthew Stafford
Shower - June 13 ~ Wedding - August 22

Thank You

A sincere thank you for the cards and phone calls on our 60th anniversary from friends far and near!

Mick & Delores Raper

Look Who's 90!

Bob Rigby will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, June 14th. Please wish Bob a Happy Birthday by sending him a card or greeting to: 219 E Myrtle St, Laurens, Iowa 50554.



Thank You

Thank you for your cards, phone calls and visits to help celebrate my 90th birthday.

Alice Baedke

Thank You!

Peggy's Posse would like to thank Drs. Bieri, Christensen and Hopkins for sponsoring our team in American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Pocahontas County. This is the 7th year you have sponsored us, and we're grateful for your generosity and support!

Engagement Announced

Joan, and the late James Hoben of Laurens, Ia. are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son Derek Hoben to Kalli Wilson, daughter of Patty and Gregg Greaser of Hiawatha, Ia., and Kurt and Karen Wilson of Cedar Rapids.

Derek is a 2002 graduate of Laurens-Marathon High School, and a 2011 graduate of Iowa State University. Kalli is a 2006 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School and 2010 graduate of University of Northern Iowa. Derek is currently the General Manager at the Other Place restaurant in Clive, Ia., and Kalli is a Senior Administrative Assistant for Marsh McLennan Companies in Urbandale, Ia.

The wedding is planned for August 8, 2015 in Des Moines, Ia. The couple currently resides in Johnston, IA.



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Grace Lutheran Church Marathon, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Albert City & St John Lutheran Church Rural Albert City

Pastor John Mayer

Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship Service @ Grace Lutheran Church - Marathon

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Albert City

Sundays 9:00 a.m. @ St John Lutheran Church Rural - Albert City

This Week at First Christian Church

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Thursday, June 11
2:00 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

Friday, June 12
7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, June 14
9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by coffee



Our Town Our Paper!

This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Sunday: June 14, 2015
Third Sunday after Pentecost
WORSHIP TIME CHANGE
9:00 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday: June 16, 2015
10:00 AM - Coffee w/Pastor
7:00 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday: June 17, 2015
6:00 PM - 125th Steering Mtg.
7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

Thursday: June 18, 2015
9:00 AM - Morning Circle

*Worship, Love, Accept~ Together
in Christ's Name*



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Thurs., June 11th:
Basic Christianity Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
at Linda Lingo's home

Fri., June 12th:
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., June 14th:
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship @ 10:30 a.m.

Wed., June 17th:
Administrative Council meeting @ 8:15 p.m.



Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Pastor - Father Francis Makwinja
Weekday Mass : Friday, 8 AM
Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:00 PM (March - June)

Cluster Parishes:
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids
Weekday Mass: Monday & Wednesday, 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10:30 AM (March - June))

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal
Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 8:30 AM (March- June)



Master Gardener Summer Webinar's Available

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will be hosting the 2015 Summer Webinars. The webinars will be a series of 3 and will take place once each month starting in June and finishing up in August. The webinars will cover topics such as: Design from Yard to Trough, Water in the Garden, and Pollinators & Growing Herbs.

**Tuesday, June 9th from 4-6 pm -
Design from Yard to Trough**

**Tuesday, July 7th from 4-6 pm -
Water in the Garden**

**Tuesday, August 11th from 4-6 pm
- Pollinators & Growing Herbs**

To register, please call (712) 335-3103 or email Holly at hfrerk@iastate.edu. All webinars will count towards Master Gardener educational hours.



Women, Land and Legacy Comes to Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties

Women, Land and Legacy (WLL) is an outreach project in Iowa that brings women that are interested in agriculture and natural resources together at the local level to converse, listen and become empowered for involvement on their landscape and in their communities. Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties are the newest counties to become part of this statewide effort and have chosen to work together and combine efforts. WLL is sponsored by a partnership of USDA, state, and local agencies along with other local organizations, businesses, and local agricultural women.

Pocahontas and Buena Vista WLL will sponsor their first event, a Listening Session, on June 11, 2015 at the Expo Center at the Pocahontas County Fairgrounds located at 310 NE 1st St. in Pocahontas. The session is open to the public. All women from Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties that are involved and interested in agriculture are encouraged to attend. There will be two listening sessions available that day to accommodate different schedules, with the first one from 1:00 – 3:00 pm (registration begins at 12:30pm) and the second from 6:30 -8:30 pm (registration begins at 6:00 pm). Pre-registration is encouraged and available through June 9, 2015. Please contact Holly Frerk, Program Coordinator at ISU Extension and Outreach, Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103 or email her at hfrerk@iastate.edu to pre-register.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. Future WLL sessions will take place in both Buena Vista and Pocahontas counties.

The Listening Session is an important first step in the WLL process and is an opportunity for local women to connect and network with each other as well as local agencies, organizations, and businesses. An important outcome of the Listening Session will be direction and guidance provided by the participants as to information and resources they would like to see in future Learning Sessions, which will commence for years to come.

WLL has become an important local resource to agricultural women across the state and assisted them in decisions to make and actions to take on their farms and in their communities. See more about WLL on Facebook or at www.womenlandandlegacy.org.

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Golfing for 4-H in Northwest Iowa

It's fun with a greater purpose. When golf teams in northwest Iowa gather at Emerald Hills Golf Course in Arnolds Park on June 19, 2015, it's a given that they will have a great time. The 'greater good' is that they will also help raise thousands of dollars to support Iowa 4-H programs, awards and events. The sponsors of this tournament, hosted by the Iowa 4-H Foundation, are providing essential resources that will allow youth to develop their communication, citizenship and leadership skills through 4-H. Bob Butcher, Executive Vice-President of Community Bank in Holstein, a cattleman in Ida County and President of the Iowa 4-H Foundation, is organizing the fourth annual golf benefit with his wife, Connie. "The business leaders in northwest Iowa and beyond know that 4-H helps youth become their best, and that makes for stronger families, better communities and a brighter future," Butcher said. "Supporting the Iowa 4-H Foundation through this golf tournament provides a great opportunity for businesses to express their appreciation for 4-H and enjoy a day of networking on a beautiful golf course."

The "Going for the Green" sponsors for 2015 come from 14 different counties in the northwest quadrant of the state. DuPont Pioneer is the Presenting Sponsor, represented by Holstein Ag Services, Phillips Ag Center, Boling Seed and Kerry Brown Seed. Event Sponsors include Stine Seed, represented by local Stine Seed Dealers; Scoular Company, headquartered in Kansas City; Carroll County State Bank of Carroll and Community Bank in Holstein; Quad County Corn Processors of Galva and Syngenta Seed, represented by Jim Peterson Seed in Washta. The contributions of these sponsors help underwrite the major costs of hosting the benefit and enhance the opportunity to raise significant funding for 4-H. This support is used to offset program fees and make 4-H participation possible for all Iowa youth; to provide incentive and award opportunities for 4-H members on local, state and national levels; to provide learning opportunities through special programs, camps and conferences for youth and adult volunteers; to provide scholarships for 4-H members to continue their education; to recognize Iowa 4-H youth and volunteers for their excellence in projects and service; to make improvements to the Iowa 4-H camping center, including a tornado safe room; and for many other worthy programs that benefit Iowa youth and families.

A number of Hospitality Sponsors are also supporting the Northwest Iowa 4-H Golf Benefit, providing resources to help make the day a memorable one for everyone participating. 2015 Hospitality Sponsors include Ronda and Harry Edwards, in memory of Robert J. Butcher; Northwest Bank, with headquarters in Spencer; Monsanto, represented by Matt Otto Seed in Holstein; Producers Livestock, with offices in Omaha, NE and Sioux City; NorAm Cold Storage, in LeMars; Mycogen Seed, represented by Eric Nelson Seed in Merville; First Coop Association, based out of Merville and Wyfells Hybrid, represented by Nathan Johnson of Holstein.

The event is filled with team sponsorships; 39 teams have reserved their places for the golf benefit. Golfers will enjoy a lunch buffet; best ball, putting and hole contests throughout the afternoon; and a celebratory dinner and auction in the evening. The evening events begin around 5:00 with a social time, a brief program, auction and a dinner featuring ribeye steaks and all the trimmings. Golfers and their guests will also have an opportunity to bid on some valuable auction items, including ISU basketball tickets, a family portrait photo setting, seed corn or soybeans from sponsoring companies, athletic memorabilia, athletic ticket packages, a group dinner at an award-winning NW Iowa restaurant, and many other items donated by supporters of 4-H. 4-H supporters who will not be golfing are welcome to participate in the evening activities by contacting Butcher at 712 830-7372.

4-H is the largest youth organization in Iowa, providing 105,000 rural and urban youth with opportunities to learn and grow. 4-H alumni frequently credit their project experiences with helping them identify interests for higher education and career paths. Bob Butcher said, "By supporting the Iowa 4-H Foundation and this Northwest Iowa 4-H Golf Benefit, our sponsors truly are partnering with ISU Extension and Outreach and our county Extension offices to make sure that quality youth programs continue to be available in the future. We are thankful for their support and welcome all donations at any level."

Yard and Garden: Growing Beautiful Bearded Iris

It's a magical time when bearded irises unfurl their pencil-slim buds to reveal a kaleidoscope of color in spring. Bearded iris is among the most elegant, and easy to grow, flowers of spring. Follow these tips from horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to maintain a colorful, attractive iris planting. To have additional questions answered, contact Hortline at hortline@iastate.edu or call 515-294-3108.



How do I care for bearded irises after they are done blooming?

As soon as bearded irises are done blooming, remove the spent flowers. Removal of the spent flowers improves the appearance of the plants and prevents seed pod formation. Cut off the flower stalk at its base when all the flowers on the stalk have faded. Bearded irises require little care during the summer months. In late fall or early spring, remove the dead iris foliage. This helps to control leaf spot and iris borer.

My bearded irises are no longer blooming well. Why? The bearded irises may need to be divided. Bearded irises should be divided every three to five years as the plants

quickly become overcrowded and don't bloom well. July or August is the best time to dig, divide and transplant bearded irises.

Lack of sunlight could be another possibility. Bearded irises bloom best in full sun. (Plants need at least six hours of direct sun per day for best flowering.) Plants in partial shade may not bloom well and should be transplanted to a sunny site.

How do I divide bearded irises?

Bearded irises grow from thick, underground stems called rhizomes. In July or August, carefully dig up the iris clumps with a spade. Cut back the leaves to one-third their original height. Wash the soil from the rhizomes and roots with a steady stream of water. Then cut the rhizomes apart with a sharp knife. Each division should have a fan of leaves, a healthy rhizome and several large roots. Discard all diseased or insect damaged rhizomes.

Bearded irises perform best in fertile, well-drained soils and full sun. In clay soils, incorporate compost or sphagnum peat moss into the soil prior to planting. When planting bearded irises, dig a hole large enough to accommodate the rhizome and roots. Build a mound in the center of the hole. Place a rhizome on top of the mound and spread the roots in the surrounding trench. Then cover with soil. When planted,

the rhizome should be just below the soil surface. Finally, water each plant thoroughly.

To obtain a good flower display, plant at least three rhizomes of one cultivar in a group. Space the rhizomes 12 to 24 inches apart.

How do I control grasses in my iris bed? Annual grasses, such as crabgrass and foxtail, can be controlled by hand pulling. Perennial grasses, such as quackgrass, are much more difficult to control as they spread via underground stems or rhizomes. (All of the rhizomes must be completely destroyed to control quackgrass.)

When confronted with an iris bed infested with quackgrass, one option is to dig up the irises in July or August and replant them in a different (weed-free) location. Another option is to dig up the irises in July or August, set the irises in a shady location, and then dig up the grass and carefully remove the rhizomes and other plant parts. Dig up the area two or three times over a three to four-week period, each time removing any rhizomes visible in the soil. Replant the irises in their original location after thorough eradication efforts. Quackgrass cannot be controlled by hand pulling. Herbicides are not a practical control measure for home gardeners.

City Council Minutes

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, June 1, 2015. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council Members Sid Enockson, Rich Newgard, Jean Swanson, and Julie Potter; Police Chief, Chris Toner; City Manager, Barbara Smith; City Attorney, Ann Beneke; and Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen. Councilman Thaine Hopkins was absent.

Newgard motioned to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the agenda, minutes from the May 18, 2015, meeting; the list of claims, and the temporary outdoor liquor license for Rally Point; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

John Jamison and Troy Oehlertz discussed urban chickens with the Council. Newgard motioned to look into changing the Animal Control Ordinance to allow urban chickens; seconded by Potter. Ayes--Swanson, Newgard, Potter; Ney--Enockson. Newgard also motioned to allow Jamison and Oehlertz to keep the chickens in their possession until the matter is resolved; seconded by Swanson. Ayes--Swanson, Newgard, Potter; Ney--Enockson. Smith will bring a rough draft of the Ordinance to the June 15 meeting.

Potter motioned to approve the second reading and to waive the third reading of Ordinance 01-15, Water Rates; seconded by Enockson. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve the second reading and to waive the third reading of Ordinance 02-15, Sewer Rates; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve the second reading and to waive the third reading of Ordinance 03-15, Garbage and Solid Waste Rates; seconded by Enockson. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

After learning what is required change the term for elected officials, the Council decided to leave the mayor term as is rather than changing to a two year term for this election cycle, then changing it back to a four year term. This would have provided a better re-election cycle with three members being elected each election cycle.

Swanson motioned to approve change order #1 on the West Main and Bissell Street Project; seconded by Enockson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to allow Brenda Rubel to block off two parking spaces in front of Laurens Lounge and Lanes to use for a fund raiser for the Humane Society the weekend of June 13; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

CLAIMS	6/01/15		
AFLAC		INSURANCE	531.52
ALLIANT ENERGY		UTILITIES	263.52
ARAMARK		SUPPLIES	319.46
BANKERS TRUST		DEBT PAYMENTS	136,987.50
BOLTON & MENK		ENGINEERING	5,805.00
CHRIS TONER		SUPPLIES	195.84
CYNTHIA SEWARD		RED CROSS CERT	75.00
ELECTORNIC SPECIALTIES		SUPPLIES	115.96
HUDSON LAW FIRM		PRAIRIE PARK TRAIL	505.25
ICMA		457 PLAN	200.00
ICOP		SUPPLIES	57.63
IRS		TAXES	4,335.30
IA COUNTY ATTY'S ASSN		TRAINING	60.00
IA FINANCE AUTHORITY		DEBT PAYMENTS	157,420.00
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES		SMALL CITIES WS	70.00
IPERS		IPERS	4,300.53
IPERS/PD		PROTECTED IPERS	1,522.16
JCL SOLUTIONS		CLEANING SUPPLIES	291.57
LAURENS COUNTRY CLUB		POOL CONCESSIONS	255.33
LAURENS EQUIPMENT		REPAIRS	102.50
LMPC		COMMUNICATIONS	311.97
LMU		UTILITIES	5,659.68
LAURENS PLUMBING		REPAIRS	365.69
PETE HOWE IND		JET VAC	1,000.00
PIZZA RANCH		SAFETY PATROL	155.68
POC COMMUNITY HOSP		AMBULANCE CLAIMS	110.00
POC FORD LINCOLN MERC		REPAIRS	7,420.56
PRIME BENEFITS		INSURANCE	96.25
RICHARDSON SERVICE		REPAIRS	457.72
STAPLES		OFFICE SUPPLIES	19.52
TREASURER, STATE OF IA		SALES TAX	4,367.00
USA BLUE BOOK		SUPPLIES	282.72
			<u>333,660.86</u>

		5/11/2015	
001	GENERAL		7,517.38
110	ROAD USE TAX		1,298.35
600	WATER		1,481.79
610	SEWER		1,325.54
670	GARBAGE		1,511.63
	TOTAL		<u>13,134.69</u>

TOTAL CLAIMS 346,795.55

BY FUND

001	GENERAL	18,210.19
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,635.68
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	61.25
174	POOL RESTRICTED	25.98
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE	505.25
200	DEBT SERVICE	136,987.50
316	WEST MAIN & BISSELL	4,932.00
600	WATER	97,728.08
610	SEWER	80,776.22
670	GARBAGE	3,060.40
745	STORM WATER	873.00
		<u>346,795.55</u>

Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:47 pm; seconded by Enockson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Barbara Smith, City Clerk

ORDINANCE 01-15

AN ORDINANCE amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laurens, Iowa, 2015 by amendment to Water Rates

BE IT ENACTED by the council of the City of Laurens, Iowa:

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Laurens, Iowa is amended by repealing and replacing Section 92.02, Rates for Service, with the following:

Beginning June 16, 2015 and thereafter, each customer within the City shall pay water charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal water system based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

- 1. A service charge of \$16.26 per month shall be charged.
- 2. In addition, the usage will be billed at a rate of \$10.48 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

Beginning June 16, 2015 and thereafter, each customer outside the City shall pay water charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal water system based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

- 1. A service charge of \$25.75 per month shall be charged.
- 2. In addition, the usage will be billed at a rate of \$10.48 per 1,000 gallons of water used.
 ***No such customer, however, will be served unless the customer shall have signed a service contract agreeing to be bound by the ordinances, rules, and regulations applying to water service established by the Council.

REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or and section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

WHEN EFFECTIVE: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Laurens City Council on the 1st day of June, 2015, and approved this 1st day of June, 2015.

First Reading: May 18, 2015

Second Reading: June 1, 2015

Third Reading: waived



Rod Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Smith
Barbara Smith, City Clerk

ORDINANCE 02-15

AN ORDINANCE amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laurens, Iowa, 2015 by amendment to Sewer Rates.

BE IT ENACTED by the council of the City of Laurens, Iowa:

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Laurens, Iowa is amended by repealing and replacing Section 99.02, Rates for Service, with the following:

Beginning June 16, 2015 and thereafter, each customer shall pay sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer system based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

1. A service charge of \$10.67 per month shall be charged.
2. In addition, the usage will be billed at a rate of \$5.55 per 1000 gallons of water used

REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or and section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

WHEN EFFECTIVE: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

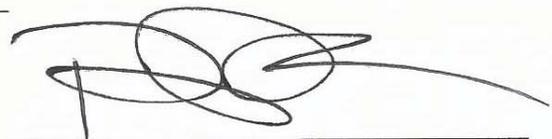
Passed by the Laurens City Council on the 1st day of June, 2015, and approved this 12th day of June, 2015.

First Reading: May 18, 2015

Second Reading: June 1, 2015

Third Reading: waived

ATTEST:



Rod Johnson, Mayor



Barbara Smith, City Clerk

ORDINANCE 03-15

AN ORDINANCE amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laurens, Iowa, 2015 by amendment to Garbage and Solid Waste Rates.

BE IT ENACTED by the council of the City of Laurens, Iowa:

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Laurens, Iowa is amended by repealing and replacing Chapter 106.07(1)(A and B), Collection Fees:

Beginning June 16, 2015 and thereafter:

- (1) Each household is charged a basic fee of \$10.54 per month for garbage pickup.
- (2) Each household is charged a basic fee of \$10.65 per month for landfill fees. Included in the basic fee is a limit of two garbage bags. All garbage must be in a garbage bag. Garbage bags exceeding the two-bag limit must have a City of Laurens garbage sticker applied to it. The stickers are available from City Hall for \$1.00 fee per sticker. All garbage not in a garbage bag must have a stick or stickers applied to it at a rate set by the City. The maximum capacity of the garbage bag shall not exceed 33 gallons, and no filled bag shall exceed 75 pounds of weight. Garbage bags exceeding the two-bag limit which do not have a City sticker applied to them or which weigh more than 75 pounds will not be picked up.
- (3) All commercial businesses on file in the office of the Clerk shall pay monthly to the City a landfill fee in the minimum amount of \$18.34 or \$0.08 per pound for weights over 218 pounds. The per-pound rate and the minimum charge will be adjusted proportionally to the rate established by the County Solid Waste Commission.
- (4) The landfill rate computed for each quarter shall be based on previous quarter's weighing. The only exception to this rule is if the City or the business requests a weighing of the garbage on or about the day of pickup. Records of each weighing shall be maintained.
- (5) In the event of a vacancy of a business, the minimum landfill fee of \$17.47 shall be assessed. If the utilities of water and electricity for any business are disconnected and garbage receptacles are removed, then no fee shall be assessed for that business place.

(6) The monthly garbage fees for commercial facilities are as follows:

One dumpster – 1 pickup per week	\$30.58
Two dumpsters – 1 pickup per week	48.05
Three dumpsters – 1 pickup per week	65.52
Four dumpsters – 1 pickup per week	96.10
Five dumpsters – 1 pickup per week	113.57
Light Commercial Rate (single pickup per week with no dumpsters)	26.21

Multiple pickups per week will be the single pickup rate multiplied by the table listed below:

- 2 pickups per week=number of dumpsters multiplied by 1.5
- 3 pickups per week=number of dumpsters multiplied by 2
- 4 pickups per week=number of dumpsters multiplied by 2.25

REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or and section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

WHEN EFFECTIVE: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Laurens City Council on the 1st day of June, 2015, and approved this 1st day of June, 2015.

First Reading: May 18, 2015

Second Reading: June 1, 2015

Third Reading: waived

ATTEST:

Barbara Smith, City Clerk

Rod Johnson, Mayor