It Takes A Village!

The 2015-16 school year started September 24th. Students and teachers have had time to get into their new classroom routines, take tests, go to ballgames and students have even had a day off while teachers attended PD meetings.

Along with new routines come new teachers. This year there are four. Julie Hjerleid teaches first grade. She is a graduate of NW Missouri State and got her masters at Viterbo in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She has taught at Wapello, Columbus Junction and Waukon. She and her husband Gavin are the parents of four children, Gannon, Taylor, Logan and Payton.

Rachel Petsche instructs K-8 vocal, 5-8 band and computer. She is a graduate of Iowa State. She previously taught in West Hancock. She is getting married in December to Lee Plummer, who teaches at Newell-Fonda.

Stephanie Wilson is the new Title I teacher. She graduated from BVU. Former jobs were at Fort Dodge and South Central Calhoun. She and her husband, Adam, are the parents of four children, Zachary, Elijah, Liam and Ella.

Nancy Engh teaches MS and HS math. She graduated from Wartburg College and has taught in Kanawha Community School, Kanawha Christian, Shellsburg and Clarion. She and her husband Marvin live in Kanawha and have two children, Elliot and Ellen.

Returning MS and HS teachers include Kerry Feekees (construction), Terry Ferguson (HS Family Living, Independent Living, Housing/Interior Design, Foreign Cuisine, MS Family Consumer Science, Exploratory), Brenda Gonzales (MS/HS resource), Cynthia Hoffman (MS/HS Spanish), Gavin Hjerleid (K-12 guidance counselor), Brett Johnson (K-12 physical education), John Jamison (athletic director, MS/HS science, driver’s ed), Haley Lind (MS/HS English), Emily Stover (MS/HS social studies) Katie Wenell (art) and Kelly Tate (MS social studies, reading).

Grade school teachers include Liz Randolph (pre-school), Andrea Rubel (kindergarten), Sylvia Ballman (first grade), Amy Gustafson (second), Emily Habben (third), JoAnn Behrens (fourth), Judy Boettcher (fifth) Katy Roling (Early Childhood Special Education), Mercey Gerke (Tag) and Traci Heuton (Elementary Special Education).

Jeff Kruse is the superintendent and Troy Oehlertz the principal. Wyatt Wood is the technology Coordinator. Marilyn Ehlers and Hilary Reed handle secretarial duties. Carol Collins is the business manager and Wendi Geno the HR director.

Helping the teachers are aides Kim Kenobbie, Kristen Fansaga, Kris Lamp, Linda Olson, Pat Reese, Kelsey Ruthart, Mary Lou Sewell, Tammy Oxenrider, Sara Minck and Starr Abbas. Sarah Myers is the school nurse.

Just as an army runs on its stomach, so does a school. Head dietitian is Carrissa Stethem. She is assisted by Mary Conlin and Shirley Wilson.

Cleaning up after the students are head custodian Kristi Pedersen with Jose Vasquez, Rose Richardson and Calvin Sewell.

The school busses are driven by Roger Richardson, Rich Ehlers and Duanne Barth. Jim Hodgell is head of transportation and grounds.

These are the people that compose the village that are helping raise your children.
Hands-on History

Ms. Stover’s American History class at Laurens-Marathon took a short walk to the Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum to see how their study of the Civil War intersected with local history. There they examined some Civil War artifacts, all used by men who later settled in the county. The items included Civil War guns, a bayonet, sword, cartridge and cap box, written letters, original photos and a prayer book carried throughout the war.

The capital campaign committee had another successful day raising money for the Laurens new pool on Saturday, September 26th. The following people played a big role in making it all happen.

A BIG THANK YOU to the following:
* The Laurens Firemen for doing a great job grilling.
* Loren Booth for providing the tractor and hay rack and giving rides for 3 hours.
* Casey’s Store for donating ice cream cones to each person riding the hay rack ride.
* Kennedy Tate & Sydney Harrold for using their artistic ability doing face painting all afternoon.

The following was the money raised for the new pool for each event:
Face Painting: $24.11
Hay Rack Rides: $129.00
Meal: $1,005.00

The total in the new pool fund at the end of September 2015 was $148,125.04

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS may be sent to:
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Mr. & Mrs. Rosauer

Kelsey Frerichs, daughter of Randy and Milissa Frerichs was married to Nick Rosauer, son of Gary and Janice Rosauer on May 2, 2015 in Laurens, Iowa.

Kelsey is a Marketing Brand Specialist at AgencyBloc, a start-up technology & software company with offices in Cedar Falls and Des Moines. Nick is a Hospice Social Worker at Care Initiatives in Cedar Falls. Nick is also working towards his Master’s degree in Social Work and will go on to get his license as a Licensed Independent Social Worker.

The couple lives in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

THANK YOU Becky Braesch, Joe Braesch and family and Betsy Sharp and family!!!

The new pool capital campaign committee would like to thank the Braesch family for their nice donation of $715.00 from the Bob Braesch memorial golf tournament.

The donation was a combination from lunch, raffle and silent auction and a group of golfers (Betsy Sharp, Ed Schmidt, Phil Grove & Wes Sharp) who donated their winnings of $100.00 to the new pool fund. Betsy Sharp and Phil Grove were both former lifeguards at the Laurens pool.
At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

October 7, 2015

Next Wednesday the 14th, the Laurens Area Ecumenical Youth Group will have a program for us. They will be sharing stories and pictures from their summer mission trip to Tahlequah, Oklahoma where they worked on the house of two Native American brothers. They will also tell what they have been doing locally in our own community. See you at 7 p.m.!

Now that the weather is getting colder, we have had more participants in our “Tell Me a Yarn” nights. Dig out your knitting or crocheting bag and join us at the Library Monday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m.! It’s a fun time of sharing recent projects and working on current ones.

Here are some of the new books you’ll find on our shelves: *The Secret Chord* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks, *See Me* by Nicholas Sparks, Robert B. Parker’s *The Devil Wins* by Reed Coleman, *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber (Audiobook too!) *A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms* (3 novellas that are prequel to his “Game of Thrones” series) by George R.R. Martin, *Saturn Run* by John Sandford, *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart. Nonfiction selections include: *Pitch by Pitch: My View of One Unforgettable Game* by Bob Gibson, *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear* by Elizabeth Gilbert (Author of “Eat, Pray, Love”) and *Country Living Christmas Joys: Decorating * Crafts * Recipes*. Just one new DVD - *Marvel’s Avengers: Age of Ultron*.

The Book Club choice for October is “*The Chaperone*” by Laura Moriarty. The setting is New York City in the 1920’s. We will read how chaperone Cora Carlisle’s life is changed in the 5 weeks she brings her charge to the City from Wichita, Kansas. This historical fiction is based on real events in the life of silent film star Louise Brooks. We have lots of copies of this book, so stop at the library and grab one, then join our discussion on Monday, October 26th at 7 p.m.

Event Calendar

• Tot Time every Monday at 10 a.m.
• Tell Me a Yarn Mondays 5-7 p.m.
• Writers Free for All is 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
• Book Club is 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
• Card Making is the 4th Tuesday of the month
• Youth Mission Trip Report October 14 at 7 p.m.
• Library Foundation PANCAKE SUPPER is October 22
• Magician Larry Dunbar October 31 at 7 p.m.
• Psychic Sonia Rose November 10 at 7 p.m.

Thank You!

The Laurens Volunteer Firefighters Association would like to thank everyone for your donations and show of support at our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 4th. Once again the breakfast was a huge success thanks to your support. It is great to live in and volunteer in such a caring community.

Thank you
Pat Murray – Chief
Laurens Volunteer Firefighters Association
Scouting’s Monumental Impact

After spending 10 years of my life in Scouting as a youth in the small, rural town of Cambridge, Iowa, and another 10 years of my life as a Scouting professional, a curious thought occurred to me. Why is it that Scouting has such a positive influence on our youth, our communities, our 50 states, and countries throughout the world today? As a result of much research, I found 9 extraordinary reasons, which by the way, is merely the tip of the iceberg. This compilation of interesting facts about Boy Scouting has been provided by the External Communications Division of The Boy Scouts of America.

- At the end of 1994, Boys Scouts of America had over 92 million alumni. If they were alive today, they would comprise the 11th largest country in population in the world. (Source: BSA Registration & Statistical Service and the 1995 Information Please Almanac)
- Of the 214 US Astronauts, 130 were involved with Scouting and 33 are Eagle Scouts. (Source: Astronauts and the BSA Survey 2/94)
- All four of the US Military Academies send cadets to Philmont to serve as Rangers to acquire additional leadership experience. (Source: Philmont Scout Ranch)
- Through the end of 1994, 1,358, 402 young men were awarded The Eagle Scout Award achieved only by approximately 2% of Scouts. (Source: BSA Registration & Statistical Service and The Boy Scout Division)
- Of the men in Who’s Who in America, 70% were members of The Boy Scouts of America as youth. (Source: Louis Harris & Associates 10/94)
- Of the men who were Scouts for 5 years or more, 98% graduated from high school compared to 83% of non-Scouts. (Source: Louis Harris & Associates 10/94)
- Of the men who were Scouts for 5 years or more, 40% graduated from college compared to 16% of non-Scouts. (Source: Louis Harris & Associates)
- Philmont Scout Ranch had over 24,000 participants during 1994 who hiked approximately 1,391,900 miles. (Source: Philmont Scout Ranch)
- If a Boy Scout attends his weekly patrol and troop meetings, participates in a monthly weekend troop outing, and attends long-term summer camp with his troop...he will have spent about as much time with Scouting in a year as he spends in the classroom. (Source: Council Services Division)

James R. (Jim) Dean, Retired
Boy Scouts of America
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
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Cell: 870-573-0218
Second Sunday Afternoon

The Fonda Arts Center will feature two special events on its Second Sunday afternoon, October 11th at 2:00 p.m. Tammy Voss Lange and Larry Heschke will be performing songs from the 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s. Tammy and Larry grew up in Fonda and first sang together at the Fonda Community School during their senior year, thirty-five years ago! They will perform popular songs from Neil Diamond, Connie Francis, ABBA, Olivia Newton-John, Jimmy Buffett, The Monkeys, Crystal Gayle, and others.

Another Fonda native, Lars Hersom, will be presenting his book “From A Child’s Perspective – Alcoholism”, which he wrote and published in honor of his father. Lars will be signing copies of his book available for purchase for $10. “It is my hope to touch the life of someone who is concerned about this issue and to give them encouragement to not let the life of someone they love be lost.” Everyone is welcome at the Fonda Arts Center, on the northwest corner of Fourth & Main Streets in Fonda. The Arts Center is handicapped accessible to the main floor. As always, free admission, free refreshments!

Storytelling Workshop

Storytelling Workshop with Mike Zahm “Storytelling, Fibs, and Tall Tales…”

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Mike Zahm is a singer, songwriter, storyteller and creator of tall tales, and member of the Northlands Storytelling Network and the Two Rivers Storyspinners.

Tuition: $69.00/per person. To register or for more information call: 515-574-1293

Youth Group News

Laurens Area Community Youth Group meetings will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church for the month of October.

Sunday, October 11th~ High School
Sunday, October 18th~ Jr. High
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The Pocahontas County Driver’s License Station will be closed on Thursday, October 8, 2015 for mandatory training in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Laurens Women's Club to Meet

The Laurens Women's Club will meet on Friday, October 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Laurens United Methodist Church. Grace Hertz will present the program about ‘Do People Grow on Family Trees? What Do You Know About Your Forebears?’ Members of the serving committee will be Lois Brown and Betty VanHorsen.

FAB-ulous Donations

Do you have a trumpet tucked away in a corner? When was the last time your trombone slide slid? What about a clarinet that clearly hasn’t been played in years? Have your set of bells or drum pad been banished to the basement? When was the last time you tootled your flute?

The LM fifth grade had their instrumental showing. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands are busy making music. For students that aren't sure if they want to play instruments, or the ambitious ones who would like to try a secondary instrument, being able to borrow a school instrument would be very beneficial.

If you have an instrument in good working order that you no longer use, FAB (Fine Arts Boosters) are looking for donated instruments to use for the LM Band. To donate, just bring to the LM school office and then come to our concerts and hear the music we make.
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Sunday, October 11th

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Free Will Donation
This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Wed., Oct. 7th:
Praise Band practice @ 5:30 p.m.
Hands of Hope Puppet Troop @ 6:30 p.m.
UMW Executive Board meeting @ 5 p.m.
UMW General meeting @ 6 p.m.-Laurens Area Youth Group mission trip slideshow presentation

Thurs., Oct. 8th:
Basic Christianity Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
(Linda Lingo's home)

Fri., Oct. 9th:
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sat., Oct. 10th:
“Chuckwagon Round-Up” event @ 6 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 11th:
Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship @ 9:30 a.m.
Praise Band performs @ 10:15 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Third Grade Bible presentation
Choir practice @ 7 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 12th:
Girl Scouts meet from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. (K-5th) & 5 p.m.-6 p.m. (6th-8th)
4-H Find Out Night

All families with children in 4th through 12th grade are invited to join Pocahontas County 4-H! There will be a come and go 4-H Find Out Night, Wednesday, October 7 from 3-6 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Extension Office. If you are unable to attend during that time, please feel free to call the office at 712-335-3103 for complete details of the different 4-H Clubs in Pocahontas County. You may sign up directly online at https://ia.4honline.com.

“Healthy Meals in a Hurry”

“Healthy Meals in a Hurry” will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at two times, the first time will be at 12pm at Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office and the second time will be 6:00pm at West Iowa Bank in Laurens (202 W Main St). Nutrition and Wellness Program Specialist Katie Knobbe will conduct the class. Register by October 22, 2015 by calling the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103.

Time saving, cost saving, and nutritious meals are the features of the program. Learn how to do all three with “eat now and eat later” cooking. Cook once every two weeks! Tips and recipes will be featured. Participants will get to enjoy slow cooker chili and leave with the “Healthy Meals in a Hurry” Book and dry soup mix!

Babysitting Clinic

The Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach will be offering a babysitting clinic for 5th and 6th grade students. The Babysitting Clinic will be held on October 19 & 20, 2015 from 3:30-5:30pm at Pocahontas Area Elementary School (in the lunchroom).

Please pre-register early by calling the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach at 712-335-3103 or email hfrerk@iastate.edu. Space is limited to 20 participants!

Money Talk to be Offered in Humboldt County

ISU Extension and Outreach is pleased to announce that “Money Talk: A Financial Course for Everyone” will be offered this fall in Humboldt. This five-session series provides a comprehensive overview of key financial issues, including insurance, investing, retirement planning, and legal issues. Life-long financial security is a goal for most of us. Since we can't predict the future, it's smart to make sure we're as well-prepared as possible for long life and unexpected events. “Money Talk” provides non-commercial information you can use to make informed financial decisions with confidence. It's a valuable opportunity, so I hope you will share this information with colleagues, friends and others.

Tuesdays, October 20-November 17 - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Humboldt County Extension, 727 Summer Ave, Humboldt

The fee is $20 – that's reduced from the normal price of $75, thanks to support from the Humboldt County Extension Council. The fee covers the cost of a top-notch 192-page book; married couples can share a book and pay just one fee.

Register by October 14 – call 515-332-2201. Questions? Contact Holly Frerk in Humboldt County (hfrerk@iastate.edu) or Barb Wollan, Family Finance specialist (bwollan@iastate.edu).
National 4-H Week October 4-10, 2015

4-H grows confidence, creativity, curiosity, courage, character and so much more by allowing youth to use the skills they learn to go out and make a positive difference in their communities. Help Iowa 4-H celebrate the outstanding impact youth have made throughout the state during National 4-H Week October 4-10.

4-H is active in each of Iowa’s 100 county extension districts 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.

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will have refreshments Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be a 4-H Findout night Wednesday, October 7 from 3-6 p.m. at the Extension Office in Pocahontas. All current members and new members are encouraged to register online at https://ia.4honline.com. If you are unable to stop by the office, please feel free to call 712-335-3103 to find out details of the 4-H clubs in Pocahontas County. All youth in 4th through 12th grade are invited to join.

As National 4-H Week fastly 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 and my world.’

To learn more about how 4-H is empowering young people in your community with skills to lead for a lifetime visit extension.iastate.edu/4h

Aquatic, Forest, and Right-of-Way Continuing Instructional Course is Oct. 21

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office will host an Aquatic, Forest, and Right-of-Way Continuing Instructional Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015. The program can be seen at office locations across Iowa through the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) team.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by sessions from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is $35. To register, contact ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103 or email dianned@iastate.edu

The course will provide continuing instruction credits for commercial and public pesticide applicators certified in categories 2 (Forest Pest Control), 5 (Aquatic Pest Control), 6 (Right-of-Way Pest Control), and 10 (Research and Demonstration). Topics to be covered are equipment calibration, safe application techniques, phytotoxicity, pesticide drift reduction, principles of limited area application, control of aquatic, right-of-way, and forest weeds, use of rotenone, and a forest health update.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through the PSEP Program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.
City Council Minutes

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

Swanson motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, list of claims, and minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mike Flannigan with Shamrock Recycling spoke with the Council about processing the City’s recycling. No decisions were made.

Enockson motioned to approve the plans for the garage for the Straight Story mower; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve the third reading of Ordinance 06-15, Animal Control; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes—Potter, Swanson, Newgard. Nays: Hopkins, Enockson. The Ordinance was passed. It will become valid once the Ordinance is published in the newspaper.

Enockson motioned to approve Resolution 46-15, an Internal Loan from Laurens Municipal Utilities to be repaid through TIF funds; seconded by Hopkins. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve Resolution 47-15, Iowa Offset Program Appeals Process; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve Pay Request #4 for the West Main Street Project; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approval the renewals of the Delta Dental and Wellmark insurance plans; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

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Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:58 pm, seconded by Newgard. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rich Newgard, Mayor ProTem   Barbara Smith, City Clerk

Ordinance 06-15, Animal Protection and Control Overview

Changes to Chapter 55 of the Laurens City Code include the definition of “Chicken” and “Coop”; the ordinance also changes the fee for a lifetime dog or cat license to $20.

There were additional sections added to the ordinance pertaining to the keeping of urban chickens and the permitting process for urban chickens.

The full approved version of Ordinance 06-15 is available at Laurens City Hall or can be found on the City’s website at www.laurens-ia.com; city; ordinances; 2015.