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## Local News

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Can Help Iowans with 2018 Tax Returns

Because of federal tax law changes in 2018, Iowans' tax returns are going to look different this year, according to Barb Wollan, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Form 1040 has changed dramatically. In addition, the amount of tax being withheld from most paychecks was adjusted last winter. For some Iowans, the result will be lower refunds," said Wollan, who specializes in family finance.

In any year, many consumers feel ill equipped to prepare and file their tax returns on their own. When tax law changes, it is even more important to get well-informed guidance, Wollan said.

In many Iowa communities, Iowans with low and moderate income can turn to Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs for free, expert tax preparation. VITA volunteers are trained, tested and certified by the IRS, and VITA sites follow strong procedures to ensure quality.

An advantage of VITA sites is that the tax preparers take special care to explain the tax return to the client, according to Wollan.

"Rather than simply saying, 'this is the amount of your refund; sign here,' the volunteer goes over each section of the return with you, pointing out key information and answering your questions. That careful explanation helps ensure the return is accurate, and helps you prepare for next year's tax season," Wollan said.

VITA volunteers are equipped to prepare returns with a range of tax issues, including the most common types of income and tax credits. However, volunteers are not allowed to address certain tax issues, including farm and rental income, and some types of small business returns. VITA sites are intended for low and moderate income taxpayers, with some flexibility in income guidelines depending on the situation.

ISU Extension and Outreach is a partner in at least a dozen Iowa VITA sites, whether providing space, managing grant funds, coordinating schedules, or in some cases providing training and technical support to volunteers, Wollan said.

To find a VITA site anywhere in the nation, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and search for VITA. This site also will lead you to free tax preparation sites operated by AARP, which are similar to VITA sites. Some tax sites operate on an appointment basis, while other sites offer walk-in service; the listing found on the website will provide the information you need, Wollan explained.

"Even in a year with significant changes to tax law, Iowans who have low or moderate income do not need to spend hundreds of dollars for quality tax preparation. Consider using one of the free options," Wollan said.

"If you are not able to take advantage of free tax preparation, shop wisely when selecting tax preparation software or a professional tax preparer, and avoid paying fees for refund loans and other non-essential products or services. Your tax refund is a return of your money – keep it for your own use!" Wollan said.

**VITA**  
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Concealed Carry  
Permit Class  
Saturday, January 26  
10 AM-1 PM  
West Iowa Bank

Class Fee: \$60  
(pay at door cash or  
by credit card)

Register by emailing:  
doc19661@hotmail.com  
or at Highway 10  
Hardware.

Need full name as appears  
on IA Driver's License.



**IOWA  
GUN CLASS**

**LEARN HANDGUN BASICS AND  
GET YOUR CARRY PERMIT**



OUR HOURS  
ARE  
CHANGING



**UnityPoint Clinic  
Laurens**

Starting the Week of  
January 14, 2019,  
UnityPoint Clinic -  
Laurens will be closed on  
Thursday afternoons.

Marathon Fire Department  
Soup Luncheon  
Sunday, January 20 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Marathon Fire Station  
Free Will Donation



Oyster Stew • Ham & Bean • Chili •  
Veggie Beef • Chicken Noodle • Potato •  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Cinnamon Rolls

*\* Gun Raffle & Safe Raffle \**

## *Graffs to Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Richard (Dick) & Joann Graff will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 25th.

Cards can be sent to them at 527 W. School St., Laurens, IA 50554.

Their family includes Jeff (Darian) Graff, Keith (Teresa) Graff, Annie Fitchett, Jake (Angela) Graff, Toby (Kayla) Graff, Jon (April) Graff, 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Dick & Jo were united in marriage on January 25, 1969, at St. Wenceslaus Church in Omaha, NE.



## Introducing **JAMMIN' 4 VETS** @ THE RALLY POINT

*Beginning*  
Wednesday  
February 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM  
Chili Bar  
Free Will Donation

*The Last Wednesday  
of Every Month!*

*Great Food*

*Great Music*

*Great Cause*

*Sponsored by The Rally Point for Rally 4 Veterans  
All proceeds go to the Honor Flight!*

## **Rally 4 Veterans**

**Free Will Donation Meal**

**Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

**Rally Point, Laurens**

**Pulled Pork Sandwich \* Baked Beans**

**Chips \* Cookie**

**Presentation of check to Brushy Creek**

**Honor Flight from Rally4Veterans**

**Fundraising efforts**

**FREEDOM  
-ISN'T FREE-**



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## *At the Library* *with Glenda Mulder* *January 16, 2018*

I told you last week of our book club choices for January. Believe it or not, I brought home *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying up: the Japanese art of decluttering and organizing* by Marie Kondo and have already read it! I could hardly wait to start my decluttering, but the author's directions were to finish the book first, so I did. Her method groups like items, then we are to go through them, touching each item to see which "spark joy." Her recommendation was to begin with out of season clothes, so I piled all my short sleeve tops on the bed. (At this point I feel the need to remind you of my former career as a clothier.) Oh my, where did they all come from? I said goodbye to just over a third of them and moved on to my long sleeve tops, sweaters, skirts, sweaters, pants, shoes, exercise clothes – you get the idea. I'm happy to report this method is working for me. My closet and drawers (her method of folding is interesting so I'm giving it a try!) are no longer packed full; I can actually see what's there and I know I will feel good in every piece of it. I have just a few categories remaining in clothing, then I have to decide if I want to work further on their reorganization, or to move on to decluttering some other areas of our home.

We also have a second option for a book this month, *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: how to free yourself and your family from a lifetime of clutter* by Margareta Magnusson. Choose one of these books, or read them both, then join our book discussion Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m.

Speaking of decluttering, in the library we call it weeding our shelves. We are currently weeding our adult fiction section. We are examining novels that have not been checked out for six years or more, or that are in bad condition. We've only made it to the authors whose last name begins with D and our discard table is full! So, whether you would like to add to your personal collection, or make some book page art, check out our selection next time you are at the library. We can't go any further until that table clears a bit!

New fiction includes: *Watching You* by Lisa Jewell, *The Current* by Tim Johnston, *Liar, Liar* by James Patterson, *The Dreamers* by Karen Walker and *Best of Us* by Robyn Carr.

We still have a couple open spots in our card making class which will be held Tuesday, January 22. The fee is just \$5 for everything needed to make 3 fabulous cards, including the instruction! Stop at the library, pay your fee and get signed up if you are interested!

### ***COMING EVENTS***

- Tot Time Every Monday at 10 a.m.
- Take it Tuesday 6:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of the month
  - Book Club 7 p.m. 4th Monday of the month
  - Card Class 6:30 p.m. 4th Tuesday monthly

Join us for made  
to order breakfast  
on Sundays in  
January!

Serving from  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Laurens Golf &  
Country Club

## JOB FAIR

### AT FISHER HYDRAULICS IN LAURENS!

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
9 am-12 pm

NOW HIRING!

Apply in Person - Immediate Interviews

AT

**FISHER HYDRAULICS**

603 Highway 10 West ~ Laurens, Iowa

1<sup>st</sup> Shift

Maintenance Tech

2<sup>nd</sup> Shift

Welders - Assemblers - Machinists

We offer \$1.00 shift differential during training also.

We offer an opportunity to earn a bonus each month.

We are the only manufacturing facility in  
town with AIR CONDITIONING!

If you can't join us, please give Diane a call at 712.845.2634 ext. 113 for an application.

A Pre-employment Drug Screen is required. Fisher Hydraulics is an Equal Opportunity Employer offering expanded benefits that includes Competitive Wages, Medical, Dental, Flexible Spending Accounts, STD/LTD, Life Insurance Plans, 401K Plan with Company Match, Paid Personal & Vacation days, & Paid Holidays.

## Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the cards and birthday wishes on my 80th birthday. We had a great day with family and friends.

Dorothy Long

## THE TRUTH BEHIND NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Is there a secret to keeping a resolution? Maybe not, but there are plenty of things that will help you keep on track while understanding why it can be so hard to achieve your goals.

### WILLPOWER IS LIMITED

Your willpower is like a muscle, which means it can get exhausted. Strengthen it with small, consistent challenges.



### NOT FOCUSED ON THE JOURNEY

You can't lose 10 pounds by not eating healthy and never working out. Turn the habit- not the result- into your goal instead.

### YOU'RE INDECISIVE

Making a resolution because it seems like a good idea won't get you anywhere. Only set goals that you specifically want to achieve.



No!

### PEER PRESSURE

If your friends aren't ambitious enough for their own resolutions, at least make sure they respect yours and don't encourage cheating.



### REMOVE OBSTACLES

Get rid of the things in your way. Give someone else all the sweets in your house. Take the batteries out of the remote.



### GET EXCITED

Breaking bad habits and starting new ones is rough. Focus how great it will be when you achieve your goal.

...You're Invited...

Laurens Chamber & Community Boosters



Thursday, January 31st, 2019  
Laurens Golf & Country Club

Details and RSVP on Back

\*Everyone Invited - need not be a member to attend\*

Laurens Chamber & Community  
Boosters  
Annual Meeting

**THURSDAY**  
**01.31.2019**

Social Hour - 5:00 pm  
Meal - 6:00 pm  
Speaker & Meeting to follow

Laurens Golf & Country Club

Special Speaker:  
**Dr. Dan Kinney**  
Iowa Central Community College  
President  
Including information about the  
Career Academy!

Name of Business or  
Person/s Attending:

Number of Guest/s:

Menu:

Pasta Bar - \$13 per person  
includes gratuity

Please return this portion and  
pre-payment by

**Tuesday**  
**01.22.2019**

to:  
Hilary at City Hall (can use drop box)  
OR  
Julie at Heart'n Home

## *Spread The Love – Donate Blood!*

LifeServe Blood Center is encouraging blood donors to roll up their sleeve and give a gift straight from the heart this February.

Premature babies, transplant patients, mothers after delivery, cancer warriors, trauma victims, and more hospital patients receive blood transfusions from generous LifeServe blood donors each and every day across Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota!

Spread the love and donate blood! Schedule an appointment to donate at an upcoming blood drive in your area.

- Pocahontas Community Blood Drive, Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM at Expo Center, 310 NE 1st Street.

Schedule a blood donation appointment online at: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800.287.4903.

LifeServe Blood Center is a non-profit, community based blood center that has served the needs of local hospitals and patients in our regions since 1963. As one of the 15 largest blood centers in the country, LifeServe Blood Center is the SOLE provider of blood and blood products to more than 120 hospitals located across Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. LifeServe is committed to saving lives by providing premier service to volunteer blood donors and access to a safe, quality blood supply for hospitals and patients. Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend or family member or a stranger on the street. YOU make a difference in YOUR community.

## *Services to be Held for Oneta L. Forsythe*

Oneta L. Forsythe, age 99, of Sanborn, Iowa and formerly of Laurens, Iowa, died on January 13, 2019 at the Prairie View Nursing Home in Sanborn, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Powers Funeral Home, Main Street Chapel, in Laurens. Burial will be in the Laurens Cemetery in Laurens. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The Sliefert Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Oneta Lucille Horsman, the daughter of James Henry and Myrtle Irene (Williams) Horsman, was born at Plover, Iowa, on August 21, 1919. She lived her youth in the Plover community and graduated from the Plover High School with the Class of 1936. Oneta began her banking career at the Laurens State Bank in 1946 and retired from there in 1984.

On November 7, 1987, Oneta was united in marriage to her best friend, who became her husband, Fred Forsythe, Jr. at the United Methodist Church in Laurens. They were blessed to spend 26 years together. Oneta and Fred spent 17 winters in Arizona and the remainder of their time in Laurens. They sold their home in Arizona in 2005 and continued to reside in Laurens. Freddie and Oneta moved to Sanborn, Iowa in March of 2008 where they resided at the Prairie View Manor Independent Living and the past months Oneta had made her home at the Prairie View Inn.

Oneta was a member of the Laurens United Methodist Church since 1938, the Order of Eastern Star and a charter member of the Wo-Tan-Ye Club in Laurens. Special hobbies of Oneta's included doing crocheting and needlepoint and throughout her lifetime she enjoyed entertaining her family and friends and traveling.

Oneta wanted to share, "I have always loved my family very much. Each and everyone has always been very special to me. My happiness was truly fulfilled when Fred and I were married. Family and friends are so important in our lives along with our faith and trust in God."

Oneta's life is loved and cherished by her family which include her very special sister, Shirley Smith, of Sanborn, Iowa, her nephews and nieces: Bradley (Joy) Smith of Storm Lake, Iowa and Jeffrey (Karen) Smith of Zionsville, Indiana, Ann Vice and Paula Horton of Florida, Donald (Karen) Forsythe of Overland Park, Kansas, Lois Balodis of Scottsdale, Arizona, Eleanor (Fran) O'Brien of Sun City West, Arizona, and Elwood (Gail) Forsythe of Scottsdale, Arizona, her great nephews: Matthew (Yvonne) Smith of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Michael Smith of Marion, Ohio, Sean (Jaclyn) Smith of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Joshua Smith of Franklin, Tennessee, her great niece: Trisha (Tim) Huset of Verona, Wisconsin, her great great nieces and nephews: Emma Smith, Kinsey (Chris) Houlahan, Aly McDonald, Jacob McDonald, Carson, Adelyn and Caden Smith, Tanner and Brayden Huset, Avere and Emerson Smith, her great great great nephews and niece: Seth, Lucas and Callie Houlahan, other extended family and many life-long friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Fred on February 6, 2014, her brother and sister-in-law: Commander Donald (Effie) Horsman, USN, her brother-in-law: James Smith and her nephew: Todd Smith her niece: Linda Horsman.

## *This Week at Bethany Lutheran*

**Sunday: January 20, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

9:30 AM - Adult SS

9:30 AM - Youth SS & Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship w/Communion

11:30 AM - Potluck

5:00 PM - Kid's Club/VBS Committee Mtg.

at UMC

6:00 PM - Youth Group (HS) at BLC

**Tuesday: January 22, 2019**

7:30 AM - Prayer Group

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



## *This Week at First Christian*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

712-845-6164

**Friday, Jan. 18**

7:00 p.m. - AA

**Sunday, Jan. 20**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - High School Youth

Group at Bethany Lutheran Church



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## *This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church*

**Pastor Ed Frank**

**Wed., Jan. 16:**

Book Club @ 9 a.m.

**NO Confirmation Class**

Administrative Council @ 8:15 p.m.

**Fri., Jan. 18:**

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

**Sun., Jan. 20th:**

Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School (kids) @ 9:10 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship @ 10:30 a.m. - Human Relations

Day special offering & Choir performs

Kids Club/Vacation Bible School Committee

meeting @ 5 p.m. here at LUMC

Youth Group (HS) from 6-8 p.m. at BLC



## *Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church*

**Pocahontas, IA -- Pastor: Very Rev. Craig  
Collison, VF**

**MASS TIMES:**

Daily Mass as scheduled in the weekly  
bulletin

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:15 pm at  
Resurrection

**Office:** 16 SW 2nd Street, Pocahontas

**Office Phone:** 712-335-3242

**Residence Phone:** 712-335-8065

**E-mail:** colly@ncn.net

**Pastoral Care:** Sister Renae Hohensee,  
563-552-8666

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## *Pocahontas County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due*

All 4-H'ers in Pocahontas County that are attending college in the fall of 2019 are encouraged to apply for one of ten \$750 scholarships that will be awarded to seniors in Pocahontas County. The application is available at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office and is also on the Extension home webpage <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas/>. The applications are due February 1, 2019. No late applications will be considered.

## *Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza*

The NW IA Beef Bonanza is scheduled for Saturday, February 2 at Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg. All area 4-H, FFA members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this daylong workshop.

Students will rotate between 4 different educational sessions throughout the day covering, beef judging, how do you score?, the ISU College of Vet Medicine Calving Simulator, and beefing up your diet. The Palo Alto County Cattlemen will grill a hamburger meal for all that attend.

Registration is required and due back no later than January 24. Registration forms are available at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office.

If you need further information, please contact the Extension office at 712-335-3103 or [lzeman@iastate.edu](mailto:lzeman@iastate.edu).

## *Wellness and Independence through Nutrition Program Begins in Pocahontas County*

Food insecurity reduces an older adult's ability to perform activities of daily living. Nationally one in four older adults is estimated to be malnourished. Proper nutrition can help improve these situations.

Pocahontas Public Library, in partnership with ISU Extension and Outreach, is holding three sessions of the Wellness and Independence through Nutrition (WIN) Program. This program consists of enjoyable activities that can help older adults find new ways toward better nutrition.

The program dates are listed below and will be held during the library coffee hour from 2:00-3:00 pm:

- February 6, 2019- MyPlate Bingo is an interactive nutrition program and game that provides tips on how to eat healthy and fun food facts.
- March 13, 2019- What's in Your Grocery Cart? discusses how the average \$16 monthly food assistance benefit can help support older adults to access nutritious foods and meet MyPlate recommendations.
- April 10, 2019- Gardening: Help Grow Your Wallet discusses how growing your own garden can save you on food costs. The gardening game will provide you with fun facts about container garden friendly vegetables.

If you have questions about these program sessions and to register, please contact Lola DeWall at Pocahontas Public Library at (712) 335-4471. Everyone is welcome!

## *Dry Manure Applicator Certification Workshops Offered*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, will offer manure applicator certification workshops for dry/solid manure operators on six different dates and locations in February. These workshops meet manure applicator certification requirements for both confinement site manure applicators and commercial manure applicators who primarily apply dry or solid manure.

"The information in this workshop will benefit not only those needing certification, but anyone using dry or solid sources of manure as a nutrient resource," said Dan Andersen, associate professor and extension agricultural engineering specialist at Iowa State University.

The workshops are free to attend and open to all. Applicators will be required to submit certification forms and fees to the Iowa DNR to meet manure applicator certification requirements.

Please register for one of the workshops by calling the number listed with the selected site. All workshops begin at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26 at ISU Extension and Outreach Buena Vista County office, AEA Office, Storm Lake. Call 712-732-5056 to register.

## *Private Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office will be offering an opportunity to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course, led by Extension Field Agronomist, Paul Kassel.

The session is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas. The course will run for approximately two and a half hours

Please return your pre-registration form to the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach office. To obtain additional information about the CIC session, contact the Pocahontas County Extension at 712-335-3103.

The course will fulfill 2018 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include recognition of sensitive areas, including groundwater and other non-target sites and organisms (pollinators) as potentially impacted by pesticide applications, pesticide labels, pests, pest management, and pesticides.

## *Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops Scheduled for 2019*

*Two-hour workshops to be held in January and February  
By: Daniel Andersen, Rachel Kennedy, Melissa McEnany*

Confinement site manure applicators and anyone interested in learning about manure issues should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in January and February 2019. These workshops are offered in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. There is no fee to attend the workshops, but applicators will need to pay certification fees to complete certification requirements. Pocahontas County will host Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshop on Friday, February 8 from 9:30-11:30 am.

“Iowa law requires confinement site manure applicators to attend two hours of continuing education each year of their three-year certification period or take and pass an exam once every three years,” said Dan Andersen, associate professor and extension agricultural engineering specialist at Iowa State.

A total of 67 counties will participate in the confinement site manure applicator workshops. In addition, a series of six dry/solid manure applicator certification meetings will be held in February. A complete list of workshop dates and locations can be found online at [www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/](http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/) or by contacting an ISU Extension and Outreach county office.

The workshops serve as initial certification for those applicators who are not currently certified, recertification for those renewing licenses and continuing education for those applicators in their second or third year of their license.

Due to uniform certification deadlines, applicators are encouraged to attend workshops prior to March 1 to avoid being assessed a late fee of \$12.50 for those who are re-certifying. Those unable to attend one of the workshops need to schedule time with the ISU Extension county office to watch the training video. Due to scheduling conflicts, many extension offices will no longer accept walk-in appointments to watch these videos, but do offer scheduled dates and times to provide this training. Anyone requesting an individual reshow of the training video will be charge a \$10 fee to view the training.

If attending the workshops or watching the two-hour training video is not convenient, confinement site manure applicators may contact their local DNR field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam to meet certification requirements.

Applicators also have an online certification option. Training is available online at the DNR MAC eLearning site at <https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov>. The applicator will need to sign-in and get an A&A account.

Contact an ISU Extension and Outreach county office for more information about the Manure Applicator Certification Program or visit: <http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/mac.html>

# City Council Minutes

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Laurens City Council met in regular session in the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Council members, Jean Swanson, Aaron Christenson, Rich Newgard, John Jamison, Julie Potter, City Manager Hilary Reed, City Clerk Joan Hoben, City Attorney Ann Beneke, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, and Police Chief Tom Shaw.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from the December 17th, 2018 meetings, the list of claims Class B Liquor License for Heart 'n Home, and a Class E Liquor License for Casey's. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

## CLAIMS 01-07-2019

A&M SERVICES, INC	RUGS, MOPS, RAGS	94.24
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	632.31
ALPHA WIRELESS	FIRE SUPPLIES	17.44
FEDELITY SECURITY LIFE	JAN EYE INSURANCE	183.77
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	FLOOR BROOM	59.12
BOMGAARS	STREET SHOP SUPPLIES	136.89
BIRAN LINNEMEYER	LAURENS TRAIL APPRAISAL	4,000.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO	CROSS CHAINS	881.50
COUNSEL	CONTRACT MAINT.	30.85
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC	W-2 PACKAGES	188.00
DEE JACKSON/JACKSON		
MOTORS	SNOW REMOVAL	18.00
DELTA DENTAL	JAN DENTAL INSURANCE	806.40
ICMA	RETIREMENT 457	600.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	10,454.02
IPERS	IPERS	7,791.76
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	3,430.42
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FIRE DEPT. CABINET	1,760.63
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	12.76
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	45.00
LMPC	INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	20,151.40
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	7,179.97
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	1,838.37
LAURENS STATE BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX	30.00
LAURENS SUN	DEC LEGALS	131.83
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	GARBAGE TRUCK REPAIRS	244.01
POC CO ECONOMIC DEV.	1/2 PAYMENT DUES	7,000.00
POC CO SECONDARY ROAD	6.69 TONS SALT/SAND MIX	290.48
POC FORD LINCOLN MERCURY	AMBULANCE SERVICE	37.33
PRIME BENEFITS	GROUP INSURANCE	3,500.00
R&D INDUSTRIES	SOFTWARE SUPPORT	1,652.70
SANTANDER LEASING LLC	FIRE PUMPER MONTHLY PAYMENT	1,461.34
SIEPKER AUTO REPAIR	POLICE CHARGER REPAIRS	572.46
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	73.39
TREASURER STATE OF IA	DEC SALES TAX	5,716.00
TRUE VALUE FARM & HOME	CLAMPS	48.93
US BANK	CONFERENCE EXPENSE	789.88
USPS	BILLING POSTAGE	304.06
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	254.37
WELLMARK	JAN HEALTH INSURANCE	9,037.15
WEX BANKS	POLICE FUEL	542.63
ZIEGLER	CAT OIL FILTER	40.32
	TOTAL	<u>92,039.73</u>

PAYROLL		12/17/2018	
001	GENERAL		4,049.83
210	ROAD USE TAX		1,709.68
600	WATER		2,330.94
610	SEWER		2,236.83
670	GARBAGE		2,577.57
	TOTAL		<u>12,904.85</u>

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	PAYROLL	12/31/2018	
	001 GENERAL		5,315.95
	210 ROAD USE TAX		1,231.28
	600 WATER		2,114.30
	610 SEWER		2,095.73
	670 GARBAGE		2,416.58
		TOTAL	<u>13,173.84</u>
	PAYROLL	1/2/2019	
	001 GENERAL		5,236.70
		PAYROLL TOTAL	<u>31,315.39</u>
		PAID TOTAL	123,355.12
BY FUND			
	001 GENERAL		60,496.91
	110 ROAD USE TAX		8,172.92
	112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		8,284.63
	317 PRARIE PARK TRAIL		4,000.00
	600 WATER		18,706.17
	610 SEWER		11,899.61
	670 GARBAGE		11,530.79
	745 STORM WATER		264.09
		TOTAL BY FUND	<u><u>123,355.12</u></u>
REVENUES	GENERAL		25,305.72
	ROAD USE TAX		14,279.54
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		10,684.14
	EMERGENCY LEVY		650.87
	LOCAL OPTION		8,668.80
	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		12,598.05
	SISTER CITY		10.00
	POOL RESTRICTED		170.00
	DEBT SERVICE		15,579.92
	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT		1,186.88
	WATER		38,886.41
	SEWER		25,849.22
	GARBAGE		19,813.93
	STORM WATER		2,832.79
			<u><u>176,516.27</u></u>

Hilary Reed discussed Julie Wurr's email on behalf of Julie and the Retail Trade Committee. Wurr requested the use of two parking spaces in front of each participating businesses for Stinker Days during the Laurens Summer Celebration on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion, Swanson moved to approve pending a suitable plan. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Potter moved to approve Resolution 01-19 – Annual Appointments. Jamison seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Newgard moved to approve Resolution 02-19– Mileage Rate. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Swanson moved to approve Resolution 03-19 Unpaid Nuisance charges. Potter seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 04-19 – Ownership of Crow's Nest. Swanson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Potter moved to adjourn at 5:22 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Rod Johnson, Mayor

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Hilary Reed, City Clerk