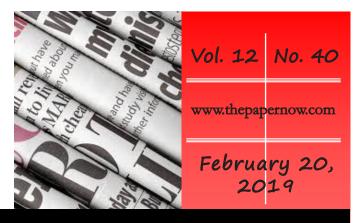


Our Town, Our Paper! Laurens, Iowa





Local News

Jack Link's is Expanding in Laurens!

Currently, the facility is receiving substantial updates to accommodate the packaging of Jack Link's Protein Snacks new refrigerated line, Jack Link's Cold Crafted. The line is part of a sizeable growth category for the company, and the Laurens team members and facility will play a significant role in the success of this business. Those changes include adding packaging and production lines to support their cold-crafted business. They estimate the expansion will open up about 20 new jobs to the Laurens plant.

Jack Link's is thrilled to be investing in the Laurens facility and creating job growth for the area. As they looked at pursuing the refrigerated category, they knew Laurens could be a huge asset in the production of this new line. The center will not be physically expanding, but rather repurposing an existing space. They are rededicating a portion of the distribution center and creating a refrigerated production area as well as a refrigerated area.

Launched in 2018, Jack Link's Cold Crafted brings two Wisconsin

delicacies together – smoked meats and cheese – in one delicious offering. Jack Link's Cold Crafted is available in the refrigerator aisle and the fresh snacking area of convenience stores. Made with 100 percent beef and real Wisconsin cheese, Cold Crafted will be available in the following varieties: Smoked Meat Sticks (Original, Loaded with Pepper Jack, Loaded with Cheddar Cheese); Beef and Cheese Bites; Smoked Meat Sticks and Cheese (Cheddar and Pepper Jack).

Nearly all of the growth in refrigerated snacking is coming from protein combinations and snack packs. This emerging subcategory is seeing over 20% year over year growth from these protein combinations of meat, cheese, nuts and other snack items. This is why products like Jack Link's Cold Crafted are positioned to perform incredibly well in the meat snack category.

All refrigerated products will be distributed out of the Laurens facility and as the business grows, Jack Link's will have the opportunity to add additional shifts. They are excited about being able to invest in their communities and take it very seriously.



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Local News

Presidents' Day Event at the **Rialto** Theatre By: Ann Beneke

On Saturday, February 16, 2019, Adam Lindquist portrayed our 26th President at the Rialto Theatre in the production of Theodore Roosevelt: Cowboy, Rough Rider, President. From the moment that he walked the carpet from the back of the theatre to the front stage, Mr. Lindquist's mastery of the mannerisms and speech of Theodore Roosevelt was evident. He began on stage by removing his top hat and meeting

with industrialist J. P. Morgan in the White House as President. He spoke of enforcement of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by prosecuting trusts that were responsible for restrained trade and unfair pricing. After J. P. Morgan left, he turned to his Attorney General Philander Knox to further discuss the lawsuit. As explained later in the show, such meetings did not take place in an oval office because it did not exist at that point in history.

The President described the food poisoning of soldiers by contaminated meat. As a result, the Meat Inspection Act was passed during the Roosevelt Administration. Further, he urged Congress to enact the Pure Food and Drug Act during his Administration.

Donning his conservation hat, President Roosevelt proudly described working with Interior Secretary Garfield and Chief of the United States Forest

Service Gifford Pinchot to enact conservation programs. The United States Forest Service was established, the Antiquities Act was passed, as well as laws creating national parks, national monuments, bird and game reserves, and

national forests.

He then held up to the audience the familiar teddy bear and told the following anecdote. While President, Roosevelt went on a bear hunting trip in Mississippi. Unable to find any bears for days with the use of hunting dogs, a bear was cornered,

hit on the head after it had killed a dog, and tied with a rope. The suggestion was made to President Roosevelt that he shoot it. Roosevelt declined to do so due to his sportsmanship. The newspapers widely reported the story. Thereafter, a toy manufacturer requested permission from President Roosevelt to name a toy bear after him. (We all know the rest of the story.)

Adam Lindquist then walked across the stage to the bed of Theodore Roosevelt's childhood. For the most part, Roosevelt remembered happy times living next door to his Uncle Robert Roosevelt's family. His condition of asthma often prevented him from playing with other boys his age. As a consequence, he read many books and frequently listened to birds. His father told him that to succeed, he would need to build up his body, as he had his mind. As a child, Roosevelt aspired to be a naturalist. Seeing a dead seal at the market one day, he became fascinated

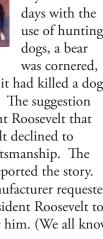
by its anatomy. The head of the seal eventually became "specimen number one" of his own private museum shown on stage. The severed head of the seal was unwrapped from the bloody cloth so that the audience could see the skeletal remains.

At Harvard, Roosevelt met his wife Alice, the most beautiful woman he had ever seen, at the Porcellian Club. She did not at first "take" to Theodore Roosevelt, but he convinced her to marry him. After graduating from Harvard with honors, Roosevelt was soon elected to the New York State Assembly. Thereafter, he became a father to a baby girl Alice Lee. Soon after giving birth, his wife Alice died on February 14. His mother Martha (Mittie) Roosevelt also died the same day. Roosevelt wrote in his diary on that day, "The light has gone out of my life".

Carefully fitting a cowboy hat on his head and a New York tailored cowhide jacket on his shoulders, Lindquist began telling of Roosevelt's move to the west following his political life in the east. Roosevelt earned the respect of cowboys, herdsmen, and hunters for his bravery, endurance, and honesty. He acquired cattle and a second ranch in North Dakota called Elkhorn. Although he liked the experience of shooting a male buffalo, Roosevelt knew the species was quickly disappearing from the landscape. To promote conservation of large game animals, he formed the Boone and Crockett Club. After an unusually severe winter had wiped out much of his herd of cattle, Roosevelt returned to the east. One day he spotted his childhood friend Edith Carow at the top of a stairway. They were soon married and later had five children together.

Back in New York, Roosevelt ran for Mayor and lost. President Harrison then appointed him as the United States Civil Service Commissioner, a position

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that he took seriously and in which he accomplished much reform. Thereafter, the Mayor of New York appointed him to a position on the Board of Police Commissioners. Roosevelt himself walked the beat to make sure that officers were doing their duty. In 1896, the newly elected President William McKinley appointed Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Roosevelt believed in naval strength. He also believed in Cuban independence. One day the USS Maine exploded in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Soon after, Congress declared war on Spain. With the beginning of the Spanish-American War, Roosevelt resigned as Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Adam Lindquist then took another hat from the tree, a hat with the brim turned up on one side. Roosevelt was now known as a Rough Rider with a cavalry regiment that he and Colonel Wood had formed. On the boat to Cuba, horses had to be thrown overboard because the sea vessel had taken on too much weight. Roosevelt still had his horse when the boat reached Cuba. While in Cuba, Roosevelt led his men first up one hill, and then another hill known as the famous San Juan Hill.

Upon his return to the United States, Roosevelt ran for Governor of New York and was elected. Then, he was nominated as Vice-President on the ticket with William McKinley as President. They won the election by a landslide. After President McKinley was shot and unexpectedly died, Roosevelt left his vacation place in the Adirondacks to return to Washington. Accordingly, he was sworn in as President of the United States. Roosevelt asked his cabinet to stay and called for a continuation of the policies of President McKinley. President Roosevelt then proceeded to do things his own way.

When Roosevelt finished the term of McKinley, he ran for President for 4

more years and pledged not to run again for another term. He was succeeded by William H. Taft whom he supported for election. After Taft was in office, he became more conservative and very close to big business. Taft was not so interested in conservation anymore. Shockingly, Taft removed Gifford Pinchot as Chief of the United States Forest Service. Roosevelt met with Pinchot in Europe to confer. No longer was Roosevelt a friend and supporter of Taft.

Roosevelt ran for President again on the Bull Moose Party ticket. While campaigning, Roosevelt was wounded in the chest by a bullet in Milwaukee, WI. Nevertheless, he gave a speech as he continued to bleed and grow weak. Lindquist demonstrated how Roosevelt gripped the podium. After about 1 hour and 22 minutes, the Secret Service asked him to stop. That Presidential election was won by Woodrow Wilson, with Roosevelt coming in second, and Taft, third.

Roosevelt remained active. He chose to go on an African safari. The Smithsonian Institution agreed to pay him to collect specimens. There is an animal skin draped over a chair and an elephant's foot before the fire place of the stage set of Adam Lindquist.

The most famous quotation of Roosevelt "Man in the Arena" was recited. One realizes that Theodore Roosevelt himself was a man in the arena. The quotation no doubt expresses a philosophy of his life.

The show is ended as Roosevelt's children and the rest of the "White House Gang" are calling him. . . . or does it really end? Adam Lindquist then came back on stage to tell the audience about his great grandparents who settled in Rolfe, Iowa. His family still owns the farmland in Pocahontas County and the same family still farms the ground after many years. Lindquist then told us a little more about the daughter Alice Roosevelt Longworth who was independent like her father.

A reception featuring the favorite foods of Theodore Roosevelt followed the performance. Adam Lindquist was heard to say, "dee-lighted". Mr. Lindquist personally greeted the members of the audience who attended the reception.

The Pocahontas County Iowa Historical Society servers were Marcia Leu, Ann Beneke, Helen Beneke, Gayla Voss, and Dorothy Lamberti. They were assisted by Elizabeth Leu, Anastasia Leu, Abigail Leu, and Georgia Marsh. Also serving were the Pocahontas Area Interact Club members, Cheyenne Orwig and Olivia Anderson. They are directed by Christy Ehn, the faculty Interact Advisor.



From left to right is Olivia Anderson, Adam Lindquist, and Cheyenne Orwig. The two students from the Interact Club assisted at the reception for Adam Lindquist (Roosevelt) and attendees of the event.

Advertising



United Methodist Men's Annual Soup & Pie Supper

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Laurens United Methodist Church 201 W. Main St.

Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle & Broccoli Cheese Soup.

Adults~ \$6.00 Children 12 yrs. & under ~ \$3.00

Our Methodist Men help support many local & global projects.

Sunday Breakfast Continues at Laurens Golf & CC for the month of February!! Serving made to order breakfast from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

<u>Agronomy Driver/Yard Person</u>_

Our company has a full-time position opening for an Agronomy Driver/Yard Person at our Laurens location.

Primary duties include agronomy operations, maintenance of equipment, tendering products to fields and other duties as assigned. Must have or be able to obtain a commercial applicators license and a Class A CDL with hazmat.



Other duties will include but not limited to grain handling and grain facility maintenance. Experience preferred and agricultural back ground desired but not required. Please apply online at www. firstcoop.com or pick up an application at any of our locations.



Laurens Area Community Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Thursday, February 21st Serving from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Laurens United Methodist Church 201 W. Main St.

Serving Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad & Drink.

Free will donation.

Proceeds go towards Haiti Mission Trip this summer.

Please come out enjoy some good food, bid on some nice items and support our youth!

Carry-out & delivery orders will be available!

Extension News

Northwest Beef Bonanza

The 2019 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza was held on Saturday, February 2 at the Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg. There were 33 youth represented from nine counties including Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Clay, Ida, Sac, Plymouth and Winneschiek. All participants and adults attended four educational sessions throughout the day.

Dr. Dan Berkland from the Sibley Vet Clinic and Dr. Grant Dewell, ISU College of Veterinary Medicine, taught the session "Calving Simulator". Dr. Dewell brought "Frosty the Cow", which is a calving simulator, with him from Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Dr. Berkland and Dr. Dewell taught youth the proper way to pull a calf when a cow (the mother) cannot have it on her own. They also taught youth what hormones in a female cow stimulate the birthing process. Youth participants actually practiced pulling a calf from a cow using the calving simulator.



Jacob Halder

Beth Doran, a Beef Specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Mark Jensen, ILCC Beef Instructor, taught the session "How do you Score?". They taught youth about body, teat and foot condition in beef cattle. Youth learned how to score those three traits and what the ideal score is for each trait in a herd.

Youth also attended a session titled "Beefing Up" taught by Tammy Chapman, Dietitian for the Palo Alto County Hospital. Youth

learned about safe storing, cooking, and temping beef while preparing a beef recipe - English Muffin Cheeseburger Pizzas or Quick Beef Fajitas with Pico De Gallo.

Youth participated in the "You Be the Judge" session. Mike Anderson, 4-H Livestock Specialist, and Lisa Berkland, 4-H Youth Specialist, taught this session. Youth learned the fundamentals of livestock judging, specifically beef cattle. They learned how to evaluate differences and compare traits of several animals in order to select the best animal based on personal preferences.

At noon youth enjoyed a delicious beef burger grilled by Palo Alto County Cattlemen members, Bryon Hoffman and Eugene Ruppert, with chips, baked beans, cookie, and pop provided by Iowa Lakes Community College.

Thank you to the other sponsors who helped provide this learning experience to the local youth: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Iowa Lakes Community College, Farm Credit Services of America, Palo Alto & Emmet County's Cattlemen, Grove Trucking, Ltd., and Hohensee Farms.



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder February 20, 2019

Did you miss me last week? We spent the week playing with a couple of our favorite almost 2 year olds. I had forgotten how much sleep they require and didn't bring enough books! I took this as a sign that I was supposed to try an ebook. I followed the "Bridges" link on our webpage, just like I've instructed so many patrons to do. The process really is easy and I was glad to have the option. Now I can say I have read a few ebooks! I do have to admit, I still prefer the paper copy, but can see that this is a good alternative when traveling!

New novels lately include: *Never Tell* by Lisa Gardner, *Devil's Daughter* by Lisa Kleypas, *Chef* by James Patterson, *Golden Child* by Claire Adam, *Playing for Keeps* by Jill Shalvis and *The Nowhere Child* by Christian White. *Women Rowing North: Navigating life's currents and flourishing as we age* by Mary Pipher is a new nonfiction selection.

Our February Book Club choice is *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. I enjoyed the other book I read by this author, so am looking forward to reading this one! Our catalog describes it this way; "Recounting the story of her life to her granddaughter, octogenarian Addie describes how she was raised in early-twentieth-century America by Jewish immigrant parents in a teeming multicultural neighborhood." Sounds like great historical fiction! Grab a copy, then plan to join our discussion Monday, February 25 at 7 pm.

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



Church

This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Wednesday: February 20, 2019 5:00-7:00 PM ~ Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction at UMC

Saturday: February 23, 2019 Moving Pastor David & family to Laurens

Sunday: February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday of Epiphany 9:30 AM ~ Adult SS 9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Healing 6:00 PM ~ Youth Group (JH) at UMC

Tuesday: February 26, 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, Feb 22 7:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, Feb. 24 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Service at Laurens Care Center 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. JR. High Youth Group at United Methodist Church



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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., Feb. 20th: Book Club @ 9 a.m. Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction 5-7 p.m. here at LUMC NO Confirmation Class Administrative Council meeting @ 8:15 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 21st: Rachel Circle @ 9;15 a.m. (Wesley Room)

Fri., Feb. 22nd: Mens Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 24th:

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. - Choir performs Youth Group (Jr. High) 6-8 p.m. here Choir practice @ 7 p.m.



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

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Seed Treatment Course Scheduled for Feb. 27

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will host a Seed Treatment Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators, Wednesday, February 27. The program will be shown at locations across Iowa through the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the course runs from 9 to 11 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Dianne Dirks at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Pocahontas County by phoning 712-335-3103.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 4 and 10. Topics to be covered include equipment calibration and safe application techniques; pests, pest management and pesticides; and issues concerning treated seed, including disposal of unused treated seed.

Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered. Interested participants should bring their CCA number to the program.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP team can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/ PSEP/. Ornamental and Turfgrass Applicators Course Offered March 6

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will offer the Ornamental and Turfgrass Applicators Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 6, 2019. The program can be seen at locations across Iowa through the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) team.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the course runs 9-11:30 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Dianne Dirks at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Pocahontas County by phoning 712-335-3103.

The course will provide continuing instructional credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 3O, 3T, 3OT, and 10. The IDALS required topics to be covered include equipment calibration and safe application techniques; pesticide drift reduction; and phytotoxicity. Pest and pest management topics (including pesticides) include updates on emerald ash borer and bur oak blight; hard to control weeds in lawns; RoundUp for lawns; compaction reduction strategies; identification of common turfgrass insects; and disease identification symptoms on golf courses.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses being offered by the PSEP team can be accessed at www.extension.iastate. edu/psep. Winter Webinar Series Offered for Master Gardeners in 2019

The Iowa State University Extension & Outreach Master Gardener program will host a winter webinar series. Master Gardeners will gain educational hours for the webinars scheduled at the ISU Extension & Outreach Pocahontas County office on February 25, March 25 and April 29.

Winter webinar topics include: • February 25, 2019 from 4:30 – 5:30pm – Managing Vegetable Pests, Dan Fillius will provide organic weed-free vegetable growing tips to reduce pests and attract beneficial insects.

• March 25, 2019 from 4:30 - 5:30pm – Engaging New Audiences, Elin Filbey will share examples of activities to attract new people to the garden.

• April 29, 2019 from 4:30 – 5:30pm – Limited Space Gardening, Explore a dozen ways to create container gardens with Ed Lyon.

To register, contact Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office, at 712-335-3103. The webinars are free of charge and open to anyone who may be interested.

Extension News

Yard and Garden: Caring for Valentine's Day Flowers

With just the right amount of love and care, flowers received on Valentine's Day will continue to express the feelings of the sender. Use these tips from horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to extend the enjoyment of cut flowers and flowering plants. To have more questions answered, contact Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

I received cut flowers for Valentine's Day. How do I prolong their life? Several things can be done to lengthen the vase life of cut flowers. Begin with a clean vase. Wash previously used containers with hot, soapy water to remove debris and destroy bacteria and fungi. Also, remove all foliage that will be below the water line in the vase. Submerged foliage may decay and shorten the life of cut flowers. To promote water uptake by cut flowers, cut off the bottom .5 to 1 inch of the stems with a sharp knife. Immediately place the cut flowers in a vase. Add a commercial floral preservative to the water to prolong the life of cut flowers. A small packet of floral preservative comes with most cut flowers. Simply follow directions on the packet. Place cut flowers in a cool, brightly lit location in the

home or office. Keep the flowers away from heat sources and drafts. Check the water level daily and add water when necessary. Completely change the water if it becomes cloudy or begins to smell.

I received a flowering azalea as a gift. How do I care for it? In the home, place the azalea in a brightly lit, cool location. An ideal site is one near a window that receives bright light (but no direct sunlight) with a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

Proper watering is an important aspect of caring for an azalea. Check the potting soil daily. When the soil surface becomes dry to the touch, water the plant until water begins to flow out the bottom of the pot. The pots of most azaleas are placed inside decorative pot covers. When watering the azalea, carefully remove the pot cover, water the plant in the sink, then drop the azalea back into the pot cover. When placed in favorable locations and given good care, azaleas may bloom for three to four weeks.

Azaleas sold by floral shops are not winter hardy outdoors in Iowa and are normally discarded after flowering.

I received a miniature rose for Valentine's Day. How do I care for it? Miniature roses need direct sun. In the home, place the miniature rose in a south or west-facing window. Rotate the plant once or twice a week to promote even growth.

Miniature roses also require a consistent moisture supply. When the soil surface becomes dry to the touch, water the plant until water flows out the bottom of the container. Discard the excess water. Fertilize miniature roses once or twice a month with a dilute fertilizer solution.

Miniature roses prefer daytime temperatures around 70 degrees Fahrenheit and a minimum nighttime temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep plants away from cold drafts and heat sources.

To promote new growth and additional blooms, remove flowers as they fade. Cut off the stem just above the uppermost five-leaflet leaf. Also, remove any yellow leaves or dead growth.

In May, miniature roses can be placed outside. Harden or acclimate the plant to outdoor conditions by initially placing the plant in a shady location. Then gradually expose the plant to longer periods of sunlight. After the miniature rose has been acclimated outdoors for several days, place the potted plant on a sunny patio or deck. The miniature rose can also be planted outdoors in the garden. While miniature roses are small, they're actually more coldhardy than hybrid tea roses. Select a sunny site with fertile, well-drained soil.