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Local News

4-H Club Leaders Meet

Pocahontas and Palo Alto County 4-H volunteers that have served their clubs for less than five years met in Mallard to have a conversation on ways to grow the 4-H program and support each other in their volunteer role.

All youth in 4th through 12th grade are welcome to join 4-H in their county. The 4-H program is run by adults willing to volunteer their time and talents to teach the youth of their county.

To become a 4-H volunteer, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103.



Pictured L-R: Jennifer Valentine, Pocahontas County Laurens 4-H, Tammy Janssen, Pocahontas County Boots and Spurs, Zach Treiber, Palo Alto County PART's, L.B. Hurley, Palo Alto PART's, Jeri Wenell, Pocahontas County Laurens 4-H, and Anthony Smith, Palo Alto County Independence Boosters 4-H.

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

Regardless of what school lies ahead of the 8th graders from Laurens-Marathon, they will be closing a chapter in their lives soon at Laurens-Marathon Community School. Charger Pride is funding a graduation ceremony for these 8th grade students, complete with cap and gown, cake and punch in the lobby following the ceremony.

It has been brought to our attention there may be some royal blue graduation gowns out there. If you are willing to part with your gown or your child's gown, we would love the donations. Our goal is to keep the gowns to reuse and get new caps and tassels each year. You may drop them off with Holly Storms at Laurens State Bank or contact us here and we will schedule a pick up.

We need your donations to make this happen for these 8th graders and all Laurens-Marathon 8th graders to come. You may drop off your donations to Holly Storms at Laurens State Bank or mail them to Charger Pride, 41713 Potato Farm Rd., Laurens, Iowa 50554.

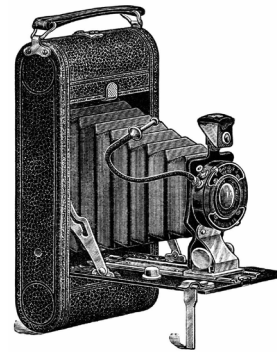
Pocahontas County Master Gardeners 12th Annual Garden Extravaganza

Mark your calendar for April 13&14, 2018 for the Pocahontas County Master Gardeners 12th Annual Garden Extravaganza at the Expo Center located on the Fair Grounds in Pocahontas.

The first presenter, on Saturday, April 14, will be Duren Watts of Grass Master in Algona, IA. Duren Watts started at Grass Master in spring of 2011 as the Tree Department Manager. When Duren began at Grass Masters, he had almost 15 years of forestry experience. Duran also has a background in landscaping and greenhouse management. Duran Watts will be presenting at 9:15am-10:15am on “Benefits of trees with wildlife, birds, and pollinators” in the Fair Office.

The second presenter, on Saturday, April 14, will be Neil Peterson. Neil grew up on a small dairy farm in Pocahontas County. In high school, he was active in FFA and helped manage their greenhouse. He graduated from Iowa State in 2002 with degree in Engineering and agronomy. For the past 12 years, Neil has worked at two agri-businesses in Laos, Friends of the Upland Farmer and Southern Animal Husbandry. Neil has worked on projects such as introducing corn and soybeans, building, and stock fish ponds, providing feeder pigs for local growers, as well as demonstrating new planting and farming practices on corn, soybean, and rice plots. Neil’s green thumb has enjoyed being in a tropical climate where one can garden year round. Neil, along with his wife Elizabeth and boys Paul and Timothy, have recently returned to Iowa to run the family farm. Neil Peterson will be presenting on “In November We Plant Vegetables” at 10:30am-11:30am in the Fair Office.

Steve Anderson Camera Collection at Albert City Public Library



The Albert City Public Library presents Steve Anderson's Camera Collection on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Steve has 130 cameras and counting! He has been collecting for 20 years. He says that he has “run of the mill” styles to “very unique”

ones. The oldest camera in his collection is a 1912 Eastman Kodak.

Steve is a Midwestern boy who grew up in Northern Illinois. He is a pastor who has served in different churches throughout the Midwest including Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Most recently he had the opportunity to serve in the picturesque countryside of Vermont. His collection has come from all these states. Steve and his wife, Jo, now make their home in Albert City, where he is the pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

The interest in cameras was sparked back in Nebraska when Steve had two cameras given to him. After that he started haunting antique shops, scavenging for cameras. At the time, Steve and Jo were living near Pioneer Village at Minden, Nebraska. He thought he would check out the Village camera collection. To Steve's surprise, he found that he had many more cameras than they did! While living in Wisconsin, a friend found twenty cameras on a garage sale and brought Steve six bags full!

Come, see this varied collection of cameras including Speed Graphic, Crown Graphic, 70's Vintage SLR, lots of Polaroid, the 1912 Kodak and so much more. Hear the stories of Steve's adventures in collecting. Refreshments will be served after the program.

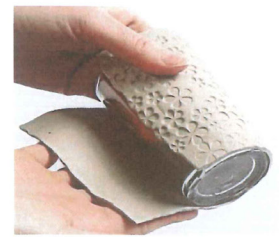


GET CREATIVE AT THE LIBRARY!

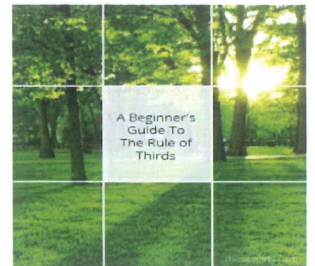
Join us for a FREE workshop to explore art and creative expression for adults 55+.



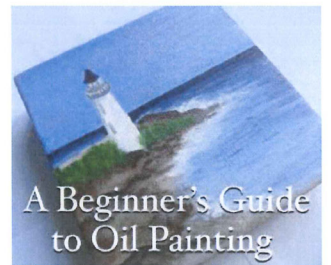
Monday, April 30th, 2018
1 to 3 p.m.
Clay Hand-Building
Learn three types of clay hand building techniques in this two-hour workshop!



Monday, May 7th, 2018
1 to 3 p.m.
Digital Photography
Point and Shoot digital cameras will be provided to take photos of our own. You may bring your own digital camera if you wish as well.



Monday, May 14th, 2018
1 to 3 p.m.
Painting on Canvas
Participants will get to experiment and create an image with guidance with oil paints and oil pastel sticks on a 10x10 canvas of their own!



Monday, May 21st, 2018
1 to 3 p.m.
Metal Jewelry Making
Learn the basics to metal jewelry making. Leave with your own jewelry piece that you can keep for yourself or give as a gift!



*This project is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Instructor Holly Zinn from Pearson Lakes Art Center and Laurens Public Library.
Call Laurens Public Library at 841-4612 to register for a class.*

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MOVIE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

LAURENS-MARATHON OLD GYM
COME JOIN US FOR THE MOVIE:



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**ALL CHILDREN UNDER 8 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

POPCORN AND DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED
GRAB YOUR FAVORITE BLANKET AND JOIN US!!
Adults are welcome to bring a lawn chair to sit on!

SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, L-MCHOOL
AND THE LAURENS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Friday Night Special for
April 6th is pork chop
dinner with stuffing and
cooked apples or order
off our full menu!
Serving begins at 5 p.m.**



At the Library with Glenda Mulder April 4, 2018

We are loving all the good news lately! I've got more to share this week!

Have you heard about the new group in our County? It's called 100 Women Who Care. They will meet quarterly, decide on a local cause, then each member will donate \$100. Why am I telling you about this? Because our Music Garden was chosen as their first project! They may even be able to sponsor one of the instruments! How wonderful is that?

Mrs. Kelly Tate and the Laurens-Marathon middle school students who traveled to Washington DC Easter weekend have agreed to tell us of their adventures. Plan to join us next Tuesday, April 10th at 7 p.m. to hear more about it. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade student, this should be of special interest because they will be the next group to go!

Here's a list of the new novels we've received recently:, *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray, *Varina* by Charles Frazier, (Regular & Large Print) *I Was Anastasia* by Ariel Lawhon, *The Road Home* by Beverly Lewis, *The Good Liar* by Catherine McKenzie, *The 6th Day* by Catherine Coulter, *Twenty-One Days* by Anne Perry, *All the Beautiful Lies* by Peter Swanson and *Shoot First, Think Later* by Stuart Woods. In nonfiction: *Faith: a Journey for All* by Jimmy Carter.

Plan to join us Thursday afternoon, April 19th to learn more about "Our Neighbors, the Amish." More details next week, but for now, just get it on your calendar!

Our Book Club is doing something completely different this month. We are selecting our own book from the list of Oprah's Book Club. There is a wide variety to choose from, so we can all find one that suits our interests. I think it will be interesting to hear about the books, as well as look for similarities in them.

Sign up is open for our free art classes! These four different classes will be held on consecutive Monday afternoons beginning April 30th. Topics will be Clay Sculpture, Photography, Painting, and Jewelry Making. You can take one class, or all four. Whatever suits your interests and your schedule. Class size is limited, so preregistration is required. Contact the Library today!

COMING EVENTS

- Tot Time Every Monday at 10 a.m.
- Washington DC Middle School Trip April 10 at 7 p.m.
 - Our Neighbors, the Amish April 19 at 1:00 p.m.
 - ALLI Clay Sculpture Class April 30 1-3 p.m.
 - ALLI Photography Class May 7 1-3 p.m.
- ALLI Painting on Canvas Class May 14 1-3 p.m.
- ALLI Jewelry Making Class May 21 1-3 p.m.
 - Card Making – 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 - Book Club 4th Monday at 7 p.m.
 - Take it Tuesday - 1st Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Many Thanks to Many People

Thanks for my Life-line which called for help....for my neighbor Shelly Gilmore, who came right away....for Laurens ambulance....and for Kevin, Marcy and the Laurens Police....for doctors and nurses at the Spencer Hospital....for prayers, flowers, visits, cards and phone calls....for Laurens Care Center's staff for their amazing rehab therapy....for the friendly residents.....for my children and their families who continue to spoil me as I continue to mend.

Jeanette Korreck

Temporary address:

247 West Hester Rd.

Cottontown, TN 37048

Help Wanted – Electric Line Worker

Laurens Municipal Power & Communications (LMPC) is currently looking to fill the position of Electric Line Worker. LMPC is seeking an individual to work in the construction, maintenance, repair, and operation of a 100% underground 12.5 KV distribution system, with two 69/12.5 KV substations and two diesel generation plants capable of producing 9 MW of power. Being a highly industrious community, the majority of our peak load is the result of our competitive rates drawing business and industry to our service area.

Applicant requirements include:

- Must be safety minded and team oriented
- Must have or be able to obtain an Iowa Commercial Driver's License – Class B
- Must have or be able to obtain an OSHA approved crane operator certification.
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug/alcohol screening

The job consists of a 40-hour work week, Monday through Friday; however, during system disturbances and emergencies, longer hours may be required. Applicant must be willing to adhere to an "On Call" schedule, generally every third or fourth weekend and will be subject to random drug and alcohol screenings. The applicant must reside within two (2) miles of the city limits of Laurens.

Desired qualifications for this position include:

- High School diploma
- Graduation from a formal technical training college for electric line workers, or completion of an approved correspondence course, or possess equivalent training and experience in a similar field of work.
- Experience working with low and medium voltage systems.

LMPC offers competitive wages and an excellent benefits package.

Please send resumes to: Laurens Municipal Power & Communications, Attn: General Manager, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa 50554. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. For more specific information, call 712-841-4610 or email lmpc@laurens-ia.com.

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Announcements



Baby Shower

Please join us for a baby shower in honor of Ashley Plantz! The shower will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Pocahontas Community Hospital, use the East entrance.

Ashley is registered at Target and Amazon.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Laurens Chamber for the gift basket I won at the Get Lucky drawing on March 16th. Thank you to all of the businesses that donated items for the basket.

Traci Heuton

Baby Shower!

Join us for a baby shower for baby boy Reese, soon to be son of Jarrod & Stefanie Reese on Saturday, April 7th at 11 a.m. at 221 Austin Street, Laurens.

Jarrod and Stefanie are registered at Target.

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WHERE IS IT!?

Did you figure it out!? Our Where Is It!? from last week was a little section of HyVee Ressler Drugstore! We were able to trick some of you but we had quite a few correct guesses as well!



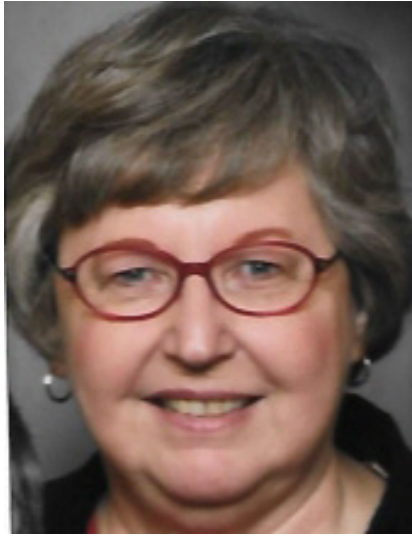
Services Held for Mary Allison Carlson

Mary A. Carlson, 71 of Lake Mills, IA, died on March 21 at Muse Norris Hospice Unit in Mason City, IA.

Memorial Celebration service was held on March 25 at Church of Christ, in Fertile, IA.

Mary Allison Carlson was the daughter of Francis and Elene (Raak) Alstott of Laurens, IA. She was born December 10, 1946. Mary was educated in the Laurens Community School and participated in music, sports, and speech. She was very involved with 4-H and supported that organization and youth throughout her life.

Mary moved to Lake Mills, IA, to pursue her career as a business teacher. When she graduated from Wayne State College, Wayne, NE, with a degree in Business Education, she was recognized as the Outstanding Business Student at the ceremony. She taught school for 36 years at the Lake



Mills Community School and liked working with the students. She believed in and demonstrated good work ethic. Often she asked her students, “What did you learn today?” expecting a response of their reflective growth, or reminded the students—when you turn in this work to me, you are saying this is the best you can do.

“Did you do your best?” Did you take time to prepare and turn in your best?” Mary promoted and demonstrated the Lake Mills Community School’s outcomes of being a lifelong learning, effective communicator, responsible citizen, critical/creative thinker, and healthy contributor. Mary was the first recipient of the Lake Mills Friends of the School award given to her in 2008.

Mary was married on June 13, 1970, to John Carlson of Lake Mills, IA.

Mary used her leisure time for gardening, reading, listening to music, and traveling. She enjoyed the camaraderie of her family

and friends. She was an active member of the Church of Christ; Daughters of the American Revolution, which preserves history, promotes patriotism, and supports education; the beneficent organization Order of the Eastern Star; the Lake Mills Area Historical Society; and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which honors women educators and promotes education and the teaching profession.

Mary is survived by her husband John of Lake Mills, IA; son Larry (April) Carlson and their two children, Simon and Sophia, all of Van Horne, IA; sisters Judy (Craig) Brent of KS and Gail (Allen) Hartman of Sioux Falls, SD; one brother David (Carolyn) Alstott of Laurens, IA; along with nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor Scott Baker

Sunday: April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

9:15 AM - Adult SS

9:30 AM - Youth SS

9:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship

4:00 PM - Laurens Care Center

6:00 PM - Youth Group (JH) at UMC

Wednesday: April 11, 2018

7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

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



This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 p.m. - Mission Council

Friday, April 6

7:00 - p.m. AA

Sunday, April 8

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. -Worship



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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., April 4th:

Book Club @ 9 a.m.

Puppet Troop practice @ 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 5th:

UMW Ex. Board meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

UMW General meeting @ 9:30 a.m.

Fri., April 6th:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sat., April 7th:

UMM meeting @ 8 a.m.

Baby Shower in honor of Amanda Gustafson
from 10 a.m.-NOON in Fellowship Hall

Sun., April 8th:

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.

Hands of Hope Puppet Troop performs

Caring Cards 2-4 pm here at the church



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 8:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at
Resurrection

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LAST CHANCE"
Private Pesticide
Safety Education
Recertification
Course Available

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Pocahontas County, will be offering the "LAST Chance" Private Pesticide Safety Education Program continuing instructional course on Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13 at 9:00 – 11:00 am. Please call to register (712) 335-3103.

Grant Writing
Workshop
Scheduled for
April 24 in
Buena Vista
County

A grant writing workshop is scheduled to be presented at Buena Vista County Extension and Outreach April 24 for representatives of nonprofits, local government and schools.

Grant Writing 101 will provide hands-on training in seeking and writing successful grant applications. The workshop will be presented from 5:30 to 8:30 pm Tuesday, April 24 at the Buena Vista County Extension office meeting room, 824 Flindt Drive, Storm Lake. The program is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension – Buena Vista County.

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop, iPad or tablet device to the workshop, if they have one available.

The fee for the workshop is \$15. The registration deadline is April 23. To register, call Buena Vista County Extension at 712-732-5056, or email Katelyn at

kbrink@iastate.edu.

The training will be presented by Jane Nolan Goeken, a Community and Economic Development program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Goeken has almost 30 years of experience working with grant programs, including writing many successful federal, state, local and foundation grant applications. She has also administered federal and state grants, served as a grant application reviewer, and has helped set up grant award and review programs.

Goeken will assist workshop participants in exploring various public and private funding sources, and provide instruction and tips on planning projects and writing successful grant applications. For more information about the workshop, contact Jane Goeken at jngoeken@iastate.edu or 712-240-2504.

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John Lawrence Named Vice President for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

After a nationwide search, John Lawrence has been appointed vice president of Iowa State University's extension and outreach programs.

Lawrence, who has been serving as interim vice president since March 2017, previously served as associate dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and director of extension and outreach. He will begin serving in the permanent role immediately.

"John has a long history of scholarship and administrative service, and is uniquely qualified to lead ISU Extension and Outreach," said President Wendy Wintersteen. "I feel confident he will work to strengthen

important Extension programs and partnerships and enhance the connections of our faculty, staff and students to Iowa communities."

Lawrence holds a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in economics, both from Iowa State, and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the

University of Missouri. He joined Iowa State as an assistant professor of economics in 1991, serving as an extension livestock economist. He has also served as assistant director of the

Agriculture Experiment Station, and director of the Iowa Beef Center.

Lawrence has also led the Iowa Nutrient Research Center, established in 2013 to develop science-based approaches for reducing the level of nutrients delivered to Iowa waterways and the Gulf of Mexico.

"I am honored to serve my colleagues, the university, and the entire state of Iowa as the leader

of Extension and Outreach," Lawrence said. "I look forward to working with our talented faculty, staff, and partners to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Iowans."

In making the announcement, Senior Vice President and Provost Jonathan Wickert praised Lawrence for his performance in the interim role, and thanked members of the search committee for their thoughtful consideration of candidates.



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March 28, 2018

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 11:30 a.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Ben Storms and Jerry Runneberg. Also present were Greg Fritz of NIMECA and General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2018 meeting as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Fritz updated the Board on current issues NIMECA is dealing with. Discussion was held on a potential purchase power agreement with a large wind farm, the potential to sell some of our excess capacity and the potential for NIMECA itself to own some transmission. No specific action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2018 meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the summary of receipts for February 2018 in the amount of \$542,419.19 and the list of expenses for February 2018 in the amount of \$573,195.85. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R Electric	\$ 319,468.16		
Merchandise/Services - Electric	\$ 890.00		
Merchandise/Services – Communications	\$ 132.45		
A/R Communications	\$ 72,402.45		
Carrier Access Fees	\$ 4,686.93		
Write Off Recovery – Communications	\$ 92.08		
Investments – CDs Matured	\$ 100,000.00		
Accrued Interest (CDs)	\$ 1,000.00		
Electric Deposits	\$ 488.81		
Internet Deposits	\$ 313.00		
Cable TV Deposits	\$ 70.00		
Marathon Loan – Principal Payment	\$ 1,170.95		
Marathon Loan – Interest Payment	\$ 412.57		
Marathon Energy Sales	\$ 14,908.92		
Tower Lease	\$ 900.00		
Attachment H Revenues	\$ 20,770.81		
Miscellaneous Telephone	\$ 0.35		
Miscellaneous Cable TV	\$ 76.19		
Electric Office Supplies	\$ 30.00		
Electric Property Insurance Rebate	\$ 2,763.31		
Internet Property Insurance Rebate	\$ 921.10		
Telephone Property Insurance Rebate	\$ 690.83	Electric Receipts	\$ 461,903.53
Cable TV Property Insurance Rebate	\$ 230.28	Communications Receipts	\$ 80,515.66
<u>Total Cash Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 542,419.19</u>	<u>Total Cash Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 542,419.19</u>

List of Expenses

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 85.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 210.60
After Prom Party	Donation	\$ 200.00
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 320.87
American Test Center	Bucket Truck Safety Inspection	\$ 450.00
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching/Transport	\$ 551.10
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$ 114.52

Beal's Service & Auto Parts	Vehicle Supplies	\$	234.04
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$	1,201.48
Biorn Corporation	Collection Fees	\$	55.20
Border States Electric	Tools/Supplies/FR Clothing	\$	1,296.69
Century Link Access	Transport Fees	\$	557.26
Century Link Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	22.81
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$	334.62
Compressed Air & Equipment	Hydraulic Unloader	\$	200.57
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$	900.00
Counsel	Lanier Copier Support	\$	44.14
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	33,439.43
DGR Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$	1,734.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding - Claims	\$	316.57
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding - Administration	\$	120.00
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	3,248.90
Global Equipment Company	Supplies	\$	534.83
Grainger	Supplies	\$	513.70
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	1,184.70
Henningsen, Kevin	Supplies	\$	160.34
Horsetech	Shipping Fees	\$	10.17
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$	1,200.00
Inca Networks	Annual Support/Maintenance	\$	935.32
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	8,464.94
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	\$	124.56
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Membership Dues	\$	5,424.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	9,668.75
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,578.00
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Withholding	\$	5,113.50
Kriz Davis Company	Secondary Enclosures/Supplies	\$	7,607.70
KTIV-TV	Programming Fees	\$	1,652.50
Laurens Chamber	Membership Dues	\$	100.00
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	87,168.69
Laurens, City of	CATV Franchise Fees 2017	\$	14,411.17
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	47.93
Laurens House of Print	Paper	\$	52.97
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	162.34
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	215.44
Laurens State Bank	CTS Improvement Fund	\$	20,000.00
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	29.82
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$	164.67
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$	7,546.23
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	536.29
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	15,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	15,092.98
Neustar	Local Number Portability Fees	\$	311.84
New Pig	Supplies	\$	360.09
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,320.00
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	47,102.39
NIMECA	Cornbelt Meter Maintenance	\$	2,901.00
NIMECA	APPA Dues	\$	1,482.79
Oak Hill Consulting	Engineering Fees	\$	195.00
Office Elements	Supplies	\$	728.12
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	23,133.47
Pocahontas Hospital	Workman's Comp Services	\$	204.00
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	687.61

Prins, Reid		Meeting Expenses	\$ 185.61
Pro Cooperative		Fuel	\$ 485.43
R & D Industries		Network Support	\$ 1,608.29
RFD TV		Programming Fees	\$ 6.79
Rovi Guides		Programming Fees	\$ 645.50
Secure Shred Solutions		Paper Shredding	\$ 24.00
Spencer Municipal Utilities		Programming/Transport Fees	\$ 1,696.87
Stuart C. Irby		Fault Indicator/Secondary Lugs	\$ 6,390.85
The Teapot Café		Board Meeting Meal	\$ 46.00
Tower Distribution Company		Programming Fees	\$ 1,062.60
TSB, Inc.		Node and CMTS Upgrade	\$ 18,820.24
Unity Point Health WC		Workman's Comp Services	\$ 250.00
Van Wert		Meter Reading Software Upgrade	\$ 1,070.00
Verizon Wireless		Wireless Service	\$ 271.50
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield		Group Health Insurance Premiums	\$ 10,760.89
West Iowa Bank		Investment – CD	\$ 200,000.00
Zcorum		Cable Modem Provisioning	\$ 783.55
Ziegler, Inc.		Skid Loader Supplies	\$ 321.80
		<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 573,195.85</u>
Electric Expenses	\$ 481,891.50		
Communications Expenses	\$ 91,304.35		
Total Expenses	\$ 573,195.85		

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet for February 2018. Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to authorize the Investment Committee to reinvest CD #70678 and CD #104755 upon maturity. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to regretfully accept the resignation of Kevin Henningsen, effective April 4, 2018. The Trustees expressed their appreciation for his 4.5 years of dedicated service to Laurens Municipal Power & Communications and wished him well in his future endeavors. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on cable television and the options we have at this time for upgrading our service. No specific action was taken.

General Manager Update:

1. Discussions are ongoing with a company interested in leasing space on our tower and in the building below the tower. In the near future, Webb Wireless will relamp our tower and remove all the antennas and cabling that is no longer in use.
2. Discussion was held on purchasing a vibratory plow for the replacement and installation of communication drops and/or innerduct. Due to the number of coaxial drops we need to replace and the new fiber services we need to install, the Board directed the General Manager to get some price quotes.
3. Discussion was held on having Oakhill Consulting prepare a Fiber-To-The-Home layout for Laurens. Once we know where the fiber needs to be, then the Utility can plan and budget to install innerduct throughout the town for a new fiber system.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees