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Local News

Dr. Jena Hopkins to Join the Team at Bieri & Christensen DDS!

Dr. Jena Hopkins will become an associate with Dr. Bieri and Dr. Christensen on June 1st, 2015.

Dr. Hopkins is the daughter of Mike and Lori Hopkins of Havelock. She is a 2014 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and a 2010 graduate of Iowa State University.

Please welcome her to our community and to our practice!

Welcome



A Thought on Most Improved Property

While having a conversation last week I got to thinking about the most improved property. Each time it comes out who has won I always think of the ones I believe should have their names in the mix. Who deserve to win.

First let's start with main street. Tim Fisher, has done a wonderful job with the old ford garage. He has taken an old building and gave it life again. While he is still working on it, it already looks 100% better. By the time he is done it will be way above 100%. Then move up the street to Rally Point. Dennis Krips has made major improvement. Outside and inside, again it looks great. Then up to Donnie Ashenbrenner's building. He has made a nice looking front for the building. If you keep going up the street you see the old lawyers office on the corner. I am sorry, I do not know this man's name. He

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Engagement Announced



Kim and Paul Quade of Manson announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Quade, to JR Plantz, son of Kris and Randy Plantz, of Pocahontas. Ashley graduated from Manson NW Webster in 2009 and continued on to obtain her Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science from St. Ambrose University in 2011, she will be graduating from Des Moines University with a clinical Doctorate in Physical Therapy in May 2015. JR graduated from Pocahontas Area Community Schools in 2009 and continued on to obtain an Associate's degree in Turf Management from Kirkwood Community College before returning to Pocahontas to begin his own farming operation. The couple is planning their upcoming wedding on June 20th.

A Thought on Most Improved Property *...continued from page 1...*

has cleaned it up, fixed the windows in front, new doors, everything looks beautiful. He has made a home there, the same as Tim did. Going across the street we have most all the buildings in good repair there. Vani Alhers, has recently updated the outside of her building and it looks great! Jayne Woodin has fixed her building front, back and side and inside. The new carpet store has made a nice front for their building also. The only bad main street building left is beside the drug store. If that was fixed then every building on main street would be good.

Then there is John Hawley who took the old Legion hall and made it into a very nice home. I smile every time I go by there for some reason. These are the ones that stand out for me. There are others for sure.

The thing that also stands out to me is the places have all been cleaned up and changed by the owners and mostly just them doing it themselves. It shows what a little hard work can do for the whole community. I thank them for doing that for this community as times are showing that not every one cares as they do. Before I get told that many care and can't afford to do anything, I agree money is tight for many but having a nice clean looking place doesn't take money. It takes pride in yourself and the community. So to all who try to keep the town in good repair, thank you!

*Mary Dean
Laurens, IA*

It's All About Talent!

The Fonda Arts Center will be presenting its first annual "Share Your Talent" day, on Sunday afternoon, June 14th beginning at 2:00. All art forms are welcome and encouraged, from musical, vocal, poetry, painting, photography, and theatrics, to the endless array of talents out there, waiting to be shared! Those interested in participating are asked to call Sherry Gustafson at 712-288-6256. The Fonda Arts Center is also co-sponsoring with Marilyn Schmidt, an opportunity for those of you who have wanted to learn to play the guitar! Marilyn is putting together a group class, beginning in June; a perfect beginning to fun summer months! Call Marilyn at 712-288-6218 for more details, and to express your interest.

Chad Elliott returns to the Fonda Arts Center!

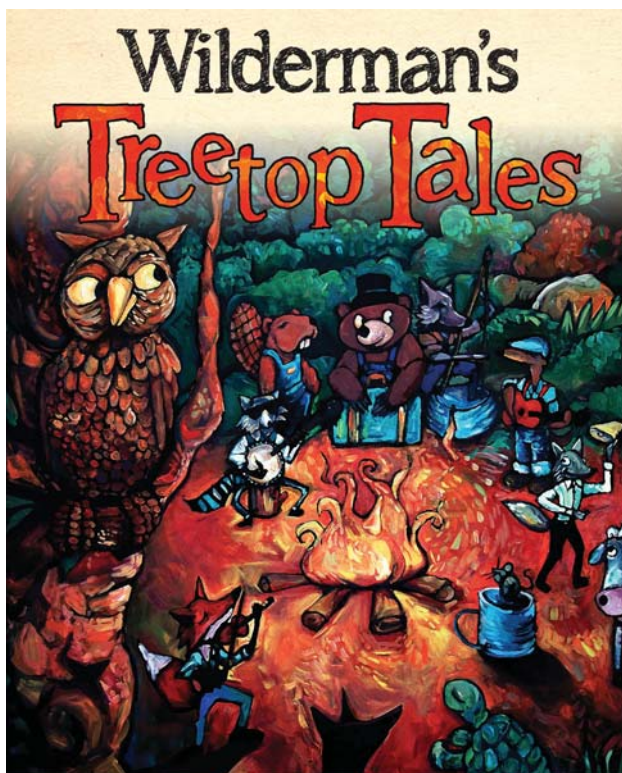


Already acclaimed as an award-winning singer/songwriter, painter and sculpturer, Chad has combined his talents to fulfill a personal dream “Wilderman’s Treetop Tales”, a book designed for ages 3-10 and containing both heartwarming and giggle-worthy poetry set to his original music in a companion music album, and accompanied by Chad’s own illustrations. In his whimsical style, and inspired by his own three children, Chad hopes this work will kindle a love for the arts and the outdoors, and encourage the creativity of children of all ages. This afternoon of wild imagination is sure to inspire the whole family!

Chad’s concert will take place at the Fonda Arts Center, 4th and Main Streets in Fonda, on Sunday afternoon, April 19th beginning at 2 p.m.

Following the concert, Chad will have copies of both the book and the CD available for purchase, signed by the artist himself!

All children will be admitted free of charge; adults will be asked to pay \$10 at the door. As always, complimentary refreshments and the promise of an afternoon well spent!



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Thank You!

Thank you to Jack Links and the Laurens Chamber for the Easter basket I won at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Alex Price

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. A special thank you goes to Scott and Tracy for planning such a fun party. The music by Tim Horsman was a great surprise.

Tom & Mary Madsen

Let's Celebrate!!

Let's Celebrate "Nette"!! Jeanette Korreect, our mom and community go-to gal is having a special birthday this month! Please join us in celebrating!!!

When: Sunday, April 19, 2015 2-4:30 p.m.

Where: Laurens Golf and Country Club House

What: Cake, Ice Cream, Conversation and Merriment

Given by: The Korreect "kids", Steve, Jerry, David and Suzy and families

No presents, just your presence is requested! Thanks!!

Or...if you can't be there, send Jeanette a card to:

531 Bissell Street, Laurens, IA 50554.



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Help Wanted

Kids Korner is looking for part time help. Please apply at Kids Korner, 403 W. Main St in Laurens or Contact Michelle Ferguson at 712-841-5437

Donate Blood at the Laurens Marathon High School!

Did you know...

- One pint of whole blood - the most common form of donation - can save up to 3 lives.
- Someone needs blood every two seconds!
- One in seven people entering a hospital need blood.

When: Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m

Where: Laurens-Marathon School Lobby

Why: Donating blood is safe, simple and it saves lives. It takes just one hour to make a life-saving blood donation, which will impact the lives of up to three different hospital patients. You can make a difference in your community by helping maintain a local blood supply when you donate blood with LifeServe Blood Center

- Sponsored by the Laurens-Marathon Student Council

How: You can set up an appointment by stopping in the Laurens-Marathon main office and signing up OR you can call Emily Stover (712) 841 - 5000 ext. 131.

*Live Music
at the Saloon!*

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SALOON**

135 N 3rd St, Laurens, IA 50554
(712) 841-6986



Live on Stage!

Saturday, April 18th

Tim Horsman & The Trademarkz

8:30 p.m.- 12:30 a.m.

Laurens Community Youth Group visits SkyZone!

The Laurens Community Youth Group made a recent visit to SkyZone Trampoline Park in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Friday, March 27, 2015. There were 19 youth in attendance for this fun day. The youth had a blast jumping on all the trampoline areas including basketball, foam pit, dodgeball and bouncing off walls!



Weston Brazel doing the Sky Slam!



Ethan Runneberg and Riley Oxenreider bouncing off the walls!

Announcements



Siera Brazel doing some backflips!



Jordan Saunders choosing her next target in dodgeball!

Thank you!



Thank you to the Evangelical Free Church in Albert City for the use of their bus to take us to SkyZone in Sioux Falls, SD on March 27, 2015.

Thank you to Gary Sunblad for driving us, Angie Christenson for organizing & leading this event, Jean Swanson & Autumm Brazel for being chaperones, Pat Bailey for providing the wonderful "goodie" bags & bottles of waters for us, and to everyone who continues to support us in our missions and activities!

~Laurens Community Youth Group



APRIL 17, 2015

ROGER
NUEHRING'S
RETIREMENT
PARTY

Roger is
retiring
April 17!

Please come join us
April 17 to help
celebrate Roger's 31
years of service with
FCA.

Lunch will be served
From 11-2 at the
Laurens FCA office.

FCA
400 Walnut Street
Laurens, IA 50554

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
April 15, 2015



Well, we had to reschedule our program with Mrs. Tate and some of her Laurens-Marathon middle school students in Washington D.C. It will be Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm. I think it's interesting to hear which of the sites made the most impact on the students and to see the pictures they choose to share. Hope you can come!

New novels at the Library this week include: *Hausfrau* by Jill Esbaum, *Blood Sweep* by Steven Havill, *Euphoria* by Lily King, *Finding Jake* by Bryan Reardon, *Every 15 Minutes* by Lisa Scottoline, *Bullet* by Mary Lou Kelly, and *Hot Pursuit* by Stuart Woods. We also received quite a few nonfiction recently. I can't remember if I've told you about a few of these, but I decided it's better to do it twice than not at all! *Curious Mind: the Secret to a Bigger Life* by Brian Grazer, *Bettyville* by George Hodgman, *Every Day I Fight* by Stuart Scott, *Cake My Day* by Karen Tack, *Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo and *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson.

We just got *42 Reasons Why I Must Have a Motorcycle...Honey!* by R.Lowell Hakes – better known in Laurens as Dick Hakes! This short little book is just packed full of good reasons he told his wife why he absolutely had to buy a motorcycle. I've asked Dick to visit our library some time when he's in our area. He told me he would keep us in mind, so stay tuned!

Tuesday, April 28th we will be making Mother's Day & Father's Day cards. Come see the samples at the library & sign up if you'd like to join the fun. This will be our last cardmaking/papercrafting class for a while. Our teachers are going on sabbatical for the summer, but assure us they will return in September!

Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln* is this month's book club choice. This interesting nonfiction details the events leading up to Lincoln's assassination. Grab a book and join our discussion Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Event Calendar

- L-M DC Trip Travelogue Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m.
 - Tot Time each Monday at 10 a.m.
 - Tell Me a Yarn Mondays 5-7 p.m.
- Book Club is 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Writers Free for All is 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
 - Paper Crafting 1st Tuesday 5-8ish p.m.
 - Card Making 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

For Sale: 2005 Harley Road King Custom (FLHRSI)

Fuel injected, 5-speed with cruise and some added chrome. Rinehart mufflers and Mustang Seat (original parts go with the bike). HD back rest and rear travel pack. Less than 7,100 easy miles. Clean and ready to roll. Old School look in Black Cherry with wire/spoke wheels. Always stored inside, never dropped, new battery. Original owner—purchased from Ernie Williams in Algona. Asking \$10,900.

Call Rod at (712) 450-4606 (cell)
or 1-800-831-3309 (work/weekdays 9a.m. to 5p.m.).



**Special for Friday
night, April 17th.**

**French Dip Sandwich
with salad or potato.**

Serving begins at 5 p.m.



Rachel Miller Shower

A come and go bridal shower for Rachel Miller and Leiven Degeynat will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 2-4 p.m. at the Albert City Evangelical Free Church in Albert City.

Rachel is the daughter of Colleen Miller and the late Kim Miller. Duane and Nancy Miller of Storm Lake are Rachel's grandparents.

Rachel and Leiven are registered at the Straw Horse in Albert City, Heart n' Home in Laurens, and Macy's.

All are welcome to come and join in this community celebration for this young couple.

**COME WORK FOR US AT
FISHER HYDRAULICS
IN LAURENS, IOWA**

Fisher Hydraulics in Laurens, IA is currently accepting applications for the following positions;

Assemblers/Machinists/Painter

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

To apply: Call 712-845-2634 ext. 113, during the hours of 7:00 am-4:30 pm, Mon.-Thurs. and speak with Diane. Or you may stop in and complete an application on site.

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***WOW...time passes by so quickly!
This picture of a group of friends who loved to swim was taken at the Laurens swimming pool in 1997 and are all grown up today. Pictured left to right are Bryn Johnson-8 yrs, Hannah Van Meeteren-4 yrs, Cara Jamison-4 yrs, Brady Ellis-4 yrs, Connor Johnson-4 yrs, Riley Bell-4 yrs, Emile Van Meeteren-9 yrs.***

Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower for Kirsten Youngberg, daughter of Shel and Marianne Youngberg of Pocahontas will be held at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Albert City, Iowa, on April 18, 2015, at 10 AM.

Bridal Shower

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*****KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN FOR AN UPCOMING FUN COMMUNITY EVENT BEING PLANNED FOR EARLY MAY.***

***TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS may be sent to:
Laurens Pool Project
c/o City of Laurens
272 North 3rd Street
Laurens, IA 50554***

**Like us on facebook: Laurens Pool Project
www.laurens-ia.com**

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

Pastor John Mayer

Sundays 9 a.m. Worship Service @ Grace Lutheran Church - Marathon

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

Sundays 5:30 p.m. @ St John Lutheran Church Rural - Albert City

This Week at First Christian Church

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Thursday, April 16
2 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

Friday, April 17
7 p.m. - AA

Sunday, April 19
9:30 a.m.- Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. - Worship followed by Potluck
NO Youth Group meeting

Monday, April 20th
Youth Group (HS) meeting at UMC from 6-8 p.m.



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Wed., April 15th:
Memorial Committee meeting @ 7 p.m. in the church library
Missions Committee meeting @ 7 p.m. in the Wesley Room

Thurs., April 16th:
Rachel Circle meets @ 9:15 a.m. at the home of Lois Brown
Dorcas Circle meets @ 2 p.m. in the Wesley Room

Fri., April 17th:
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., April 19th:
Native American Ministries Sunday special offering Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship @ 9:30 a.m.
Praise Band performs from 10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
NO Youth Group meeting

Mon., April 20th:
Youth Group (HS) mtg here from 68 p.m.



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Wednesday: April 15, 2015
5 PM - Christian Ed/Youth Mtg.
6 PM - 125th Steering Committee Mtg.
7 PM - Council Mtg. at West Iowa Bank

Thursday: April 16, 2015
9 AM - Morning Circle

Sunday: April 19, 2015
Third Sunday of Easter
9 AM - SS & Confirmation
9:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM - Worship w/Communion
11:30 AM - Potluck
NO Youth Group

Monday: April 20, 2015
6 PM - Youth Group (JH) at UMC

Tuesday: April 21, 2015
10 AM - Coffee w/Pastor
7 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

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



Sacred Heart Church Laurens

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

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

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



Iowa Grant Workshop to Support Local Foods Is April 22 *Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Is Partnering with USDA to Offer Iowa Workshop*

Grant-writing workshops designed to help potential applicants understand, develop and submit their federal grant applications for the Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program are being offered in every U.S. state this spring through a unique collaboration among federal, state and regional partners. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service and National Institute for Food and Agriculture to conduct workshops in Iowa. This effort is known as the Agricultural Marketing Service Technical Assistance Project.

Register for the Iowa event to be held in Ames April 22 at the Hansen Agriculture Learning Center, 2615 Mortenson Road, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The grant workshop is one of two professional development options offered during the Regional Food Systems Working Group spring meeting.

"The Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program is a key to USDA's efforts to revitalize rural economies by supporting local and regional food systems," said AMS Administrator Anne Alonzo. "The grant workshops will ensure that more communities and businesses across the country can participate in the competitive grant process with proposals that create real economic opportunities and help meet the growing demand for locally and regionally produced food."

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture is coordinating the workshops through the Regional Rural Development Centers, and Cooperative Extension System educators will provide training in all regions of the country. NIFA and all partners will conduct outreach to raise awareness of AMS grant opportunities and increase participation in the programs. The AMS and NIFA collaborative effort for this innovative national training project will be directed by Stephan J. Goetz of the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development based at Penn State.

"In the history of the Regional Rural Development Centers this is an unprecedented collaboration in terms of the scope and reach of a single project," said Goetz. "We are pleased to be a part of this partnership effort and expect that it may become a model for efficient delivery of federal educational programs in the future."

A list of upcoming grant workshop dates and locations can be found at <http://www.amsta.net>. More workshops will be added soon, and the state representatives listed on the website can be contacted for additional information about upcoming workshops. Some of the workshop sessions will be recorded and available for online viewing for those not able to attend in person.

With \$30 million authorized annually by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill) through fiscal year 2018, AMS' Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program awards competitive grants to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local and regional markets. The Farmers' Market Promotion Program supports farmers' markets and other direct producer-to-consumer activities, while the Local Food Promotion Program supports enterprises that aggregate, store, distribute and process local and regional food.

These investments are part of USDA's commitment to strengthening local and regional food systems through projects that recruit and train farmers, expand economic opportunities, and increase access to healthy foods. USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative coordinates USDA's support for local and regional food systems. Projects aligned with these efforts can be found on the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Compass. For more information on AMS visit www.ams.usda.gov, and for more on NIFA visit www.nifa.usda.gov.

SafeFood Program to be offered in Pocahontas County

SafeFood is food safety training for food service workers. SafeFood is a basic safe food handling overview for those working where food is prepared and served away from home, such as food stand, and frontline food service personnel to educate all food handlers on food safety basics. ISU Extension and Outreach will be holding SafeFood on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office from 9-11am. Contact Holly at the Pocahontas County Extension Office to register by calling 712-335-3103 or email hfrerk@iastate.edu.



Food Safety Project
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ensuring the Health and Safety of Children

Iowa's youth are at risk. Approximately one in three children (31.7 percent) under age 5 is considered overweight or obese, which is slightly higher than the national average of 30.5 percent. A number of factors contribute to this issue, including lack of physical activity and low fruit and vegetable intake.

“Only half of Iowa youth meet current physical activity recommendation levels, but one in four watches three or more hours of television a day,” said Katie Knobbe, Nutrition and Wellness Specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Further, only 14 percent of Iowa youth eat vegetables more than three times a day (excluding French fries and potato chips), 20 percent eat fruit more than three times a day, but almost one third drink at least one non-diet soda each day. Research has shown that less than 10 percent of youth meet recommendations for fat, fruit and vegetable intake, Knobbe said.

“These trends demonstrate the need to foster healthier nutrition and physical activity behaviors among our youth. Ideally, these behaviors need to begin early during their preschool years. Research suggests some health behaviors can be established before the child begins school and the child care setting can play an important and influential role,” Knobbe added.

Research suggests the groundwork for lifelong dietary habits may be laid down during the preschool years. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate provide recommendations that can be implemented in the childcare setting. Learn four specific MyPlate recommendations you can implement in your childcare setting.

Extension Nutrition and Health Program Specialist Katie Knobbe will be hosting MyPlate in Child Car: 4 Easy Steps” on May 11th , 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Pocahontas County Extension Office. Child care providers will learn practical strategies and skills to provide a healthy environment for the children in their care. Call 712-335-3103 for more information or to register.

City Council Minutes

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, April 6, 2015. Mayor Pro-Tem Rich Newgard called the meeting to order. Present were Council Members Sid Enockson, Thaine Hopkins, and Julie Potter; Police Chief, Chris Toner; City Manager, Barbara Smith; and Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen. Mayor, Rod Johnson; Council Member, Jean Swanson; and City Attorney, Ann Beneke were absent.

Potter motioned to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the agenda, minutes from the March 16 and March 30, 2015 meetings, the list of claims, and the liquor license renewal for Laurens Food Pride; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Lois Jirgens, Pat Frantz, Jan Hersom and Ann Walstead, representing the Laurens Women's Club presented Public Works Director Johnsen with a check in the amount of \$697 to be used for cemetery stone restoration. The funds were received during the cemetery tour in June of 2014. Newgard motioned for the City to sponsor the 2015 cemetery tour which will be held on June 28, 2015; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve Resolution 16-15, Laurens Hazard Mitigation Plan; seconded by Hopkins. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

After discussion about the West Main and Bissell Street Projects, Newgard opened the public meeting at 5:44 pm. There were no written or oral objections to the projects. At 5:45, Newgard closed the public hearing. Following the public hearing, Enockson motioned to table Resolution 17-15; award the West Main Street portion of the project to Vaugh DeLoss Construction, and to delay any decisions on Bissell Street until the April 20, 2015 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve Resolution 18-15, Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 Audit; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Hopkins motioned to approve Resolution 19-15, Setting the Date for a Public Hearing for the Sale of Property; seconded by Enockson. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to postpone the discussion of the contract for sale of the property located at 512 West Main Street until the April 20 meeting when the City Attorney will be present, seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

CLAIMS	4/06/15		
ACCO		CHEMICALS	1,500.30
AHLERS & COONEY		LEGAL SERVICES	150.00
ALLIANT ENERGY		UTILITIES	407.62
ARAMARK		SUPPLIES	319.46
BARB SMITH		MILEAGE	292.33
BOLTON & MENK		ENGINEERING	22,350.50
BOMGAARS		CLOTHING	34.99
BROWN SUPPLY		SUPPLIES	675.85
CARPENTER UNIFORM		CLOTHING	129.98
CHRIS TONER		SUPPLIES	368.64
CONNECTIONS		INSURANCE	32.30
ECHO GROUP		SUPPLIES	129.42
ICMA		457 PLAN	200.00
IRS		TAXES	9,117.27
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT		TESTING	140.00
IPERS		IPERS	5,838.36
IPERS/PD		IPERS	2,162.99
J & J SERVICE		REPAIRS	118.91
JCL SOLUTIONS		SUPPLIES	289.86
JIM HODGELL		SERVICES	822.66
JOHN DEERE		SUPPLIES	6.64
LAURENS EQUIPMENT		SUPPLIES	5.01
LMPC		COMMUNICATIONS	319.37
LMU		UTILITIES	6,272.24
LAURENS PLUMBING		SUPPLIES	675.32
LAURENS STATE BANK		TRUCK PAYMENT	1,525.42
LAURENS SUN		LEGALS	378.99
POC COMM. HOSPITAL		TESTING	294.25
PRIME BENEFITS		INSURANCE	96.25
SHAMROCK RECYCLE		RECYCLING	1,574.71
SIMPSON CONSTRUCTION		LABOR & MATERIALS	13,595.38
STANDARD & ASSOC		TRAINING	41.00
STAPLES		SUPPLIES	136.33
STEW HANSON		PD PICKUP	35,930.56
THRSASHER BASEMENT		MUSEUM UPGRADE	7,033.00
TOM SHAW		POSTAGE	6.49
TREASURER STATE OF IA		TAXES	4,811.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT		SUPPLIES	576.37
WEX BANKS		FUEL	341.60
ZIEGLER		REPAIRS	334.32
			<u>119,035.69</u>

City Council Minutes

		3/16/2015	
001	GENERAL		5,500.41
110	ROAD USE TAX		1,155.50
600	WATER		1,611.14
610	SEWER		1,278.03
670	GARBAGE		1,170.77
	PAYROLL TOTAL		<u>10,715.85</u>
		3/16/2015	
001	GENERAL		5,228.55
110	ROAD USE TAX		1,296.89
600	WATER		1,509.15
610	SEWER		1,242.17
670	GARBAGE		1,207.20
	PAYROLL TOTAL		<u>10,483.96</u>
		4/1/2015	
001	GENERAL		4,472.32
	PAYROLL TOTAL		<u>4,472.32</u>
	PAYROLL TOTAL FOR PERIOD		<u>25,672.13</u>
	TOTAL CLAIMS		<u>144,707.82</u>
	BY FUND		
001	GENERAL		67,232.25
110	ROAD USE TAX		6,662.44
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		83.86
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE		7,033.00
316	WEST MAIN & BISSELL		22,448.49
320	FEMA 2014		14,620.38
600	WATER		13,060.43
610	SEWER		5,629.93
670	GARBAGE		7,937.04
			<u>144,707.82</u>

Potter motioned to adjourn at 6:00; seconded by Enockson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rich Newgard, Mayor Pro-Tem

Barbara Smith, City Clerk

The Laurens City Council met in special session at the Municipal Building at 12:00 pm, March 30, 2015. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council Members Rich Newgard, Jean Swanson, Julie Potter, and Thaine Hopkins; as well as City Manager, Barbara Smith and Police Chief, Chris Toner. Council member, Sid Enockson was absent.

Mayor Johnson administered the oath of office to Police Officer, Blake Wiley.

Potter motioned to adjourn at 12:02 pm, seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Barbara Smith, City Clerk