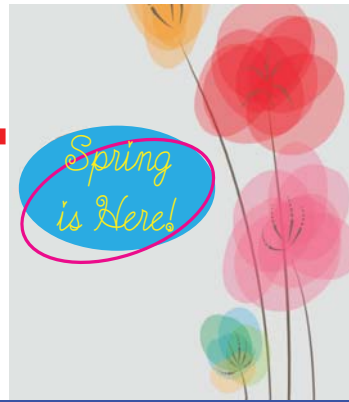


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## School News

### L-M 5th Grade Iowa History Trivia



It's time to see how you did on last week's Iowa History Trivia!! (The fifth grader who submitted the question and answer is in parenthesis.)

What was the first Tulip Festival Queen named? (Emily H.) **The first Tulip Festival Queen's name was Elizebeth Top Swets.**

What was Black Hawk's Clan's Name? (Taylor S.)

- A. Bear
- B. Snake
- C. Thunder

**Black Hawk's Clan's Name was Thunder.**

Is "Tillie the Ghost" real? (Desirae W.) **"Tillie the Ghost" is real.**

Do people think that George Reeves killed himself? (Joel C.) **People DO think that George Reeves killed himself.**

Who was the first person to settle in Dubuque, Iowa? (Jenna S.) **Julien Dubuque was the first person to settle in Dubuque, Iowa.**

Here's the next round...

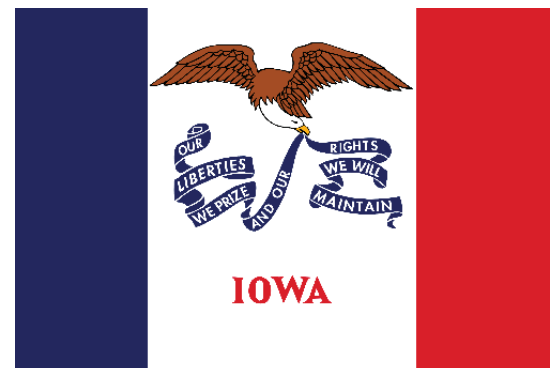
**Did you know that Blue Bunny is famous for their ice cream because Fred H. Wells paid a local dairy farmer for a horse and a delivery wagon? (Courtney H.)**

**When did the goldfinch become our state bird? (Deven S.)**

**Who were the people that helped slaves get free? (Dezerrá S.)**

**What year was Harriet Tubman born? (Angel P)**

Look in next week's paper for the answers and MORE questions/trivia about Iowa's History researched by Mrs. Boettcher's L-M Fifth Graders!!



## Destini Oehlertz Signs On to Swim at Augustana University!

Augustana University head swimming coach, Lindsie Micko, announced today the signing of Sarah Haberman (Pierre, S.D.), Paige Knight (Papillion, Neb.), Margaret Oberg (Sioux City, Iowa), Destini Oehlertz (Laurens, Iowa) and Abigail Thorson (Lincoln, Neb.) to letters of intent to continue their academic and swimming careers at Augustana.

Wednesday, March 13 was the first day of the spring signing period for NCAA women's swimming programs.

"I am excited about adding these five members to our team," Micko said. "They all epitomize what we are looking for in student-athletes to build our program here at Augustana. They are great students and talented athletes that will provide depth to our team. I am eager to have the entire team on campus this fall as they will be the cornerstones of our program."

The five signees round-out the first ever women's swimming signing class in program history. They join Sammi Baker, Hannah Gonzalez, Linzie Kreizel, Jojo Lohner, Emma Miller, Grace Porter and Julia Robberstad who signed with Augustana during the fall signing period.

Sarah Haberman, a native of Pierre, South Dakota, will graduate from T.F. Riggs High School in the spring. During the 2015-16 club season, Haberman finished in the top five at the South Dakota State Championships in the 500-yard freestyle, the 1,000-yard freestyle, the 1,650-yard freestyle, the 200-yard fly and the 400 IM.

Paige Knight, from Papillion,

Nebraska, will graduate from Papillion La Vista South High School in the spring as a four-year letterwinner in swimming. She was named team captain prior to her senior season. Knight placed 16th at the Class A Nebraska State Tournament in the 500-yard freestyle and 21st in the 200-yard freestyle. In the metro meet, she placed ninth in the 200-yard freestyle and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle senior season. As a junior in 2014-15, Knight placed 21st in the state meet in the 500-yard freestyle and 22nd in the 200-yard freestyle. She qualified for the state tournament as a sophomore and freshman after top-10 finishes in the metro meet. Knight is the daughter of Greg and Susan Knight and will major in elementary education at Augustana.

Margaret Oberg, from Sioux City, Iowa, is currently a senior at West High School. She is a four-year letterwinner and was named team captain for her junior and senior seasons. Oberg is a four-time Missouri River Athletic All-Conference honoree. She has also been named academic all-conference in three straight seasons. She is the daughter of Chris Oberg and Cindy Buys and has not yet decided on a major at Augustana.

Destini Oehlertz, a native of Laurens, Iowa, will graduate from Laurens-Marathon High School as a four-year letterwinner and three-time state qualifier. As a senior in 2016, Oehlertz posted qualifying times of 24.99 in the 50-yard freestyle, 54.27 in the 100-yard freestyle, 59.93 in the 100-yard backstroke and 1.02.00 in the 100-yard butterfly. She earned All-Academic honors as a senior and set multiple school records. Oehlertz

qualified for the state meet in the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay junior season. Sophomore season, she qualified for state in the 200-yard medley. She is the daughter of Troy and Susan Oehlertz and will major in nursing at Augustana.

Abigail Thorson, from Lincoln, Nebraska, is a four-year letterwinner at Pius X High School. She was a member of a team that placed third in the state meet in 2016. Thorson qualified for the state tournament as a senior in the 50-yard freestyle and finished 21st. She earned sixth-place state medalist honors as an individual as a junior and was a member of a team that placed fifth at the state meet. She is the daughter of Liz and Scott Thorson and plans to major in athletic training at Augustana.

Augustana announced women's swimming as its 19th varsity sport on April 21. Starting in 2016-17, Augustana will compete in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Augustana University is a member of NCAA Division II and competes in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.



Pictured L-R: Father, Troy Oehlertz, Destini Oehlertz and L-M Athletic Director, John Jamison.

## *Fonda Arts Center to Feature Newell-Fonda High School Jazz Band & Speech Team*

The extraordinary talents of our area's young adults will be featured when the Newell-Fonda High School Jazz Band and the Newell-Fonda Speech Team take the stage at the Fonda Arts Center, Sunday, May 15th beginning at 2:00. You will have an opportunity to see and hear close up the music that gave this jazz band its award-winning status in competitions this year under the direction of director Lee Plummer.

The Newell-Fonda Speech Team, coached by Cassie Fjerstad, will present works of prose, acting, public address, literary program and small ensembles by members Jordan Wilken, Kendra Sifuentes, Peyton Wilken, Abby Smith and Anna Tiefenthaler. Top this off with an atmosphere of camaraderie and a root beer float, and you have the makings of an afternoon of entertainment you will not want to miss!

All this at the Fonda Arts Center on the Northwest corner of Fourth & Main Streets in Fonda. As always, free admission, free refreshments! Everyone is welcome!

## *Humanities Iowa Program at AC Public Library Featuring IPTV's Dan Kaercher*



The Albert City Public Library has received funding from Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, to host a presentation called "Iowa's Hidden Treasures" by Dan Kaercher at 7pm on Thursday, May 5th, 2016 at the library. A cultural source for Iowans since 1971, Humanities Iowa offers many cultural and historical programs and grants to Iowa's communities.

Dan Kaercher, retired founding editor-in-chief of Midwest Living Magazine and host of "Iowa's Simple Pleasures" and other travel-related programs aired on Iowa Public Television and other public television stations nationally, spent years traveling in almost every one of Iowa's 99 counties in search of close-to-home attractions and getaways to share with his loyal readers and viewers. You'll be amazed to learn what surprises you don't know await right in your own backyard-Iowa. A native of Council Bluffs, he graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, majoring in journalism. He served as a writer and editor for such publications as Better Homes and Gardens, WOOD magazine and BH&G Special Interest Publications. Dan is the author of three books about the Midwest and Iowa: *Best of the Midwest*, *Taste of the Midwest*, and *Parklands of the Midwest*. Please join us for this truly incredible program.

This program is free and open to the public. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The Albert City Public Library is wheelchair accessible. If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call 1-712-843-2012 in advance.

## *At the Library with Glenda Mulder April 27, 2016*

We've got a new program on our Calendar! Tuesday, May 10th local retailer Julie Wurr will present, "Get Ready to SELL!" I wanted to call it "For Sale: Everything you need to know about selling your crafts or handmade products but were afraid to ask" but I wasn't sure I could get that on the posters! Julie saw this need because so many crafters have come to her to sell their wares and were totally unprepared for many of the details. She will give us a first-hand account on the best way to approach craft shows, stores and even etsy. She will also share tips on how to price your products. This casual presentation will be tailored to the audience, so come with your questions at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10th.

Our reading program pairing

volunteers with L-M Elementary age readers is off to a roaring start! Reading with an adult helps a struggling reader practice reading and gain self-confidence. We already see that we need at least 2 volunteer readers/listeners each weekday for "one on one" reading with students after school. (Approximately 3:30 – 5:00, but that's flexible) In the first 7 days of this program the kids logged just over 2,000 reading minutes! So if you'd like to volunteer to make a difference in a child's life, please contact the Library at 841-4612 or [director@laurenspubliclibrary.com](mailto:director@laurenspubliclibrary.com). Be a part of our community having an impact on student achievement! Stop by to see for yourself what we are doing. We will be continuing this program in some form through the summer, so keep in touch!

Also on our May calendar is an author talk with Ruth Steinkoenig about her book, *"Fasten Your Seatbelts This Is Going To Be A Bumpy Ride! Stories of life*

*travels and praises to God who sent two guardian angels to ride along."* Many chapters in Ruth's book were written or tweaked as she was inspiring our Writers Free for All group at the Library. Join us Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. for this visit with Ruth!

### **Event Calendar**

- "Get Ready to SELL!" May 10 at 7 p.m.
- Author Ruth Steinkoenig May 16 at 7 p.m.
- Hazel Twig Author Ruth Agle June 20 at 7 p.m.
- Tot Time every Monday at 10 a.m.
  - Tell me a Yarn every Monday at 5 p.m.
- Book Club is 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m.
- Card Making is the 4th Tuesday of every month
- Author Heather Gudenkauf July 25 at 6:30 p.m.

## *Quilt of Valor Presented to Dean Seehusen*

Dean Seehusen, of Pocahontas, was presented a Quilt of Valor on April 12, 2016, at the Varina Unit #588 monthly meeting of the Auxiliary members and Legionnaires. The monthly meeting was held in Laurens at the Bethany Lutheran Church. After a great meal served by the Laurens members, the monthly meeting was held. Beulah Imming, of Fonda, then presented Legionnaire member, Dean Seehusen, a 62 year Legionnaire Member, with a Quilt of Valor. Dean is pictured with his wife, Norma Seehusen. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. These quilts serve as tangible reminders of appreciation and gratitude to service members. Over time, the mission of QOVF has expanded to include military service members and veterans touched by war regardless of the conflict--declared war or otherwise--in which they served. QOV are lifetime awards, stitched with love, prayers and healing thoughts. According to the website, [www.QOVF.org](http://www.QOVF.org), 135,613 quilts have been awarded. The Iowa American Legion Auxiliary members have helped to quilt and support the Quilts of Valor. Iowa Auxiliary Member Sue McMains has her name on a corner of Dean's quilt, having quilted his Quilt of Valor.



## Happy 80th Birthday!

Shirley Mackey will celebrate her 80th birthday on May 3rd. With love from her children Rhonda Mackey (of Letts), Anne DeLano (of North Liberty), and Vicki Mackey (of Fort Dodge). Birthday wishes may be sent to 515 West Main, Laurens, IA 50554.



## Bridal Shower

Please join us for a Come & Go Bridal Shower in honor of Melissa Cleveland Bride elect of Jacob Frye on Saturday, April 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at West Iowa Bank, Cornerstone Room, 202 W Main Street, Laurens.

The couple is registered at JH Design, Target and Sears.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Marathon Fire Department Spring Breakfast! This will be held on Sunday, May 22!

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## Ladies Spring Meeting!

The Laurens Golf & Country Club Ladies Spring Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. with meal to follow?

Bridal Shower  
Kendra Voss &  
Jordan Morris

Jordan is Registered  
at Bed Bath &  
Beyond, Monetary  
Gift for Honeymoon

## Two Brides

Are Better

Than ONE

Saturday, April  
30<sup>th</sup> From 1 to 3  
At Sacred Heart Parish  
Center Address; 250  
Ralston St. Laurens, IA

Kendra is registered at  
Target, Bed Bath &  
Beyond, Menards, Heart  
N' Home, J&H Design

Kendra Voss is the bride elect of Andrew Hanson son of Craig & Sue Hanson and Jordan Morris is the bride elect of Andrew Petersen son of Jean & Pat Murray and the late Al Petersen

## Laurens Genies to Meet

The Laurens Genies will meet Friday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Laurens Public Library with Cheryl Shaw as hostess. The program will be about "Memories of Country School" presented by Cheryl Shaw. Roll Call will be "School memories – did you go to country school?"

Anyone who is interested in family research and genealogy is cordially invited to attend.

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Shower - April 24 ~ Wedding - July 2*

*Kendra Uoss & Andrew Hanson  
Shower - April 30 ~ Wedding - July 16*

## *Guys & Gals of Grant Make Donation to LPL*

Members of the "Guys and Gals of Grant" 4-H club recently made a donation to the Laurens Public Library. This donation has been spent on books in the areas of these girls' choosing. Added to our collection by this donation are "Creating Really Awesome Free Things" and "National Geographic Kids Just Joking".



Shown are Jacalyn Sobotka, Kendall Evans & Emma Storms presenting a check to Library Director Glenda Mulder.

## Upcoming Class Reunion

The Laurens Classes of 1970 and 1971 will be holding a reunion on July 9, 2016 beginning at 5:00 at the Laurens Country Club. The event will be in conjunction with the Laurens Summer Fest, so additional ways to participate will be available. Those in the Class of 1970 are encouraged to contact Bob Stewart at 515-556-4900, robertstewart@yahoo.com; and the Class of 1971 should contact Frank Koenig at 319-212-0668, frnkkoenig@hotmail.com. Classmates should also join the Facebook reunion page. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

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APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>:**

**Jumbo shrimp dinner,  
with a baked potato  
and a salad or order  
off our full menu!  
Serving begins  
at 5 p.m.**



## Come and Go Bridal Shower

Come and Go Bridal Shower for Liz Randolph (Bride elect of Ben Meyer) will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 1-3 p.m. at 201 S. Main, Pomeroy, IA (Liz Meyer residence).

The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, Kohls and Menards Gift Cards.

## Flushing Hydrants

The City of Laurens will be flushing fire hydrants north of the railroad tracks on Thursday, April 28 and south of the railroad tracks on Friday, April 29.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 841-4526.

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## Happy Birthday Greetings!

Farther Verne's birthday is May 17! Let's all wish him a Happy Birthday! Cards can reach him at the following address: Father Verne Stapenhorst, Unit C, 741 Ocotillo Ln, Mesquite, NV 89027

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*Do you need to come up with a gift idea for Mother's Day? It's around the corner on May 8th. Or maybe you have the "I just don't know what to get them" feeling for a special occasion or a memorial? Because it was Mom who drug most of us to swim lessons we thought we would share this message from the family of Laurens native Joan (Reimers) Gethmann, sister of Helen Caskey, aunt of Alice Pomeroy. It combines a memory of a mother and the inspiration of giving as a memorial.*

*I suggested Laurens Swimming Pool Project for one of moms memorials as mom never learned how to swim and had a fear of the water, she made sure we learned to love the water and how to swim when still in diapers. I think she would want every child to learn to swim and have a love of the water and with Laurens being her home turf and seeing your post last year on all the fund raising efforts I thought what a perfect memorial for mom. Hopefully we can get you some good funds in Mom's memory.*

*So whether it's in honor of your Mother, or in her memory, a donation to the Pool Fund is the perfect gift!*

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**WEDNESDAY LUNCH**  
11AM - 1PM  
May 4  
PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SANDWICH  
CHEESY POTATOES SALAD

**TACO TUESDAY**  
5-8PM

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**WEDNESDAY**  
REUBENS  
5-8PM

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## Come & Go Baby Shower

A Come & Go Baby Shower for Toni(Griffin)Hyde honoring Baby Hyde will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 9:30-11:30 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City.

Joshua & Toni are registered at Target. Gender Unknown!



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## Happy 80th Birthday!

Happy 80th birthday on May 4 to Pat Lindstrom, former Laurens resident. Cards can be mailed to: 25901 Streater Drive, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. No gifts, please.

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Mother's Day is May 8<sup>th</sup>! Sprinkle her with love with a sprinkling can container of fresh flowers for \$29.99 or a garden or patio sprinkling can planter for \$29.99 and up. Large stock geraniums for \$18.98.

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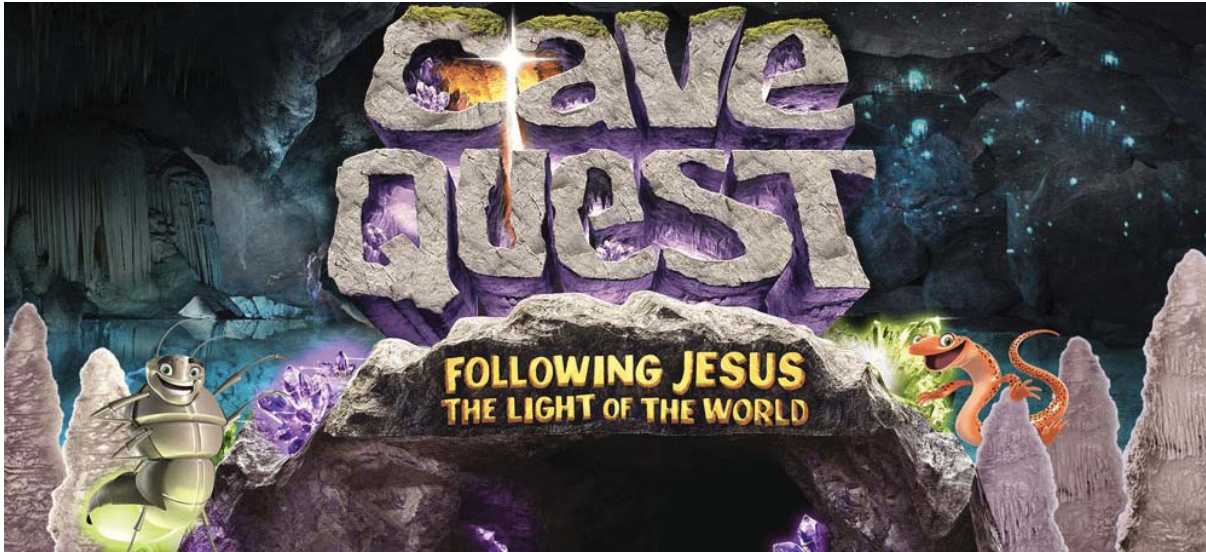
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## Community Vacation Bible School



VBS is for children age 4 - grade 5

This year's theme: *Cave Quest: Following Jesus The Light of the World*  
VBS will be June 13 - 17 from 8:30 - 11:30 at the United Methodist Church  
Final Program will be June 17 at 11:30 at the United Methodist Church  
*Registration Price: \$5 per child suggested donation*

2016 VBS Committee: Kelly Tate (United Methodist Church); Allison Price (First Christian Church); Linda Bieri (Bethany Lutheran Church); Cynthia Hoffman (Sacred Heart Catholic Church)

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (just completed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you furnish either 4 doz. Cookies or 1 gal. Apple juice?

Which area would you be willing to help this year?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations need to be returned to any committee member or LM Office by May 6, 2016**

## 2016 COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *WE NEED YOUR HELP!*

It doesn't seem possible, but it's time to start organizing Vacation Bible School for this summer!! **How would you like to help this year?**

**Dates are June 13-17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** The theme this year is **Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World.** It will be run similar to last year, with groups rotating from center to center with crew leaders. The Vacation Bible School committee members are Kelly Tate, Allison Price, Linda Bieri & Cynthia Hoffman.

If you are interested in helping out, please fill out this sheet and return it to one of the directors. We will give last year's volunteers first priority, then it will be on a "first come, first serve basis." If you know of anyone willing to volunteer, please have them contact one of us, or give us their name.

Thanks!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Crew Leader

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a crew leader with the \_\_\_\_\_ year olds or grade \_\_\_\_\_.

### Crafts

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with the 4 year olds to 1st grade students.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with the 2nd through 5th Graders.

### Music

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to co-lead music with the 4 year olds to 1st grade students.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to co-lead music with the 2nd through 5th Graders.

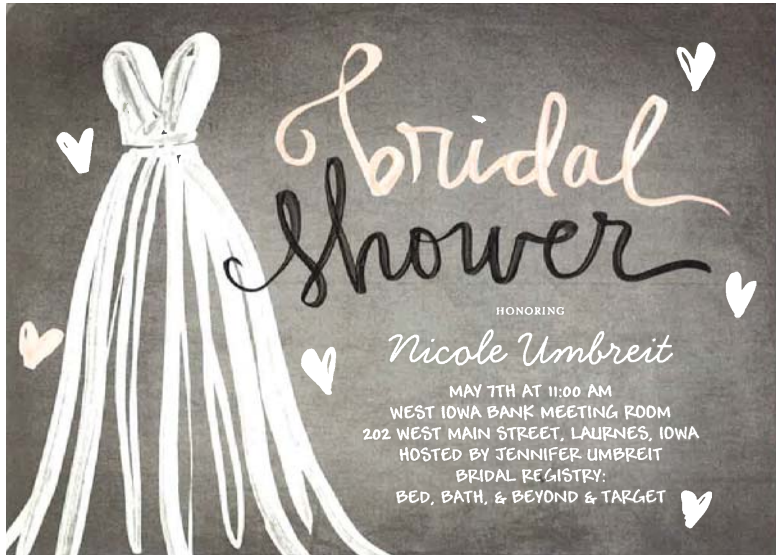
### Recess

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with the 4 year olds to 1st grade students.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with the 2nd through 5th Graders.

### Kitchen Help

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help out in the kitchen.



Mother's Day  
Brunch at Laurens  
Country Club on  
Sunday,  
May 8 from  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Town & Country  
Floral Spring Hours  
Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>  
M-F: 8:30a.m.-5:30p.m.  
Saturday: 9a.m.-4p.m.

Albert City  
Town Wide



Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
&  
Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Watch for more information on the "Albert City Garage Sales" Facebook page

**VACANCY**  
**LAURENS-MARATHON CSD**  
**2016-2017**

**6-12 English Language Art Teacher**

Interested applicants need contact:  
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E.O.E/AA

**VACANCY**  
**LAURENS-MARATHON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**K-8 Music**  
**Elementary Music plus 5-8 Band and 6-8 Vocal**

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300 W Garfield St.  
Laurens, IA 50554  
Positions will be opened until filled  
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**VACANCY**  
**LAURENS-MARATHON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**Art Teacher/TAG Teacher**

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Positions will be opened until filled  
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**Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church - Albert City**

**Sundays 9:00 a.m. @ St John Lutheran  
Church Rural - Albert City**

*This Week at  
Bethany Lutheran*

**Thursday: April 28, 2016**  
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Sunday: May 1, 2016**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 AM ~ SS & Confirmation  
9:15 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion  
1:00 PM ~ Youth Group Steering Board  
Mtg. UMC  
6:00 PM ~ Youth Group (JH) at SHCC

**Tuesday: May 3, 2016**  
10:00 AM ~ Coffee Time  
5:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.

**Thursday: May 5, 2016**  
7:00 AM ~ National Day of Prayer Breakfast  
at BLC  
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal



*This Week at  
Laurens United  
Methodist Church*

**Wed., April 27th:**  
Life Line Reveal Party @ 6 p.m. in  
Fellowship Hall

**Thurs., April 28th:**  
Girl Scouts registration from 6-7:30 p.m. in  
Fellowship Hall  
Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Linda Lingo's home)

**Fri., April 29th:**  
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

**Sun., May 1st:**  
Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.  
Graduate Reception @ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship @ 10:30 a.m. w/ Holy Communion  
and Graduate Recognition  
Laurens Area Youth Group Board meeting  
here @ 1:30 p.m. (Wesley Room)

**Mon., May 2nd:**  
Quilt Club meets here @ 7 p.m.



*This Week at First  
Christian Church*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

**Thursday, April 28**  
2:00 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

**Friday, April 29**  
7:00 p.m. - AA

**Sunday, May 1**  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Worship  
6-8 p.m. - Jr. High School Youth Group at  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church



*Our Town Our Paper!*

*Sacred Heart Church Laurens*

*Pastor ~ Father Francis Makwinja*  
*Weekday Mass : Friday, 8:00 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)*



## *Field Scouting Basics Workshop for Corn and Soybean Crop Scouts*

*Learn basic approaches to field scouting at the ISU Field Extension Education Laboratory*



Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a Field Scouting Basics Workshop on Tuesday, May 17 at the Field Extension Education Laboratory near Boone, Iowa. Designed for beginning-level crop scouts, the course provides hands-on, in-field experience to crop scouts for the 2016 growing season.

The Field Scouting Basics Workshop is a course for beginning corn and soybean crop scouts. The workshop builds on the fundamentals of crop scouting covered during the February Field Crop Scout School by adding more hands-on identification, exercises and in-field activities at FEEL. Primary topics include soybean growth and development, and disease, insect and weed identification.

“The goal of the workshop is to provide a hands-on learning opportunity at the field lab, and help participants feel confident when they’re scouting for farmers in 2016,” said

Warren Pierson, program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “It also serves as a refresher course for those who attended the February Field Crop Scouting School before they head out into the field.”

ISU Extension and Outreach specialists and field agronomists provide instruction on the principles of integrated pest management with an emphasis on weed, insect and crop disease identification in Iowa corn and soybean production. An overview of basic field scouting skills including sample collection, observation and documentation is also offered.

The half-day Field Scouting Basics Workshop presentation topics and instructors include:

- Crop scouting tips and tools – Angie Rieck-Hinz, extension field agronomist
- Corn and soybean growth and development – Mark Licht, extension cropping systems agronomist
- Weed identification – Bob Hartzler, extension weed specialist
- Disease identification – Alison Robertson, extension plant pathologist
- Insect identification – Erin Hodgson, extension entomologist

Registration check-in opens at 12:30 p.m. The program starts at 1 p.m. and adjourns at 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required and must be completed before midnight, May 11. Registration is \$65. Attendees of the Feb. 27 Field Crop Scouting School receive a \$20 discount. Additional workshop information and online registration is available at [www.aep.iastate.edu/feel/scout](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/feel/scout).

For assistance with registration, receipts, cancellation or questions on the status of your registration contact ANR Program Services at 515-294-6429 or [anr@iastate.edu](mailto:anr@iastate.edu).

## *Yard and Garden: Proper Iowa Mowing Practices*



Spring has finally sprung across Iowa, and with it, growing green grass on lawns everywhere. The hum of lawn mowers is beginning to fill the air, and that hum brings questions about proper mowing practices.

How mowing practices should be tailored to specific grasses? Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists can help make lawn mowing rewarding and fruitful. To have additional questions answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or [hortline@iastate.edu](mailto:hortline@iastate.edu).

### **When mowing the lawn, what is the proper mowing height?**

Kentucky bluegrass lawns should be mowed at a height of 2½ to 3 inches in the spring and fall months. Mow bluegrass lawns at a height of 3 to 3½ inches in June, July and August. A higher mowing height

in summer helps to cool the crowns of the turfgrass plants, encourages deeper rooting and provides more leaf area for photosynthesis during the stressful summer months.

Mowing below the recommended range may scalp the turf and cause the turfgrass to deteriorate. Extremely low mowing heights decrease the total leaf surface area, carbohydrate reserves and root growth, creating a situation where the turfgrass plants are unable to produce enough food to meet their needs. This makes the plants more susceptible to drought, high temperature and wear injury. In addition, the bare areas created by a decrease in turfgrass density increase the likelihood of weed problems.

Mowing too high also can create problems. Mowing above the recommended range reduces tillering and causes matting of the grass. Reduced tillering results in fewer and coarser plants, while matted grass creates a micro-environment that encourages disease development.

**How often should I mow my lawn?** Mowing frequency is based on the growth rate of the turfgrass. Weather conditions, cultural practices (such as fertilization and irrigation practices), and other factors determine the growth rate of turfgrass.

Kentucky bluegrass and other cool-season grasses grow quickly in spring when weather conditions are favorable. The growth of cool-season grasses slows during the stressful summer months and then picks up again in fall. Fertilizing and irrigating the lawn promote turfgrass growth. The faster the growth rate of the grass, the more frequent the mowing.

Mowing height also affects mowing frequency. When mowing the lawn, the general rule is to remove no more than 1/3 of the total leaf surface at any one mowing. A lawn being mowed at a height of 2 inches should be cut when it reaches 3 inches in height, while a lawn being mowed at a height of 3 inches should be cut when it reaches the height of 4½ inches. A shorter mowing height requires more frequent mowing, as a lawn can be allowed to grow 1 inch when the mowing height is 2 inches and 1½ inches when the mowing height is 3 inches.

**Should I remove the grass clippings when mowing the lawn?** When the lawn is mowed properly, grass clippings do not need to be removed or bagged. Small clippings filter down into the turf and quickly decompose, returning essential plant nutrients to the soil. Lawn clippings do not significantly contribute to thatch development.

Grass clippings may need to be bagged or raked and removed when mowing extremely tall grass. You may also want to bag the grass clippings and use them as a mulch in vegetable and flower gardens.



## *Working with Pollinators Focus of Iowa State Publication*

*Suggestions for working with butterflies, bees and other pollinators provided*



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail by Adam Varenhorst, entomology research associate, Iowa State University.

As winter has given way to spring, insects have begun to reappear in lawns and gardens across the state. Attracting insects such as butterflies or bees is a simple process that can add beauty to any outdoor space.

Providing a place for butterflies and other pollinators to comfortably live not only helps beautify a garden, but also works to promote the growth of species that are threatened and in decline.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach publication “Gardening for Butterflies and Pollinators” (RG 0601) discusses how to create butterfly gardens by planting a few of the insect’s favorite plants in a sunny corner of the yard. It is available online at the Extension Store.

The publication was written by Laura Jesse, director and insect diagnostician in the Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic at Iowa State University; Nathan Brockman, curator for the Butterfly Wing at Reiman Gardens in Ames; and Donald Lewis, professor and extension entomologist at Iowa State University.

“Flowers that provide pollen and nectar are great additions to any garden and are a huge benefit to butterflies and bees,” Jesse said. “Monarch butterfly adults will feed on many types of flowers but they need milkweed to lay eggs on and for their caterpillars to eat. If we want the pretty adults we have to feed the kids!”

The publication lists specific plants for attracting various species of butterflies and moths, as well as the host plants where caterpillars will feed. Other garden habitat suggestions include offering shelter for protection, moisture for drinking and rocks for warmth. Gardeners should also avoid insecticides and herbicides that can be detrimental to the insects.

ISU Extension and Outreach is also working to help grow the monarch butterfly population through its work with the Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium. The Consortium, which was founded in 2015 and includes representatives from Iowa State and other agencies and organizations from across the state, has planted over 10,000 milkweed seedlings at all 12 ISU Research and Demonstration Farms.

“Because Iowa is part of the breeding range for monarchs, planting milkweed for the caterpillars and nectar-producing flowers for the adults is a priority of Iowa State entomologists,” said Jesse. “By creating habitat for butterflies and pollinators, everyone can make their backyards or roadsides an oasis for these important insects.”

Jesse Randall, assistant professor and extension forester at Iowa State, has also released a series of short videos on beekeeping. The series of nine videos covers a wide variety of topics, helping producers learn how to begin the process of beekeeping, how to handle the bees and ultimately harvest their honey.

“When I started beekeeping seven years ago the learning curve for me was quite steep,” Randall said. “There was a lot of information available but I didn’t know what to trust. These videos will take a new beekeeper and help get them into the business the right way.”

Working with bees can be intimidating, and the videos are designed to provide tips and suggestions for many different aspects of working in an apiary.

“Honey bees are quite gentle if you work around them, they force you to be calm and quiet,” Randall said. “They are also a great source of local food; there isn’t enough honey available to keep up with demand. It’s good to know where your food is coming from and how it is being handled; you can’t always get that at the grocery store.”

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, April 18, 2016. Mayor Rod Johnson, called the meeting to order. Present were Council Members Jean Swanson, Ken Kunickis, Rich Newgard, Sid Enockson, and Julie Potter; City Manager, Barbara Smith; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen; and City Attorney, Ann Beneke. Police Chief Chris Toner was absent.

Potter motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting; list of claims, and the liquor license renewal for Laurens Food Pride. Seconded by Kunickis. Ayes all; motion carried.

After a brief discussion about the budget amendment, Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 17-16, a Resolution setting the date of May 16, 2016 for the budget amendment public hearing; seconded by Kunickis. Roll call vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-16, Water Rates; seconded by Swanson. Roll call vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-16, Sewer Rates; seconded by Kunickis. Roll call vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-16, Garbage Rates; seconded by Kunickis. Rollcall vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve the City's Return to Work Policy, seconded by Kunickis. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve the new playground design and to have the playground equipment installed at Sportsman's park to replace the large swing set; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve the contract with Martin Pest Control for mosquito spraying for the 2016 season; seconded by Kunickis. Ayes all; motion carried.

CLAIMS	04-18-16		
AIRGAS		SUPPLIES	28.72
FIDELITY SECURITY		INSURANCE	173.04
B & K EMBROIDERY		FOUNDATION GRANT	302.25
BAKER & TAYLOR		BOOKS	873.43
BRAD TENDAL		MILEAGE	157.25
BROOKS ANDERSON		TRAINING	100.00
CARPENTER UNIFORM		PD UNIFORMS	152.95
CASEY'S		FUEL	105.16
CENGAGE		BOOKS	270.00
CONNECTIONS		INSURANCE	45.22
COUNSEL		SUPPLIES	70.32
DEE JACKSON		SNOW REMOVAL	16.00
DELTA DENTAL		INSURANCE	716.48
DEMCO		SUPPLIES	200.71
IRS		TAXES	5,204.99
IA ONE CALL		LOCATES	12.15
JOHN DEERE		SUPPLIES	39.87
JULIAN JOHNSEN		REIMBURSEMENT	7.90
JULIE POTTER		MILEAGE	17.28

LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	ENVELOPES	159.30
LMPC	COMMUNICATIONS	9.83
LMU	UTILITIES	621.34
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	357.43
LAURENS STATE BANK	TRUCK PAYENT	1,624.51
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	267.37
LINDA MCCANN	LIBRARY SPEAKER	450.00
MET	ANALYSIS	501.00
NEWGARD AUTO	PARTS	8.95
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	REPAIRS	192.75
OFFICE ELEMENTS	SUPPLIES	89.25
POC COMM HOPSITAL	SUPPLIES	150.00
POC FORD	MAINTENANCE	356.99
POC CO SOLID WASTE	MONTHLY FEE	5,415.35
PRO COOP	FUEL	1,458.15
R B LUMBER	CHAMBER GRANT	848.51
RICHARDSON SVC	REPAIRS	236.01
SECURE SHRED	SHREDDING	24.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE	RECYCLING	1,605.61
SIEPKER AUTO	REPAIRS	97.83
TYLER STOCKWELL	TRAINING	137.16
UNIY POINT/TRINITY	HEARING TESTS	261.37
VERIZON WIRELESS	COMMUNICATIONS	347.30
WELLMARK	INSURANCE	7,040.14
WEX BANKS	FUEL	325.35
WIGEN WATER	MAINTENANCE	2,648.10
WOODLEY INS	ANNUAL PROP INSURACE	72,554.50
ZIEGLER	EQUIP PURCHASE	17,750.00
	TOTAL	124,031.82
PAYROLL	4/5/2016	
001	GENERAL	2,532.15
	3/14/2016	
001	GENERAL	6,616.06
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,247.41
600	WATER	2,211.22

610	SEWER	1,998.03
670	GARBAGE	2,238.00
	TOTAL	14,310.72
	TOTAL PAYROLL	16,842.87
	TOTAL CLAIMS	140,874.69
	BY FUND	
001	GENERAL	60,875.33
110	ROAD USE TAX	27,178.37
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,192.14
177	GRANTS	1,567.79
600	WATER	19,846.77
610	SEWER	7,623.63
670	GARBAGE	18,590.66
	TOTAL	140,874.69

Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:35 pm; seconded by Kunickis. Ayes all; motion carried.

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Rod Johnson, Mayor

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Barbara Smith, City Clerk

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF CURRENT CITY BUDGET

Form 653.C1

The City Council of Laurens in POCAHONTAS County, Iowa  
will meet at Council Chambers in Laurens City Hall  
at 5 pm on 5/16/2016  
(hour) (Date)

,for the purpose of amending the current budget of the city for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016  
(year)

by changing estimates of revenue and expenditure appropriations in the following programs for the reasons given. Additional detail is available at the city clerk's office showing revenues and expenditures by fund type and by activity.

		Total Budget as certified or last amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget after Current Amendment
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	575,058	0	575,058
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	3	575,058	0	575,058
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	100,000	0	100,000
Other City Taxes	6	124,683	0	124,683
Licenses & Permits	7	2,650	0	2,650
Use of Money and Property	8	24,765	0	24,765
Intergovernmental	9	294,689	0	294,689
Charges for Services	10	1,202,419	27,000	1,229,419
Special Assessments	11	500	0	500
Miscellaneous	12	564,500	4,890	569,390
Other Financing Sources	13	350,000	0	350,000
Transfers In	14	310,179	73,627	383,806
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	15	3,549,443	105,517	3,654,960
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>				
Public Safety	16	377,390	25,755	403,145
Public Works	17	143,392	47,470	190,862
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	244,207	12,205	256,412
Community and Economic Development	20	114,500	0	114,500
General Government	21	100,705	9,027	109,732
Debt Service	22	218,974	13,600	232,574
Capital Projects	23	1,025,000	9,400	1,034,400
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,224,168	117,457	2,341,625
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,087,859	-55,904	1,031,955
<b>Total Gov Activities &amp; Business Expenditures</b>	26	3,312,027	61,553	3,373,580
Transfers Out	27	310,179	73,627	383,806
<b>Total Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	28	3,622,206	135,180	3,757,386
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out for Fiscal Year</b>	29	-72,763	-29,663	-102,426
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	1,321,511	0	1,321,511
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	31	1,248,748	-29,663	1,219,085

Explanation of increases or decreases in revenue estimates, appropriations, or available cash:

Year end budget adjustments

There will be no increase in tax levies to be paid in the current fiscal year named above. Any increase in expenditures set out above will be met from the increased non-property tax revenues and cash balances not budgeted or considered in this current budget. This will provide for a balanced budget.

Barbara Smith  
City Clerk/Finance Officer

April 19, 2016

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 was General Manager Chad Cleveland and Blair Metzger of DGR Engineering.

The agenda for the April 19, 2016 meeting stands approved as presented.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the list of expenses for March 2016 in the amount of \$781,228.84. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A & M Laundry	Floor Mats & Mops	\$	85.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$	335.16
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$	183.30
Amaril Uniform Company	Fire Retardant Clothing	\$	113.50
Avesis Third Party Administrators	Insurance Premiums	\$	86.85
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$	631.62
Biorn Corporation	Collections	\$	9.00
Border States Electric	Supplies	\$	234.33
Brown, Brent	Closed Account Refund	\$	.21
BSG Clearing Solutions	Third Party Billing	\$	81.53
Buena Vista County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	240.00
Buena Vista Stationery	Supplies	\$	688.62
CDW Government	Supplies	\$	48.98
Century Business Products	Copier Maintenance Agreement	\$	124.98
Century Link	Transport Fees	\$	624.62
Clay County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	132.00
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$	150.12
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Fees	\$	850.00
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	40,072.83
DGR Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$	776.00
Dooley, Laurie	Deposit Refund	\$	48.98
Echo Group	Supplies	\$	488.16
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Insurance Administration	\$	120.00
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	1,673.43
Global Equipment Company	Supplies	\$	78.12
Graybar Electric	Supplies	\$	337.22
Hearst Television	Retransmission Fees	\$	798.72
Horsetech	UPS Shipping	\$	14.27
ICMA Retirement Trust	Employee Contributions	\$	2,500.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	7,808.63
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	EIA 861 Report Assistance	\$	125.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax/State Withholding Taxes	\$	11,426.00
Iowa Network Services	Communication services	\$	137.92
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Withholding	\$	11,497.67
Itron, Inc.	Annual Support Fees	\$	1,574.51
JT Services	Supplies	\$	478.85
KCWI – TV	Retransmission Fees	\$	134.40
Kesterson, Jacob	Deposit Refund	\$	15.70
KTIV – TV	Retransmission Fees	\$	1,387.80
Laurens Chamber of Commerce	Chamber Dues	\$	100.00
Laurens, City of	March Utility Billing	\$	79,749.36

# LMPC Minutes

Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	74.39
Laurens House of Print	Supplies	\$	48.15
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	240.92
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	73.77
Laurens Plumbing/Hwy 10 Hardware	Supplies	\$	248.79
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	564.99
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	89.38
Level 3 Communications	Access Fees Refund	\$	1.92
Long Lines	Switching/Internet/Billing	\$	6,315.56
Long Lines	Long Distance	\$	931.13
Messenger	Advertising	\$	186.00
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	43,000.00
My Laurens, Inc.	Publications	\$	50.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	14,757.97
National Cable Television Cooperative	Equipment	\$	8,616.04
Newgard Auto Parts & Supply	Supplies	\$	1,109.72
Nexstar Broadcasting	Retransmission Fees	\$	1,574.40
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	30,859.85
NIMECA	Property Taxes	\$	671.50
NIMECA	Annual APPA Dues	\$	1,455.23
NIMECA	Legal Fees	\$	49.95
Norsolv Systems Environmental Services	Solvents	\$	84.51
Oak Hill Consulting	Engineering Fees	\$	252.00
Olson, Gail	Closed Account Refund	\$	20.10
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	20,850.03
Pizza Ranch	Meeting Expense	\$	21.98
PLIC – SBD Grand Island	Insurance Premiums	\$	543.83
Plymouth County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	109.50
Pocahontas County 911 Service Board	E911 Fees	\$	1,694.03
Pocahontas County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	7,532.50
Pop Media Networks	Programming Fees	\$	623.68
Pop Media Networks	Programming Fees	\$	1,247.36
Post Master	Postage / Box Rent	\$	773.86
Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	236.19
R. B. Lumber Company	Supplies	\$	47.31
RFD TV	Programming Fees	\$	8.52
Rovi Guides	Programming Fees	\$	604.20
Schmidt, Tom	Mileage	\$	235.98
Sinclair Broadcast Group	Retransmission Fees	\$	886.65
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/Transport Fees	\$	1,748.01
Stuart C. Irby Company	Tools & Supplies	\$	472.05
T.P. Anderson & Company	Attachment H Training	\$	90.00
Tower Distribution Company	Retransmission Fees	\$	817.92
Town & Country Floral	Flowers	\$	38.50
Tulsat	Equipment	\$	474.50
Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	\$	271.21
Webster County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	740.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance Premiums	\$	8,711.88
Woodbury County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	2,957.50
WSI Corporation	Weather Channel Data	\$	1,155.00
Zcorum	Modem Provisioning	\$	1,540.37
	Total	\$	331,672.50

Blair Metzger, DGR Engineering, presented his Electric Utility cash flow projections for the next five years. Normally the Utility gets the cash flow projections earlier in the year. This way if the Utility needs to raise rates, they can approve the new rates and implement them for the April billing. There were some delays this year because of the timing of staff changes at the Utility. Blair mentioned that there are a couple things that will have an effect on our cash flow that we need to monitor. 1) Since we have only been in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) since October 1, 2015, we don't have much history to work with regarding our costs and revenues related to SPP. 2) The coal-fired generation plant that we are joint owners of, Neal 4, has been shut down due to economic reasons since March 22, 2016. It is anticipated that Neal 4 will be down until sometime in mid to late May.

After a lengthy discussion with the Board, it was determined that a couple numbers needed some adjustments. Blair will make the necessary changes and get the revised cash flow projections back to us as soon as possible. No specific action was taken at this time.

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report and the Income Statements for January and February. No specific action was taken.

The Trustees reviewed two (2) different proposals on new software for Utility Billing, Accounting System, Payroll, Inventory and Fixed Assets. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to accept the proposal from Data Technologies, Inc. The City of Laurens will be sharing in the cost of the new Utility Billing program. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the renewal of the Employers Mutual Package Insurance Policy through Woodley Insurance & Real Estate. The cost to the Utilities for renewal this year is \$52,706.50. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on becoming a member of the Iowa Area Development Group (IADG). IADG is the business and community development leader for over 250 member-owned electric cooperatives, municipal utilities and independent telecommunication companies throughout the state. Today Laurens relies on the City staff, Utility staff, Laurens Chamber of Commerce, Laurens Industrial Foundation and Pocahontas County Economic Development to promote our community. IADG would be another proven organization that the community could rely on if the Utilities were to become a member. The Board asked the General Manager to visit with the City Manager and the Industrial Foundation to get their opinion on joining IADG. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on Cable TV services. General Manager Chad Cleveland provided a worksheet comparing our options for replacing our current Cable TV services. Key items that the Utility would like to have addressed:

- 1) Positive cash flow
- 2) Reception of all Local Broadcast Channels
- 3) Simplify channel package options
- 4) Eliminate all analog channels
- 5) Provide more digital and HD channels
- 6) Improve DVR performance

Of the six (6) different possible solutions, one still stands out as the solution to solve all of our issues. This solution is called Skitter TV and is available through Iowa Network Services, now named Aureon. Skitter TV will provide a positive cash flow, high quality viewing on all channels, including the local broadcast channels and allow our customers to access video content on multiple devices no matter where they are located. Skitter TV offers unique features like:

- \*Network DVR allows UNLIMITED simultaneous recordings!
- \*Restart TV allows you to go back on the guide, up to 3 hours, and start watching a program!
- \*Schedule recordings with your mobile device or tablet so you never miss a program!

The Trustees instructed the General Manager to continue working on the Skitter TV solution. We need to know all our costs involved with launching this service. No further action was taken.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Richard Main  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland  
Secretary, Board of Trustees