

# The Paper

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*Laurens, Iowa*



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## *Local News*

### *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Laurens Cemetery Tour to be Held*

The 9th Annual Laurens Cemetery Tour is just a few weeks away on Sunday afternoon, June 26. Everyone is to meet between 2-4 p.m. at Sportsmen's Park on the east side of Laurens to get a ride on a trolley to travel to the Laurens Cemetery and meet some very special people who are buried there.

Let's see if you can identify some of these people. The answers will be included in the next issue of The Paper.

- 1) This person was instrumental in the development of Twin Draulics in Laurens.
- 2) A native of Czechoslovakia who became a farmer here in Laurens.
- 3) This man raised potatoes on a farm north of Laurens.
- 4) Who was the man who served in both WW1 and WW11 and also ran a grocery store in Laurens?

The Laurens Cemetery Tour is sponsored by the City of Laurens and the Laurens Women's Club. Tickets for \$5 each are available at the Laurens State Bank, West Iowa Bank, JH Design in Laurens, as well as from any Women's Club member. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at Sportsmen's Park.

### *Bethany Lutheran Church Celebrating 125 Years in 2016*

On January 27, 1891, Bethany Lutheran Church of Laurens, Iowa was born with 47 charter members having names like Anderson, Blomgren, Johnson, Carlson, Selander, Gustafson, Edmonds, and Seagren. Bethany Lutheran Church began with the name: Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Bethania Church.

Earlier this year, Bethany kicked off a year-long celebration with a special worship service on January 24, 2016. We worked to make this service as traditional as we could to the early years of Bethany's existence. Of course we could not replicate the Swedish language services of that time! English services were added in 1910, with English becoming exclusive in 1933.

In 2016 Bethany has had something relating to the 125th anniversary every month. We have had historic presentations about congregational milestones, people, and our building(s) that have been, and will be shared during worship services throughout this year. We will host the 2016 convocation of the Iowa Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) as part of our festivities on September 17, 2016. This meeting will bring over 100 fellow NALC Lutherans from the state of Iowa to Laurens for the day.

Our celebration reaches a crescendo with a special worship service on June 12, 2016. Current members, former pastors, NALC dignitaries, and former members will be in attendance. Special music, a hymn sing, sharing of memories, birthday cake, and a catered dinner for the above mentioned folks plus some special invitees will participate in this day. Our Quasiquicentennial celebration will conclude with the final worship service of 2016 on December 25, 2016. What a glorious day to end on!

We continue to "spruce up" our building and grounds, with some paint, elbow grease and cleaning supplies, and plants and flowers for this celebration, all to the glory of God who has blessed our congregation for the past 125 years. Happy birthday Bethany, Soli Deo Gloria!

Make a Difference in the Lives of Those Responsible for Our Freedom!

# Rally4Veterans

www.Rally4Veterans.com

## Support Our Veterans

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Rally Point -Laurens IA

3:00 pm - Midnight



Proceeds will be put towards a service dog for a Iowa Veteran.



Lisa Naslund  
Guest Speaker



**OPERATION ENGAGE AMERICA**

A PTS & TBI Support, Education, & Awareness Event

# LIVE MUSIC AUCTION



The SENDERS  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

DRAWINGS for the following to be announced Sept. 1st

**\$3000 Travel Voucher...**  
to any location, sponsored by Powhatan Travel Service, Pocahontas, IA

**Weekend Getaway...**  
to Wild Rose Casino, Clinton, IA includes accommodations & meals plus \$50 gas card and \$100 play per couple

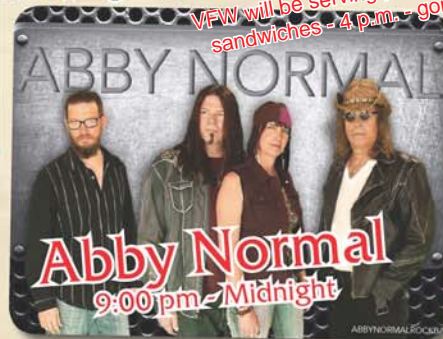
**Rosefest Summer 2017...**  
two tickets with meals included for Wild Rose/Emmetsburg, IA

Get yours today, only 1000 tickets available!

Drawings awarded during event...  
Handmade Quilt; Iowa State, Iowa Hawkeye and USA  
Custom Made Bowling Pins



Beginning at 7:00 pm  
Rick Winegarden, Auctioneer



Abby Normal  
9:00 pm - Midnight

VFW will be serving pork chop sandwiches - 4 p.m. - gone

**REMEMBER OUR VETS**

Sunday, June 12th

2-Person Best Shot  
Laurens Golf & Country Club

All proceeds go to R4V

1:00 pm shotgun start  
\$30 per person

Includes 'Remember Our Vets' hat and steak fry...be sure to make reservation early.

For more details call:  
712-841-2287



Fun for all Ages!

Be sure to go to our website for more details!

www.rally4veterans.com

Rain or Shine...We've Got You Covered...Tent Event!

Pump up your tires, grease up your chains, and head out to

# Bike Safety Day

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

1:00-2:00pm - Laurens Police Station

All ages are welcome to participate!

**Big Prizes!**

**Great Prizes will be given away!**

Don't miss your chance to WIN!

**Presentation  
Includes:**

**Bike Safety Tips:**

What to do at Corners, Stop  
Signs, RR Crossings & More!

**Bike Safety Check:**

Tire Pressure, Chains & Breaks

**And More!**

**Young  
Professionals**  
Pocahontas County

*At the Library  
with Glenda Mulder  
June 8, 2016*

Oops! I forgot to tell you about new books last week. Here's the even longer list: *End of Watch* by Stephen King, *Dishonorable Intentions* by Stuart Wood, *Star Wars: Bloodline* by Claudia Gray, *The Island House* by Nancy Thayer, *Cavendon Luck* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Christmas on my Mind* by Janet Dailey, *Marrying Winterborne* by Lisa Kleypas, *House of Secrets* by Brad Meltzer, *When We Were Sisters* by Emilie Richards, *Lowcountry Wedding* by Mary Alice Monroe, *The Year we Turned 40* by Liz Fenton, *Girls in the Garden* by Lisa Jewell, *Beauty Refined* by Traci Peterson, *Ink and Bone* by Lisa Unger, *All Summer Long* by Dorthea Benton Frank (Audiobook too!)

Summer Reading begins next Wednesday with a visit from IPTV's Dan Wardell! Join us to meet Dan, hear an original story and receive your IPTV KIDS Clubhouse super ball! Take Dan's advice, "Turn off the TV! Go outside and play! Use your imagination! Read a good book! Eat healthy food!" Pretty ironic advice, coming from a TV celebrity, don't you think?! Hope you can join the fun 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

The fun continues Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. through July, including Blank Park Zoo, Pockets Full of Fun and a couple more surprise guests all

using this year's reading theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!"

We have added two more things to our summer fun calendar. We will have D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Mondays from 1-2 p.m. This is open to all ages. Bring a book to read to yourself, come with a reading buddy, or if you like, we will find a kid to read with you! The other thing we added is LegoMania all day every Friday!

Iowa KidSight free vision screening will be at our library Friday, June 17 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Iowa KidSight is a joint project of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, dedicated to enhancing the early detection and treatment of vision impairments in young children (target population 6 months of age through kindergarten) in Iowa communities through screening and public education. Parent consent form is required. Contact the Library for more information.

In anticipation of Author Heather Gudenkauf's visit in July, we are reading her book, "*Little Mercies*." Her character development is so good, I feel like they are my friends as I read her books. Join our discussion June 27th, then come meet Heather Gudenkauf July 25th!

Remember back to the first part of the year when I kept promising that Rolfe author Ruth Agle would be coming to talk about her book, "*Hazel Twigg & the Hollyhock*

*Hideaway*"? After the second time we postponed because of weather, we decided to wait until we were sure we were clear of blizzards – and put her visit on the calendar for Monday, June 20th at 7 pm. So, unless there's a blizzard, plan to finally meet Ruth and hear about her beautiful children's book!

**Event Calendar**

- On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Wednesdays @ 1:30 p.m. starting June 15 with IPTV's DAN WARDELL!
- Iowa KidSight Vision Screening at 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Friday, June 17
- Hazel Twigg Author Ruth Agle June 20 @ 7 p.m.
- Tell me a Yarn every Monday at 5 p.m.
- Book Club is 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m.
- Wilkening Holocaust Program 7 p.m. July 12
- Author Heather Gudenkauf July 25 at 6:30 p.m.

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## *60th Wedding Anniversary*

The children of Joe and Doris Sobotka invite you to take part in a card shower in honor of their parent's 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on June 16, 1956 at Pocahontas Methodist Church. Cards may be sent to 11581 440th Street, Laurens, IA 50554.



## *Baby Shower*

It's a baby shower honoring Marcy (Ehlers) Rasmussen! Join us on Saturday, June 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at West Iowa Bank in the Community Room. You may come and go and/or come and stay!

Baby list <https://babyli.St/marcy-rasmussen>

## *Mary Wenell to Celebrate 90th Birthday!*

Mary Wenell, resident of Laurens for over 65 years and owner of Jewelry 'N Gift Shoppe in downtown Laurens for many years, will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 13, 2016. Mary is the wife of the late Arnold Wenell and the mother of Doug, Don, and Kathy

Please help her celebrate by sending her a card or note or even a picture of you/your family. Maybe include a memory you have of her! She enjoys getting the mail every day so will treasure your correspondence!

Mary now lives with her daughter Kathy and husband in Wisconsin so please send your note/card to Mary Wenell, 7162 County Highway K, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Thank you for helping to make her 90th special!



## *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, [roberthstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthstewart@yahoo.com); and the Class of 1971 should contact Frank Koenig at 319-212-0668, [frnkkoenig@hotmail.com](mailto:frnkkoenig@hotmail.com). Classmates should also join the Facebook reunion page. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

**SPECIAL FRIDAY,  
JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**Half rack of extra  
meaty ribs, served with  
potato salad, baked  
beans, and garlic  
bread**

**Serving begins  
at 5 p.m.**



## *Engagement Announced*

Jake and Angela Graff are proud to announce the up coming marriage of their son, Cameron Graff, to Ashley Kutsch, daughter of Alan Kutsch of Dubuque, IA and Julie Kutsch and Scot Megongile of Dubuque, IA.

Cameron is a 2013 graduate of Laurens-Marathon and a 2015 graduate of the Culinary Program at Kirkwood Community College. He is currently employed at the Laurens Care Center as a dietary cook and at the Laurens Country Club as a chef.

Ashley is a 2009 graduate of Wahlert Catholic HS in Dubuque, IA and a 2015 graduate of the Restaurant Management program at Kirkwood Community College. She is currently employed at Hy-vee in Spencer as the department head manager of Starbucks.

The couple resides in Laurens. A September 24, 2016 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens with a reception to follow at the Poky Expo Center in Pocahontas.



## *Thank You!*

I am so blessed to have so many wonderful people in my life. I had a great birthday, thanks to all you beautiful people.

Don't forget my party is July 10 at the Laurens Country Club from 2-5 p.m.

*Jeanette Hawley*

## *Museum Open June 11*

The Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum will be open on Saturday, June 11 from 12 a.m. to 5 pm. Volunteers have created new exhibits and added to existing ones.

Since Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens is celebrating its quasiquicentennial this weekend, we looked in our collection for items pertaining to the church and displayed them together.

A WWI display created by local high school students is spending the summer at the museum before traveling to the Pocahontas and Rolfe libraries.

We have also added two extended hand rails to the basement stairs. Thanks to those of you who let us know that you were uncomfortable with the old handrail.



Sale at Town &  
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All Bedding  
(flowers & veggies  
are now 25% off!

## *Thank You!*

We would like to say thank you to all of our family, friends, and neighbors for the cards, flowers, prayers, hugs, for coming to the Celebration of Life Service for Phyllis and for thinking of us. A big thank you to the Methodist women for providing the lunch for us. I know 4 little ones who very much enjoyed the potatoes and especially the jello and cake!!! Again thank you!!

*Charlie and Peggy Vial  
Eric, Ella and Bodie Vial  
Aaron, Amy, Madi and Ava Vial  
Jon, Allison, Graham and Jack Vial*

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

### **Head Cook and Assistant Cook**

Interested applicants need contact:  
Troy Oehlertz, Principal  
Laurens-Marathon Community School District  
300 W Garfield St.  
Laurens, IA 50554  
712-841-5000  
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**VACANCY  
LAURENS-MARATHON CSD  
2016-2017**

### **Opening for a Part Time Nurse for 2016-2017 School Year Position will be for approximately 20-25 hours a week. Approx. Hours 8-1**

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Twas the night before the pool opened, when all through the park  
Raindrops sprinkled the water, and the sky was all dark.  
Swimsuits and towels were gathered with sunblock to apply,  
In hopes that the sun will come and shine in the sky.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of gutter ball danced in their heads.  
With the guards in their suits, and their whistles brand new,  
If there's an emergency, they'll know what to do.

When out in the water there arose such a clatter,  
They sprang from their stand to see what's the matter.  
When out in the pool was brand new deep crack,  
How much water will it leak? It's hard to keep track.

They've patched them before, how long will it hold?  
This is what happens when your pool is quite old.  
It was built by the town in the year Nineteen Fifty Six,  
To repair it we've used our entire bag of tricks.

To help us please donate a small sum of money,  
So the laughter can grow on the days that are sunny.  
In a new swimming pool that our families can play,  
And enjoy the weather on a hot summer day.

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**c/o City of Laurens**

**272 North 3rd Street**

**Laurens, IA 50554**

**-Dropping it off at City Hall**

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## Second Sunday Program at Fonda Arts Center

“Pathway to Health” is the theme of the Fonda Arts Center’s June Second Sunday program, emphasizing all things healthy, right down to the afternoon’s refreshments! This event will take place on Sunday, June 12 at 2 p.m.

Cheri Wernimont will educate us in her area of expertise; that of massage therapy and related tissue therapies. Coleen Hecht will present the benefit of music therapy, Esther Mullen the benefits of aroma therapy and essential oils, and Annette Howard the invaluable basics of healthy living.

This afternoon offers something for everyone, and the promise that you will leave with some insights into the broader definition of health. All this happening at the Fonda Arts Center on the Northwest corner of Fourth and Main Streets. Everyone is welcome! As always, free admission, free refreshments!

**Saturday, June 11 th**  
**Available at Rally4Veterans**  
**Headquarters...**  
**Next door to 11 Unique**



Rally4Veterans  
Thanks YOU for your support!

Hats & shirts are \$20 each  
Shirts are available in round-neck collared and V-neck collared.  
Shirts are short sleeved and available in sizes Small–XL.

**Cake...cupcake...pie walk...3pm**  
**til gone at Rally4Veterans**  
**Headquarters**




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**HELP WANTED:**

Vaughn DeLoss Construcion is taking applications for full or part time equipment operating and construction labor. Equipment operating and concrete finishing experience preferred. Truck driving or machanic experience helpful. Currently working in Laurens. Must have a license and be dependable. Call: (712) 260-1129

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

**Pastor John Mayer**

**Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship Service @ Grace Lutheran Church - Marathon**

**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 First Christian Church*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

**Thursday, June 9**  
2:00 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

**Friday, June 10**  
7:00 p.m. - AA

**Sunday, June 12**  
9:30 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship Hostess: Carol Hoffman



*Our Town Our Paper!*

*This Week at Bethany Lutheran*

**Thursday: June 9, 2016**  
7:00 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Saturday: June 11, 2016**  
9:00 AM - set up for 125th dinner  
9:30 - 11:30 AM - Baby Shower for Marcy (Ehlers) Rasmussen at West Iowa Bank Community Room

**Sunday: June 5, 2016**  
**125th ANNIVERSARY**  
9:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 AM - 125th Anniversary Celebration  
Worship w/Communion  
11:45-1:00 - Catered Dinner followed by a hymn sing, memories, cake & coffee fellowship

**Monday-Friday: June 13-17**  
8:30-11:30 AM - VBS (Openings & Closings at UMC)

**Tuesday: June 14, 2016**  
10:00 AM - Coffee Time

**Wednesday: June 15, 2016**  
7:00PM - Council Mtg.

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



*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)*

*This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church*

**Fri., June 10th:**  
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

**Sat., June 11th:**  
United Methodist Men's meeting @ 7 a.m.

**Sun., June 12th:**  
Adult Sunday School class @ 8:30 a.m.  
Worship @ 9:30 a.m. -Pastor Jim's last sermon here at LUMC  
Farewell Coffee for Pastor Jim & Paula Turner @ 10:30 a.m.

**Mon., June 13th:**  
Vacation Bible School here 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Tues., June 14th:**  
Vacation Bible School here 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Wed., June 15th:**  
Vacation Bible School here 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Administrative Council meeting @ 8:15 p.m.



## *Babysitting Clinic 2016*

ISU Extension and Outreach will be holding a Babysitting Clinic for 5th – 7th graders. It will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Laurens Public Library (273 N 3rd St.). Participants will learn the basics of CPR, home safety, money management, how to make a healthy snack. They will finish the day discussing the ages and stages of young children. Participants are asked to bring their own sack lunch. Register early for the class, size is limited to 20 participants. For question, please contact Program Coordinator, Holly Frerk, at 712-335-3103 or email [hferk@iastate.edu](mailto:hferk@iastate.edu). Registration deadline is Friday, June 10th.

## *2016 Pocahontas County Fair Books*

Pocahontas County Fair Books are available at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County, 305 N Main in Pocahontas but will not be mailed, you must pick them up here. The fairbook is also available online at [www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas).

## *Parents: Friends or Foes*

It's normal for child care providers to have mixed feelings about parents," explains Dr. David Brown, ISU Extension family life program specialist. Sometimes parents have mixed feelings about their childcare providers. This workshop will examine these feelings from both sides and give strategies for bridging the gap.

Parents: Friends or Foes, a workshop for child care providers and teachers, will help providers and teachers identify their own feelings about working with parents. Participants will also review the stages of parent development, and potential communication strategies.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County ISU Extension Office, 305 N. Main, Pocahontas, IA 50574. Registration is \$15 and payable to the Pocahontas County ISU Extension Office by June 23.

Child care providers and teachers are encouraged to also register via the Iowa Child Care Training Registry at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>. Two hours of licensing credit will be available to providers. For more information, please call (712) 335-3103.

## *How To's With Fresh Garden Produce*

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will be at the Pocahontas Farmers Market three times this year. Human Sciences, Nutrition & Wellness, Katie Knobbe will be holding hands-on demonstrations on How To's with Fresh Garden Produce. Find the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach at the Pocahontas Farmers Market on June 29, July 27, and August 24 from 4-6pm. Don't miss the chance to leave with a bag of goodies.

## *2016 Pocahontas County Fair Livestock Identification Due*

All 4-H and FFA youth exhibiting livestock at the 2016 Pocahontas County Fair must have their livestock identifications in to the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office no later than May 15. 4-H'ers use your 4H Online account, FFA members submit a paper copy. Late identifications will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please call the Extension office at 712-335-3103.

## *Free Agricultural Water Food Safety Testing*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach food safety specialists will be providing free agricultural water food safety testing for up to 100 hobby gardeners and very small fruit and vegetable producers in Iowa for an upcoming ISU Extension and Outreach research project titled “Educating Iowans about the importance of water food safety when growing fruits and vegetables.”

The Food and Drug Administration’s Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Rule requires fruit and vegetable growers to test all agricultural water that is used for handwashing and during the growing, harvesting and processing of fruits and vegetables. This rule requires that this agricultural water must have less than 126 colony forming units of generic *Escherichia coli* for safe production.

The ISU Extension and Outreach research team wants to assist hobby gardeners and very small farmers with testing their agricultural water used within their fruit and vegetable garden

or farm. The first 100 agricultural water samples will be sampled for the presence and quantity of generic *Escherichia coli* at no cost. Only one agricultural water sample per garden/farm will be accepted and growers must be located in Iowa. All sample criteria must accompany the sample.

To participate, three items are needed:

1. Two samples of at least 500 mL of agricultural water from an untreated surface source (e.g., pond, lagoon, rain barrel, etc.) or untreated ground source (e.g., well); collect in a sterile container (such as a specimen cup from a doctor's office or an unused, emptied water bottle)
2. Indication of the use of this agricultural water (e.g., handwashing, drip irrigation, overhead irrigation, produce rinsing)
3. Indication of the market the fruits and vegetables will be sold or given to (e.g., food pantry, grocer, restaurant, farmers market, hospital, school, etc.)

Those interested in participating should send these items with their contact information including name, address, phone number, and email to Angela Shaw, 2312 Food Science Building, Ames, IA 50011. Samples should be

overnighted under refrigeration (i.e., an ice pack with paper or bubble wrap between water sample and ice pack). Iowa State University is open Monday-Friday and samples must arrive between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Contact Shaw with any questions at [angelaml@iastate.edu](mailto:angelaml@iastate.edu).

For more information, go to [www.safeproduce.cals.iastate.edu](http://www.safeproduce.cals.iastate.edu) under Iowa GAP.

This research project is funded by Iowa State University Human Sciences Extension and Outreach.

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## Yard and Garden: Dealing With Sycamore Tree Issues



The sycamore tree is one of Iowa's largest trees, found mainly in the eastern and southern parts of the state. It's a great tree to have on a landscape, but it can run into problems.

ISU Extension and Outreach horticulturists can help handle issues connected to sycamore trees. To have additional questions answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

**Why is my sycamore tree dropping its leaves?** The leaf drop is likely due to anthracnose. Anthracnose is a common fungal disease of sycamore, ash, maple, oak and other trees.

Sycamore anthracnose is caused by the fungus *Apiognomonia veneta*. Anthracnose is most severe in years with cool, wet spring weather. Infections occur during rainy periods when mean daily temperatures are 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Symptoms of anthracnose on sycamores include brown blotches

on leaves, death of young buds and shoots, and leaf drop. In cool, wet springs, affected sycamores may lose most of their initial foliage.

Fortunately, the sycamore trees will continue to produce additional leaves and shoots through early summer. Foliage that develops in late spring and early summer shouldn't become infected as warmer, drier weather suppresses anthracnose.

Most sycamores should have a good canopy of leaves by late June or early July.

While anthracnose may cause extensive defoliation, it does not cause serious harm to healthy, well-established sycamores. Fungicide treatments are rarely warranted.

**The leaves on my sycamore have a bleached appearance in late summer. Why?** The bleached appearance may be due to lace bugs. Lace bugs are sap feeding insects commonly found on the leaves of shade and ornamental trees in Iowa. The most commonly affected trees are hackberry, sycamore and oak. Adult lace bugs have attractive wings that are beautifully sculptured with an intricate pattern of veins resembling lace, hence the common name.

Lace bugs feed on the underside of the leaves. They pierce the leaf epidermis with their sucking mouthparts and cause the characteristic pale yellow, scorched


or "bleached" discoloration on the upper leaf surfaces. The underside of heavily infested leaves will be speckled with small, black, shiny "varnish spots" (excrement). While lace bugs are present throughout the summer, damage symptoms usually don't develop until August or September.

Lace bugs also have the annoying habit of dropping onto people and pets as they walk/sit under infested trees. While lace bugs are harmless, their presence in the hair, on arms/legs, or clothing can be quite annoying.

Lace bug damage varies greatly from year to year, mainly in response to variations in natural controls and weather conditions. Severe feeding may cause premature leaf drop, but healthy, well-established trees are not seriously harmed. Spraying infested trees with an insecticide in late summer is of little or no benefit to the trees. Further, spraying when it is too late for effective control may cause more harm than good by killing the insect's natural enemies.

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# June Lunch Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Summer Food Begins June 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:30- 12:45p.m.		Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail	Mandarin Orange Chicken, Rice, Broccoli Normandy, Corn, Pears	Cooks Choice
Cooks Choice	PBJ, Chips, Carrots, Ranch, Fruit Cup, Milk	Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Peaches, Milk	Italian Chicken Sandwich, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce, Milk	Meat loaf, Lettuce Salad, Green Beans Pineapple, Dinner Roll, Milk
Mr. Rib, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	Oven Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Dinner Roll, Milk	Hot Dog, Chips, Peas, Pears, Milk	Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Peaches, Milk	Crispito , Refried Beans, Pineapple, Dinner Roll, Milk
Tacos, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Pears ,Milk	Sub Sandwich, Baby Carrots, Fruit Cocktail, Milk	Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Peaches, Milk	Hamburgers, Green Beans, Orange Wedges, Milk	Spaghetti Lettuce Salad, Peas, Apple Wedges, Milk
PBJ ,Chips, Carrots, Ranch, Peaches, Milk	Pork Chop Patty Broccoli, Pineapple, Milk	Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	Italian Chicken Mixed Veggies, Pears, Milk	



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May 24, 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 Greg Fritz of North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association (NIMECA).

The agenda for the May 24, 2016 meeting stands approved as presented.

Greg Fritz, CEO of NIMECA, visited with the Trustees about the latest issues being dealt with in NIMECA and how they affect Laurens. Discussions were held on Basin, SPP, our SPP FERC Filing, Neal 4 Outages, Wind generation and CTS improvements. No specific action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the list of expenses for April 2016 in the amount of \$402,711.85. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A & M Laundry	Floor Mats & Mops	\$	85.28
Advanced Door Systems	New Overhead Door	\$	2,580.00
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$	335.16
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$	206.08
Amanda Biddle	Closed Account Credit Refund	\$	2.14
Angie Nehring	Board Meeting Supplies	\$	45.87
Arris	Repair 24U Card	\$	4,764.70
Aureon (Formerly INS)	Communication Services	\$	143.21
Avesis Third Party Administrators	Insurance Premiums	\$	93.30
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$	633.36
Biorn Corporation	Collection Fees	\$	180.65
Border States Electric	Supplies	\$	790.83
Brittany Mielke	Deposit Refund	\$	223.98
BSG Clearing Solutions	LECC Third Party Billing	\$	123.84
Buena Vista Stationery	Supplies	\$	338.30
Century Link	Transport Fees	\$	560.77
Century Link	Directory Listings	\$	31.40
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$	298.52
City of Laurens	Utility Billing	\$	85,454.62
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Fees	\$	850.00
Data Technologies	Software Upgrade	\$	11,956.25
Deb Hertz	Channel 2 Ad Refund	\$	10.00
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	41,651.43
DGR Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$	776.00
Echo Group	Supplies	\$	384.53
Employee Benefit Systems	Insurance Self-Funding	\$	100.23
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Administration	\$	120.00
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	1,678.04
Grainger	Generation Parts/Supplies	\$	1,004.16
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	796.64
Horsetech	UPS Shipping	\$	12.19
ICMA Retirement Trust	Employee Contributions	\$	1,000.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	7,896.44
Internal Revenue Service	Q1 2016 Federal Excise Tax	\$	764.22
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax Interest	\$	37.41
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding Taxes	\$	2,063.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Q1 2016 Sales/Use Taxes	\$	8,013.00

# LMPC Minutes

Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	12.15
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Withholding	\$	4,668.02
Iowa Utilities Board	Assessment	\$	120.25
Justin Titus	Closed Account Credit Refund	\$	2.33
Karla Sonksen	Board Meeting Supplies	\$	13.56
KCAU TV	Advertising	\$	200.00
Koren Stone	Offset Recovery Refund	\$	170.43
KTIV – TV	Programming Fees	\$	1,360.80
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	255.51
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	83.55
Laurens Plumbing/Hwy 10 Hardware	Diesel Engine Repair Supplies	\$	168.11
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	37.31
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	265.04
Long Lines	Switching/Internet/Billing	\$	6,323.06
Long Lines	Long Distance	\$	1,152.20
Mainstreet Checks	Deposit Slips	\$	69.24
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	493.33
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	53,000.00
Midwest Underground	Electric Supplies	\$	107.14
My Laurens, Inc.	Publications	\$	30.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	14,581.59
National Cable Television Cooperative	Internet Equipment	\$	1,200.70
Newgard Auto Parts & Supply	Electric Supplies	\$	214.96
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,570.30
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	1,168.11
NIMECA	MCR Regulatory Consulting	\$	514.50
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	21,125.05
Petroleum Marketers Mgt. Insurance Company	Insurance Premium	\$	788.00
PLIC – SBD Grand Island	Insurance Premiums	\$	543.83
Pocahontas County 911 Service Board	E911 Fees	\$	1,670.71
Pop Media Networks	Programming Fees	\$	623.68
Post Master	Postage	\$	188.00
Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	201.55
R. B. Lumber Company	Supplies	\$	9.91
Rally 4 Veterans	Sponsorship Donation	\$	250.00
RFD TV	Programming Fees	\$	8.68
Rovi Guides	Programming Fees	\$	1,223.37
Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$	24.00
Skarshaug Testing Laboratory	Testing Fees	\$	113.12
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/Transport Fees	\$	1,749.76
Staples	Office Supplies	\$	61.46
Stuart C. Irby Company	Electric Inventory	\$	305.28
Tom Schmidt	Meeting Expenses	\$	160.12
Tower Distribution Company	Programming Fees	\$	815.79
Transfer to Savings Account	Transfer of Funds	\$	100,000.00
Unity Point Clinic – Occupational Medicine	Hearing Tests	\$	280.38
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	LIHEAP Credit Refunds	\$	322.11
Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	\$	271.10
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance Premiums	\$	8,188.21
	Total	\$	402,711.85

## TOTAL EXPENSES

Electric	\$ 340,837.49
Communications	<u>\$ 61,874.36</u>
Total	\$ 402,711.85

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

Electric	\$ 296,464.39
Communications	<u>\$ 88,012.68</u>
Total	\$ 384,477.07



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

Discussion was held on the revised Electric Utility Cash Flow Projections prepared by Blair Metzger of DGR Engineering. Mr. Metzger's projections show that we need to raise electric rates across the board five percent (5%) as soon as practically possible. Here are some of the issues that are contributing to the need to raise rates: 1) The Utility must maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio of 1.25 or better. 2) Since joining the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) back in October 1, 2015, the operations of our coal-fired generation plants have changed. Neal 4 was shut down due to economic reasons back on March 22, 2016 and wasn't started up again until May 15, 2016. 3) Roughly 60% of the Electric Utility Budget is Purchasing Energy and Neal 4 Operations. 4) Projected improvements over the next 10 years to the Corn Belt Transmission system are significant. 5) Sales of energy, both locally and for resale, were down this past year due to the change in operations of Neal 4, mild weather, energy conservation and conversions from electric furnaces to gas furnaces.

After a lengthy discussion, motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to accept the cash flow analysis from DGR Engineering recommending a five percent (5%) increase in electric rates and request a rate increase proposal based on the approved cash flow analysis. 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 City Manager and the Industrial Foundation both agree that IADG would be a great resource for the community and would support Laurens Municipal Power & Communications becoming a member of IADG. Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve joining Iowa Area Development Group. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Cable TV services. General Manager Chad Cleveland provided a cash flow projection if we were to switch over to the Skitter TV solution. The cash flow analysis shows a positive cash flow and it also shows that the initial investment needed to launch Skitter TV would be recovered within roughly three (3) years. The General Manager also informed the Trustees about the equipment to be used in the headend and at the customer's premises. The Trustees directed the General Manager to have all contract documents be reviewed by Ahlers Law Firm and to finalize all of our upfront costs to launch Skitter TV. Again the goal for Cable TV is to address the following issues:

- 1) Positive cash flow
- 2) Reasonably short time to recover initial investment
- 3) Reliable reception of all Local Broadcast Channels
- 4) Simplify channel package options
- 5) Eliminate all analog channels
- 6) Provide more digital and HD channels
- 7) Improve DVR performance

No further action was taken at this time.

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