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## Local News

### Laurens' Grand Marshals Are Announced

The Laurens Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce their 2016 Grand Marshals for their Laurens Summer Celebration being held on July 8 – 10.

This year the Chamber Board selected two people that they feel are a true example of volunteering in the community plus always looking for ways to improve Laurens. Those two people are Peggy Milton and Tjeran Jolliffe.

The countless hours they have put in to not only think of the

concept, bring to life, and maintain "Memory Lane" on Third Street is immeasurable. Both Peggy and Tjeran did this to make downtown more attractive, to invite people to sit and connect, and to honor the memories of those that have made their mark in Laurens.

Peggy Milton is a former teacher at Laurens-Marathon that served for 35 years. She now works at Jolliffe & Co. She has lived in Laurens for 43 years and is married to Les and together they were blessed with two daughters, Erin and Kim. Plus Peggy can now add "grandma" to her resume with a 15 month-old grandson, Carson.

Milton is a charter member of Vision Laurens that is now Hometown Pride and puts in

numerous hours making Laurens stand proud. In addition, she is an elder at First Christian Church and the secretary for the First Christian Church Mission Council. She also makes time for reading, riding bikes, walking and crocheting.

When asked why she decided to get involved in community activities, Peggy responded: "Les and I moved here in 1973 right before I started teaching at Laurens-Marathon. Our kids grew up here and graduated from L-M. So we have a sense of belonging. Getting involved in community activities gives me a chance to make new friends, connect with others that I know only casually, and helps

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**Laurens' Summer Celebration 2016**  
**July 8 - 10**  
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strengthen our community. There is a lot of satisfaction, pride, and personal fulfillment that comes from being involved in community activities and seeing the good things that we can do.

I believe others should get involved because of the above reasons. You are making your community a better place for you and your family.

Being involved in community activities is something that is important for families to do. It helps children develop healthy behaviors, improves their communication and time-management skills, provides interaction with good role models, boosts their self-confidence and self-esteem, and helps them feel connected to their community. Studies have shown that vandalism goes down when kids are involved in community projects. Being involve in community activities is extremely valuable when raising kids and is a way for families to have fun and feel closer.”

Tjeran Jolliffe is also part of this dynamic duo that started the concept of Memory Lane. Tjeran is an accountant at Jolliffe & Co and has lived in Laurens for over 60 years. He has shared those years with his wife, Donna, and his two sons, Ryan and Rhett. Mr. Jolliffe volunteers for the Laurens Chamber of Commerce, Memory Lane, the Laurens Industrial Foundation and is a member of the United Methodist Church.

Tjeran believes that being involved in community activities gives a “sense of pride in helping to make something better in the community. The more

people volunteer, the better the community”.

Mr. Jolliffe also shared this: “Memory Lane represents about 5,000 hours of volunteer community service, by many in the Laurens Community. In a way, Memory Lane is a tribute to volunteer service which is so important to the vitality of any community. Volunteers make a difference! Not only do good things happen, but people get to know each other better, meet new people, have more direct communication with each other and walk away with a sense of accomplishment and a feeling that something has been left better than it was.

I often think about all the time, contributions and support received to create Memory Lane. I was also reminded again this spring that if you ask around, you can get the help than you may have thought you would have to go elsewhere for.

In the beginning we looked all over Northwest Iowa to find the right Commercial Paint Machine to paint the wall and ended up finding out that Dennis Tate had one in his store (½ block away) that he let us use. Pengo had a small skid loader we were able to use that fit the job perfectly. I called upon Positech twice to see if they could build a couple of plates used in the waterfall.”

The Laurens Chamber of Commerce hopes you agree that both Peggy and Tjeran deserve this honor of Grand Marshal for the

2016 Laurens Summer Celebration.

Join us at 8:00 pm on Friday evening, July 8th at the gazebo in Sportsman's Park for the presentation of the Grand Marshals. Then you can wave and cheer them on as they are honored in the Laurens Parade starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 9th.

You can see the entire schedule of the Laurens Summer Celebration at our website [www.laurenschamber.com](http://www.laurenschamber.com)

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***At the Library  
with Glenda Mulder  
July 6, 2016***

“On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!” Kids’ Summer Reading has been going like gangbuster! This will continue every Wednesday at 1:30 through July. This Wednesday’s special guest will be Holly from the ISU Extension to talk about “Healthy Food, Healthy Bodies.” Kids of all ages (yes, that means adults are welcome!) will enjoy Blank Park Zoo’s “Animal Athletes” July 13, and Pockets Full of Fun puppets on July 27.

New fiction this week includes: *Magic* by Danielle Steel, *Make Me Love You* by Simon Lindsey, *Here's to Us* by Elin Hilderbrand, *Daredevil Snared* by Stephanie Laurens and *Defender* by Diana Palmer. In nonfiction we have received *More than Happy: the wisdom of Amish parenting* by Simon Miller.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, retired Laurens–Marathon History teacher Brad Wilkening will present a program about the Holocaust. This is a special area of interest to him ever since he took a continuing education class at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Since that time he has attended more classes and seminars on the topic to further his knowledge. He is a member of Iowa’s Holocaust Committee. Mr. Wilkening says, “My purpose is to educate, dispel certain myths, answer as many questions as I can, and provide insight into some problems

we face today that are directly related, such as bullying and modern day genocide. My goal is to keep the lessons of the Holocaust alive. After this event we said, “NEVER AGAIN”, yet there are numerous places today where genocide is happening. We as individuals must do our part to help humanity survive the inhumanity that some have towards others. We can not stand by while people are being tortured and killed for their differences, whatever they may be. Today we need to be upstanders instead of bystanders.” Join us for what promises to be an enlightening evening.

At 2 o’clock Thursday afternoon, July 14, Pocahontas County Conservation Naturalist Corinne Peterson will visit us again; this time with a program for the adults. Pollinators, such as most bees and some birds, bats, and other insects, play a crucial role in flowering plant reproduction and in the production of most fruits and vegetables. Today pollinators are at risk from many threats including habitat loss, pesticide use, and diseases. Join us to learn more about pollinators, their role in nature, and how we can all help by planting pollinator gardens, providing nesting sites, and limiting pesticide use. Corinne will have handouts, materials for building nests, and wildflower seeds for those interested in planting gardens or nesting sites. Please note that we are trying something different by having an afternoon program. Let us know what you think of this!

**Event Calendar**

- On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Wednesdays @ 1:30 p.m.
- LegoMania is all day Friday, every Friday!
- Book Club is 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m.
  - Holocaust Program by Brad Wilkening 7 p.m. July 12
  - Pollinators – Poky Co Naturalist July 14 @ 2 p.m.
- Author Heather Gudenkauf July 25 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Romania by Madysen Main – August 6 at 10 a.m.
  - Meet Your Pocahontas County Candidates October 3

***JH Design  
Bridal  
Registry***

*Melissa Cleveland &  
Jake Frye  
Wedding - July 9*

*Kendra Voss &  
Andrew Hanson  
Wedding - July 16*

*Jena Hopkins &  
Kristopher Hauswirth  
Wedding - August 12*

## ***A Night Reflecting on the Lessons of The Holocaust*** *An informative evening with Brad Wilkening*

I am a retired school teacher of over 40 years. I took up an interest in this subject about 7 years ago while taking a class at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. During that intense week, I decided to create a semester long class for my high school students. The next summer I spent a week studying at Columbia University in N.Y. I was chosen to participate in this class sponsored by The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. I also attended a four day seminar in Newark sponsored by the JFR. Each of these experiences added to my interest and knowledge of this topic. I have had the opportunity to meet a number of survivors and want to share their stories. I am currently a member of Iowa's Holocaust Committee.

My main goal was to make Holocaust education required in Iowa. Trying to do so has been a myriad of red tape and political issues. I have also found that many of the people most interested in this topic are adults, young and old. So here I am.

My purpose is to help educate, dispel certain myths, answer as many questions as I can, and provide insight into some problems we

face today that are directly related, such as bullying and modern day genocide. I will not pretend to have all the answers, but will do my best to make the evening interesting and informative. I will also share a number of web sites full of information.

This is such a dark hour in our human history, but some of the greatest stories of help and caring can also be found. I will finish the evening with a short video of a rescuer and the person he helped save. The JFR work to reunite people on a yearly basis, often they have not seen each other for over 50 years. You will find it amazing to say the least!

### ***Lessons of the Holocaust***

Taking a class on this topic can be difficult. The atrocity of it all can overwhelm human emotions and many of the major issues may be overlooked. This is a study of humanity- the worst and best we have to offer. The complexity can seem immense yet when studied in sequential pattern, it can lead us to many issues of today: apathy, bullying, intolerance, and other genocides. Below are some of tonight's topics.

The time line of events that allowed it to occur: Anti-Semitism, Rise of Nazism, creating the ghettos, the different types of camps, the final solution, rescuers, liberation, and creating the State of Israel.

Understanding the roles of those involved is very important: perpetrators, victims, bystanders and collaborators. Today we also need upstanders.

I will provide a number of available resources. I have divided readings and films into categories of elementary, middle school or high school to make it easier to reference the information.

I will provide a number of web sites that provide detailed information on a variety of topics related to the Holocaust: Illinois Holocaust and Education Center, The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, and The Shoah Foundation to name a few.

### ***Why Brad Wilkening? My biography.***

I grew up in Nevada, IA, graduated from Augsburg College and started teaching in 1975. I have taught in Albia, Eagle Grove, Laurens-Marathon, Storm Lake St. Mary's and have substituted in Ankeny.

Back in 2009, I needed to take a class to renew my teaching certificate and enrolled in a Holocaust class at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, IL. I had always had an interest in the topic but was not prepared for what was about to happen. During the week, I found myself becoming passionate about creating a semester long class for the high school. This topic had been overlooked by most, mentioned as a sidelight of World War 2. There is so much more that students needed to know. I did develop the class and the next summer I was chosen by the Illinois Holocaust Museum to attend a week long class at Columbia University. Only 35 people in the

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U.S. were selected and I took the honor very seriously. While there I met some amazing teachers, great scholars on the topic and a number of survivors. I came back even more inspired.

In 2012 I spent four days at Newark after once again being selected for the class. Once again we discussed how to get Holocaust education into schools and other venues. I heard amazing speakers and again met many survivors.

After talking to members of the Holocaust Education Center in Illinois, I decided I did not want to push for state mandated learning of the issue. The main reason was teachers do not want the state telling them what they have to teach and educators that would not be properly prepared to teach such a topic. As a member of Iowa's Holocaust Commission, it was decided we would make recommendations for implementing Holocaust education into existing curriculum. It will be interesting to see if this has any positive effects. By the way, I believe St. Mary's was the only school in the state to offer a semester long class on the topic. Even in Illinois, where it is required, most schools spend between 2-6 weeks at most.

I have found this topic is of more interest to adults than to young kids. We can relate to the historic significance where young kids see it as something that happened a long,

long time ago. It takes time to make them realize the importance of the study of the event.

My goal is to keep the lessons of the Holocaust alive. After this event we said "NEVER AGAIN", yet there are numerous places today where genocide is happening. We as individuals must do our part to help humanity survive the inhumanity that some have toward others. We can not stand by while people are being tortured and killed for their differences, whatever they may be. Today we need upstanders instead of bystanders. I hope this evening has made you a more enlightened being.

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**WHAT IS "HOLOCAUST"?**

- The term "Holocaust" comes from the Greek word "Holokauston".
- It means "sacrifice by fire".
- This is what the nazis persecution was called.

Learn more from former L-M teacher  
**BRAD WILKENING**  
**7 pm Tuesday, July 12**  
LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY



### Friday, July 8th:

**Car Show** on 3rd Street by the City Park 4:30-7:30  
Hometown Pride - Funnel Cakes at City Park 4:30-7:30 \$3.00 - toppings extra  
**Museum** will be open 4:30-7:30  
Kid's Korner Hamburger or Hot Dog Meal 5-7 at the Fire Station. Proceeds toward playground equipment.  
Ice Cream Sundaes hosted by Bethany Lutheran Church 5-9: \$2.00  
"**Turning It Loose**" DJ at Sportsman's Park 7:30 until Fireworks  
**Presentation of Grand Marshals** - Gazebo at Sportsman's Park 8pm  
**Fireworks** at dusk (amazing fireworks!) ~ get your chair set out in the park (and bring your lemonade, water, beer or wine...sorry, no hard alcohol allowed) because this year the fireworks will be set off to music!

### Saturday, July 9th:

Pancake Breakfast by the Kiwanis - Laurens Fire Station 7-10  
FIT **5K Walk/Run** - pick up packets at 7 am at FIT - 5K starts at 8 am  
Prairie to Present **Bike Ride** starting in Plover at 9 am  
**Parade** at 10am (keeps getting better every year!)  
**Wine Festival** starting after the parade until 4:00 - \$10 (includes collectible glass) - must be 21 years of age or older - Laurens Sister City  
**Museum** Open 11-4  
Free Popcorn from the Kiwanis 11-4 Shelter House  
**Inflatables** in City Park: Laser Tag, Bounce House, Obstacle Course, Rock Climbing Wall - \$10 wrist band 11-4  
**Dunk Tank** in City Park - fundraiser for Laurens Christian Youth  
All You Can Eat Buffet - Pizza Ranch 11-1  
Lunch in the City Park by the Methodist Men 11-1 Hamburger Meal \$6.00  
Lunch in the City Park by the Masons 11-1:30 Pork Chops on a Stick, chips & drink - freewill donation  
Smoothies in the City Park by the Masons 11-1:30  
Pie & Ice Cream by the Methodist Women - City Hall 11-2 \$4.50  
"**One Man Band**" Russell Lachney at the City Park 1-3  
**Free Swim!** at the Laurens Swimming Pool 1-5:30  
**Turning It Loose DJ:** 4-8 downtown in front of Laurens Lounge and Lanes  
**Saucy Jack Band** 8 to midnight - downtown in front of Laurens Lounge and Lanes \$5  
Meal in Memory Lane - New Pool Fundraiser dinner -Pulled Pork Sandwich meal at Memory Lane Park 5-8 pm Saturday night - free will donation

### Sunday, July 10th:

**Coffee & Tee-Off Event** - Laurens Country Club 8-11 1/2 price green fees

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The 7th Annual Alumni Run 5k Run/Walk will be held on the streets of Laurens, IA. The event is being held to honor all athletes and supporters of the Laurens Elks, Laurens Marathon Chargers, Northwest Raiders and PAC/LM athletic teams. These teams have enjoyed a great tradition of success throughout their history. This run/walk is being held to remember the 'good old days' as well as to reconnect with long lost teammates and acquaintances. The hope is to bring as many Alumni and friends in as possible. As well as provide our present athletes an opportunity to have a race to look forward to in the summer on the streets of Laurens. Although the inspiration is alumni, all those interested are welcome to participate. We hope to provide an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie that comes with running and being part of something bigger than you.

**ENTRY FEE:**

- \$10.00 High School Seniors and Younger
  - \$18.00 Early Registration prior to July 1, 2016
  - \$20.00 Late Registration July 2 through race day.
- There is no guarantee you will receive a t-shirt with late registration.

**RACE DAY INFORMATION**

Early Packet Pick Up & Registration  
at FIT Exercise Studio, Friday, July 8, 2016 from 3-6 pm

**6:30 AM** FIT Exercise Studio Opens for Packet Pickup & Late Registrations

**8:00 AM** RACE BEGINS in Downtown Laurens

**9:15 AM** Awards & Medals in front of FIT Exercise Studio

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return entry form and payment to: John Jamison, 5K Run/Walk; 302 S. 3rd Street, Laurens, IA 50554

In consideration of you accepting this entry I, the above signed intending to be legally bound hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, contractually waive and release any and all claims for damages I may now or hereafter have against all sponsors, including, but not limited to FIT Exercise Studio, and/or the City of Laurens, and/or Laurens-Marathon Community Schools, for any and all injuries, including claims of damages suffered by me in this event as a result of my participation in and/or transportation to said race. I understand the race will be conducted on blacktop and gravel and it could be hazardous. Further, I attest that I have trained for this race and am of sound physical condition. I also grant full permission to the sponsors and authorize them to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

## *Come & Go Baby Shower*

There will be a Come and Go Baby Shower for Marie Mather Burrows on July 10th from 1-3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in the Wesley Room. IT'S A BOY!

## *Card Shower*

Please congratulate Rose Marie Smith on her 90th birthday, on July 7th.

Cards can be sent to her home address: 311 S. 1st St., Laurens, IA 50554.

## *BV County Conservation Naturalist to Speak at Albert City Public Library*

Katie Struss, BV County Conservation Naturalist, will speak at the Albert City Public Library on July 21st, 2016 at 7pm. She will display and talk about Owls, Hawks, Turtles and Salamanders. Come and hear this interesting and educational talk and see these birds of prey, reptiles and amphibians. When do you get to see owls and hawks up close, touch a turtle or see a salamander? You won't want to miss this opportunity!

The Naturalist presents environmental education programs throughout the county, plus she is there to help if there is a bird or animal wounded or orphaned or in need of care. The BV County Conservation Park is located at 377 440th Street, Peterson, Iowa, just 4 miles west of Linn Grove on C-13, where they feature campgrounds with cabins, hiking trails, picnic shelters, wildlife viewing, arboretum, bow hunting and playground equipment. The facility offers youth camps and programs. Please call 712-295-7985 or go online to find out about these offerings. We are excited to have Katie present this program for our community and surrounding area. Please join us for a fun night. Ice cream sundaes will be served after the program.

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## *Celebrate Jeanette's 90th Birthday*

Jeanette Oleson Johnson Hawley turned 90 on May 28. Please come celebrate with Jeanette at a reception in her honor, hosted by her children. It will be held Sunday, July 10 at the Laurens Country Club from 2-5 p.m.





## *Third Annual Gospel Hymn Sing*

The Fonda Arts Center presents its Third Annual Gospel Hymn Sing, Sunday afternoon, July 10, starting at 2:00 p.m. This will be an afternoon of interactive sing-along of favorite hymns, punctuated by vocals by guests Jackie Kiefer of Dallas, Texas, Eric Howard from Fort Dodge, and duets by Myrv Samuelson and Mary Mattoon from Pocahontas/Fonda, and Humboldt, respectively. Not to be outdone, Fonda will share its talents with contributions from Gloria and Randy Mobley, Larry Heschke, and the Vacation Bible School Singers! Denise (Kuklenz) Veencamp of Madrid will be accompanying on the piano, and Sherry Gustafson accompanying on the organ. Master of Ceremonies will be Lyla Kuklenz, who, as in years past, will weave it all together for an afternoon of music, memories, and camaraderie.

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!

## *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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**Street Party in downtown Laurens  
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Serving begins at  
5 p.m. Bring a friend  
and enjoy a great  
meal with us!**



## *Successful Summer Reading Program at AC Public Library*



The Albert City Public Library had a successful Summer Reading Program themed “Get on your mark, get set, READ!” throughout the month of June. On June 1st, Sam Aronson had a sports themed program including races and a scavenger hunt to learn to find items in the library. Such a fun way to start out the month of reading. On the 8th, Katie Struss-County Conservation Naturalist- brought a Red-Tailed Hawk for the children to see and taught about water sports. The children were in awe at the size of the hawk! It is one thing to see them in the air flying above and quite another to see one a few feet away! June 14th Lori Madsen from Laurens presented a program on “Sportsmanship and Teamwork”. She read stories about the subject, educating the children on the importance of working together as



a team no matter what the project or outcome of an event, because winning isn't everything! What is more important is how we treat each other and help each other to reach our mutual goal. For a craft, the children designed sports banners to take home. They sure had fun! As a finale, we had magician, Fax Gilbert here with his program “Mime, Masks and Magic”. He really had the children's attention...how did he do that! Our Pleasant View Home residents were able to attend this event. Fax entertained young and old alike! We want to thank all who helped with our reading program this year. We had a great group of kids and helpers. Thanks to all who made Summer Reading a Success!





*Coffee & Rolls, free will donation and half price green fees at Laurens Golf & Country Club this Sunday, July 10 from 8-11 a.m. to celebrate Laurens!*



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**Laurens Area Youth Group will be going on a mission trip to Omaha July 14th through the 18th.**

**They will be giving out personal items to people in need of assistance and homeless people.**

**The Youth Group is in need of a van to borrow for this trip.**

**There are a lot of supplies and kids to take to help in this cause.**

**If you have a van you are able to donate for these 4 days, the Youth Group would be very grateful.**



**Please contact Angie Christenson as soon as possible.**

**Phone #'s to reach her at are (712)450-0295 or (712)841-2653**

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## Bridal Shower

Come & Go Bridal Shower honoring Megan McKibban, bride elect of Brandon Johnson on July 23, 2016 at the West Iowa Bank Community Room, 200 W. Main, Laurens from 9-11 AM. Brandon and Megan are registered at Target and Heart 'n Home in Laurens. Hope to see you there!

## Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum to be Open!

The Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum will be open during the Laurens Summer Celebration. Come visit us on Friday, July 8 from 4:30-7:30 or Saturday, July 9 from 11-4. The museum is located in the Laurens City Park just south of the library.



***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

**Wednesday, July 6**

1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers  
7:00 p.m. - Mission Council

**Thursday, July 7**

2:00 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

**Friday, July 8**

7:00 p.m. - AA

**Sunday, July 10**

9:30 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service at the City Park

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***This Week at Bethany Lutheran***

**Thursday: July 7, 2016**  
NO Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Friday: July 8, 2016**  
5:00-9:00 PM ~ Sundae Stand (City Park)

**Saturday: July 9, 2016**  
10:00 AM ~ Laurens Day Parade

**Sunday: July 10, 2016**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE**  
9:30 AM ~ Ecumenical Worship Service in the Laurens City Park – please bring your own lawn chairs.  
(If it rains, the service will be at the First Christian Church.)

**Tuesday: July 12, 2016**  
10:00 AM ~ Coffee Time  
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal  
*Worship, Love, Accept~ Together in Christ's Name*



***This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church***

**Fri., July 8th:**  
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

**Sun., July 10th:**  
9:30 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service at the City Park  
Baby Shower in honor of William Mather Burrows from 1-3 p.m. in the Wesley Room.

**Mon., July 11th:**  
Quilt Club @ 6 p.m.



***Sacred Heart Church Laurens***

Pastor ~ Fr. John J. Gerald  
Weekday Mass : Friday, 8:00 AM  
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 8:30 AM (July - October)

Cluster Parishes  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids  
Weekday Mass: (Monday & Wednesday), 8:00 AM  
Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:00 PM (July – October)

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal  
Weekday Mass: (Tuesday & Thursday), 8:00 AM  
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10:30 AM (July-October)



## *Crop Walk Workshop to be held in Humboldt*

ISU Extension and Outreach Humboldt County are partnering with Nick and Steph Bowden to host a Crop Walk Workshop on Tuesday, July 19 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at the Bowden Farm located at 1555 260th St, Humboldt.

Extension Field Agronomist, Angie Rieck-Hinz, will discuss mid-season concerns such as Northern Corn Leaf Blight, corn rootworm management and the latest in soybean aphid research. There is no fee to attend, but registration is greatly appreciated.

Please call Holly Frerk at ISU Extension and Outreach Humboldt County at 515-332-2201 or email [hferk@iastate.edu](mailto:hferk@iastate.edu)

## *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).

*Biggest Little Paper In Town!*

## *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.

## *Farm Grain Truck Clinic*

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will be holding a Farm Grain Truck Clinic on August 2, 2016 at the Pocahontas Fairground. Grain Truck Maintenance and regulations will be discussed during the clinic. To register, please call the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103 or email [hferk@iastate.edu](mailto:hferk@iastate.edu).



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### **HELP WANTED:**

Vaughn DeLoss Construciton 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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## *Help Teens Get Some Sleep*

Anyone who lives with teens often may hear them grumble that they are tired. To lessen the complaints, parents can take steps to help their teens get more sleep, says Dr. David Brown, an Iowa State University Extension and Outreach human sciences specialist.

“We know that many teens just don’t get enough sleep. Several years ago a Reuters Health study showed that many teens stay up well into the night multitasking, but not necessarily doing their homework. They are texting, Web-surfing and gaming,” said Brown, who specializes in family life issues.

Christina J. Calamaro, of Drexel University in Philadelphia, was the lead researcher for the Reuters Health study, which looked at the habits of 100 youth age 12 to 18. The study was described in the June 2009 edition of *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Each youth was assigned a multitasking index based on the total number of hours he or she spent in nine different activities – including watching TV, playing video games and doing homework – divided by nine, which is the number of hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. The teens with the highest multitasking index were at risk for declining school performance and difficulty thinking clearly.

“Experts agree that teens need at least nine hours of sleep every night, but most U.S. teens get an average of seven hours. In this study, one-third of the participants said they fell asleep in school, most twice a day; but some as many as eight times a day. Of those who had their driver’s licenses, half said they felt sleepy while driving and one admitted to falling asleep while driving.”

“Teens who get less sleep at night try to counteract their tiredness with caffeine during the day. When the caffeine wears off, they end up falling asleep during the day. Most participants in the study consumed at least 100 mg of caffeine, and one teen drank 1,400 mg a day,” Brown said.

To help teens get more sleep, parents are encouraged to try to get their teen’s nighttime technology use under control. “Nighttime texting was a huge issue in the Reuters Health study. Removing the TV, computer and cellphone from your teen’s bedroom is one step you can take. Or you could set limits on the use of these devices no matter where they are located, but realize this will take monitoring,” Brown said.

## *Babysitting Clinic held at Laurens Public Library*

Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach partnered with Laurens Public Library to hold a Babysitting Clinic on June 23, 2016 for 5th-7th graders. Participants had the opportunity to learn CPR & first aid, money management, home safety, how to make a healthy snack, infant care, and activities and games to play with young children.





June 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 Tim McCartan of T.P. Anderson & Company.

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

Tim McCartan of T.P. Anderson & Company went over the 2015 Audit with the Board of Trustees. They reviewed the financial statements, budgetary comparisons, schedules of operating revenues and expenses and the schedule of findings. Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to accept the Calendar Year 2015 Independent Auditor's Report prepared by T.P. Anderson & Company. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts in the amount of \$459,728.17 and the list of expenses for May 2016 in the amount of \$382,263.63. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### Summary of Receipts:

A/R Electric	\$ 277,846.25		
A/R Communications	\$ 79,786.37		
Misc. Electric Sales	\$ 3,118.73		
Carrier Access Fees	\$ 6,271.32		
Electric Deposits	\$ 1,119.00		
Internet Deposits	\$ 70.00		
Cable TV Deposits	\$ 65.00		
Telephone Deposits	\$ 50.00		
Marathon Power Sales	\$ 11,133.60		
City of Laurens Loan Payment	\$ 50,000.00		
Interest Income	\$ 4,509.91		
E911 Circuits	\$ 643.26		
Attachment H Revenues	\$ 23,187.85		
Attachment H Set Aside	\$ (745.00)		
Misc. Cable TV Sales	\$ 788.88		
Tower Lease Fees	\$ 1,800.00	Electric Receipts	\$ 370,170.34
Lifeline Reimbursement	\$ 83.00	Communication Receipts	\$ 89,557.83
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 459,728.17	Total Cash Receipts	\$ 459,728.17

### List of Expenses:

A & M Laundry	Floor Mats & Mops	\$ 85.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 227.40
Ahlers Law Firm	Legal Fees	\$ 157.50
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 199.30
Amaril Uniform Company	Fire Retardant (FR) Clothing	\$ 750.85
Associate Partners	Annual CM Provisioning Support	\$ 250.00
Aureon	Consolidated Billing	\$ 2.97
Aureon	CALE/SS7/Switching	\$ 135.52
B & K Embroidery	Shirt Embroidery	\$ 45.48
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$ 647.28
Biorn Corporation	Collection Fees	\$ 470.55

Border States Electric	Supplies	\$	132.06
Brandon DeSimpelaere	Deposit Refund	\$	60.00
BSG Clearing Solutions	LECC Third Party Billing	\$	165.52
Buena Vista Stationery	Office Supplies	\$	153.45
Century Link	Transport Fees	\$	558.32
Century Link	Directory Listings	\$	38.80
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$	42.12
City of Laurens	Reimburse Customer Invoice	\$	25.00
City of Laurens	Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$	15,692.10
City of Laurens	Cash Donation	\$	15,000.00
City of Laurens	Utility Billing	\$	80,349.45
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Fees	\$	850.00
Dakota Riggers & Tool Supply	Supplies	\$	58.25
Dave Bailey	Safety Footwear	\$	150.00
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	35,985.90
DGR Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$	1,608.70
Echo Group	Supplies	\$	362.45
Employee Benefit Systems	Insurance Self-Funding	\$	127.66
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Administration	\$	120.00
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	1,714.92
Grainger	Lockout/Tagout Supplies	\$	1,120.09
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	802.88
ICMA Retirement Trust	Employee Contributions	\$	1,000.00
Internal Revenue Service	Federal/FICA Withholding	\$	4,668.77
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	3,511.46
Internal Revenue Service	Excise Taxes	\$	38.92
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax/State Withholding	\$	8,464.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	15.90
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Withholding	\$	4,786.64
JT Services	Supplies	\$	328.15
Karla Sonksen	Employee Shirts	\$	170.03
KTIV – TV	Programming Fees	\$	703.80
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	7.34
Laurens House of Print	Supplies	\$	1,036.94
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	250.38
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	76.44
Laurens Plumbing/Hwy 10 Hardware	Supplies	\$	201.72
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	37.31
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	459.94
Loan Analysis Workshop	IADG Workshop Registration	\$	25.00
Long Lines	Switching/Internet/Billing/LD	\$	7,504.05
Lukins Construction	Cable Replacement Project	\$	6,990.00
Mark Hawley	Deposit Refund	\$	400.00
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	488.36
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	43,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	14,297.96
National Cable Television Cooperative	C4c Annual Support Fees	\$	857.34
National Child Safety Council	Child Safety & Drug Program	\$	242.00
Newgard Auto Parts & Supply	Equipment	\$	99.00
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	28,515.21
NIMECA	MCR Consulting/Inventory	\$	2,650.40
Norgaard Sand & Gravel	Limestone	\$	575.50
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	21,728.06
PLIC – SBD Grand Island	Group Insurance Premiums	\$	543.83
Pop Media Networks	Programming Fees	\$	623.68
Post Master	Postage	\$	752.09

Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	337.24
Professional Computer Systems	Cybernetics Annual Support	\$	1,062.45
RFD TV	Programming Fees	\$	8.85
Rovi Guides	Programming Fees	\$	609.14
Sinclair Broadcast Group	Programming Fees	\$	876.30
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/Transport Fees	\$	1,751.76
Stuart C. Irby Company	Supplies	\$	477.00
Tower Distribution Company	Programming Fees	\$	822.18
TP Anderson & Company	Audit Fees	\$	3,750.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	\$	271.05
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance Premiums	\$	4,908.61
Woodley Insurance & Real Estate	Insurance Premiums	\$	52,706.50
Zcorum	Internet Fees	\$	<u>1,542.53</u>
		Total	\$ 382,263.63
Electric Expenses	\$ 310,347.31		
Communications Expenses	<u>\$ 71,916.32</u>		
Total Expenses	\$ 382,263.63		

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report and the Income Statements for May. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to have CD # 70396 reinvested at the discretion of the Investment Committee upon maturity. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Electric rates. Trustee Storms introduced the following Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ELECTRICITY RATES OF THE LAURENS MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT" and moved that the same be adopted. Trustee Runneberg seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg and Storms. Nays: None.

Whereupon, the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ELECTRICITY RATES OF THE LAURENS MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to an election held in the year 1947, the Municipal Electric System in and for the City of Laurens, Pocahontas County, Iowa was established; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an election held in the year 1949, the management and control of the Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant was put in the hands of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees may, by resolution, establish, impose, adjust and provide for the collection of rates to be charged for the electricity and use of the services provided by the Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Laurens, Pocahontas County, Iowa that the new electric rates shall be as follows:

Section 1. The Electric Utility shall increase the electric rates as recommended in the Cash Flow Analysis prepared by DGR Engineering on May 5, 2016. The electric rates shall be increased by 5% across the board and shall go into effect on August 15, 2016. The new electric rates shall be as follows:

**RESIDENTIAL RATE:** Applicable to residential customers for all domestic uses in single-family dwellings and individually metered apartments, including the use of motors, not more than 5 HP individual capacity. Water heating units shall not exceed 10 kW simultaneous capacity. Space heating and air conditioning shall be served under this rate schedule.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Single-phase, 60 Hertz, 120/240 Volt, 400 Amp maximum, 3-wire, single meter.

MONTHLY CHARGES: Customer Charge \$14.00 per month  
Plus  
Energy Charge \$ 0.0768 per kWh

**SMALL COMMERCIAL RATE:** Applicable to all commercial customers for lighting, heating, cooking, refrigeration, power to motors and other approved uses where the monthly metered demand does not exceed 10 kW in a 12-month period.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Single-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages. Utility furnishes one transformer and one meter.

MONTHLY CHARGES: Customer Charge \$ 14.00 per month  
Plus  
Energy Charge \$ 0.1049 per kWh

**LARGE COMMERCIAL RATE:** Applicable to all commercial customers for lighting, heating, cooking refrigeration, power to motors and other approved uses where the monthly metered demand for single-phase exceeds 10 kW and three-phase does not exceed 50 kW in a 12-month period.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Single-phase or Three-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages. Utility furnishes one transformer and one meter.

MONTHLY CHARGES: Customer Charge \$ 28.00 per month  
Plus  
Energy Charge \$ 0.0620 per kWh  
Plus  
Demand Charge \$ 8.25 per kW

**INDUSTRIAL RATE:** Applicable to all commercial or industrial customers for three-phase service for lighting, heating, cooking, refrigeration, power to motors and other approved uses where the monthly metered demand for three-phase exceeds 50 kW.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Three-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages. Utility furnishes one transformer and one meter.

MONTHLY CHARGES: Customer Charge \$ 35.00 per month  
Plus  
Energy Charge \$ 0.0345 per kWh  
Plus  
Demand Charge \$ 14.55 per kW

**OTHER PROVISIONS:**

MINIMUM BILL: Monthly customer charge plus demand charges if applicable.

PENALTY: The electric bill shall be due and payable upon receipt. If the electric bill is not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> day after billing, a late payment fee of 1.5% of the balance due will apply. If said 20<sup>th</sup> day after billing falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the deadline for payment without penalty will be extended to the next working day.

DELINQUENT NOTICE: A \$5.00 charge will be incurred on all delinquent accounts that require the preparation and delivery of a delinquent notice.

24 or 48 HOUR DISCONNECT NOTICE: A \$15.00 charge will be incurred on all delinquent accounts that require the preparation and delivery of a 24 or 48 hour disconnect notice.

SALES TAX: Sales tax will be added to all electric bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the laws of Iowa.

METERED DEMAND: The metered demand shall be the maximum kilowatt demand established by the consumer for any period of 15 consecutive minutes during the month as indicated or recorded by a demand meter.

BILLING DEMAND (Industrial Class Only): The demand to be billed shall be the adjusted metered demand for the month but not less than 40% of the highest demand during the preceding eleven (11) months.

RECONNECTION FEES: If a customer, whose service has been disconnected, either by his/her order or by reason of delinquency, requests a reconnection of such service within twelve (12) months of the time of disconnection, a reconnection charge equal to the sum of the monthly minimum charges for the period of disconnection shall also be collected.

The minimum reconnection charge shall be equal to the sum of three months' minimum charges. The minimum reconnection fees are as follows:

Residential	\$ 42.00
Small Commercial	\$ 42.00
Large Commercial	\$ 84.00
Industrial	\$105.00

This resolution shall be effective upon approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 by the following vote:

Ayes: Main, Runneberg and Storms. Nays: None.

Richard Main  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant

ATTEST:

Chad Cleveland  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant

Discussion was held on signing the Participation Agreement with Iowa Area Development Group (IADG). Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to authorizing the signing of the Participation Agreement with Iowa Area Development Group. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on launching Skitter TV. The business model/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 Agreements are being reviewed by Steve Nadel of Ahlers Law Firm and from our phone discussions, it does not sound like there are any large hurdles to deal with. General Manager Cleveland reported that if we were to sign the Agreements by the end of the month, Skitter TV and Aureon would work hard at getting us launched in October of this year.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to authorize General Manager Cleveland to enter into agreement(s) with Skitter TV and Aureon once our lawyer at Ahlers Law Firm has approved the language. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

General Manager Cleveland reported that back on June 7, 2016 we were called upon by SPP to run our diesel generators at full load from 4:45 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. SPP said we needed to run for reliability purposes. We ran both of the plants at full load for the time requested without a problem. SPP informed us that they will be making a payment of \$6,582 to cover our costs.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Richard Main  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland  
Secretary, Board of Trustees