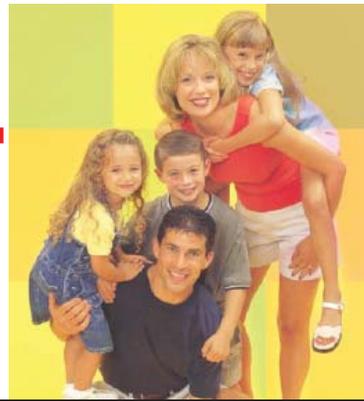


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Local News

Cleveland Receives MJ Millward Scholarship

Matt Cleveland was this year's recipient of the MJ Millward Scholarship. The scholarship is given to the highest ranking senior living within the city limits of Laurens. Matt is a 2013 graduate of Laurens-Marathon High School and is the son of Chad and Brenda Cleveland.

Matt plans on attending Iowa State University next year to pursue an engineering degree.



Show n' Shine Car Show



Gentlemen, (and ladies) start your engines and motor on down to the Laurens Celebration Show n' Shine car, truck and motorcycle show. The event will be Friday, July 19 at the Laurens City Park from 4-7 P.M.

Registration is free. Prizes will be given for the top car (\$75 in Laurens Bucks), top cycle (\$75 in Laurens Bucks), oldest car (\$25 in Laurens Bucks), car that came the furthest (\$25 in Laurens Bucks), and oldest cycle (\$25 in Laurens Bucks). In addition the top car and top cycle will receive a trophy.

For a complete schedule of events, go to www.laurensiachamber.com or for information on the show contact Mike Ford at 952-270-2343 or Darrel Richardson at 841-4745.

FINALLY Back to Racing!!

The rain rained out the racing for a couple weeks, now it is finally warm racing weather!!

The heat race on June 22nd had 9 cars in Cruiser race. The 0 car of Colton Lampe/Tyler Stockwell came in 1st, the 00 car of Cody Hubbell/Ryan Hudson came in 2nd and the 888 car of Sami Hudson/Bryan Claussen came in 7th!

The feature was quite an exciting race! The 00-Hubbell/Hudson came in for the checkered, the 0-Lampe/Stockwell car finished 4th with the 888-Hudson/Claussen right behind them with a 5th place finish! This was Hubbell/Hudson's 4th win this year! They are leading in points by 2.



Lampe /Stockwell 1st row inside, Hubbell/Hudson 2nd row inside, Hudson/Claussen 3rd row outside, 4th row outside David Funk/Blake Wiley.



Hubbell/Hudson getting the checkered flag!



Sami and Bryan passing Colton and Tyler.



Ryan and Cody after their 4th win of the year!

Volunteers Work on Memory Lane

On Sunday, June 30, volunteers descended on Memory Lane to ready the back parking area for bricks. The next step will be to actually lay the brick. This should be the last major project for the pocket park. Many, many thanks to Larry Lawman, Larry Perkins, Dwight Van Genderen, Thaine Hopkins, Dean Oleson, and Tim Fischer.

If you haven't wandered through the park yet, take a few moments to check out the bricks in the brick path, relax in front of the waterfall, take in the copper wind sculpture that was donated in memory of Al Petersen by the Laurens-Marathon Education Association, and have your lunch at one of the stone tables.

You can still get your brick(s) in the path. Contact Peggy Milton at 841-4645 or e-mail: peggymilton1951@hotmail.com.



Larry Lawman, Tjeran Jolliffe, and Dwight Van Genderen check the progress.



Larry Lawman runs the backhoe and Larry Perkins manuevers his skidsteer as they dig out the old parking area at Memory Lane.



Tim Fischer, Thaine Hopkins, and Dean Oleson work on getting rid of the old rock and getting ready for new.



Time to rest!



Larry Perkins takes a break while Thaine Hopkins digs out the corner.

Come Enjoy Memory Lane!

Dawson Svuba, age 4, and Beckett Svuba, age 2, sons of Brent and Erica Svuba, enjoy the waterfall at Memory Lane on a nice summer night.



Dawson Svuba and Beckett Svuba.



Beckett Svuba, Brent Svuba and Dawson Svuba.

For Sale: 2005 Harley Road King Custom (FLHRSI)

Fuel injected, 5-speed with cruise and some added chrome. Rinehart mufflers and Mustang Seat (original parts go with the bike). HD back rest and rear travel pack. Less than 7,100 easy miles. Clean and ready to roll. Old School look in Black Cherry with wire/spoke wheels. Always stored inside, never dropped, new battery. Original owner—purchased from Ernie Williams in Algona. Asking \$12,900.

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



At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 10, 2013

At next Tuesday's Summer Reading, the Library Foundation is sponsoring Mike Anderson, "The Dulcimer Guy." His website says he is a "Mountain dulcimer player, singer, song writer, story teller and a darn good guy." It also says "Mike plays guitar, banjo, jaw harp, noseflute, bones, and more." Noseflute, jaw harp and bones? If you're as curious as I am, you'll want to join us at 1:30 Tuesday the 16th! We will continue to "Dig into Reading" every Tuesday at 1:30 through the end of July.

We can hardly wait for tomorrow because it's LEGOMANIA! We'll dig out all of our Legos to play all day on Thursdays from now until

August 15. This is fun for all ages – come by yourself or grab a friend to join the fun! Sign up each week for the prizes that will be awarded August 15th.

We've scheduled another Coupon Swap for Wednesday, July 17th, from 5-7 p.m. Bring any coupons you won't be using to the Library for this, then come and share your couponing tips and learn the secrets of other couponers!

Writer's Free for All meets Monday evening the 15th. Bring your stories and memories you'd like to share!

Stop at the library and pick up "Walking Beans Wasn't Something You Did With Your Dog: Stories Of Growing Up In And Around Small Towns In The Midwest." This collection of short stories about growing up ranging from the days after the Depression to the

more recent past is our Book Club selection for July. We'll meet at 7 p.m. Monday, July 22 to discuss the book.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

July 11 - LegoMania all day!

July 15 at 7 p.m. - Writers Free for All

July 16 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading with Mike Anderson THE DULCIMER GUY at Summer Reading

July 17 - Coupon Swap 5-7 pm

July 18 - LegoMania all day!

July 22 at 7 p.m. - The Book Club "Walking Beans Wasn't Something You Did with Your Dog"

July 23 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading

July 25 - LegoMania all day!

July 30 at 1:30 p.m. - Dig into Reading Summer Reading



Author Talk at Laurens Public Library

Darlene Naig of Emmetsburg tells her story of overcoming her food and environmental allergies. She told of the adaptations necessary in her home, wardrobe, diet and other lifestyle changes she made to regain her health. If you missed her author talk, you can check out her book, "I Want it Known" at the Laurens Public Library.

Albert City Public Library News for July

I blinked and June disappeared! Warm weather has finally come around and early morning water aerobics has been enjoyable. Summerfest was eventful-but luckily it didn't "Rain on our Parade"!!! The library took first place in the parade entries. We are so pleased and thrilled to win! Thank you to all the people that wore costumes of their heritage and walked in the parade with us. The library display of quilts, art and Lego designs was enjoyed by many visitors. Check us out on Facebook and see all the photos of our displays for Summerfest. We thank the talented quilters and artists that supplied us with their prized creations so that we could have a successful show.

Adult Fiction good summer reads for July include: *Ballistics* by D.W. Wilson—a remarkable novel about family ties and the wounds that can linger for generations when relationships are betrayed, the thriller *Hit Me* by Lawrence Sanders, *Island Girls* by Nancy Thayer—an emotional tale of three sisters forced to confront the past over one event-filled summer on Nantucket Island, *Time Flies* by Claire Cook—an epic trip filled with fun, heartbreak, and friendship that explores what it takes to conquer your worst fears and start living again, *The Last Original*

Wife by Dorothea Benton Frank—a funny and poignant tale of one audacious woman's quest to find the love she deserves, *The Woman From Paris* by Santa Montefiore—what happens when a beautiful young French girl turns up at your father's funeral claiming to be his illegitimate daughter that he has left a fortune to?, in Mary Kay Andrews' *Ladies Night*—a splash of betrayal, a few drops of outrage, a good shake of proper behavior and you've got a premise for a great new novel. Remember the *Devil Wears Prada*? Lauren Weisberger has come out with a sequel called *Revenge Wears Prada—the devil returns!* Lisa Jackson has another thriller out called *Tell Me*. For the James Patterson fan, we have his latest *Second Honeymoon* on tap.

Adult nonfiction offerings include the ever popular Bill O'Reilly with his new release *Keep it Pithy, Top of the Morning* by Brian Stelter reveals the cutthroat world of TV morning shows and the case with Matt Lauer and Ann Curry, *The Other Side of the Ice* by Sprague Theobald explores one family's journey negotiating the Northwest Passage. On a lighter side *Lemons to Limoncello* by Raeleen D'Agostino Mautner, PhD shows how to turn lemons in life to lemonade with the zest of Italy. Enjoy these and much more.

33 large print books have been purchased from Center Point Large Print. Many romance, mystery and thrillers plus some nonfiction sprinkled in will be gracing our

shelves for your reading pleasure. Be sure to check out these new additions to our collection.

Children will enjoy *ABC Zooborns!*—new born animals at the zoo, *The Cloud Spinner*—a tale of a small boy who has a special gift of spinning clouds into thread. See what happens when the King sees the magnificent cloth and demands cloaks and gowns galore.

Kids who love dinosaurs will enjoy *Dinosaur Bones* by Bob Barner. In *Plant a Kiss*, a little girl learns that one small act of love can bloom into something bigger. For those that liked the colorful *Three Little Pigs* by Byron Barton, we have *The Little Red Hen* with the original story line and amazing coloration. Pete the Cat is characterized in two new books at the library featuring summertime fun - *Pete at the Beach* and *Play Ball!*

New Movies for July are: *Identity Thief* with Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy, *Quartet* with Maggie Smith, *Oz the Great and Powerful*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, *Jack the Giant Slayer* and *Escape from Planet Earth*. Children's movies are: *Dora's Enchanted Forest Adventures* and *Bob the Builder: On Site-Skyscrapers*.

Remember that the library has over 70 cake pans for your baking needs. So think Library when you have that special occasion that calls for a great cake! Also we have several puzzles for leisure time and over 40 magazines are available to check out. Hope you are having a super summer!

Do you love swimming?

Have you ever swam in the OLD Laurens Swimming Pool?
Would you like to see a new pool in Laurens? Would you like to dive
back in the pool for a good cause?! Then join us for our:

Laurens Swim Team Alumni and Friends Meet

Sunday, July 21, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Laurens Municipal Swimming Pool

Regardless of if you were a member of the Laurens Swim Team or not,
you can be a part of this meet to raise money for the new pool!

The meet is open for anyone ages 18 and up, no matter your skill
level! You pay the registration, get a t-shirt, and get to swim as many
races as you would like.

****Meet Fees: \$25.00 Before July 1, 2013**

\$30.00 After July 1, 2013

\$35.00 Day of Registration, but must be in before 9:30am.

All proceeds of the meet will go directly toward the **new** Laurens Pool.

Contact Kayla Graff at 712-450-2412 for additional information.

Find [Laurens, IA Swim Team Alumni](#) on Facebook for an order of
events and registration information.

Registration Form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pw8LTaeWW8t0g8YjR5nbEHo3xrqHVBZ6JQ7CablNFdw/edit?usp=sharing>

Event Sign Up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yVsiUIEevko_dEp1D-Cyzw3qJ2ATkxbBA86kpG038ZU/edit?usp=sharing

LAURENS CARE CENTER KICK BALL TOURNAMENT

The residents and staff of LCC are considering holding a kick ball tournament for the upcoming Laurens celebration on July 20th @ 11:30. There would be a \$25 entrance fee for each team of 8 players. A prize will be given to the winning team. Please contact Tanya or Amanda at the email or phone # below to register your team ASAP. We must have at least 8 teams in order to have the tournament.

tlouwagie@laurenscc.com

abiddle@laurenscc.com

phone: 712-845-4915 (Mon-Fri 9-4)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LAURENS CARE CENTER!!!



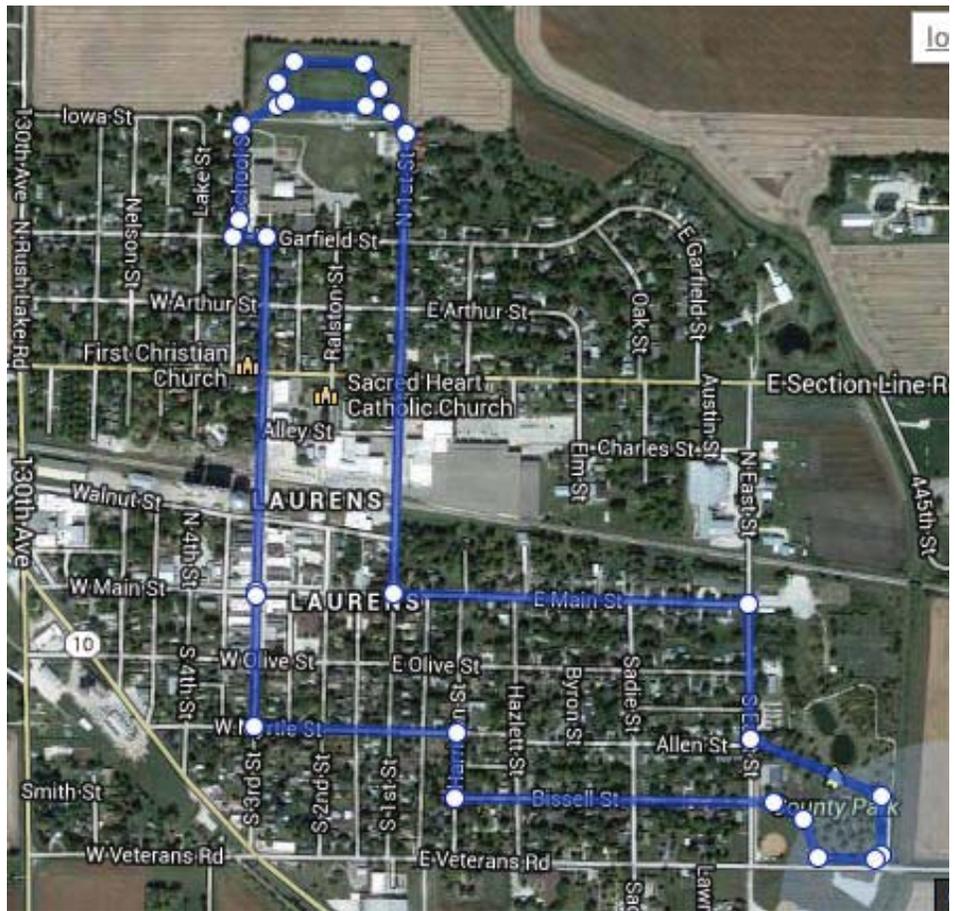
4th Annual Laurens Alumni Run

FIT Exercise Studio will be sponsoring the 4th Annual Laurens Alumni Run as part of the Laurens Summer Celebration to be held July 19 and 20, 2013. The race will be held Saturday, July 20th, at 8:00 am. All are invited to participate in this 5k run/walk held on the streets of Laurens.

The first three races were very successful and included many alumni and friends of LM, LM-ACT and Northwest athletic programs. Keep in mind you do not have to be an alumni to participate in this event. The idea is to get people together to participate in a healthy, fun activity. Maybe some will have the chance to reconnect and compete with old (I use that term loosely!) team mates, friends and family. Start training, if you haven't already, and we look forward to seeing you on July 20.

Registration information can be found at <http://www.fitexercisestudio.com>. Any questions can be directed to John Jamison at (712) 358-1038 or email johnjamison@lm.k12.ia.us.

[Click Here for the Registration Form!](#)



Multifamily Garage Sale!!

Multifamily Garage Sale! Saturday, July 20th, 8a.m. - 3 p.m. Wood burner, Ab Lounge, softball helmets, pitching target, large rack of Junior Shirts & Women's size clothing 1.00 ea. Some jeans, men and baby clothing. Furniture, dorm refrigerator, antique chairs & more. Large industrial Office corner desk unit & filing cabinets. TV's, Louver doors, 16 ft Steel gate, 2 x 2 steel tubing, C channel, and angle iron, truck tool box, PVC fittings, other shop supplies, and lots of Misc. items. 43462 140th Avenue, 1/2 mile North of Laurens on N28, 2 story brick home, Laurens

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- Inflatable Slide
- Homemade Cookies



Services Held for Ruth Otto

Ruth Lucile Otto Boehner, an 89 year old Newtown, MO resident, passed away at 11:30 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2013 at the Long Term Care Center in Milan, MO.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 1, 2013 at the Newtown Christian Church in Newtown, MO. Burial was in the Harris Cemetery at Harris, MO. A visitation was held from 6:30 until 8:00 Sunday evening at the Church. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Harris Cemetery or the Newtown Christian Church and may be left with Payne Funeral Home of Galt.

Ruth Boehner was born September 26, 1923 near Plover, IA to Wilbur H. and Bessie M. Otto Roberts. On November 2, 1940 she was united in marriage to Willard L. Otto. He

preceded her in death on April 2, 1988. On July 28, 1990 she was married to John Boehner. He also preceded her in death on January 13, 1997. Mrs. Boehner spent much of her life as a cook, both for the school and the three restaurants she had owned and operated. She also worked for a rental business and convenience store. At the age of 60, she received her G.E.D. after not being allowed to graduate high school because she was married two weeks prior to graduation. At this time she learned computers and worked for the City of Milan, Shatto Oil, and the DFS as a processor of Energy Assistance applications for Sullivan and Putnam Counties. In her spare time, she assisted Marcella Fairley in her catering business. She was a member of the Newtown Christian Church, the Harris Town and Country Club, the quilting club and served on the Sullivan County OATS Board. Her strong work ethic and caring nature is a wonderful example she

has left her family and friends.

Surviving relatives include her 8 children; Ivan Otto of Newtown, MO, Jerry Otto and his wife Virginia of Laurens, IA, Barbara Metcalf and her husband Gary of Newtown, Art Otto and his wife Janice of Newtown, Bill Otto and his wife Karen of Newtown, Teresa Pauley of Centerville, IA, Tim Otto and his wife Julie of Dearborn, MO, and Willie Otto and his wife Kim of Marshfield, MO, sisters Sharon Scott and her husband Conrad of Colo, IA and Ida Stafford of Litchfield, IA, a brother Charles Otto of Glendale, AZ, a sister in law Mary Joy Roberts of Rolfe, IA, 31 grandchildren, 63 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

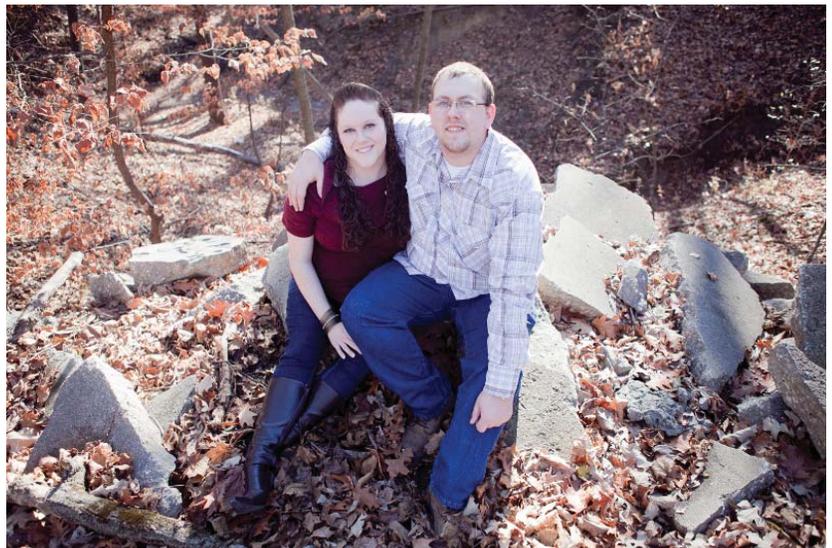
Those preceding her in death include her parents, husbands, a daughter Pauline Miller Parsons, a grandson Brian W. Pauley, and a great granddaughter Rian Wilson.

Bridal Shower

Everyone is invited to attend a come and go bridal shower for Jessica Watkins, bride elect of Denis Mattheis.

The shower will be held at the Allee Building - Community Center, 108 S. Fulton Street in Newell, IA on Sunday, July 28th from 1-4 p.m. Bring your favorite recipe to share with the bride!

Jessica and Denis are registered at JCPenny, Wal-Mart and Menards.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that came out to support the Laurens-Marathon Speech Department by attending the summer play "Leading Ladies". You were a fantastic crowd, and we all appreciated your support. The cast loved the standing ovation they received, and they loved the laughter from the wonderful audience that was in attendance. The cast and directors were happy to share their talents, and we are so excited that those that attended enjoyed the show! The funds from this production will be used toward entry fees for Large and Individual Speech Contests this year. Thank you all again for your support!

Nancy and Ken Kunickis- Speech & Drama Coaches for Laurens-Marathon School.

Martin Named to Dean's List

Vina Martin, upon completion of the spring semester of her sophomore year, has been recognized by the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering at Arizona State University as having qualified for the Dean's List for the fourth straight semester. ASU requires a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average to qualify for this honor.

Vina is the daughter of Dennis and Marilou Martin of Sun City, AZ and the granddaughter of Shirley Martin of Laurens and is a 2011 graduate of Liberty High School in Peoria, AZ.

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Pocahontas Community Band to Perform

The Pocahontas Community Band will be performing at the Pocahontas County Fair on Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 PM. Rehearsal will be Monday, July 15 at 7 PM at PAC High School Bandroom. Anyone entering high school is welcome to join the band. We will be playing some Patriotic, Gospel, Broadway, Country-Western, Rock n' Roll, Jazz and March style selections for this concert.

Other fair events planned for that evening are 4-H Endowment Pork Tenderloin Supper from 5-7, Citizen's State Bank FREE ice cream from 5-6:30, Opening Ceremony and 4-H Pie Auction at 6:45, and the Little Miss Pocahontas and County/Fair Queen at 7PM. 4-H exhibits will also be open until 9PM. Have Fun at the Fair!!

Director of the band is Rollie Jensen from Humboldt 712-358-0355. A FREE WILL OFFERING will be taken during the concert to help pay mileage for our out of town performers. FOR FUN , FOR MUSIC, FOR COMMUNITY!!

Johnson Named to Dean's List

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, recently listed Connor Johnson, son of Rod and Anita Johnson, as having achieved dean's list status. Students at Simpson must achieve a GPA of between 3.70 and 3.99 to attain dean's list recognition.

Connor is a 2011 graduate of Laurens-Marathon.

Bryn Johnson Achieves 4.0 and Dean's List Honors at BVU

Bryn Johnson, daughter of Rod and Anita Johnson, was noted by Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa, as having been named to its spring 2013 dean's list. Students at BVU must achieve a GPA of 3.5 to be considered for this honor.

Miss Johnson attained a 4.0 for the 2013 spring semester. Bryn is a 2007 graduate of Laurens-Marathon School.

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Thank You!

I would like to thank all my friends and relatives who attended my 90th birthday party. Also thank you for all your cards and gifts. It was a fun party and the Tom Steinkoenig Swing Band was great. Special thanks to all my children who made the event possible.

Ben Winkler

Come & Go Bridal Shower

There will be a come and go bridal shower for Tracy Reese, bride to be of Casey Diehl on Saturday, August 3 at West Iowa Bank in Laurens from 9a.m. – 11a.m.

The couple are registered at JH Design, Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond



We're lowering the drawbridge and opening the gates to the castle! Grab your armor and prepare for fun at THE KINGDOM CHRONICLES where you'll learn to stand strong in the battle for truth!

July 15 - 19
9:00 - 11:30 AM
Ages 4 - 6th Grade

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Call 712-843-5759 to register

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1978 Class Reunion

L-M Class of 1978 Reunion at The Inn @ Okoboji on Aug 2 & 3. Come for the weekend, or any part you're available. Dinner on Saturday night. We really want to see as many of you as possible! Contact: Deanne Dudley Nelson for all details. Email: deannesellshomes@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Bridal Shower

There will be a come and go community bridal shower honoring Katie Stevens, bride-elect of Alex Molina on Saturday, July 27 from 2-4 p.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Church, 213 South Harrison in Laurens.

Bridal Shower

A come and go community bridal shower honoring Hilary Goedert, bride-elect of Mason Reed, will be held on Saturday, July 13 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Laurens.

The couple is registered at Kohl's, Target, Heart 'n Home and The Sugar Bowl.

Local & School Calendar

July 10 - Girls Regional Softball.

July 11 - Boys District Baseball.

July 13 - Boys District Baseball.

July 15 - Laurens City Council will meet at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall; Curbside Recycling-be sure to have your recyclables to the curb early.

July 16 - Boys Sub-state Baseball; Laurens Public Library's Summer Reading Program, Dig Into Reading at 1:30 p.m. at the library.

July 17 - Girls State Softball.

July 18 - Girls State Softball.



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weekly ad

Come and Go Bridal Shower

A come and go bridal shower honoring Jessica Philp, bride to be of Andy Larson, will be held on Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. – noon at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Laurens.

The couple is registered at Heart N Home, Target, WalMart and Amazon.com.

Bring your favorite dessert recipe to share with Jessica.

Thank You!

L-M Impulse would like to extend a huge 'Thank You' to Food Pride and the community for your generous support of our fundraiser last week. We reached half of our goal thanks to you! If you missed the cookout but would still like to help, please call Joan Enockson at 712-470-2851.

PCHS to be Open

The Pocahontas County Historical Museum will be open to the public during the upcoming Laurens Summer Celebration. Hours will be: Friday, July 19 from 4-7p.m. and Saturday, July 20 from 11a.m.-4p.m.

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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

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal

Weekday Mass: (Tuesday & Thursday)
8:00 AM

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10:30 AM



This Week at First Christian Church

Wednesday, July 10

1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers

Thursday, July 11

7:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

Saturday, July 13

10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. - Bridal Shower for Hilary Goedert, Bride-elect of Mason Reed

Sunday, July 14

9:30 a.m. - Worship (Guest Speaker- Cary Brown)

10:30 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship

10:30 a.m. - Surprised by Hope Bible Study



Sunday, July 14, 2013

9:00 AM ~ Worship

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:00 AM ~ Adult SS

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Thursday, July 18, 2013

9:00 AM ~ Morning Circle

1:00 PM ~ Float Assembly at Hudson

Trucking garage

2:00 PM ~ Afternoon Circle

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Sun., July 14th

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Coffee for Pastor Jim & Paula

Turner @ 10:30 a.m.

Mon., July 15th

Book Club @ 10 a.m.

Wed., July 17th

Leadership mtg @ noon at Pizza Ranch

Worship Committee

meeting @ 7 p.m.

Administrative Council

@ 8:15 p

Fri., July 19th

Men's Bible Study @

7 a.m.



Yard and Garden: Tree Foliage Abnormalities

Rainfall this spring has created ideal conditions for several tree diseases and foliage abnormalities. Horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach are available to address homeowners' tree concerns. Contact the ISU Hortline at hortline@iastate.edu or 515-294-3108 to have additional questions answered. Submit a plant sample to the ISU Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic (<http://www.ent.iastate.edu/pidc/>) for a disease diagnosis; contact your county extension office for help correctly submitting a sample.

My 'Spring Snow' crabapple bloomed beautifully this spring, but has recently begun to lose many of its leaves. Why?

The 'Spring Snow' crabapple is widely planted as it is one of the few crabapple varieties (cultivars) that doesn't bear fruit. Unfortunately, 'Spring Snow' is very susceptible to apple scab.

Apple scab is a fungal disease. It's caused by the fungus *Venturia inaequalis*. Cool, wet weather in spring favors apple scab development.

Apple scab appears as velvety, olive-green to black spots on crabapple leaves. Heavily infected leaves turn yellow and fall from the tree. Highly susceptible crabapple cultivars may lose a large percentage of their leaves by mid-summer.

Fortunately, apple scab does not kill affected trees. The damage is mainly aesthetic. Heavily defoliated crabapples are not very attractive.

Apple scab can be prevented by applying fungicides from bud break through mid-June. For most home gardeners, however, controlling apple scab with fungicides is simply not practical. Sanitation also plays a role in controlling apple scab. Raking and destroying the leaves as soon as they fall may reduce the severity of the infection next season. However, the best way to prevent apple scab is to plant scab resistant crabapple cultivars. (ISU Plant Diagnostic Clinic photo - branch of an apple tree with a case of apple scab)

Why are the leaves on my pin oak yellow-green? In Iowa, the foliage of the pin oak (*Quercus palustris*) often turns a sickly yellow-green. The yellow-green foliage is due to a deficiency of iron. The problem is referred to as iron chlorosis. (A close examination of chlorotic leaves will show that while most of the leaf is yellow-green, the tissue around the major veins is a darker green.) Most soils in Iowa contain sufficient amounts of iron. However, in alkaline soils (those with a pH above 7.0), the pin oak is unable to absorb adequate amounts of iron because much of it is in an insoluble form. Since many soils in Iowa are alkaline, chlorotic pin oaks are common in the state. Wet soil conditions make absorption of iron even more difficult.

Correcting an iron chlorosis problem is difficult. Applying additional iron to the soil usually

doesn't help. The soil already contains sufficient amounts of iron. Adding more iron doesn't overcome the problem. Lowering the soil pH to 6.0 to 6.5 would allow the roots of the pin oak to more readily absorb iron in the soil. Unfortunately, lowering the soil pH is extremely difficult, if not impossible. As a result, homeowner efforts to treat iron chlorosis are often unsuccessful.

One strategy that sometimes works is to have an arborist or other tree care professional inject an iron containing compound directly into the trunks of chlorotic pin oak trees. The effects of a trunk injection may last three or four years.

There are bumps on the undersides of my hackberry leaves. What are they? Are they harming the tree? The bumps on the leaves are hackberry nipple galls. Galls are abnormal plant growths induced to form by small insects or mites. Hackberry psyllids (small aphid-like insects) are responsible for the galls on hackberry leaves. In early spring, adult hackberry psyllids emerge from their over-wintering locations and lay eggs on hackberry leaf buds. Eggs hatch into tiny nymphs that stimulate the raised swellings or galls in which the insect lives and feeds for the rest of summer. The psyllids complete their development in late summer and emerge from the galls. The adults spend the winter in cracks and crevices in tree bark and other sheltered locations.

Galls do not cause serious harm to healthy, well-established trees. Galls cannot be "cured" once they have formed. Preventative insecticide treatments are seldom warranted.

Pocahontas County 4-H Robot Club tours Lauren's Businesses

20 4-H'ers and adults got the opportunity to spend the day in Laurens touring Bobalee, Positech, and Laurens Equipment.

The Robot Club is learning all about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and were impressed by the many ways STEM is used in the local businesses. The 4-H'ers were very thankful that the businesses took time out of their busy work day to give them a tour and show them the many ways technology is used in their businesses. The 4-H'ers learned there are many opportunities in STEM careers right here in Pocahontas County!

To find out about other youth opportunities in Pocahontas County contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103.



Back L-R: Jane Kipp, Caleb Ekstrand, Jaden Ahlrichs, Daniel Foster and Joe Hopkins.

Middle L-R: Ryan Speer, Trent Elbert, Jackson Foster, Deanne Ekstrand and Dylan Peterson.

Front L-R: Trevor Frerk, Joey Barrett, Conner Smith and Brady Janssen.

Tips for Dealing with Stress

The weather this spring and summer has created stressful situations for Iowa farming families. The cold, rainy weather has delayed planting of crops, damaged replanted crops and set the stage for spring stress to carry over into summer. Margaret Van Ginkel, Iowa Concern hotline coordinator and family finance specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, recommends actions those feeling stressed can take to help prevent it from taking over their life.

“First of all, talk things over with your spouse, a neighbor, friend, anyone,” said Van Ginkel. “Talking helps alleviate some of the stress and perhaps you will find that you are not the only one that is frustrated.”

Van Ginkel suggests calling the Iowa Concern hotline at 1-800-447-1985. Stress counselors answer calls and listen, keeping conversations strictly confidential. Iowa Concern is a service made available through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach that has been helping Iowans since the farm crisis in 1985.

“Another sign of stress is not sleeping,” she said. “Try to get seven to eight hours of sleep each night.” Getting the required amount of sleep is easier if you take these actions:

- Go to bed at the same time each night.
- Keep sleeping area quiet and dark.
- Make sure not to eat or drink right before retiring at night.

Thinking of all that needs to be done and can't be done because of the weather can be very frustrating. “Try prioritizing things that need to be accomplished,” Van Ginkel said. “Just because you can't get into the field because of the weather doesn't mean you can't work on other things around the farm.”

She also recommends thinking positive and completing some of those unfinished tasks. Make lists of decisions that must be made within the next few weeks. Determine the pros and cons for each of these decisions. “By putting them down in writing, it may help make decisions a little clearer and justified,” she said.

Farmers get lots of exercise, but it may not be the best kind. To relieve stress, Van Ginkel recommends creating some quiet time with a spouse to take a walk and listen to the birds, or get on bikes and take a spin around the section. Take the kids along, or even better, get a competitive game of family badminton or volleyball going.

Stress can really take a toll on individuals and families. Learning how to deal with it will make life much happier and coping with emotional ups and downs more manageable.

Van Ginkel said it is most important to talk out your problems – call the Iowa Concern hotline at 1-800-447-1985 or seek professional counseling if needed. The Iowa Concern website at www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/ has a live chat feature as additional way of talking with stress counselors.

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, July 1, 2013. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Clarence Siepker, Rich Newgard, Ken Kunickis, Gary Heuton; City Manager, Barbara Smith; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen; Police Chief Chris Toner; and City Attorney, Ann Beneke. Steve Berry was absent.

Newgard motioned to accept the consent agenda; consisting of the agenda for the July 1 meeting, minutes from the June 17, 2013 meeting, the list of claims, and the Casey's Liquor License Renewal. Heuton seconded the motion. Ayes all; motion carried.

Nathan Brazel addressed the Council in reference to a street dance and the outdoor liquor license. Heuton motioned to approve the outdoor liquor license as well as the street dance, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all; motion carried.

Tjeran Joliffe spoke to the council in reference to selling Memory Lane t-shirts. The front would read "Take a Walk down Memory Lane" and the back would read "Take a Look – www.laurens-ia.com". The Council indicated that this would be allowed.

Newgard motioned to accept the resignation of Steve Berry from the City Council, seconded by Kunickis. Ayes all; motion carried.

Siepker motioned to accept the proposed FY14 Equipment Rates as presented; seconded by Kunickis. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to table Resolution 15-13 to allow the City Attorney more time to research the matter; seconded by Heuton. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 16-13, a resolution setting the FY 14 employee wages; seconded by Kunickis. Roll call vote: Kunickis, aye; Heuton, aye; Newgard, aye; Siepker, aye. Ayes all; Resolution 16-13 was passed.

Kunickis motioned to approve Resolution 17-13, a resolution to approve the SRF Sponsor Project; seconded by Heuton. Roll call vote: Kunickis, aye; Heuton, aye; Newgard, aye; Siepker, aye. Ayes all; Resolution 17-13 was passed.

Heuton motioned to approve Resolution 18-13, a resolution to transfer funds; seconded by Newgard. Roll call vote: Kunickis, aye; Heuton, aye; Newgard, aye; Siepker, aye. Ayes all; Resolution 18-13 was passed.

CLAIMS 07-01-13

ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,917.12
BARB SMITH	MILEAGE	54.58
BOLTON & MENK	ENGINEERING	32,657.97
BROOKS ANDERSON	MEALS	5.36
BROWN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	2,301.49
CARPENTER UNIFORM	CLOTHING	52.84
COFFMAN'S LOCKSMITH	LOCKS	677.90
COLLECTIONS SVC CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	148.15
COUNTRY STORE	CONCESSIONS	403.11
DAN GRIFFIN	PARTS	86.04
DEL'S GARDEN CENTER	CHEMICALS	39.99
DELTA DENTAL	INSURANCE	697.73
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT	SUPPIES	58.43
FAMILY TREE CARE	SPRAYING	750.00
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	SUPPLIES	527.00
IRS	TAXES	5,153.19
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES	706.00
IPERS	IPERS	4,314.15
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	1,739.90
LMPC	UTILITIES	269.88

City Council Minutes

LMU	UTILITIES	8,484.67
MET	TESTING	156.00
MARKETING SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	59.54
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	RENTAL	800.00
PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	6,500.00
ROD JOHNSON	MILEAGE	41.02
SHELL FLEET PLUS	FUEL	520.80
STAPLES	SUPLIES	155.12
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	TAXES	1,699.00
USPS	POSTAGE	271.49
VECTOR	MEMBERSHIP	3,149.61
WRITTEN IN STONE & GLASS	MEMORY LANE	80.00
		<u>74,478.08</u>
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	PAYROLL	
	001 GENERAL	8,135.89
	110 RUT	1,040.99
	600 WATER	1,905.30
	610 SEWER	1,795.14
	670 GARBAGE	2,030.40
		<u>14,907.72</u>
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	TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>89,385.80</u>
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Newgard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 pm, seconded by Heuton. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Barbara Smith

June 24, 2013

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.

The agenda for the June 24, 2013 meeting stands approved as presented.

The minutes for the May 29, 2013 meeting were previously distributed to the Board and stand approved as recorded.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the list of bills for May 2013 in the amount of \$871,664.96. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Advanced Control Systems	SCADA Quarterly support	\$	1,256.10
AFLAC	Insurance premiums	\$	419.76
Alliant Energy	Natural gas bill	\$	198.36
Allied National	Insurance premiums	\$	253.80
Aramark	Floor mats	\$	149.34
Avesis Third Party Administrators	Insurance premiums	\$	115.05
BBC America	Programming fees	\$	44.91
Bankers Trust Company	Bond interest payment	\$	144,912.44
Big 10 Network	Programming fees	\$	606.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance premiums	\$	6,945.21
Bortscheller, Scott	Safety footwear	\$	139.05
Buena Vista Stationery	Supplies	\$	106.23
Century Link	Directory listings	\$	53.03
Century Link	Transport fees	\$	695.20
Certified Testing Services	Generation project	\$	45.00
Consortia Consulting	Consulting fees	\$	1,500.00
Department of Energy	WAPA energy bill	\$	35,985.90
DGR Engineering	Generation project	\$	5,558.50
Discovery Communications	Programming fees	\$	43.12
Echo Group	Supplies	\$	2,430.25
Employee Benefit Systems	Insurance administration	\$	120.00
ESPN	ESPN3.com	\$	61.20
Fox Sports North	Programming fees	\$	1,507.31
Grainger	Supplies	\$	231.88
Grundman-Hicks, LLC	Generation project	\$	303,394.70
HUB Television Networks, Inc.	Programming fees	\$	10.78
IPERS	IPERS withholding	\$	6,535.79
Integrated Broadband Services	Modem provisioning	\$	523.75
Internal Revenue Service	Federal/FICA taxes	\$	7,207.22
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Tank registration	\$	75.00
Iowa Network Services	Communication services	\$	232.47
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	18.10
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Iowa withholding tax	\$	2,096.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Iowa sales tax	\$	8,179.00
K.G. Telecom Services, Inc.	Fiber splicing	\$	6,301.48
Kriz-Davis Company	Supplies	\$	276.58
Laurens, City of	April billing	\$	71,084.56
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	7.15
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications bill	\$	248.71
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Conservation/refunds	\$	1,848.75
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility bill	\$	34.95
Laurens Plumbing/Hwy 10 Hardware	Supplies	\$	257.29

Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	111.80
Long Lines	Communication services	\$	3,577.95
Long Lines	Internet services	\$	3,324.00
Mid American Energy	Neal 4 operations	\$	144,000.00
Midwest Spray Team & Sales, Inc.	Vegetation control	\$	815.00
NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$	390.86
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming fees	\$	12,754.65
National Cable Television Cooperative	Internet equipment	\$	3,858.30
National Child Safety Council	Safety materials	\$	242.00
North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative	Power bill	\$	24,189.28
North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative	Legal fees	\$	501.72
Northland Products Company	Supplies	\$	169.01
Northwest Communications	Transport fees	\$	722.56
Oak Hill Consulting	Engineering services	\$	124.00
OWN	Programming fees	\$	22.40
Payroll	Salaried, hourly & overtime	\$	19,618.96
Petroleum Marketers Management Insurance Co.	Tank insurance	\$	750.00
PICS Telecom International	Supplies	\$	1,024.25
Pocahontas Community Hospital	Testing	\$	34.75
Post Master	Postage	\$	861.29
Power & Telephone Supply	U.S. Cellular project	\$	2,666.22
Prins, Reid	Safety footwear/certification	\$	324.39
Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	36,560.50
R.B. Lumber Company	Supplies	\$	26.17
Rebnord Technologies	Server backup	\$	25.00
RFD TV	Programming fees	\$	11.41
Rovi Guides	Programming fees	\$	558.04
Secure Shred Solutions	Shredding	\$	33.25
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/transport fees	\$	1,431.37
TV Guide Networks	Programming fees	\$	538.76
VECTOR	Safety materials	\$	217.37
Verizon Wireless	Wireless service	\$	219.44
Weather Central	Annual data support	\$	250.00
	Total	\$	871,664.96

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report. No specific action was taken.

The General Manager informed the Board that we need to redo all the proceedings regarding the amended and restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement over again. The publication must be at least 10 clear days prior to the hearing.

Trustee Runneberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE PROPOSITION OF APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEHIGH-WEBSTER TRANSMISSION AND WEBSTER TERMINALS FACILITIES AND OPERATING AGREEMENT, AS FURTHER AMENDED, BETWEEN AND AMONG CORN BELT POWER COOPERATIVE, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, THE LAURENS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY, LAURENS, IOWA, AND CERTAIN OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES" and moved that the same be adopted. Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was,

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Laurens, Iowa is a party to the Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement originally dated May 10, 1979, as amended (Lehigh-Webster Agreement); and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Lehigh-Webster Agreement have been proposed, to reflect the replacement of a transformer and associated equipment at Webster Substation (the "Transformer") and to provide for the ownership thereof; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Laurens, Iowa, desires to consent to the amendment of the Lehigh-Webster Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as further amended (the Amended Lehigh-Webster Transmission Agreement) has been prepared and placed on file with the governing body of the Laurens Municipal Electric Utility; and

WHEREAS, before the Amended Lehigh-Webster Transmission Agreement may be approved, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of Chapter 390, Code of Iowa, 2013, as amended, and with the provisions of Chapter 73A of the Code of Iowa, 2013, as amended, and to publish a notice of the proposal to approve the Amended Lehigh-Webster Transmission Agreement and to conduct a hearing thereon and to receive and consider any objections and hear any evidence for or against the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Laurens, Iowa:

That this governing body shall meet at 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on the 30th day of July, 2013, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of approving the Amended Lehigh-Webster Agreement and consenting thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of this governing body be and hereby is directed to cause a notice of meeting to be published once at least ten (10) clear days prior to the time of meeting in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, of general circulation in the City and in substantially the form hereto attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed form of the Amended Lehigh-Webster Transmission Agreement is hereby adopted, and execution thereof authorized by the Chairman and Secretary, subject to final approval following public hearing. The Amended Lehigh-Webster Transmission Agreement shall remain on file and available for public inspection prior to the hearing.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of June, 2013.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve and authorize payment of \$55,366.80 to Grundman-Hicks, LLC for work completed on the Generation Project as presented by DGR Engineering as Pay Estimate No. 10. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the revised work order from Professional Computer Systems. They broke down the entire project into 3 phases for budgetary purposes. The Board feels that phase 1 is too expensive and needs to be trimmed down. No action taken at this time.

Discussion was held on the products offered by Security Coverage located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The General Manager informed the Board that staff was trying out some of their products and will report back to the Board. No action taken at this time.

The General Manager reported that this is the first time in a number of months that we will be getting a check from NIMECA instead of having to pay them for power this month. This is all because of the new generation plant coming online as of May 1, 2013.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees