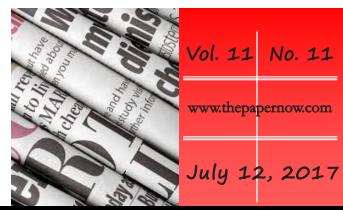


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Laurens, Iowa





Local News

New Kindergarten Floor



Anthony Krips and Kevin Sheets of AK Flooring in Laurens are installing new floor tile in the Laurens-Marathon kindergarten classroom.

Projects such as this are funded with a special tax levy best known as the "pebble fund," but officially called the "physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL)." The L-M levy must be renewed by the voters this year in the September school board election.

Outgoing L-M superintendent Jeff Kruse said renewal of the tax levy is critical for future budgets. In fiscal year 2016 the only PPEL renewal vote to fail was at Woodward-Granger school district. Twenty eight others were approved. Iowa's smallest public school at Diagonal re-approved its PPEL tax with an 86% majority vote. A renewal vote is good for ten years.

Hometown Pride Bus Tour

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Pocahontas County Hometown Pride program. Over the program's first five years, more than \$775,000 has been collectively returned to our communities to assist with projects while volunteers from every corner of the county have donated hundreds of hours to complete the projects. Due to the success of the program, Keep Iowa Beautiful has expanded the program to several other counties across the state. Pocahontas County Foundation has also provided funds to each community for these projects. Other agencies and businesses have also partnered with local communities in providing resources for the projects.

A bus tour of the community Hometown Pride projects was scheduled for July 15th but this event has been rescheduled to take place on Sept. 30, 2017. For more information, please contact Gretchen Tiedeman by phone: (712) 335-4636 or email: pcedcmarketiong@evertek.com.



Visitor at the Library

Connie Reinert entertained an crowd at the Laurens Public Library recently. Her statistics and stories of the Albert City Threshermen and Collector's Show interested both show veterans and the general public alike. One of the most intriguing stories was of the 2016 attempt to set a Guinness World record with 120 draft horses plowing. The latest word on that is that they should hear within the next week if it was accepted. Connie also told of the preparations in place for this year's show featuring Case tractors August 10-13.



At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 12, 2017

Today, Wednesday, July 12 at 11:30 a.m. (note the crazy time) comedy artist Tim Read will be here to entertain kids of all ages! His bio says he is an "author, illustrator and so much more. Tim involves the crowd in coming up with ideas when he draws, and with his comedy flair, makes his programs extremely enjoyable." Sounds like fun doesn't it? He will be presenting his program at all nine Pocahontas County libraries today and tomorrow, sponsored by a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation.

The "German Iowa and the Global Midwest" exhibit is making its home at our Library until July 17. This joint project of University of Iowa and Humanities Iowa consists of 12 banners that tell the story of German Iowans from when we became a state in 1846 through today. In the early 1900s, Germans were the largest ethnic group in the state, and even in 1990, over half of Iowans claimed German ancestry. Yet with the exception of the Amana Colonies, Iowa's German heritage is largely invisible to modern eyes. This exhibit reminds us why we should not lose sight of the past, and it invites us to think about immigration, diversity, and power more broadly. German Iowans are one part of that larger story, which continues today. These easily portable banners are a great way to make this museum quality exhibit accessible to so many Iowans. Stop at the Library and take a look!

Next Wednesday (the 19th) the fun will resume in the 1 o'clock time slot as we continue to "Build a Better World" each Wednesday this summer. And don't forget the fun of LegoMania all day every Friday!

You've no doubt heard of the book "A Man Called Ove"? Well, it's our Book Club choice for July. So stop and get a copy to see what everyone is talking about. Then join the discussion Monday, July24th at 7 p.m. Also welcome are readers who have already enjoyed that book!

COMING EVENTS

- Tim Read "Silly Monster" 11:30 a.m. Wed., July 12
- "Build a Better World" 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday
 - "LegoMania" Every Friday 11 a.m. to 5 pm
- Take it Tuesday 1st Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Open card making!
 - "German Iowa & the Global Midwest" July 5-17
 - Book Club 4th Monday at 7 p.m.



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Pocahontas County Fair Schedule July 12-17

Wednesday of Fair

4:30-6:00 p.m. Sheep Weigh-in

4:30-6:30 p.m. Open Bucket Calf and Lamb Class may be stalled

4:30 p.m. Dog Obedience & Dog Agility Show

5:00-6:30 p.m. Rabbit and Poultry Check-in

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Market Beef Weigh-in

No hogs weighed-in until Thursday

Thursday of Fair

7:00- 8:30 a.m. Swine Weigh-in/Check-in

8:30 -10:30 a.m. Advanced Feeder Pens Weigh-in
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Judging of Static Exhibits (by clubs)

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11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Open Pantry & Needlecraft Exhibits entered

1:00 Open Pantry Exhibits judged followed by

Open Needlecrafts judged

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. State Fair Selection 4-H Exhibit Building closed

5:30 p.m. Clothing Event Rehearsal 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Pork Tenderloin Supper

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Availa Bank Serving **FREE** Ice Cream

6:00 p.m. Community Band

6:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony followed by

4-H Style Show

4-H Endowment Pie Auction Pocahontas County Fair Queen Little Miss Pocahontas Contest

5:30 -9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Building open

Friday of Fair

8:00 a.m. Swine Showmanship followed by Swine Judging

8:30 –11:30 a.m. Open Farm and Garden and Flower entries due

12:00 p.m. Open Farm and Garden Judging

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 4-H and FFA Garden ENTRY & Judging (Last name ending in I-P 10:00-12:00; A-H 12:00-

1:30; Q-Z 1:30-3:00)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Farm Credit Services serving **FREE** Ice Cream

3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibits Open

3:00 - 4:30p.m. Open Class Photography, Photography Challenge, and Fine Arts Entered

5:00-7:00 p.m. Lamb Burger Supper

4:30 p.m.-done Open Class Photography and Fine Arts Judging

6:00 p.m. Open Jr. Sheep Show Followed by

Sheep Showmanship Followed by

Sheep Show

6:00 p.m. Open Horse Show

9:00 p.m. All Exhibits Close

Pocahontas County Fair Schedule July 12-17

Saturday of Fair

8:30 a.m. Judging of Advanced Cattle Feeders

9:00 a.m. Beef Showmanship followed by

2nd Year Bucket Calf followed by Judging of Market Beef followed by Judging of Breeding Beef followed by

Feeder Calf Judging

9:30 a.m. Bucket Calf check-in; 4-H & Open—EAST door of Beef Building

10:30 a.m. 4-H Bucket Calf followed by

Open Jr. Bucket Calf Show

9:30-11:30 am Farm Bureau Free Watermelon

11:30 (not before beef is over)4-H/FFA/Open Pet Show

4-H/FFA Rabbit Show followed by

4-H/FFA Poultry Show

3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibits Open

4:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Beef Steak Sandwich Supper

7:00 p.m. FREE CONCERT IN ARENA – Bruce Day Rocks

9:00 p.m. All Exhibits Close

Sunday of Fair

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibits Open

3:00 Fair Olympics followed by

4:00 Corn Quiz Bowl

4:00 p.m. Check Out of Open Farm & Garden Exhibits Open Needlecrafts/Photo./Fine Arts/

Pantry

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Turkey Tenderloins served by Fair Board

5:45 p.m. Pictures of Individuals who have State Fair Exhibits/Honorable

Mention/Outstanding Juniors

6:15 p.m. Closing Ceremony followed by

6:30 p.m. All 4-H check-outs immediately after Closing Ceremony– all livestock and static exhibits

will lose premiums if removed before closing ceremony

(except livestock sold at auction)

Monday of Fair

8:30 a.m. Livestock Auction (Beef, Sheep, Swine 2017)

Clean-Up of Fairgrounds and Livestock Barns after sale of your animal,

you are responsible to help clean the livestock barn.

*All times are approximate during animal shows *



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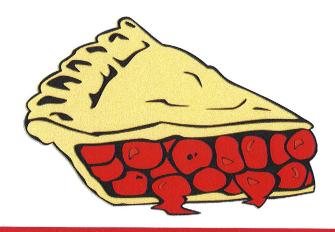


Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment PIE AUCTION

When: Thursday, July 13, 2017 followed by Style Show.
Where: On the stage at the Fairgrounds

Pies made by 4-H Volunteers

Financial donations to the 4-H Endowment also welcome during Pork Tenderloin Supper from 5 p.m.— 7 p.m.



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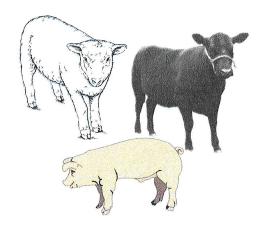
Pocahontas County Fair 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction

8:30 a.m. Monday, July 17, 2017 Livestock Arena - Fairgrounds, Pocahontas, IA

Located at: 310 NE 1st Street or 1 block East of the Courthouse

For more information, call ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County at 712-335-3103

8:30 a.m. - Auction will begin with: Individual beef Sheep Swine



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This Week at First Christian Church

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, July 12 1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers

Friday, July 14 7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, July 16 9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by coffee fellowship



This Week at Bethany Lutheran Laurens United

Wednesday: July 12, 2017 7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Sunday: July 16, 2017 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM ~ Worship w/Communion 10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship 2:00 PM ~ Pet Blessing

Thursday: July 20, 2017 5:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.



This Week at Methodist Church

Fri., July 14th: Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sat., July 15th: Pastor Ed out of the office through July 21

Sun., July 16th: Adult Sunday School @ 8:30 a.m. Worship @ 9:30 a.m. Virginia Otto filling the pulpit Fellowship Coffee @ 10:30 a.m. Book Study @ 5 p.m.



Thank You!

Thank you friends and family for all the beautiful cards and well wishes on my 80th birthday. I enjoyed them all so much!

Beverly Sandvig

Card Shower

The family of Dee Jackson is requesting a card shower in honor of her 75th birthday on July 23.

Her family includes Ross & Tonya Nielsen, Todd & Michelle Jackson of Cascade Iowa. Her grandchildren are Janessa Nielsen, Evan, Taylor & Nathan lackson.

Cards can reach her at: Dee Jackson, 316 Ralston St., Laurens Iowa 50554



11 Biggest Little Paper In Town!

June 23, 2017

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, Jerry Runneberg and Ben Storms. Also present were General Manager Chad Cleveland and Aaron Olson of T.P. Anderson & Company.

The agenda for the June 23, 2017 meeting stands approved as presented.

Aaron Olson of T.P. Anderson & Company went over the 2016 Audit with the Board of Trustees. They reviewed the financial statements, budgetary comparisons, schedules of operating revenues and expenses and the schedule of findings. The Trustees requested that the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the Audit be revised by adding the revenue information for the Electric Utility we discussed. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the May 23rd and June 7th, 2017 meetings. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts for May 2017 in the amount of \$469,248.04 and the list of expenses for May 2017 in the amount of \$311,650.67. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts					
A/R Electric	\$	291,140.87			
A/R Communications	\$	79,498.35			
Carrier Access Fees	\$	6,067.21			
Electric Write off Recoveries	\$	1,093.33			
Communications Write-off Recoveries	\$	217.32			
Electric Deposits	\$	1,780.00			
Internet Deposits	\$	262.00			
Telephone Deposits	\$ \$ \$	108.00			
Cable TV Deposits	\$	85.00			
Marathon Energy Sales	\$	11,450.96			
Marathon Principal Payment	\$	1,141.62			
Marathon Interest Payment	\$	441.90			
City of Laurens Principal Payment	\$	50,000.00			
City of Laurens Interest Payment	\$	3,750.00			
Merchandise/Services Electric	\$	994.00			
Merchandise/Services Communications	\$	254.99			
Attachment H Revenues	\$	19,346.96			
Tower Lease	\$	900.00			
Miscellaneous Electric	\$ \$	402.34			
Miscellaneous Telephone	\$	56.00	Electric Receipts	\$ 38	1,541.98
Miscellaneous Cable TV	\$	257.19	Communications Receipts	\$ 8	7,706.06
Total Cash Receipts	\$	469,248.04	Total Cash Receipts	\$ 46	9,248.04
List of Expenses					
A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats		\$	85.28	
AFLAC	Employee Contributions			\$	227.40
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas			\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	240.66
Associate Partners	Annual CM Provisioning Support			\$	250.00
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching			\$	161.84
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance			\$	114.52
BSG Clearing Solutions		LECC Invoice			29.14
Century Link Access		Transport Fees			551.12
Century Link Lexcis		Directory Listings			43.62
Cleveland, Chad		Meeting Expenses \$			229.09

LMPC Minutes

Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$	850.00
Counsel	Lanier Copier Support	$ \bullet \bullet$	45.14
Crescent Electric	Supplies	\$	259.03
Customers	Deposit Refunds	\$	26.52
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	31,508.56
Echo Group	Demarcation Boxes	\$	2,825.85
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Claims	\$	258.17
Employee Benefit Systems	Administration Fees	\$	120.00
First Cooperative	Supplies	\$	32.14
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	1,690.00
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	718.62
ICMA Retirement	Employee Contributions	\$	1,200.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	8,530.34
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	7,098.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,498.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	23.50
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	4,977.19
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	82,618.60
Laurens, City of	Cash Donation	\$	15,000.00
Laurens Equipment	Parts	\$	23.24
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	36.09
Laurens House of Print	Supplies	\$	1,199.58
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	278.50
Laurens State Bank	CTS Improvement Fund	\$	20,000.00
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	44.80
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	112.00
Long Lines	Transport Fees	\$	575.00
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	203.11
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	43,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees/Equipment	\$	15,125.46
National Child Safety Council	Donation – Safety Books	\$	242.00
Newgard Auto Parts	Vehicle Supplies	\$	163.82
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,876.20
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	18,287.32
Oakhill Consulting	Engineering Fees	\$	64.00
Office Elements	Supplies	\$	12.81
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	22,197.20
Pivotal Payments	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	202.56
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Insurance Premiums	\$	1,200.20
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	654.87
Positech	Metal Supplies	\$	109.56
Postmaster	Postage	\$	305.90
Prins, Reid	Meeting Expenses	\$	150.00
Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	249.87
R & D Industries	Network Support	\$	648.00
Rally4Veterans	Donation	\$	200.00
RFD TV	Programming Fees	\$	7.48
Rovi Guides	Programming Fees	\$	627.04
Siepker Auto	Vehicle Repairs	\$	248.07
Sinclair Broadcast Group	Programming Fees	\$	905.25
Skarshaug Testing Lab	Glove Testing	\$	132.96
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/Transport Fees	***	1,732.01
Solomon Corporation	LTC Maintenance	\$	8,934.50
Stuart C. Irby	Supplies	\$	123.07
Tower Distribution Company	Programming Fees	\$	814.20
Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	\$	271.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Premiums	\$	8,701.89

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LMPC Minutes

Zcorum Cable Modem Provisioning \$ 778.78

Total \$ 311,650.67

Electric Expenses \$ 267,429.36 Communications Expenses \$ 44,221.31 Total Expenses \$ 311,650.67

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report and the Income Statement for May 2017. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to authorize the Investment Committee to reinvest CD # 70563 upon maturity. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to authorize the Investment Committee to review and consider investing additional operating funds into certificates of deposit after the first of July. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current rates charged for Internet, Telephone and Cable TV services. The Board also reviewed the cash flow analysis from Consortia Consulting and their recommendations. New rates and ideas were discussed. The General Manager will prepare a resolution to establish new rates for Internet, Telephone and Cable TV services for the July meeting. No action was taken at this time.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

<u>Chad Cleveland</u> Secretary, Board of Trustees Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant