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Local News

GoServ Global Team Returns from Serving in Uganda

GoServ Global's first mission team to Uganda returned recently after building five Safe T Homes that will be used for a home for refugee children who have fled from war-torn South Sudan. So far, 22 children have arrived and now have a safe place to live, enough food to eat, an opportunity to attend school, house mothers who care for them, and are

learning about the love of Jesus.

A GoServ Global team of nine worked with local Ugandans to build the homes. The local team will complete the remaining five and then start on another container of 10 Safe T Homes that are enroute to Uganda. Once completed, 50 Safe T Homes will complete this camp.

The Safe T Home - engineered by Sukup Manufacturing and distributed to those in need by GoServ Global - is a highly-modified grain bin featuring a heat shield to keep it cool during hot days. GoServ Global has built nearly 300 Safe T Homes in Haiti, 10 in Peru, and 10 in Kenya.

In 2016, the Safe T Homes were put to the test as they took a

direct hit in Haiti from Hurricane Matthew. 100% of the 200 Safe T Homes withstood the winds with minimal damage, while only 10% of traditional homes in the area remained. Up to 60 people rode out the storm in the Safe T Homes.

Founded in 2011 by an Iowa farmer and a missionary in the wake of a devastating earthquake in Haiti, GoServ Global is a non-denominational faith-based organization that provides essential humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable in communities around the world.

GoServ Global works in Haiti, Peru, India, Guatemala, Uganda,

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A GoServ Global team working with local Ugandans to build the fifth Safe T Home in Gulu, Uganda, to house refugee children who have fled from war-torn South Sudan.

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and the U.S. In Haiti, GoServ Global has built Safe T Home villages for displaced people, orphans, and abandoned babies and widows, as well as built a medical clinic, dental clinic, birthing center, school, and supports 5 orphanages. In Peru, GoServ Global has built Hidden Creeks Bible Camp out of the Safe T Home, is building the country's first Evangelical-Free Church in Guatemala, and supports a boarding school, orphanage, and pastors who serve in tribal regions in India.

In addition, GoServ Global's Domestic Disaster Relief team responds to disasters in the Midwest, bringing expertise in equipment, safety, and volunteer management.

To learn more, visit our website at www.goservglobal.org. To donate to the Safe T Home, visit goservglobal.org/give.

Each Safe T Home® costs \$5,700 to purchase from Sukup

Manufacturing, \$1,000 to ship, and \$300 for concrete for a total of \$7,000 to get the home from Sheffield, Iowa to Haiti/Uganda, built.

About GoServ Global. A not-for-profit 501c3 organization, GoServ Global was founded in 2011 to care for and support both the physical and spiritual needs of those impacted by humanitarian disasters around the world. In the U.S., GoServ Global provides immediate response to natural disasters bringing hearts, hands and heavy equipment to help victims

heal from damage to property and spirit. Internationally, GoServ Global responds to emergency situations then identifies opportunities to create lasting solutions for long-term humanitarian needs. See more about ongoing projects in Haiti, Peru, India, Guatemala, Uganda, and the U.S. by visiting goservglobal.org.



A GoServ Global team in front of a newly-built Safe T Home in Gulu, Uganda, with a few of the refugee children who will live there.

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Downtown Laurens

LIZZIEDOODLE LLC
BRIDAL REGISTRY

Bryn Johnson & Reece Ealy
Shower...September 29
Wedding...November 17

Laina Sullivan & Matthew Cleveland
Shower...September 29
Wedding...December 1

BREANNAH KRIPS & KEVIN SUNTKEN
Wedding...October 20

EMILY BEERS & COLTON LAMPE
Wedding...October 27

Baby Shower

There will be a come and go baby shower in honor of Hailey Runneberg and baby girl on Tuesday, October 2 at West Iowa Bank in Laurens between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

baby Shower

At the Library with Glenda Mulder September 26, 2018

You know how it seems you either have nothing going on, or almost too much? Well, next week is one of those crazy weeks. Your librarians are taking a collective deep breath this week and preparing for all of the fun events we have planned for next week!

The fun starts Tuesday evening with Deb's "Take it Tuesday" craft class. This month we will be taking straw hats, adding ribbon and Fall foliage to turn them into scarecrows to use for home décor. There is no charge for this class, and there are a few seats left – contact the library to sign up!

Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Historian Kathy Wilson examines the changing roles of women with her program, "Straight-Laced Girls, Uptight Ladies, and Loose Women." Discover what corsets and gun clubs have in common, how the house took on new importance for our female ancestors, and why a man's home wasn't really his castle, but rather his wife's! Learn how religion, corsets, and capitalism helped to create the middle class we know today.

Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Rachel Potter will be here to tell us about her mission trip to Tanzania this summer. Come learn about Rachel's experiences: from visiting a leprosy project to learning to carry

things in the African manner and many things in between!

Of course we will also have Tot Time Monday morning, a couple elementary story times and middle school book talks sprinkled in there.

There's a new nonfiction book this week that looks interesting: *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers* by Maxwell King. It is also available in an audiobook. New novels this week include: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris, *Alaskan Holiday* by Debbie Macomber, *Christmas Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke, *Sound of Distant Thunder* by Jan Drexler and *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson.

COMING EVENTS

- Book Club 7 p.m.
4th Monday of the month
- Take it Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st Tuesday of the month
- Tot Time Every Monday at 10 a.m.
starting September 10
- Card Class 4th Tuesday starting
September 25
- Straight-laced Girls, Uptight Ladies
& Loose Women by Kathy Wilson
1 p.m. Thursday, October 4th
- Summer in Tanzania by Rachel
Potter October 5 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Women's Self Defense Class
6-8 p.m., Tues. October 9
- Sister City Travel 7 p.m.
Wednesday, October 17
- Foundation Supper 5-7 p.m.
October 18

FOR SALE:

The City of Laurens is taking sealed bids for the Police Department's 2006 Ford Crown Vic. Sealed bids should be submitted to Laurens City hall by NOON, Friday, October 12th. For questions, please call: 712-841-4414 and leave a message.

After School Robot Program

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County will offer after school robot classes for children in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade beginning in October. The children will learn and construct Lego robots. The after school robot classes are free to all students, but registration is required before attending.

For complete details and registration, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office at 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu

Annual Breast Cancer Walk Focuses on Awareness Hope and Awareness to Spencer

Celebrate survivors, honor loved ones who have lost their breast cancer battle, support those who are currently undergoing cancer care and join in helping bring attention to the importance of increasing awareness of breast cancer screenings and treatment by participating in the Spencer area Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Sunday, October 7 at 4 P.M.

“One in every eight women in the United States is at risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer, so it’s essential to continue to draw attention to the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices and getting routine screenings to hopefully detect breast cancer in early stages,” said Jeannette Hasley, Spencer Hospital’s Women’s Health Director.

“The theme for this year’s event is ‘Fight Cancer’ as we come together to support the women and their team of support who have bravely fought and continue to fight,” commented Hasley. “This is a wonderful event and we have hundreds of people – women, men and children – gather with us in Spencer Hospital’s park to launch the walk following a brief ceremony. You can truly feel the camaraderie and bonding among survivors, current patients, family and friends as we join together to celebrate lives and pay tribute to those we’ve lost to breast cancer. This year we are honored to have one of our own survivors, Teresa Alesch, speak prior to the walk. She is the author of the book *Broken to Brave: Finding Freedom from the Unlived Life*.”

The awareness walk is free to attend, thanks to the sponsorships from Avera Medical Group Spencer, Avera Home Medical of Spencer Hospital, Northwest Iowa Surgeons, Abben Cancer Center and Spencer Hospital. Registration begins at 3:30 pm in Spencer Hospital’s Grand Avenue Park.

The walk takes participants through the highly visible area of downtown Spencer. From the hospital park, participants will walk south on Grand Avenue, across the bridge, and then return to the hospital, walking north on the east side of the street. For those who wish to walk a true 5K, there’s an additional loop through East Leach Park to achieve that goal.

In the case of inclement weather, the walk will take place in Southpark Mall. Please watch Spencer Hospital’s Facebook page, website and More 104.9 radio for weather-related announcements.

“It is so heart-warming to see the hundreds of people of all ages who join us for our awareness walk each October,” commented Mindy Sylvester, a Certified Breast Patient Nurse Navigator at Spencer Hospital. “This event is strictly for fun and awareness so people can walk or run as far or as little as they’d like and at any speed.”

Sylvester said that while anyone is encouraged to attend and walk, a special invitation is extended to breast cancer survivors who will be recognized during a brief ceremony prior to the walk.

Participants are encouraged to wear pink. Also, special breast cancer awareness walk t-shirts are provided as supplies last. Walkers who are interested in making a freewill donation to the Spencer Regional Healthcare Foundation for Women’s Health Services or the Abben Cancer Center will have an opportunity to do so at the event.

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Laurens, Iowa**

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retirement and to meet Neven Conrad
who has joined the firm!***

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Elvis Impersonator at the Fonda Arts Center

Elvis impersonator and tribute artist, Darren Goslar, will be on stage at the Fonda Arts Center, Sunday, October 7, beginning at 3 p.m. Goslar, who lives in Onawa with his wife Sarah and two children, started doing Elvis as a freshman in high school when he tried out for a musical and was chosen to play the Elvis part. Ever since then, he has been doing his Elvis performance around the area. His Elvis hobby grew in stature in 2007 when he won a contest at WinnaVegas Casino at Sloan, Iowa. The grand prize was a week-long trip to Memphis, Tennessee, on the 30th anniversary of Elvis' death. Goslar and his family stayed at the Heartbreak Hotel, toured Graceland, and dined with Priscilla Presley, widow of Elvis! In 2012, Darren performed on an Elvis Cruise from Jacksonville, Florida, to the Bahamas, and met many of the Elvis entourage members.

"People need joy in their lives!" says Goslar, and "being Elvis lets me take a break from my work as a funeral director in Onawa, and allows me to be somebody else and bring that JOY to others!"

All this is happening at the Fonda Arts Center on the northwest corner of 4th & Main in Fonda. As almost always, free admission, free refreshments! Everyone is welcome!



Alaska Wild Salmon Fundraising Supper Planned For KICY-Nome, Alaska -Sponsored by the Albert City Evangelical Covenant Church



Fresh Alaska Silver Salmon caught off shore in Nome is the featured entrée for a Fundraising Supper on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Albert City Evangelical Covenant Church, 501 S. 2nd Street, Albert City, Iowa. Accompaniments to the Salmon will be potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. A Free-will offering will be taken. (There will be enough salmon for around 120 people—first come first served.)

Providing the salmon and the after-dinner presentation will be Patty Burchell, General Manager of KICY AM & FM of Nome, Alaska.

Fundraising for the operation of the 50,000 watt AM station and 1,000 watt FM station brings Burchell to Albert City Evangelical Covenant Church for this unique opportunity. KICY is affiliated with the Evangelical Covenant Church of America. Both stations are staffed by volunteers. Some are long-term missionaries and the rest live and work in the community of Nome, a largely Inupiat Eskimo community of 3,500 on the southern coast of the Seward Peninsula.

KICY AM-850, which celebrated 58 years of service on April 17th, 2018, is the only radio station in the United States licensed by both the F.C.C and the International Telecommunications Union in Geneva, Switzerland to broadcast into a foreign country in their language. Every evening from 11 pm to 4 am, the station turns their 50,000 watt signal westward and broadcasts into the Russian Far East in the Russian language. The Russian Program Director, Luda Kinok, listened to KICY as a young girl growing up in the Chukotkan village of Sereniki.

“It is amazing we have this kind of unique international license. Nome is only about 160 miles from the Russian mainland,” added Burchell. “When the full power of this station is turned to the west, it is equal to 200,000 watts. We have a signal from 1,500 to 3,000 miles into Russia every day”.

Most of the fundraising efforts are to offset the rapidly escalating fuel costs. In Nome, a gallon of heating oil or diesel fuel costs nearly \$5.00 a gallon and is delivered by barge from the Lower 48. All electricity is produced by diesel generators as the nearest power grid is 550 miles away and there are no roads connecting any of the Bush Villages. In addition, no fuel can be delivered from October through May as the harbor is frozen to a depth of four feet. Prices are literally ‘frozen’ for a full eight months.

KICY AM-850 broadcasts a largely Southern Gospel/Praise & Worship format with evenings devoted to native singing in all three Eskimo languages. KICY FM-100.3 is a Contemporary Christian station serving the community of Nome.

For additional information, contact: Patty Burchell, General Manager, 1-800-478-5429.

For additional information regarding the dinner, contact: Pastor Steve Anderson, 712-843-5628.



Bridal Shower

Join us for a Come and Go Bridal Shower for Laina Sullivan, bride elect of Matt Cleveland on Saturday, September 29 from 9-11 a.m. at United Methodist Church, Laurens, Iowa.

The couple is registered at Heart 'n Home, Lizziedoodle, and Kohl's.

Real Estate Taxes are Due

First half real estate and mobile home, drainage and special assessment taxes are due on September 30, 2018. Because the last day of September falls on a Sunday, taxes can either be paid in the Treasurer Office on Monday, October 1, 2018 or postmarked October 1, 2018. After October 1st, interest of 1-1/2 % per month will apply to any unpaid taxes.

Please provide the payment stubs from the statements received in August to insure proper credit.

You may use the payment drop-box which is located at the east exit driveway of the north courthouse parking lot for your property tax payments.

You may also pay online at www.iowatreasurers.org by using a credit card or e-check.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 712-335-4334.

Thank you for your payment!
Sarah Winkler, Treasurer

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Bridal Shower

A Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring Bryn Johnson and Reece Ealy will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 1-3 p.m. at West Iowa Bank in Laurens.

The couple is registered at Lizziedoodle in Laurens, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



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10/02/17 - 11:30 a.m. ~ Laurens Marathon Comm. School

10/02/18 - 12-1:15 p.m. ~ LAURENS City Hall

10/18/18 - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. ~ HAVELOCK Northwest Internet

10/09/18 - 8-9 a.m. ~ ROLFE Rolfe Community Center

10/09/18 - 11 a.m.-12 :30 p.m. ~ POCAHONTAS Courthouse

10/10/18 - 8:30-9 a.m. ~ PALMER St. Paul Lutheran

10/10/18 - 9:15-9:45 a.m. ~ FONDA City Hall

10/18/18 - 1:30-2:30 p.m. ~ POCAHONTAS Courthouse

Please call the office if these times don't work for you.

*Immunizations will be given until supplies of vaccine run out.

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BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD!

In addition to Flu clinics, Pocahontas County Health Department also provides, In-home Home Health Care Services, including Nursing and Home Care Aide Service.

This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor Scott Baker

Sunday: September 30, 2018
19th Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 AM - Adult SS
9:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship
9:30 AM - Youth SS
10:30 AM - Worship

Tuesday: October 2, 2018
7:30 AM - Prayer Group
5:00 PM - W/M Mtg.
5:30 PM - DKG Mtg. at BLC

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



This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Friday, Sept. 28
7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, Sept. 30
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - Service at LCC



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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., Sept. 26th:
NO Book Club
Outreach Committee mtg @ 7 p.m.
Puppet practice @ 7 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 27th:
Nominations Committee mtg @ 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 28th:
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., Sept. 30th:
Adult Sunday School @ 9 :00 a.m
Sunday School (kids) @ 9;10 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Mon., Oct. 1st:
Quilt Club @ 7 p.m.



Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

Pocahontas, IA -- Pastor: Very Rev.
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Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Soybean Harvest Strategy for Securing MFP Payment

The lion's share of payments under the United States Department of Agriculture's new Market Facilitation Program are going to pork and soybean producers. Given the most recent USDA production estimates, Iowa producers stand to gain more than \$550 million from this program.

The MFP will be administered by USDA Farm Service Agency offices and the deadline for signing up is Jan. 15, 2019. The MFP payments have a \$125,000 cap per person or legal entity, but the cap works separately between crops and livestock. The cap for crops is combined, summing producers' MFP payments from all five of the crops: corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans and wheat.

The first MFP payment – on half of production – would be provided once a producer shows actual production (producer's share) for a crop, indicates the source of production evidence and then signs and dates the MFP application form CCC-910. A second MFP payment isn't guaranteed this winter, as that decision will be made by the USDA after Dec. 3. If it is determined that the trade disputes are still damaging U.S. commodity markets, the USDA

will compute MFP payment rates based on the damage estimates at that time. This payment rate would apply to the remaining 50 percent of production not covered by the initial payment.

"The current MFP payment rate for corn is \$.01 per bushel, so it won't have a major effect on a producers' crop revenue," said Steve Johnson, farm management specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "However, the payment rate on soybeans is \$1.65 per bushel. Assuming a 50 bushel per acre soybean yield times 50 percent of production times \$1.65 per bushel equals more than \$40 per acre. Should the final yield be 60 bushel per acre, that first MFP payment would be \$49.50 per acre."

Soybean Harvest Strategy. Expect soybean production to wrap up well before corn production for most Iowa farmers. To receive the first MFP payment on soybeans in a timely fashion, consider good record keeping both during and immediately following harvest. With many producers facing cash flow challenges this fall, these MFP payments could be a great source of revenue to meet cash flow needs.

"Consider submitting your production evidence to your crop insurance agent as soon as soybean harvest is complete," Johnson said. "This could provide a second set of eyes, so to speak, for determining the actual production number for soybeans on the FSA form."

Most producers will use production evidence from their

crop insurance records and note the USDA Risk Management Agency as their primary source of production evidence.

"For crop insurance purposes, consider keeping actual production separate by farms in a section or optional units," Johnson said. "Using the same production evidence for both FSA and RMA purposes should reduce reporting errors since production evidence is subject to spot check by both USDA agencies." This strategy could then trigger the first MFP payment on soybeans much quicker than waiting to compile both corn and soybean production after harvest is complete for both crops.

"Since your crop insurance agent already has your soybean production evidence, the potential for a revenue protection crop insurance indemnity claim could also be determined," Johnson said. "Remember, the 2018 spring projected price for soybeans was \$10.16 per bushel. The harvest price will be known by Nov. 1 and multiplied times actual production to determine a potential indemnity payment."

For income tax purposes, an MFP payment, and usually a crop insurance indemnity payment, are taxable in the year proceeds are received.

For more details on these programs, along with information on how to apply, see USDA's Trade Retaliation Mitigation website <https://www.farmers.gov/manage/trm>.

Yard and Garden: Trees Add Colorful Foliage

Fall in Iowa is often one of the best times, with warm days and cool nights, low humidity and the brilliant autumn colors of the trees. Horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach share information about adding trees with colorful fall foliage to home landscapes. Homeowners with additional questions should contact ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

Which shade trees have colorful fall foliage? Shade trees that possess excellent fall foliage include Freeman maple (*Acer x freemanii*), red maple (*Acer rubrum*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), black maple (*Acer nigrum*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), red oak (*Quercus rubra*) and black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*). Freeman maples are hybrids of red and silver maples. Their leaves vary from orange to red in fall. Popular Freeman maples include Autumn Blaze®, Sienna Glen®, and Firefall™. The red maple cultivars Red Sunset®, Redpointe™, and Scarlet Jewell™ have dark red foliage in fall. Sugar maples are native to eastern Iowa. Their

fall foliage varies from yellow to orange to reddish orange. ‘Commemoration,’ ‘Legacy’ and Fall Fiesta™ are excellent sugar maple cultivars. The fall foliage of black maples varies from yellow to orange. In fall, the foliage of white oaks is often reddish brown, while red oaks have wine red foliage. Black gums are not widely grown in Iowa. They are somewhat difficult to transplant and prefer moist, well-drained, acidic soils (pH 6.0 to 6.5). However, the black gum possesses outstanding fall foliage. Its foliage is often bright red in fall.

Additional trees include yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*) with yellow fall foliage, ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) cultivars ‘Autumn Gold’ and Presidential Gold® with golden yellow fall color, honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis*) with yellow fall color, ‘Moraine’ sweet gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua* ‘Moraine’) with foliage that varies from yellow to red to purple, and Dutch elm disease resistant American elms (*Ulmus americana*), such as ‘Jefferson,’ ‘Princeton,’ and ‘Valley Forge,’ with yellow fall foliage.

Which small trees have colorful foliage in fall? Small-stature trees (those less than 30 feet in height) that possess good fall foliage include serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.), American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*),

and redbud (*Cercis canadensis*). Serviceberries, such as ‘Autumn Brilliance,’ turn yellow to orange to red in fall. The American hornbeam cultivars Firespire™ and ‘J.N. Strain’ have red-orange fall color. The heart-shaped leaves of redbud turn yellow-green to clear yellow in fall.

Which shrubs have good fall color? Several deciduous shrubs have colorful fall foliage. The fall foliage of fothergilla (*Fothergilla* spp.) varies from yellow to orange to red. Common witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) has yellow leaves in fall. In autumn, the foliage of Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*) varies from yellow to orange to reddish purple. Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*), and blackhaw viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*) have yellow, red and reddish purple foliage respectively.

Why does fall leaf color on trees and shrubs vary from year to year? The weather in early fall largely determines the intensity and duration of leaf color in those tree and shrub species capable of producing good fall color. Best fall color typically develops when days in early fall are sunny and mild and nights are cool (but remain above freezing). Long periods of cloudy, rainy weather or a hard freeze in early fall will mute fall colors.

After School Program

ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County and Pocahontas County Conservation will partner to offer an afterschool program for children in 2nd and 3rd grade one time a month through the school year. Locations of the program will be Pocahontas Area Elementary School, Laurens Public Library and Rolfe Public Library. Each month a different educational program, hands on craft/activity, and a snack will be offered to children. Parents are responsible for transportation after the program. This is a free program to all children, but registration is required before attending.

For complete details and registration, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office at 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu.

New 4-H Year Begins

All children in 4th through 12th grade are invited and encouraged to join Pocahontas County 4-H. There are seven 4-H clubs in Pocahontas County. The 4-H program is free to all youth in 4th through 12th grade due to the generous support of the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment and NEW Coop for supporting the enrollment fee.

Please contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County for complete details and to sign up today at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu.

More Iowa Youth Are Joining 4-H Clubs and Programs

Iowa 4-H program club memberships increased during the 2017-2018 program year to over 23,000 young people in grades 4-12. This means more Iowa youth worked in partnership with caring adults through a 4-H club experience.

An additional 7,400 youth in grades K-3 had fun learning and exploring a wide variety of topics as members of the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids program. This is a 9 percent increase over the previous year.

Iowa 4-H is part of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Nationally, 4-H is the largest youth organization with more than 6 million young people and caring adult volunteers. In Iowa and across the nation youth have fun learning together while making new friends, developing important life skills and practicing leadership.

Iowa has 1,490 active 4-H clubs that young people can join, with at least one 4-H club in most communities. Community clubs typically meet once per month and focus on a variety of project areas, such as mechanics, animal science or food and nutrition. Many counties also offer in-school or afterschool clubs. By joining special interest clubs such as Safety and Education in Shooting Sports clubs and Robotics clubs, young people have an opportunity to meet others who share similar hobbies.

“The Iowa 4-H Youth Development program is a community. Our state and county 4-H youth professionals partner with nearly 7,000 gifted and talented adult volunteers who serve as club leaders, event volunteers and project area leaders year-round,” said Andrea Nelson, ISU Extension and Outreach interim state 4-H leader. “Their dedication enables these Iowa youth to learn and discover things about their world and about themselves that will have a lasting impression.”

Iowa 4-H members who participated in this year’s recognition opportunities agreed. Annie Lord from Woodbury County said, “4-H has helped me find my interest and talents in life through a hands-on approach to learning. My leaders have allowed me to make and solve my own mistakes and learn from them, rather than simply telling me what to do or not do. I’ve truly learned the importance and benefit of making my best better.”

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development program provides young people with leadership roles, giving them an opportunity to partner with staff and volunteers in the planning and implementation of their projects and programs. These engaging, hands-on educational activities and experiences encourage young people to explore the world around them, and get excited about potential future career opportunities.

“In 4-H I have been given many opportunities to practice leadership, citizenship and communication skills. Being involved in 4-H has allowed me to explore my interest areas,” said Sloan Volkman of Poweshiek County. “It has introduced me to new technologies that I will use in the future. These 4-H experiences have influenced my decision to double-major in industrial technology and agricultural systems technology.” Iowa 4-H gives young people the opportunity to pursue their own interests, from photography to robotics, clothing design to veterinary science, or any subject that inspires them to learn and do. For more information on becoming a member of the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program, contact an ISU Extension and Outreach county office or visit the Iowa 4-H website at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h.

City Council Minutes

September 17th, 2018

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17th, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Rich Newgard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Council members, Jean Swanson, Aaron Christenson, Julie Potter, City Manager Hilary Reed, City Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, City Attorney Ann Beneke, and Police Chief Tom Shaw.

Swanson moved to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from the September 5th, 2018 meeting, and the list of claims. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

CLAIMS 09-17-18		
A&M SERVICES INC	MOPS, RAGS, RUGS	94.24
ACCO	WATER PLT CHEMICALS	805.70
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	493.14
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	MONTHLY OXYGEN	66.17
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	104.33
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	EYECARE INSURANCE	192.19
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	1,093.95
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	702.59
BUENA VISTA CO SHEIFF OFFICE	DILIGENT SEARCH	75.70
CONNECTIONS, INC.	GROUP INSURANCE	32.30
COUNSEL	COPIES	118.11
DELTA DENTAL	OCT. DENTAL INSURANCE	919.80
FIRST COOP ASSOCIATION	CHEMICALS	536.65
GRAHAM TIRE SPENCER	NEW TIRES	121.26
HACH CO	CHEMICALS	718.89
HILARY REED	MILEAGE	99.67
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	6,145.78
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	ATV/UTV PERMIT STICKERS	28.75
JULIAN JOHNSEN	MEALS AT CONFERENCE	36.83
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	POOL SUPPLIES	37.10
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	166.00
LMPC	PHONE & INTERNET	138.12
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	363.76
LAURENS SUN	NUISANCE LEGALS	326.24
LEE BAILEY	MOWING NUISANCE	918.75
MET	POOL WATER TESTING	52.00
MARTIN PEST CONTROL	AUG. MOSQUITO CONTROL	365.00
MENARDS	SHOP SUPPLIES	72.73
THE MESSENGER	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	241.80
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	ANNUAL AIR TEST	541.27
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	GARBAGE TRUCK REPAIRS	137.12
OBRIEN CO. SHERIFF OFFICE	SEARCH	18.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING	AMBULANCE BILLING	377.32
POCAHONTAS CO. TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES 2018-2019	1,261.50
POC COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	TRANSPORT	158.21
POC FORD LINCOLN MERCURY	SEWER TRUCK REPAIRS	326.35
POCAHONTAS SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL MONTHLY CHARGES	5,699.08
POCAHONTAS TITLE CO.	LIEN SEARCH	150.00
POCAHONTAS AREA COMM SCHOOL	2108-2019 YEARBOOK	62.00
POCAHONTAS EQUIPMENT	CHAIN SAW PARTS	2.20
PRIME BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE	96.25
PRINCIPLE LIFE	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	641.67
PRO COOP	MONTHLY FUEL	2,424.73
R & D INDUSTRIES, INC.	TECH SUPPORT	257.00
RB LUMBER	STREET SUPPLIES	50.99
RICHARDSON'S SERVICE	STREET TRUCK REPAIRS	302.24
SAMSON DEVELOPMENT	APPLIANCE PICKUP	30.00
SANTANDER LEASING	SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER SWEEPER PAYMENT	6,781.62
SHAMROCK RECYCLING INC	AUG CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,634.00
SIEPKER AUTO REPAIR	POLICE CAR REPAIRS	667.11
STORM LAKE PILOT TRIBUNE	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	65.00

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UNITY POINT CLINIC		RANDOM TESTING	42.00
OCCUPATION		CONFERENCE FEES	1,853.81
US BANK		CELL PHONE CHARGES	379.16
VERIZON WIRELESS		FUEL	580.52
WEX BANKS		TOTAL	<u>39,606.70</u>
PAYROLL		9/4/2018	
	001	GENERAL	5,454.13
PAYROLL		9/10/2018	
	001	GENERAL	5,045.99
	210	ROAD USE TAX	1,228.82
	600	WATER	2,251.97
	610	SEWER	1,903.72
	670	GARBAGE	2,641.29
PAYROLL		TOTAL	13,071.79
001		GENERAL	603.28
		PAYROLL TOTAL	<u>19,129.20</u>
		PAID TOTAL	58,735.90
BY FUND			
	001	GENERAL	24,668.15
	110	ROAD USE TAX	3,098.28
	112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	611.11
	171	SISTER CITY	77.40
	200	DEBT SERVICE	6,781.62
	600	WATER	6,311.40
	610	SEWER	5,053.42
	670	GARBAGE	12,134.52
		TOTAL BY FUND	<u>58,735.90</u>

Potter moved to approve Resolution 16-18 – Library Board Appointment. Swanson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Swanson, Christenson, Newgard, Potter. Nays: None. Absent: Jamison

Christenson moved to approve Resolution 17-18 – Federal Trail Rec Grant. Potter seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: Jamison

Swanson moved to approve the removal of assessments at 202 Bissell St. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Newgard moved to approve the removal of assessments at 319 S. Harrison St. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Potter moved to approve the second reading of the Amendments to Chapter 69- Addition of subparagraph 4 to 69.08 and removal of 69.10. Swanson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: Jamison.

Swanson moved to set the date for trick or treating to be Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Potter moved to adjourn at 5:22 p.m. Swanson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rich Newgard, Mayor Pro Tem

Hilary Reed, City Clerk

September 13, 2018

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

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for the September 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Blair Metzger of DGR Engineering provided an update on the electric rate study he has been working on for the Board and wanted to have a discussion on our current rates and rate classes. No specific action was taken.

Blair Metzger left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts for August 2018 in the amount of \$504,281.59 and the list of expenses for August 2018 in the amount of \$313,851.73. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R Electric	\$ 280,030.05		
A/R Communications	\$ 70,560.47		
Merchandise/Services – Electric	\$ 2,047.82		
Merchandise/Services – Communications	\$ 162.00		
Carrier Access Fees	\$ 30,098.48		
Write-off Recovery – Electric	\$ 385.02		
Write-off Recovery – Communications	\$ 141.77		
NIMECA Power Bill Credit	\$ 18,130.74		
Deposits – Electric	\$ 1,832.09		
Deposits – Internet	\$ 160.00		
Deposits – Cable TV	\$ 30.00		
Marathon Energy Sales	\$ 11,411.20		
Marathon Loan – Principal Payment	\$ 1,201.38		
Marathon Loan – Interest Payment	\$ 382.14		
Attachment H Revenues	\$ 20,770.00		
Miscellaneous – Telephone	\$ 56.00		
Miscellaneous – Cable TV	\$ 1,339.28		
Miscellaneous – Internet	\$ 5.00		
Office Supplies – Electric	\$ 30.00		
Prepaid Insurance – Electric	\$ 1,746.30		
Prepaid Insurance – Communications	\$ 1,164.20	Electric Receipts	\$ 400,564.39
Hail Insurance Claim	\$ 62,597.65	Communications Receipts	\$ 103,717.20
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 504,281.59	Total Cash Receipts	\$ 504,281.59

List of Expenses

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 85.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 210.60
Ahlers & Cooney	Legal Fees	\$ 805.00
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 357.13
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching/Transport	\$ 535.91
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$ 114.52

Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$	597.80
Border States Electric	Bumper Posts/Meter Sockets	\$	1,496.67
Century Link Access	Transport Fees	\$	558.41
Century Link Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	25.84
Charger Pride	Calendar Advertising	\$	50.00
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$	900.00
Counsel	Lanier Copier Support	\$	31.51
Customers	Deposit Refunds	\$	1,185.66
Data Technologies, Inc.	Software Installation/Training	\$	1,190.27
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	35,435.04
DGR Engineering	Electric Rate Study	\$	2,448.00
Echo Group	Supplies	\$	139.50
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding - Administration	\$	120.00
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	1,616.50
Graybar Electric	Underground Fiber Vaults	\$	3,200.94
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	1,173.93
Heart N Home	Flowers – G. Fast Funeral	\$	48.15
Horsetech	Shipping Fees	\$	19.02
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$	800.00
Iconnectiv	Local Number Portability	\$	24.47
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	8,102.85
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	\$	102.75
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Apprenticeship Program	\$	1,485.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	7,807.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,586.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	28.00
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	5,324.46
Iowa Utilities Board	IUB/OCA Assessments	\$	881.00
KEYC-TV	Programming Fees	\$	326.50
KTIV-TV	Programming Fees	\$	815.00
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	92,114.72
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	109.18
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	143.01
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	272.81
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	\$	282.67
Laurens State Bank	CTS Improvement Fund	\$	22,000.00
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	29.82
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$	274.42
Library of Congress	SA1 Royalty Licensing Fee	\$	67.00
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$	7,779.56
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	456.84
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	31,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Cable Modems	\$	1,355.47
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,308.00
Norgard Sand & Gravel	Limestone	\$	568.94
Norsolv	Services	\$	179.71
Oak Hill Consulting	Engineering Fees	\$	552.00
Office Elements	Office Supplies	\$	12.83
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	23,248.02
Pizza Ranch	Board Meeting Meal	\$	18.18
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Group Life/Disability	\$	596.52
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	721.99
Postmaster	Prepaid Postage	\$	25.00
Pro Cooperative	Fuel/Diesel	\$	533.22
R & D Industries	Network Support	\$	291.00

RFD-TV	Programming Fees	\$	7.48
Roettger, Caleb	Supplies	\$	45.63
Rovi Guides	Programming Fees	\$	645.36
Scott's Lawn Service	Vegetation Control	\$	55.00
Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$	24.00
Siepker Auto	Vehicle Repair	\$	106.77
Sonksen, Karla	Supplies	\$	59.50
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/Transport Fees	\$	1,704.12
Stuart C. Irby	Locating Flags/Fuses/Metering	\$	2,447.37
Tower Distribution Company	Programming Fees	\$	1,052.94
Unity Point Health Workman's Comp	Workman's Comp Services	\$	338.00
US Bank	Office 365 Renewal/Supplies	\$	1,474.98
Verizon	Wireless Service	\$	311.00
Webb Wireless	Tower Maintenance	\$	2,193.50
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance Premiums	\$	9,873.48
Zcorum	Cable Modem Provisioning	\$	781.22
Ziegler Inc.	<u>Generators Annual Maintenance</u>	\$	<u>29,161.76</u>
	Total Expenses	\$	313,851.73

Electric Expenses	\$	263,668.75
Communications Expenses	\$	<u>50,182.98</u>
Total Expenses	\$	313,851.73

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet for August 2018. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to have the Investment Committee invest \$300,000 in a CD. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Trustees reviewed the proposals for the construction of fiber to Laurens Equipment. Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to accept the low base bid of \$9,360.40 from Schoon Construction. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

General Manager Update:

1. Long Lines Digital TV – At this time, it appears that the hardware to be installed in Laurens will not be delivered and configured until late October. Once we have a better idea on the delivery date of the hardware, then we can start planning on a conversion date.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary of the Board of Trustees