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School News

Sullivan Earns Spotlight Athlete of the Week at Waldorf

The Spotlight Athlete of the Week at Waldorf College recently was Briley Sullivan!

Sullivan racked up 110 digs while helping the Waldorf University volleyball team win two of four matches last week. The junior libero from Laurens averaged 6.88 digs per set and also tallied three service aces during the week.

Last Friday, Sullivan recorded 36 digs to help the Warriors (12-14, 2-3) bring down Valley City State University (6-13, 2-4) as they won by scores of 25-23, 21-25, 25-21, 18-25, 15-13 in a North Star Athletic Association

(NSAA) match at Forest City. Her performance ranks as the third-most digs in school history during a five-set match.

Sullivan collected 24 digs as Waldorf swept Mayville State University (9-11, 2-3) by scores of 25-23, 25-15, 25-20 during Saturday's conference contest at Forest City. She also turned in 35 digs as Grace University (7-11) topped the Warriors by scores of 17-25, 20-25, 25-22, 25-23, 17-15 to close out

Saturday's triangular.

During the week, Sullivan moved to second on Waldorf's all-time career digs list. In three seasons, she currently has 1,818 digs and trails 2015 graduate Courtney Palmer by 22 digs.

This season, Sullivan leads the Warriors with 511 digs and is averaging 5.27 digs per set. She also has 11 aces on the year.

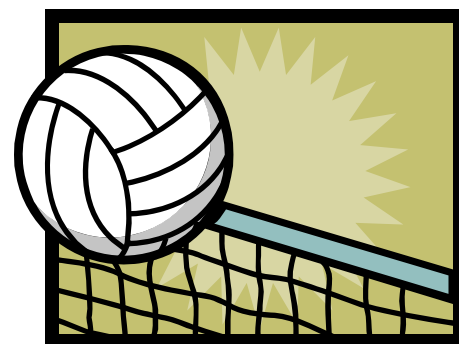
Waldorf resumes NSAA play with two conference matches this

weekend. The Warriors face Presentation College (3-16, 0-5) on Friday at 7 p.m. at Aberdeen, S.D. Waldorf wraps up the weekend on Saturday against Dakota State University (5-13, 1-3) in a 1 p.m. matchup at Madison, S.D.

Briley is a 2014 Laurens-Marathon graduate and is the daughter of Patrick & Laurie Sullivan of Laurens.

Briley will graduate this May in just three years with a Degree in Psychology. She then plans to get her Masters and become a school counselor.

Great Job, Briley!



5th Annual Fall Festival Held!

The Laurens Chamber of Commerce held its fifth annual “Laurens Fall Festival” on Saturday, October 1st. The BBQ Contest Winners were:

Chicken:

1st Place: Mastertech BBQ – Bryan Wadsly

2nd Place: R & N – Randy Guill

Ribs:

1st Place: Last Place Smoker – Blake Wiley

2nd Place: Mastertech BBQ – Bryan Wadsly

Pulled Pork:

1st Place: Mastertech BBQ – Bryan Wadsly

2nd Place: Mark Miller

Master Griller Champion:

Masterech BBQ – Bryan Wadsly

During the event was the dedication and ribbon cutting for the Straight Story Building, sidewalk chalk art, “old fashioned” games at the muesum, beer tasting, hay rack ride, vendors, and pumpkins for sale.

The next event for the Laurens Chamber of Commerce will be a ribbon cutting for The Rolling Pin Bakery in October.

To find out everything that is going on and keep current on events – go to the Chamber's website at www.laurenschamber.com and sign up for the emails.



L-M First Graders ENRICHED

Mrs. Ballman's 1st graders were involved in an enrichment activity during Computer on Thursday, October 6th. Mrs. Hoffman joined forces with Mrs. Ehlers, the new K-3 Enrichment Program instructor, to try something new! Students were divided up into two groups. While one group was in Computer class exploring Osmo (Numbers, Tangram and Words), the other group was with Mrs. Ehlers doing an Enrichment Activity about 3D shapes. The two groups switched halfway through so that all of the 1st graders

were able to participate in both activities.

If you are not familiar with Osmo, it is an award-winning game system that pairs with an iPad. Children interact with hands-on play. You can find out more at www.playosmo.com.

Now to Enrichment...students were introduced to 3D shapes by looking at everyday objects Mrs. Ehlers had collected, such as a whiteboard eraser (rectangular prism), a whiteboard marker (cylinder), a square wooden block (cube), a ball (sphere), and a triangular shaped wooden block (triangular prism). Then students were given other everyday objects to match to the 3D shapes that were introduced. To end the activity, students had to predict which 3D shape

(cylinder, rectangular prism, or triangular prism) was the strongest by holding up the most books. To conclude, we discussed why the cylinder was the strongest. A few of the students were able to come to the conclusion that it was because it has no sides. Isn't that just amazing! Who knew 3D shapes could be so much fun!



Indians Tame the Mustangs!

On Thursday, October 6, the Indians of PAC/LM travelled to Newell to take on the Mustangs of Newell-Fonda in the final regular season Twin Lakes Conference volleyball contest. The Indians took control of the match early and never looked back, winning the best of 5 contest, 3 matches to 0. Scores of the sets were 25 – 8, 25 – 18, and 25 – 18.

Stats for the night were:

Payton Hjerleid – 3 kills, 7 attacks, 25 assists, 10 digs, 15 for 17 serving

Jocelyn Johnson – 10 kills, 26 attacks, 4 digs, 1 block, 11 for 11 serving

Faith Meyer – 8 kills, 22 attacks, 1 assist, 19 digs, 1 block, 8 for 9 serving

Grace Meyer – 7 kills, 18 attacks, 7 digs, 1 block, 4 for 6 serving

Kenzie Sullivan – 3 digs, 8 attacks, 2 assists, 1 dig, 3 blocks, 16 for 16 serving

Elle Ruffridge – 19 digs, 15 for 15 serving

Hannah Runneberg – 4 digs

Jennica Mielke – 2 digs

Jill Vonhamme – 6 kills, 17 attacks, 1 assist, 2 digs

With the victory, the PAC/LM volleyball team runs their overall record to 21 wins against 3 losses. In Twin Lakes Conference play, the Indians sport a record of 8 wins and just 1 loss, which puts them in a 3 way tie for 1st place with East

Sac County and South Central Calhoun. Congratulations, girls, for tying for 1st place in the conference!


In addition, the latest IGHSAU rankings have the Indians breaking into the State rankings at number 15 in Class 3A!

Next up for PAC/LM will be the conference tournament to be held on Oct. 11 & Oct. 13 in Laurens. The girls first match will be Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. against MNW. Regional volleyball play will begin on Wednesday, October 19 with the Indians travelling to Lake View for a first round match up with East Sac County. Keep up the good work, girls!



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Sports News



Aschenbrenners Dazzle with Amazing Butterflies, Moths and Bugs



Keri and Ben Aschenbrenner captivated the crowd with their amazing collections of butterflies, moths, bees, wasps and bugs, plus their knowledge of entomology on Tuesday night, September 27th at the Albert City Public Library. Children and adults were full of questions and were thrilled to see all the different varieties of bugs and butterflies. We learned how they are caught to how they are killed and laid out. Keri's equipment was available for all to see and she showed some very recent pinning of butterflies in the hardening phase.

Did you know butterflies and moths have scales on their wings and in fact all over their bodies? They are like shingles on a roof, lined up in overlapping rows. Moth scales are larger and fluffy whereas a butterfly's scales are small and fine. What is the identifying difference between butterflies and moths? Moths usually have feathery antennae and butterflies have long thin antennae with small ball-like ends. Moths also have a larger, more cylinder shaped body, whereas a butterfly has

a distinct head, and narrow body. Keri and Ben had butterflies and moths with wingspans of up to 3.5-4 inches or larger! Many were beautifully colored in multiple hues of blue, green, orange, beige and brown. Besides moths and butterflies, Keri and Ben displayed Katydid, Cicadas, Cicada Killers, Praying Mantis, large Water Bugs, and Wasps. Some of their collection was around 100 years old. Keri's father built all the wooden display boxes that hold the collection. The boxes are specially made with a seal so that smaller bugs do not get inside and eat the bodies of the dead bugs.

Keri told how they hunt the moths at night by coating trees with a sweet, fermented mixture of banana, beer and other ingredients. The beer part intoxicates them so they are easy to catch. They use a Fischer-Price flashlight that has a red light to see the moths on the coated tree trunk. The moths do not react to the red light at night, like they do to white or yellow light, making them easier to catch. They use butterfly nets that are made of old drapery sheer panels that are soft and do not harm the insects. Ben demonstrated how they remove the insect after it is caught in a net. Their rarest butterfly catch is either the Pipevine Swallowtail or a Hybrid cross between the White Admiral and the Red Spotted Purple. Monarch butterflies populate southern Canada, all the way down to upper South America. We were told that there is one migrating male Monarch that is 5 years old!

Some of their favorite hunting spots are the Rolfe Trail, Laurens Trail and the Rush Lake Road. But when traveling they have their bug and butterfly radar on and at any given moment you could find them scurrying to rescue or catch a new variety of insect!

This unusual hobby has spanned 5 generations. Keri's grandmother was the first to start this adventure, then Keri's mother, then Keri, Ben, and now Ben's son has "caught the bug!". Keri's uncle Tim was highly instrumental in developing Keri and Ben's love of the hobby. Tim had his rare, elaborate collection donated to Iowa State University. Thank you, Keri and Ben for this awesome, educational program.



LPL Receives Accreditation From the State Library of Iowa

The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Laurens Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in “In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition.”

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The Laurens Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation is valid through June 30, 2020.

“The director and board of trustees of the Laurens Public Library and the city of Laurens are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community,” said State Librarian Michael Scott.

Of Iowa’s 544 public libraries, 349 – including the Laurens Public Library– are accredited. Iowa’s accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. More than two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards. Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research medical conditions, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library’s Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Terry Branstad, Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chairperson Dale Vande Haar.

For more information on the Laurens Public Library, go to www.laurenspubliclibrary.com

For more information on the State Library’s accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards, go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder October 12, 2016

The Laurens Ecumenical Youth Group will be here on Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m. to share details of their recent mission trip to Omaha with Urban Plunge. The kids will share their experiences and how they have impacted their lives and their worldview.

The Laurens Public Library Foundation’s big fundraiser Pancake Supper is coming up next week – Thursday, October 20. Our wonderful local Kiwanis will be flipping pancakes from 5-7 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Ongoing projects funded by the Foundation include: Children’s e-book subscription, Programs for Children and Adults, Books for New Baby Packets, CD Audio Books, and Preschool Outreach Baskets. Projects we also hope to fund with this fundraiser include: a New PA system, Convert slides to digital images, Drinking fountain with bottle filler, VHS to DVD converter so we can get our local history interviews on a current and more durable format. Plan to eat with us, for a great cause on October 20th!

We are partnering with L-M Elementary and starting up our after school reading again. We are looking for volunteers for one on one reading. If you have a day or two you are available around 3:30-5 p.m., please let us know!

We received new books from some favorite authors recently: *Kill or Be Killed* by James Patterson, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, *Obsidian Chamber* by Douglas Preston and *Two by Two* by Nicholas Sparks. This nonfiction looked interesting, so I just had to order it: *Strong is the New Beautiful: embrace your natural beauty, eat clean, and harness your power* by Lindsey Vonn. Just one new DVD, *X-Men: Apocalypse*.

I got a phone call from Terry Latham of Laurens State Bank the other day. He shared that he had just helped a customer who had been the victim of a scammer. We discussed the different types of scams that are most prevalent; Internet, Phone & Banking. Terry then asked if I would consider a program at the library to help make people aware of these scams and how to avoid them. Well, you know what I said – so we added another event to our October calendar. Grab a friend and join us Tuesday, October 25th at 1 in the afternoon so you can Be Scam Smart!

October’s book of choice is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Read these lines from the book description and you will know why we chose this book. “It is the ultimate test for any parent: How far would you go to protect your child? It is a test of devotion. A test of how well a parent can know a child. For Andy Barber, a man with an iron will and a dark secret, it is a test of guilt and innocence in the deepest sense. How far would you go?” Plan to join our discussion on Monday, October 24 at 7 p.m.!

School Board Vacancy

A vacancy pursuant to 279.6, the Laurens-Marathon school board publishes this notice of its intent to appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the Board. Eligible electors of the Laurens-Marathon School District have the right to file a petition requiring that this vacancy be filled by a special election. Petitions must be received by the central office within 14 days after the publication of this notice. For details and signatures requirements, contact the central office at 841-5000.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your visits, cards, memorials, prayers and expressions of sympathy during Dewayne "Pete" Peterson's time in Hospice and following his death Sept. 20. A special thanks to the Pocahontas Hospital & Hospice who provided loving care during Pete's final weeks. The overwhelming support has been a testimony to the number of lives he touched during his journey on Earth.

Thank-you!
Pam & Phil Grove

FOR SALE:

Senior Living condo unit #103 at The Homestead in Laurens. Very clean south-facing unit, 936 sq. ft., one bathroom with accessible shower, walk-in closet. The ten-unit building includes a large commons area with kitchen and dining room--great for larger family gatherings and weekly coffee socials for residents. Appliances included.

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**Special for
Friday, October 14th
is beef parmesan
dinner or order off our
full menu!**

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

**Bring a friend and join
us for supper!**



Permit To Carry Weapons Class

There will be a permit to carry weapons class on October 29 from 8-11 a.m. at the Ruthven Community Center. Cost is \$50 per person.

To register call/text Brad at: (712) 260-2204.

Bridal Shower

You are cordially invited to a Come and Go Bridal Shower for Morgan Darrow, bride elect of Phillip Miller on Saturday, October 15 from 10-11:30 am at St. John Lutheran Church, 2097 550th Street (Corner of highways C-43 and M-54), rural Albert City, IA. A short program will begin at 10:15 am.

Parents of the couple are Scott and Lori Darrow, Newell and Kevin and Glennis Miller of Vinton.

The couple is registered at The Sugar Bowl in Storm Lake and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Mission Trip Presentation to be Held

The local kids that went on a mission trip this summer will be giving a presentation at the Library on October 19 at 7p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about the Mission Trip to Omaha this past summer.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower is being held for Katie Flaherty, daughter of Tim and Diane Flaherty of Pocahontas, soon to be Katie Brechler on Saturday, October 15 at Pocahontas Golf Club from 9:30-11 A.M.

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Calling Laurens-Marathon Community members!

The Laurens-Marathon School is conducting a feasibility study,
and would like your feedback.

If you are interested in being a part of an interview, on
October 19th, from 4:30-5:30,
please call the school at 712-841-5000 to RSVP.

Services Held for DeWayne "Pete" Peterson

DeWayne "Pete" Peterson, 91, of Laurens, IA, passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at the Pocahontas Community Hospital in Pocahontas, Iowa.

DeWayne Floyd Peterson was born on a farm west of Pocahontas, Iowa, on October 5, 1924. He was one of 11 children, six boys and five girls, of William and Grace Peterson. Pete attended country school, Marshall No. 7, until the eighth grade. During the next few years he worked for several area farmers. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1943 and served on several different ships in the South Pacific during WWII. He was honorably discharged in April, 1946, and returned to Iowa where he drove trucks and farmed until he went to work for M & JR Hakes in 1953.

On June 25, 1955, Pete married Pearl Moen. With that union, he not only became a husband, but he also became an instant dad to 8 year old Pamela Jane, who from that date on has continued to be a beautiful light in his life. Pete and Pearl lived in Laurens and they both



worked for M & JR Hakes for many years (Pearl, 40 years and Pete, 35 years), retiring on September 30, 1986. After retiring from the grocery warehouse business, Pete spent full time in the Auctioneering and Real Estate business, something he had been doing part-time since 1970. He and his auctioneering partner Joe Sobotka became well known throughout northwest Iowa. Pete also was a licensed Broker and a certified Appraiser. At age 80, Pete decided to sell his realty company and was hired by the Laurens State Bank as a Broker to set up and run their real estate business. He retired from this at age 91.

Pete was a member of the VFW and served as Chaplain for several decades, the American Legion, the Bethany Lutheran Church where he served on the Church Council for 12 years, and he was a long-time member of the Laurens Lions Club. Pete loved the auctioneering, real estate, and appraisal business and he loved spending time with his family and his good friend Bobbie Peaslee. He was always very proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter Pam and husband Phil Grove of Sheldon; his companion and dear friend Bobbie Peaslee; grandson Shawn Grove & Jennifer of York, SC, and their children Landon, Easton

and Brooklyn; Chris Schuett of LeMars, and his children Alexandria of California, and Zachary of Ames; Lee Reinders and husband Phil of Orange City and their children Kristen (Justin) Postma and daughter Sadie of Orange City, and Adam (Mandy) of Orange City; sister-in-law Lou Ann Peterson of Laurens; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Pete was preceded in death by his wife Pearl, his mother-in-law Aggie Moen, his granddaughter Nicole Schuett, his parents and his ten brothers and sisters: Chris, Ted, Bob, Kenny, Bill, Dorothy, Kate, Margaret, Ann and Luella.

Services were held on Sunday, September 25 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens.

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Services Held Recently for Norris G. Olney Jr.

Norris G. Olney, Jr., age 86, of Marathon, Iowa died Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the Pocahontas Community Hospital in Pocahontas.



Funeral services were held Monday, October 3, 2016 at the Marathon Community Center in Marathon. Burial followed in the Poland Township Cemetery in Marathon. The Sliefert Funeral Home in Albert City was in charge of the arrangements.

Norris Goodrich Olney, Jr. the son of Norris G. and Doris B. (Hawk) Olney, was born in Marathon, Iowa on May 14, 1930. He was the 4th of 9 children. He was baptized as an infant in the Catholic Church, but as an adult became a member of the Marathon United Methodist Church.

Norris grew up in Marathon and graduated from Marathon Consolidated School in 1947. He then went to Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa to study forestry for two years before joining the United States Navy where he served on several different ships for four years.

Upon returning to Marathon, he decided to switch majors and become an attorney and went to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa to study law. Here he met Frances A. Evans.

Norris and Frances were united in marriage on December 23, 1956, in the West Des Moines Methodist Church. Together, they were blessed with six children: Joan, Leslie, Bill, Michael, Richard and Jayne.

Following their marriage, they made their home in West Des Moines while Norris attended Drake. Following his graduation, they moved to Marathon where Norris was employed with his father in the bank and also operated his own law practice. Norris retired from the banking profession at age 65 but continued his law practice until April 15, 2015. Throughout the years, Norris and Fran welcomed ten foreign exchange students from around the world into their home.

Norris was an active member of the Marathon United Methodist Church where he served as church treasurer for many years and sang in the choir. Norris also served on many civic boards and committees, including acting as Poland Township Clerk for many years. He was a proud member of the Buena Vista County Bar Association, the Iowa Bar Association, American Legion, the VFW and the Masonic Lodge.

He was an avid environmentalist and botanist and enjoyed raising a bountiful vegetable garden every

year. His passion for botany and the outdoors contribute to his involvement in promoting and preserving the Marathon Park. The family remembers many summer trips to Washington State where they enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Norris also enjoyed fishing and spending time with his three grandsons.

Norris' life is honored and cherished by his family which include his children: Joan Olney of Marathon, Iowa; Leslie Olney of Armstrong, Iowa; Bill Olney of Marathon, Iowa; Richard (Angie) Olney of Armstrong, Iowa; and Jayne Berends of Spirit Lake, Iowa; three grandsons: Nathan Olney, Andrew Berends and Dominic Berends; brother, Byron Olney of Rochester, Minnesota; sister, Elizabeth Stecher of Silver Springs, Maryland; other extended family and many lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Frances; infant son, Michael; four brothers: infant Richard N., Richard, James, and John; and two sisters: Margaret and Frances.

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Sunday, October 16th

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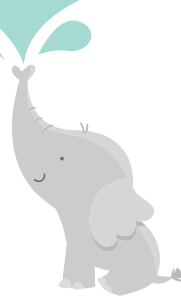
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Please join us for a baby shower
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**Lindsey
Mueller**

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Baby Boy Mueller is registered at Target and Babies R Us.
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**VACANCY
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2016-2017**

**Possible Opening
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Interested applicants need to send a
resume/application to:
Jeff Kruse, Superintendent
Laurens-Marathon CSD
300 W Garfield St, Laurens, Iowa 50554
Position will be opened until filled
E.O.E/AA

Engagement Announced

Scott and Lori Darrow would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Darrow to Phillip Miller, son of Kevin and Glennis Miller of Vinton. Morgan is a 2007 graduate of Storm Lake High School. She attended Buena Vista University and graduated from Central College in 2012. She currently is a personal banker at Kerndt Bros. Bank in Cedar Rapids. Phillip is a 2008 graduate of Vinton-Shellsburg High School and a 2012 graduate of Central College. He also is a 2013 graduate of Dakota County Technical College. He is employed at Alliant Energy as a lineman. They are planning a November 19th wedding at St. John Lutheran Church, rural Albert City and will reside in rural Vinton, Iowa after they are married. Morgan is the granddaughter of Lou Ann and the late Bill Peterson of Laurens.



Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or treat will be held on Monday, October 31 at the United Methodist Church parking lot from 5-6:30 p.m. If anyone would like a parking space for Trunk or Treat on the 31st, please contact Angie at 712-450-0295.

You do not have to decorate your car or wear a costume but you can and the kids really enjoy that. Please plan for 300 children to come through the parking lot trick or treating. Cars have to be parked by 4:30 p.m. for the safety of the kids.

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Baby Shower

Come and Go baby shower for Tracy Snow will be held on Saturday, October 22 at West Iowa Bank in Laurens from 1-3 p.m.

Tracy is registered at WalMart and Target. It's a girl, due December 15!



Bridal Shower

A bridal shower is being held for Katie Flaherty, daughter of Tim and Diane Flaherty of Pocahontas, bride elect of Gary Brechler, son of Ron and Corrin Brechler of Laurens, on Saturday, October 15 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Albert City, IA. It will be held from 2-4 PM with a program at 2PM.

Women's Club

The Laurens Women's Club will meet on Friday, October 14 at 1:30 a.m. at the Homestead Cooperative of Laurens. The program will be "Whodunnit?" presented by Jackie Stelter, Carol Hoffman and Lois Jirgens. Members of the serving committee will be Dorothy Runneberg and Dorothy Long. 13

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

Pastor John Mayer

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

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Albert City

Sundays 9:00 a.m. @ St John Lutheran Church Rural - Albert City

**This Week at First
Christian Church**

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

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

Sunday, Oct. 16
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Elder's Meeting
10:30 a.m. - Worship



Our Town Our Paper!

**This Week
at Bethany
Lutheran**

Sunday: October 16, 2016
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM ~ SS & Confirmation
9:15 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship
9:15 AM ~ Adult SS
10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion & SS skit & songs
11:30 AM ~ Potluck
6:00 PM ~ Laurens Area Youth Group (JH) at BLC

Monday: October 17, 2016
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: October 18, 2016
10:00 AM ~ Coffee Time

Wednesday: October 19, 2016
5:00 PM ~ Christian Ed/Youth Mtg.
6:00 PM ~ 125th Steering Mtg.
7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Thursday: October 20, 2016
9:00 AM ~ Morning Circle at Jan Hersom's
*Worship, Love, Accept- Together in
Christ's Name*



**This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church**

Wed., Oct. 12th:
Hands of Hope Puppet Troop @ 7 p.m.

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

Sun., Oct. 16th:
Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m. - Choir performs



Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Pastor ~ Father Francis Makwinja
Weekday Mass : Friday, 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 8:30 AM (July - October)

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

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



Mosquito/Public Health Pest Management Course Offered October 27

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office will offer the Mosquito/Public Health Pest Management Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. The program is offered at office locations across Iowa through the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by sessions from 9 to 11:30 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Dianne Dirks at the ISU Extension and Outreach office in Pocahontas County by phoning 712-335-3103 or email dianned@iastate.edu.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 7D (Community Insect Management), 8 (Public Health Pest Control), and 10 (Research and Demonstration). The course will cover topics such as laws and regulations; effects of pesticides on groundwater and other non-target sites; pesticide toxicity and exposure; pesticide stewardship; and mosquitos, ticks and flies.

Additional information about this and other courses offered through the Pesticide Safety Education Program may be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/psep.

Register before Oct. 27 for fall commercial pesticide applicator training recertification.

Yard and Garden: Overwintering Geraniums for Spring Replanting

Geraniums are beautiful plants which add color and vibrant detail to any landscape. However, they are ill-equipped to survive harsh winter conditions. There is a solution: Geraniums can be taken indoors and overwintered, then replanted in the spring.

ISU Extension and Outreach horticulturists can help answer your questions about overwintering geraniums and how to preserve them during winter conditions. To have additional questions answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

How can I overwinter geraniums indoors? Geraniums can be overwintered indoors by taking cuttings, potting up individual plants or storing bare-root plants in a cool, dry location. Remove plants from the garden (or take cuttings) prior to the first fall frost.

How do you take geranium cuttings? Using a sharp knife, take three-to-four-inch stem cuttings from the terminal ends of the shoots. Pinch off the lower leaves, then dip the base of each cutting in a rooting hormone. Stick the cuttings into a rooting medium of vermiculite or a mixture of perlite and sphagnum peat moss. Pots and flats with drainage holes in the bottom are suitable rooting containers. Insert the cuttings into the medium just far enough to be self-supporting. After all the cuttings are inserted, water the rooting medium.

Allow the medium to drain for a few minutes, then place a clear plastic bag or dome over the cuttings to prevent the plant foliage from wilting. Finally, place the cuttings in bright light, but not direct sunlight. The cuttings should root in six to eight weeks. When the cuttings have good root systems, remove them from the rooting medium and plant each rooted cutting in its own pot. Place the potted plants in a sunny window or under artificial lighting until spring.

How do you overwinter geraniums as potted plants? Carefully dig up each plant and place in a large pot. Water each plant thoroughly, then place the geraniums in a sunny window or under artificial lighting. Geraniums prefer cool indoor temperatures. Daytime temperatures of 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit and slightly cooler night temperatures are ideal. Water plants about every two weeks. Geraniums are likely to become tall and lanky by late winter. In March, prune back the plants. Cut the geraniums back by one-half to two-thirds. The geraniums will begin to grow again within a few days and should develop into attractive specimens by May.

How do you overwinter geraniums as bare-root plants? Carefully dig up the geraniums before the first fall frost. Shake the soil from the plant's roots. Then place one or two plants in a large paper sack and store in a cool (45 to 50 degree Fahrenheit), dry location. An unheated bedroom or indoor porch might be a suitable location. An alternate (somewhat messier) method is to hang the plants upside down in a cool, dry location. The foliage and the shoot tips will eventually die.

In March, prune or cut back each plant. Remove all shriveled, dead material. Prune back to firm, green, live stem tissue. After pruning, pot up the plants and water thoroughly. Place the potted geraniums in a sunny window or under artificial lighting. Geraniums that are pruned and potted in March should develop into attractive plants that can be planted outdoors in May.

September 29, 2016

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 5:30 p.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Jerry Runneberg and Ben Storms. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland.

The agenda for the September 29, 2016 meeting stands approved as presented.

The General Manager took the Trustees on a tour of the Utility facilities. No specific action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts for August 2016 in the amount of \$487,657.90 and the list of expenses for August 2016 in the amount of \$363,075.86. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts:

A/R Utilities	\$ 234,425.99		
A/R Communications	\$ 79,015.59		
Write-off Recovery	\$ 463.12		
Carrier Access Fees	\$ 7,608.14		
Utility Deposits	\$ 2,080.00		
Internet Deposits	\$ 629.00		
Cable TV Deposits	\$ 221.00		
Marathon Power Sales	\$ 15,452.90		
NIMECA Power Sales	\$ 22,558.50		
A/R NIMECA	\$ 852.33		
A/R Merchandise/Service	\$ 880.00		
Attachment H Revenues	\$ 22,807.66		
Attachment H Set Aside	\$ (745.00)		
Misc. Cable TV Sales	\$ 434.67		
Investments	\$ 100,000.00		
Tower Lease Fees	\$ 900.00		
Lifeline Reimbursement	\$ 74.00		
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 487,657.90		
		Electric Receipts	\$ 398,775.50
		Communication Receipts	\$ 88,882.40
		Total Cash Receipts	\$ 487,657.90

List of Expenses:

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 85.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 568.50
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 203.06
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching	\$ 141.30
Aureon	Consolidated Billing	\$ 2.47
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$ 631.62
Border States Electric	Supplies	\$ 19.26
BSG Clearing Solutions	LECC Invoice	\$ 4.10
Buena Vista Stationery	Office Supplies	\$ 140.66
Century Link	Transport Fees	\$ 558.82
Century Link	Directory Listings	\$ 32.68
Cleveland, Chad	Mileage - NIMECA/IUB Meetings	\$ 153.90
City of Laurens	Utility Billing	\$ 96,669.17
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Fees	\$ 850.00
Contractor Solutions	Air Monitor Calibration	\$ 69.50
Customers	Closed Accounts Refunds	\$ 50.00
Dakota Riggers & Tool Supply	Winch Line Cable & Sling	\$ 291.76
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$ 52,673.71
DGR Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$ 388.00

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Echo Group	Electric Supplies	\$	844.18
Employee Benefit Systems	Insurance Self-Funding	\$	240.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Insurance Self-Funding Payments	\$	3,966.40
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	1,673.43
Fransyl Equipment Co.	Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance	\$	1,219.59
Grainger	Electric Supplies	\$	103.57
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	800.80
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable	Office Supplies	\$	12.68
ICMA Retirement Trust	Employee Contributions	\$	1,500.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	11,191.58
Interstate TRS Fund	2016-17 Assessment	\$	1,092.38
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales / Withholding Taxes	\$	11,581.62
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Withholding	\$	6,469.07
Iowa Utilities Board	2017 IEC/CGRER Assessment	\$	2,078.00
Kriz-Davis Company	Fuses/Street Light Fixtures	\$	3,259.62
KTIV – TV	Programming Fees	\$	693.00
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	67.46
Laurens House of Print	Supplies	\$	65.27
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	245.16
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Petty Cash Expenses	\$	21.44
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	81.91
Laurens Plumbing/Hwy 10 Hardware	Supplies	\$	116.39
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	59.80
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	224.32
Long Lines	Switching/Internet/Billing/LD	\$	7,421.23
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	413.35
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	55,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	14,628.59
Newgard Auto Parts & Supply	Supplies	\$	87.09
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,848.00
NIMECA	MCR Consulting	\$	929.25
NIMECA	SPP NITS Credit Assessment	\$	15,129.37
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	30,556.86
PICS Telecom International	Rectifier	\$	928.04
Pizza Ranch	Board Meeting Meal	\$	12.99
PLIC – SBD Grand Island	Group Insurance Premiums	\$	582.42
Pop Media Networks	Programming Fees	\$	654.87
Pro Cooperative	Fuel / Lubricants	\$	1,029.93
RB Lumber Company	Supplies	\$	42.77
RFD TV	Programming Fees	\$	8.85
Rovi Guides	Programming Fees	\$	609.14
Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$	24.00
Siepkner Auto Repairs	Boom Truck Repairs	\$	304.95
Sinclair Broadcast Group	Programming Fees	\$	885.50
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/Transport Fees	\$	1,751.01
Stuart C. Irby Company	Hot Stick Tester/Supplies	\$	2,186.76
Tower Distribution Company	Programming Fees	\$	820.05
US Bank	Monitors/Microsoft Renewal	\$	1,198.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	\$	271.10
Voided Checks	Uncashed Outstanding Checks	\$	(322.77)
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Insurance Premiums	\$	7,368.31
Zcorum	Internet Fees	\$	773.65
Ziegler, Inc.	CAT Generators Annual Support	\$	16,791.09
	Total	\$	363,075.86
Electric Expenses	\$	295,157.73	
Communications Expenses	\$	67,918.13	
Total Expenses	\$	363,075.86	

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report for August. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to have the Investment Committee invest \$100,000 in a CD. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on delinquent accounts and the Board reviewed the collection and disconnection policy. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on the Corn Belt Transmission System (CTS). Laurens and the other members of NIMECA are joint owners of the CTS. Corn Belt has notified us that they plan on upgrading the 69 kV portion of the CTS over the next 10 years. In doing so, the projections show that Laurens will need to come up with \$330,000 each year for the next 10 years to cover our portion of the improvements. This amount is approximately three times the amount we have been paying each year for improvements to the CTS. At this time, the Utility is going to try to cash flow the annual improvement payments. No specific action was taken at this time.

Discussion was held on Cable TV services. The Utility is working to get the local Des Moines channels delivered to Laurens via fiber. Antennas are just not reliable. No specific action was taken.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees