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Local News

Dr. Bryn Ealy Earns ICOI Fellowship

Dr. Bryn Ealy of Iowa Falls, IA earned fellowship status in The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) on January 29, 2020.

The awarding of Fellowship status is an honor which a professional society such as the ICOI bestows on a dental professional involved in dental implant treatment. The ICOI has a Fellowship program in which active members are encouraged to achieve Fellowship status through their efforts in education, research and actual clinical experience. All Fellows of the ICOI may choose to list the designation "FICOI" after their names.

Dr. Bryn will receive her Fellowship award at the ICOI Winter Implant Symposium later this month in Houston, Texas.

The International Congress of Oral Implantologists is a tax-



exempt, nonprofit, worldwide dental educational organization. It is dedicated to communicating scientific knowledge and improving the

clinical practice of dental implantology worldwide.

The ICOI has public information programs, publishes a bimonthly journal and a quarterly newsletter. It conducts

numerous scientific symposia each year and supports research and education through its Implant Dentistry Research and Education Foundation (IDREF).

For more information, log on to ICOI's website www.icoi.org.

Dr. Bryn is the daughter of Rod & Anita Johnson of Laurens. She is a Laurens -Marathon graduate and received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Simpson College, where she was a four-year letter winner in softball. She graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics in May 2018 and established Iowa River Dentistry that September.

While in dental school, Dr. Bryn was an active member of

the Dental Public Health Club and the Delta Delta Sigma Dental Fraternity. In her senior year, she took special interest in special needs populations, participating in the Geriatrics and Special Needs preceptorship.

Congratulations, Dr. Bryn!



Iowa Youth Propose Solutions to Ag Problems at National Summit

Ten youth represented Iowa at the 2020 National Youth Summit on Agri-Science in Washington, D.C. this month. The high school youth delegates traveled to Washington, D.C. after they were selected by Iowa 4-H Youth Development program coordinators to attend the event at the National 4-H Conference Center.

This year's Agri-Science conference Jan. 9-12 addressed the modern challenges facing agricultural production and the role of researchers, leaders and public advocates, when it comes to feeding future global populations. Through a combination of workshops, field trips and skill development opportunities, youth explored such challenges and proposed their own solutions.

The Iowa team split in to two groups in order to address their selected problems: loss of pollinator habitat in modern cropping systems, and how water quality is impacted in those same systems. The student-delegates detailed their respective challenges and their proposed solutions at the event and showcased their finished-work in a "share-fair,"

in which their peers and judges evaluated their work.

"As a youth from an urban community, I never thought I fit the mold for my passion of agriculture," said Halley Blades, a senior from Urbandale. "The Agri-Science Summit helped me to recognize I was not alone in my passion for agriculture as a city kid. I hope more youth from the city and urban communities apply for this opportunity, because agriculture is the future of the world, and we can't live a day without it."

The conference is open to all Iowa 4-H youth who submit a questionnaire stating their interest in the summit, what agriculture means to them and their previous involvement with agriculture. In addition to the summit experience, delegates were able to network with 4-H members from other states and see the sights around the capital. They were chaperoned by state and county extension staff from Iowa.

"The summit was a great learning and leadership experience for the youth. I loved that they were

able to work with youth from other states and network to get new ideas," said Maya Hayslett, crop science youth education specialist for Iowa State University, and one of the trip leaders. "It is important for Iowa youth to participate in these national events and be seen as leaders in innovation. Iowa youth have great experiences and ideas to share and need to be part of the conversation."

This year's Iowa delegates included: Brianna Blake, Walcott; Simon Meister, Mitchellville; Caitlyn Ebert, Washta; Isaac Heilman, Underwood; Halley Blades, Urbandale; Dustin Kohn, Cherokee; Mackenzie Hermanson, Waukee; Gabriel Lane, Laurens; Gaitlin Henriksen, Waukee; and Felicia Williams, Des Moines.



Come & Go Bridal Shower

Please join us for a Come And Go Bridal Shower honoring Kolesa Herrig, bride elect of Christopher Abbas on Saturday, February 29 from 2-4 P.M. at the Ag Partners Meeting Room in Albert City, IA.

Kolesa is the daughter of Mark and Terry Herrig of Albert City and Christopher is the son of Jerry and Starr Abbas of Marathon.

Christopher and Kolesa are registered at the following stores: Bed Bath & Beyond, Target and The Straw Horse-Albert City.



Clubhouse Manager Position

Laurens Golf & Country Club is accepting applications for Clubhouse Manager for the 2020 season.

Night & Weekend Hours required

2+ Years Managerial Experience preferred but not required

Full job description available upon request

Salary negotiable based on experience

Send resume & inquiries to: laurensclub@gmail.com

Welcome, Tessa Verlae Nicol

A daughter, Tessa Verlae Nicol, was born to Ryan and Becky (Tupy) Nicol of Chaska, MN on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia, MN.

Tessa weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19.25 inches long. Tessa was welcomed home by big brothers Trae, age 6, Logan, age 4 and Parker, age 2.

Grandparents are Allen Tupy and Donna Simon of New Prague, MN and Randy & Sheri Nicol of Albert Lea, MN.

Great-Grandparents are Bernice Tupy and Eugene & Cecelia Simon of New Prague, MN and Verlae Nicol of Laurens, IA.



If you or someone you care about is living with a brain injury, you are not alone. We are a group who lives with or cares for someone who lives with brain injury! We exist to support, encourage, understand, inform and provide fellowship for brain injury survivors and those involved in their lives.

Northwest Iowa TBI Support Group

A monthly support group held 2nd Thursday of the month
Location: United Methodist Church, 201 W. Main St., Laurens
(Park and enter on the south side of the church off of Olive St)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Rob Schramm by calling: (515) 570-9816
or e-mail: NWlowaTBIGroup@gmail.com

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90th Birthday!

The family of Janice Fuchs would like to honor Janice with a card shower for her 90th birthday on February 19, 2020.

Birthday wishes will reach Janice at the following address: Janice Fuchs, Laurens Care Center, 304 East Veterans Road, Laurens, IA 50554.



At the Library with Glenda Mulder February 5, 2020

We have a new program on our library calendar! Stop Human Trafficking will be presented by our Laurens Chief of Police, Tom Shaw at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 26. Come, learn with us about this very real threat. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This crime occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Force, fraud, or coercion need not be present if the individual engaging in commercial sex is under 18 years of age. Human trafficking is a crime that hides in plain sight. Often, it simply takes an astute police officer, hotel worker, or bystander to notice and speak up - and save a victim.

New novels this week include: *Salt River* by Randy Wayne White, *The Good Killer* by Harry Dolan, and *We Must Be Brave* by Frances Liardet.

In nonfiction we received a large print copy of *Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope* by Nicholas Kristof.

February's Book Club choice is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. This novel is described like this, "In an enthralling new historical novel from national bestselling author Kate Quinn, two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life


Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption." Oh, that sounds good! We have plenty of copies available, so stop and get one, then join our discussion February 24th, if you wish!

COMING EVENTS

- Tot Time Every Monday at 10 a.m.
- Book Club 7 p.m. - 4th Monday of the month
 - Card Making 6:30 p.m. - 4th Tuesday monthly
 - Take it Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 1st Tuesday of the month
- Stop Human Trafficking by Tom Shaw 7 p.m. February 26

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**STOP
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**
7 pm FEBRUARY 26
by Laurens Police Chief
Tom Shaw

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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Wed., Feb. 5:

Book Club @ 9 a.m.

Crochet Club @ 10 a.m.

Thurs., Feb. 6:

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Fri., Feb. 7:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 9:

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

Confirmation Class - NOON-1:30 p.m.

Laurens Area Youth Group (jr. high) meets
from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. here at LUMC



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Sunday: February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion &
Council Installation

3:00 PM ~ Kids Club / VBS Mtg. at Bethany

6:00 PM ~ Youth Group (JH) at UMC

Monday: February 10, 2020

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: February 11, 2020

7:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: February 12, 2020

5:00-7:00 PM ~ Youth Group Spaghetti

Dinner Fundraiser at UMC

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

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



Bethany
LUTHERAN CHURCH
North American Lutheran Church

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

712-845-6164

Friday, Feb. 7

7:00 p.m.- A.A.

Sunday, Feb. 9

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Junior High Youth Group
at United Methodist Church



New Hope Baptist Church

202 Byron St, Laurens

New Hope Baptist Church invites you to
join us for Sunday School at 10 a.m. and our
Worship Service at 11 a.m. Additionally all
are welcome to attend our weekly Bible Study
held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

Pocahontas, IA -- Pastor: Very Rev. Craig Collison, VF

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Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Farm Labor Is Topic of Dairy Webinars

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team will host a five-session webinar called “Eye on Employees,” beginning Feb. 5 from noon to 1 p.m.

The webinars will address the main concerns that farm and dairy employers face.

“Extension dairy specialists often get two types of questions concerning labor,” said Fred Hall, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, located in northwest Iowa. “Number one, what is wrong with my hiring process? I can’t get people hired; and number 2, how do I close the ‘revolving door’ of employees coming and going?”

Hall said that this five-part webinar series will take an in-depth look at the questions – how to hire and maintain farm employees.

Each presenter will address a specific topic from noon to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- Feb. 5 – Brett Stanley, special investigator with the Department of Homeland Security, will discuss

what information is needed for I-9 Forms and what documentation options there are for immigrant employees to confirm they are legal to work in this country.

- Feb. 12 – Melissa O’Rourke, ISU Extension and Outreach farm management specialist, will discuss how to begin the interview conversation and give tips to learn the most about the applicant while not breaking the law.

- Feb. 19 – Larry Tranel, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, will discuss how labor and robotic milkers are not an either-or option for producers, and he will explore the most recent research on the economics of automated milking systems.

- Feb. 26 – Hall will outline the importance of an employee handbook and give producers ideas on how to create a handbook for their dairy, as well as how to make it a part of their hiring process.

- March 4 – O’Rourke will return and outline how employees are often misclassified and the consequences of doing so; plus, other employment pitfalls.

At the end of each webinar there will be time allowed for a question and answer session.

There is no registration fee; however, registration is required to receive the link for the program.

Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/4Hregion1/eye-on-employees>. For more information or to register via phone, contact Hall at 712-737-4230.

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Late Winter Is an Ideal Time to Prune Landscape Trees

*Prune trees early and often
so they can recover*

Once the snow and ice begin to melt, Iowans should be able to get an early start on at least one aspect of property care: pruning trees.

According to the article “Pruning Landscape Trees,” found in the January edition of Acreage Living Newsletter, the best time to prune trees is usually mid to late winter, or February through March. Pruning this time of year allows the tree to begin closing/compartmentalizing the wound when growth commences in early spring.

There are many reasons for pruning trees. Some common reasons are to improve the health and structure of the tree, remove growth that may interfere with nearby structures, and to prevent safety hazards for people, pets and livestock.

The article summarizes the basic steps to a successful pruning, using information from an Iowa State University Extension and

Outreach Sustainable Urban Landscapes publication, compiled by Jeff Iles, professor and chair in horticulture at Iowa State, and Ann Marie VanDerZanden, associate provost for academic programs and professor of horticulture at Iowa State.

Pruning at other times of the year also are acceptable, but there are a few important exceptions. For example, summer is an excellent time to perform corrective pruning except for oak trees. Oaks should only be pruned during the dormant season. The authors also advise against pruning during periods of major biological change to the tree, including the spring, from bud break through leaf expansion; and during the period of leaf color change in the fall.

Training young trees could begin as early as the day of installation and includes best practices such as favoring the development of a central leader, avoiding the removal of lower branches too soon, and working “with” (instead of against), the natural growth habit of each tree species.

The article provides several more pruning tips for young trees, and also explains the best way to make a pruning cut. Trees should

be examined carefully before any cuts are made, and the eventual cut should preserve the “branch bark ridge” and the “branch collar,” for the best wound closure.

Review all of the steps and tips by reviewing the article, and the publication on pruning. Other articles in this month’s newsletter include a review of key 2019 agricultural law developments, and a review of farm financial statements.

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City Council Minutes

January 20th, 2020

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20th, 2020. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Council members Jean Swanson, Rich Newgard, John Jamison, Julie Potter, City Clerk Joan Hoben, Chief of Police Tom Shaw, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, and City Attorney Ann Beneke. Council member Aaron Christenson and City Manager Hilary Reed were absent.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the January 6th meeting and the list of claims, Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

CLAIMS 01-20-2020

ACCO	CHEMICALS	991.80
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	623.42
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OXYGEN CYLINDERS	66.17
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	128.83
FIDELTY SECURITY LIFE	FEB EYECARE INSURANCE	190.65
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	470.63
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	36.52
CORNWELL, & CO, P.C.	PROFESSIONAL FEES	4,999.00
COUNSEL	MAINT. CONTRACT	122.52
DELTA DENTAL	FEB DENTAL INSURANCE	831.04
DGR ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING WASTEWATER	4,461.00
FIRE SVC TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	98.00
FIRST COOP ASSOCIATION	CUSTOM WEIGHING	20.00
GWORKS	W-2 PACKETS	196.25
GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPIER LEASE	79.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,648.38
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	ANNUAL DUES	90.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	MOWER PARTS	350.00
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	2.79
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE	474.48
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	617.54
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	1,703.28
LAURENS STATE BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	30.00
MET	WASTEWATER TESTING	182.00
MENARD'S	SHOP SUPPLIES	46.45
MOCIC	MEMBERSHIP FEES	100.00
OHALLORAN INTERNATIONAL	REPAIRS ON GARBAGE TRUCK	1,417.34
OVERHEAD DOOR SALES AND SVC.	REPAIR OF OVERHEAD DOOR	1,730.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE	AMBULANCE BILLING	243.05
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	215.95
PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC	201-2019 SERVICES	9,500.00
POCAHONTAS COUNTY AUDITOR	ELECTION FEES	909.88
POC CO ECONOMIC DEV.	1/2 OF ANNUAL DUE	7,000.00
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	MONTHLY LANDFILL FEES	6,010.59
POCAHONTAS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	1.94
PRIME BENEFITS	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	96.25
PRINCIPAL LIFE	MONTHLY LIFE INSURANCE	853.60
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	1,762.04
SANTANDER LEASING	MONTHLY STREET SWEEPER PAYMENT	3,390.81
SCHMILLEN CONSTRUCTION	CRUSHING CONCRETE	13,786.76
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS	SHREDDING PAPER	23.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,733.51
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	758.53
WELLMARK	FEB HEALTH INSURANCE	11,090.60
	TOTAL	82,083.60

		1/13/2020
PAYROLL		
001	GENERAL	9,906.95
210	ROAD USE TAX	1,260.20
600	WATER	2,308.50
610	SEWER	1,965.30
670	GARBAGE	2,317.98
		<u>TOTAL</u>
		17,758.93
		PAYROLL TOTAL
		17,758.93
		PAID TOTAL
		99,842.53
BY FUND		
001	GENERAL	43,282.16
110	ROAD USE TAX	4,735.03
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	7,339.42
200	DEBT SERVICE	3,390.81
600	WATER	11,744.03
610	SEWER	13,543.50
670	GARBAGE	15,804.58
		<u>TOTAL BY FUND</u>
		<u>99,839.53</u>

John Pohlman and Don Aschenbrenner approached the council on behalf of the Laurens Industrial Foundation for discussion on the Benz Property Infrastructure Development. The Laurens Industrial Foundation has offered funds if the City would like to move forward with the project. There are parties interested in purchasing lots. Swanson motioned to move forward and explore the options for the Benz Property Infrastructure Development. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Potter moved to approve Resolution 03-20 – Setting the Date for a Public Hearing for Proposed Property Max Tax Levy on February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Jamison seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: Christenson. Motion carried.

After much discussion, Newgard motioned, seconded by Potter to table CD investment decision. Reed will come with more information for next meeting.

Potter moved to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Joan Hoben, City Clerk

January 30, 2020

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 Dick Main, Jerry Runneberg and Ben Storms. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for the January 30, 2020 regular meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to appoint Trustee Main as Chairman, Trustee Storms as Chairman Pro Tem and Chad Cleveland as Board Secretary. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to appoint Trustees Main, Runneberg, Storms and Board Secretary Chad Cleveland to the Investment Committee. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019 Regular Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts for December 2019 in the amount of \$439,031.89 and the list of expenses for December 2019 in the amount of \$390,983.25. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R Electric	\$ 296,838.70
A/R Communications	\$ 67,650.75
Merchandise/Services – Electric	\$ 715.00
Merchandise/Services – Communications	\$ 70.00
Carrier Access Fees	\$ 2,666.97
Marathon Loan – Principal Payment	\$ 1,295.64
Marathon Loan – Interest Payment	\$ 287.88
Investments Interest – Electric	\$ 1,530.53
Energy Assistance	\$ 10,480.00
Deposits – Electric	\$ 1,129.10
Deposits – Internet	\$ 354.00
Deposits – Telephone	\$ 50.00
Deposits – Cable TV	\$ 110.00
City of Laurens Loan – Interest Payment	\$ 1,500.00
Marathon – Energy Sales	\$ 22,520.45
Tower Lease	\$ 3,300.00
Attachment H Revenues	\$ 27,783.44
Miscellaneous – Telephone	\$ 56.00
Miscellaneous – Cable TV	\$ 103.90
Equipment Sales – Cable TV	\$ 582.00
Bank Fees – Electric	\$ (22.47)
Office Supplies – Electric	\$ 30.00
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 439,031.89

Electric Receipts	\$ 364,088.27
Communications Receipts	\$ 74,943.62
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 439,031.89

List of Expenses

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$	85.28
Advanced Control Systems	SCADA System Support	\$	1,237.02
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$	368.70
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$	695.35
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching/Transport	\$	544.27
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$	116.53
Bailey, David	Safety Footwear/Clothing	\$	241.73
Bankers Trust Company	Bond Payment Service Charge	\$	250.00
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$	513.36
Border States Electric	Street Light Poles/Meter Locks	\$	3,891.98
Century Link Access	Access & Transport Fees	\$	558.37
Century Link Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	25.84
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses/Supplies	\$	205.73
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$	900.00
Counsel	Lanier Copier Support	\$	61.61
Customers	Deposit/Credit Refunds	\$	148.01
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	31,086.39
DGR Engineering	Electric Rate Study	\$	636.00
Echo Group	Heater Parts/Connectors	\$	439.97
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding – Administration	\$	120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding – Claims	\$	23.85
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	1,366.48
Gray Television Group	Programming Fees	\$	1,240.80
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	1,142.10
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$	1,200.00
Iconnectiv	Local Number Portability	\$	19.52
Internal Revenue Service	Excise Taxes	\$	797.90
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	10,336.03
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	7,132.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,897.00
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	7,035.34
Iowa Utilities Board	IEC/CGRER Assessment	\$	2,502.00
KC Nielsen LTD	Supplies	\$	22.32
KTIV-TV	Programming Fees	\$	753.50
Laurens Chamber	Chamber Bucks	\$	1,900.00
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	84,797.23
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	32.40
Laurens House of Print	Printing Services	\$	90.65
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	167.13
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	223.59
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	\$	100.15
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	29.82
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$	566.15
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$	9,482.13
Main, Richard	Trustee Fees	\$	600.00
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	633.80
Messenger	Advertising	\$	99.00
Mid America Communications	Cell Tower Cutovers	\$	497.68
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	40,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	12,626.49
National Cable Television Cooperative	MoCA Amplifiers	\$	593.34
NIMECA	Power Bill/MCR Bill	\$	81,589.73
Office Elements	Office Supplies	\$	31.76
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	30,835.55

PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Insurance	\$	497.84
Pocahontas Ford	2020 Ford F-250	\$	20,000.00
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	47.94
Pro Cooperative	Fuel/Diesel	\$	12,390.09
R & D Industries	Network Support	\$	953.00
Roettger, Caleb	Safety Footwear	\$	150.00
Runneberg, Jerry	Trustee Fees	\$	600.00
Scott's Lawn Service	Vegetation Control	\$	55.00
Sonksen, Karla	Company Clothing	\$	244.61
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Transport Fees	\$	660.75
Storage Battery Systems	Replace Switchgear Battery	\$	463.58
Storms, Ben	Trustee Fees	\$	600.00
Tegna	Programming Fees	\$	1,297.20
Tower Distribution Company	Programming Fees	\$	1,054.68
Upper Des Moines Opportunities	Refund Heating Assistance	\$	360.00
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	\$	219.52
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	\$	8,108.09
Zcorum	Cable Modem Provisioning	\$	789.37
	Total Expenses	\$	390,983.25
Electric Expenses	\$	306,777.31	
Communications Expenses	\$	84,205.94	
Total Expenses	\$	390,983.25	

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Balance Sheet and Income Statement for December 2019. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to have the Investment Committee reinvest \$300,000. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Runneberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES" and moved for adoption. Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg and Storms. Nays: None.

Chairman Main declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Utility Board of Trustees of the City of Laurens, Iowa approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant and the Laurens Municipal Broadband Communications Utility.

<u>DEPOSITORY NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM BALANCE</u>
Laurens State Bank	Laurens, Iowa	\$10,000,000
West Iowa Bank	Laurens, Iowa	\$ 5,000,000
Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust	West Des Moines, Iowa	\$ 5,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary, Board Chairman, Board Chairman Pro Tem, Accounting/Billing Clerk and Customer Service/Billing Clerk are hereby authorized to deposit Utility funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each financial institution.

Adopted this 30th day of January 2020

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the “New Home Cash Incentive Program” for calendar year 2020. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the Energy Efficiency Rebate Program for calendar year 2020. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Trustees reviewed the current Investment Policy. No changes were made.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees