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Local News

History Museum Open During Laurens Celebration

The Pocahontas County Historical Museum in Laurens has a new look. After renovation of the main room and entryway, volunteers rearranged most everything and set up whole new displays. Come see all of the changes during the Laurens Summer Celebration.

The museum will be open on Friday, July 9 from 5-7 p.m. and on Saturday, July 10 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids can enjoy outdoor activities on Saturday.

If these times don't work for you, call us for an appointment. You can call Connie Dallenbach at 841-2222 or Dorothy Lamberti at 845-4496.

Hy-Vee Dietitians Host Virtual Events in July Focused on Health and Nutrition for Women and Infants

Throughout the month of July, Hy-Vee's team of registered dietitians will host virtual events focused on health and nutrition for women and infants with the theme of "Bump to Babe." Events will include cooking classes, store tours and live Q&As to provide customers with tips and information on how to shop for and prepare foods to support fertility, prenatal/postnatal nutrition, and first foods for babies.

Virtual Store Tours. Hy-Vee dietitians will host two types of virtual store tours throughout the month focused on women's health and nutrition. The "Prenatal/Postnatal Nutrition" tours will teach customers how to eat healthy during pregnancy and share the best foods to consume to grow a healthy baby, as well as how to select the best foods post-pregnancy. The "Fuel Your Fertility" tours will provide customers with the basics of eating to support fertility. Each tour lasts 45 minutes and will provide customers with the basics of eating for everyday wellness and how to navigate Hy-Vee's aisles with that goal in mind. The virtual store tours are also available in Spanish.

"Baby's First Foods" Virtual Cooking Classes. During July, Hy-Vee dietitians will host a series of virtual "Baby's First Foods" cooking classes that will demonstrate how to introduce new foods to young infants, baby-led weaning versus purees, and simple meal preparation recipes. There is a \$10 registration fee for the cooking classes.

To learn more about Hy-Vee's virtual dietitian events, search your location at <https://www.hy-vee.com/health/hy-vee-dietitians/default.aspx>. The tours and classes listed above will be offered throughout the month of July.

Fonda Arts Center News

We are up and running again at the Fonda Arts Center, with RK Welander slated to kick off the afternoon with his Rock 'n Roll, Blues, and whatever else he sends our way to get toes tapping! Mary Morgan, a talented story teller from Schaller, will share the spotlight as she presents "the Art of Bookmaking". Since 2014, Mary has been creating and crafting her own books from start to finish about people, places, and happenings that have a special place in her heart, or in the hearts of others, in hopes that these stories will touch the hearts of her readers as well. She will share her journey and take us through the process of book making.

All this at the Fonda Arts Center, on the northwest corner of 4th and Main Streets in Fonda, Sunday, July 18th, beginning at 3 pm. Root Beer floats will be served to round out this afternoon! Come join us to help celebrate our return to normal! Everyone is welcome; admission and refreshments are free!!

Laurens Chamber & Community Boosters
SUMMER
Celebration

Friday, July 9th JULY 9TH & 10TH

7:00 AM: LAURENS RETAIL TRADE SIDEWALK SALES

4:30 - 7:30 PM: CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW IN FRONT OF FIRE STATION

5:00 - 7:00 PM: POCAHONTAS COUNTY MUSEUM OPEN

5:00 - 7:00 PM: KID'S HORNER MEAL AT FIRE STATION

5:00 - 7:00 PM: YOUTH GROUP ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR AT FIRE STATION

6:30 PM: INTRODUCTION OF GRAND MARSHAL IN FRONT OF FIRE STATION

6:45 PM: DEDICATION OF SCHOOL BELL & TENOR TREE IN FRONT OF COUNTY MUSEUM & LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

7:00 PM: LAURENS SPORTSMAN'S GUN CLUB .22 SHOOT AT LAURENS GUN RANGE

9:00 PM: DEDICATION OF ART WAVE SCULPTURE AT SPORTSMAN'S PARK

9:00 PM: LAURENS CARE CENTER SELLING GLOW STICK AT SPORTSMAN'S PARK

DUSH (10:00 PM?): FIREWORKS AT SPORTSMAN'S PARK

Saturday, July 10th

9:00 AM: LAURENS SPORTSMAN'S GUN CLUB 3 GUN SHOOT AT LAURENS GUN RANGE

9:30 AM: PARADE LINE UP BEGINS BY FIRE STATION

10:00 AM: PARADE BEGINS

10:00 AM: BLOODY MARY BAR & BREAKFAST BURRITOS AT SILVER DOLLAR SALOON

11:00 AM: KIDS WATER FIGHT SPONSORED BY LAURENS FIRE DEPARTMENT IN FRONT OF FIRE STATION

11:00 AM: ABU BEHR SHRINE CLOWN UNIT WITH BALLOONS & TRAIN IN CITY PARK

11:00 AM: LOCAL SHOPS OPEN & VENDOR SHOW DOWNTOWN LAURENS

11:00 AM: AUTHOR CHRIS HODGES AT LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: HAMBURGER/HOT DOG MEAL BY LAURENS METHODIST MEN AT CITY PARK SHELTER HOUSE

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: TACO IN A BAG BY THE MASON'S AT CITY PARK

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: PIE BY THE SLICE & ICE CREAM BY LAURENS METHODIST WOMEN AT METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: SNO CONES AT CITY PARK

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: WINE TASTING AT HEART 'N HOME

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR AT EMBRACE BOUTIQUE

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: MUSEUM OPEN WITH KIDS ACTIVITIES

12:00 PM: 2 PERSON DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT SPORTSMAN'S PARK - ENTRY FEE GOES TO VFW HONOR FLIGHTS

1:00 - 2:00 PM: FACE PAINTING IN THE PARK

1:00 PM: POOL COMMITTEE GOLF BALL DROP FUNDRAISER AT LAURENS SWIMMING POOL

1:00 - 5:30 & 6:30 - 9:00: FREE SWIM AT LAURENS SWIMMING POOL

1:00 - 2:00 PM: ALUMNI TOUR AT LAURENS-MARATHON SCHOOL

1:00 - 2:30 PM: ICCC/CAREER ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE WITH NEW ICCC PRESIDENT & SPIN THE WHEEL TO WIN PRIZES

1:30 - 3:00 PM: KID'S CRAFTS IN THE PARK BY LAURENS CARE CENTER

5:00 - 6:30 PM: VFW PORK CHOP SANDWICH MEAL DOWNTOWN LAURENS

5:00 - 7:00 PM: LOCAL LIVE MUSIC FT. ROD JOHNSON DOWNTOWN LAURENS



Vendor Show July 10th 11:00 am-5:00 pm

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Owner: _____

Sales Tax ID Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you have social media? If so, what can we find you on? _____

Describe your exhibit: _____

Date Received: _____ Vendor fees - \$40. Paid? _____

Special Note: _____

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1970 and 1971 Class Reunion

The Laurens High School Classes of 1970 and 1971 will be celebrating their "Golden" Class Reunion at the Laurens Country Club on Saturday, July 10th. If you would like to visit with attendees in the classes, please come after 8 p.m. Saturday night or visit with some of the classmates at the Rally Point North building after the Victory Bell Dedication.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 7, 2021

If you are familiar with Laurens, the name Hodges will certainly be familiar to you. Well, this Saturday, July 10, Author Chris Hodges will be here at 11 a.m., after the Laurens Summer Celebration parade. He will tell us what he's been up to since his graduation as a Laurens Elk 50 years ago. One thing I do know about him is that in the past few years he has published three historical fiction novels. He will have copies available here, or bring our own copy and ask for his autograph!

Also during the Laurens Summer Celebration, we will be dedicating the Tenor Tree in our Music Garden. This latest instrument was installed by volunteers, and paid for with a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation. We will have a short ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 9. And just a reminder that if you haven't stopped to play our instruments, please do – it's sure to bring a smile to your face!

New fiction selections include: *The Heathens* by Ace Atkins, *The Fallen* by Linda Castillo, *The One You're With* by Lauren Denton, *It's Better This Way* by Debbie Macomber, *The Shadow* by James Patterson, *Bone Code* by Kathy Reichs, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson, *Ambush of Widows* by Jeff Abbott, *Silver Tears* by Camilla Lackberg, *Such a Quiet Place* by Megan Miranda, *The House Guests*

by Emilie Richards, *The Wonder Test* by Michelle Richmond. Just one nonfiction: *This is Your Mind on Plants* by Michael Pollan.

Our Book Club selection for July is *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. This WWII novel has been on my "To Read" list since it came out because so many of our library patrons rave about it. Our catalog describes it like this, "The lives of three women converge at the Ravensbruck concentration camp as Caroline Ferriday resolves to help from her post at the French consulate, Kasia Kuzmerick becomes a courier in the Polish resistance, and Herta Oberheuser takes a German government medical position."

Grab a copy and join our discussion Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. If you've read it before, you don't have to reread it (unless you want to!) but we would love to have you come talk books with us!

Coming Events

"Reading Colors Your World." Every Wednesday @ 1 p.m.!

July 11 @ 11 a.m. Author Chris Hodges

July 26 @ 7 p.m. Book Club *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

SIDEWALK SALES
JULY 9 & 10 & crazy **BARGAINS**
at Lizziedoodle
Gifts & Home Decor
CASH ONLY FOR SALE ITEMS
SALES BEGIN **FRIDAY AT 7:00 A.M.** and **SATURDAY**
AFTER PARADE
GUEST VENDOR inside the store **ROCKIN' CRYSTALS** BY BRENDA DEHAAN
UNIQUE WIRE-WRAPPED JEWELRY



Laurens Area Community Youth Group

will be selling ice cream sundaes at the
**Laurens Summer Celebration Days on
Friday, July 9** from **5 p.m.-7 p.m.** at the
Laurens Fire Station.

Free will offering.

Please come out & support our youth!



Laurens United Methodist Women will be selling pie by the slice with ice cream

Saturday, July 10, 2021

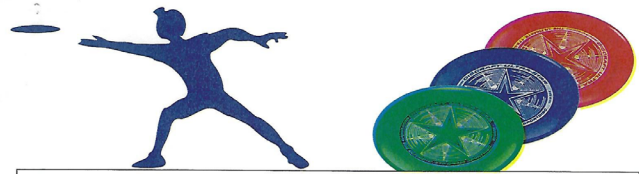
during the Laurens Summer Celebration Days

11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

at the **Laurens United Methodist Church.**

Please note the change in location from previous years.

COST ~ \$5.00 a slice



LAURENS FRISBEE GOLF TOURNAMENT

2-PERSON BEST SHOT SPORTSMANS PARK

Saturday July 10, 2021 12:00 P.M. START

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE VFW HONOR FLIGHTS.

\$20.00 PER TEAM

\$1.00 ADDERS: 1 PER FRONT/BACK NINE PER TEAM

PICK – A – PUTT: LAND IN THE CIRCLE AROUND THE BASKET ON HOLES 4, 6 AND 7 IT'S A GIMME.

COPYCAT: LIKE YOUR OPPONENTS DRIVE FROM THE TEE? COPY THEM AND PLACE YOUR DISC NEXT TO THEM FOR YOUR NEXT TOSS. CAN USE BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR TOSS.

MULLIGANS: DON'T LIKE YOUR TOSS? TRY AGAIN! MUST PLAY THE MULLIGAN TOSS.

DOOR PRIZES AT THE RALLY POINT AFTER THE TOURNAMENT.



United Methodist Men's Hamburger Meal

Saturday, July 10, 2021

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

at the City Park (shelter house)

Free will donation.

All meals served with chips & a drink.

Mark your calendars & plan to attend!

The UMM support many local & global projects.



Jeanette Hawley's Service & Celebration

On March 14, 2021, the world lost a very special woman. Jeanette Oleson Johnson Hawley died of natural causes at the UnityPoint Health-Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa, ten weeks shy of her ninety-fifth birthday.

Jeanette Hawley was a devoted wife, mother and friend. She is survived by her husband Leland J. (Bud) Hawley, her children Lynn Johnson, Jane McCann and Marlane (Richard) Parra, her grandchildren Cara, Tyler and Riley (Valerie) Johnson, and Andrew and Evan McCann, her great-grand daughter Parker Johnson, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents (Frank O. and Lena Oleson), her siblings Merle, Darryl (Odie), Homer and Lois, her husband Marvin L. Johnson, and her son-in-law Dan McCann.

Jeanette was born May 28, 1926 in Laurens, Iowa. The daughter of Frank O. and Lena Oleson, she was raised on a farm north-east of Laurens with her four siblings. She attended the country school and graduated from Laurens High School in 1943, attended the University of Iowa for one year, and graduated from AIB College of Business in Des Moines.

Jeanette worked at M&JR Hakes until she married Marvin L. Johnson in 1949. They raised their three children,

Marlane, Lynn and Jane in Laurens.

After Marvin died in 1977, Jeanette worked several years at First Federal Savings Bank. She married Leland J. (Bud) Hawley in 1987.

Jeanette was the quintessential homemaker. She was an avid seamstress and made nearly all of the clothes for herself and her two daughters. She was an excellent baker. She was active in the community, serving on the board and on several committees at the First Christian Church. She was a cub scout leader, a Y-Teen advisor, a day camp girl scout leader, a member of Eastern Star, an avid participant in the Laurens Library book

club, and a 19-year member of the Lions Club in Mesa, Arizona (where she and Bud spent the winter months).

Jeanette adored her family. She was thrilled when she earned the title of "GG" (great grandmother) and longed to see great granddaughter, Parker when she could.

Through the years, Jeanette enjoyed playing golf, cribbage, bridge, and solitaire. The birthday club was a source of joy for her, both hosting and participating. She loved being with her friends, whether it be in Laurens, in Mesa, Arizona, or at Lake Okoboji.

Jeanette will be remembered as a spunky gal who put a smile on everyone's face. She made others happy with her upbeat attitude. People will remember her kindness, her love of a good party, her reliability, her cheerful

attitude, and her deep and abiding sense of family. She has been described as "one of the nicest, kindest people I know." Her close friends and family will miss her "happy hours" with Cheetos and wine!

The light dimmed a little bit for all of us when she died.

A funeral service will be held at the First Christian Church on July 11 at 2:00 pm in Laurens, Iowa, followed by a celebration of life at the Laurens Country Club from 3:00-5:30pm.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Laurens Public Library Foundation, 273 North Third Street, Laurens, Iowa 50554.



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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Deb Parkison

Fri., July 9:

Laurens Area Youth Group Ice Cream
Sundae fundraiser from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at
Laurens Fire Station

Sat., July 10:

United Methodist Men's Hamburger/
Hot Dog Meal from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at
Laurens City Park

United Methodist Women Pie by the
Slice sale from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at
the Laurens United Methodist Church

Sun., July 11:

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Wed., July 14:

Administrative Council mtg @ 7
p.m. in the Wesley Room



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Sunday: July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM ~ Worship

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday: July 13, 2021

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at
Bethany

Thursday: July 15, 2021

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

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



This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Sunday, July 11

9:30 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship



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

MASS TIMES:

Daily Mass as scheduled in the weekly bulletin

Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at Resurrection

LAURENS-MARATHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~ 2021-2022 ~ SCHOOL SUPPLIES

L-M PRESCHOOL

- (1) Pair of Tennis Shoes for gym**
- (1) Full-sized Book Bag**
- (1) Extra set of clothing (shirt, pants, underwear, & socks)**
- Clean face mask daily if required (plus an extra one to be kept at school)**
- PLEASE MARK EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME (CLOTHING ALSO)**

KINDERGARTEN

****PLEASE MARK EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME (CLOTHING ALSO)**

- (1) Supply Box - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Box of Sandwich Bags - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Set of headphones - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Package of #2 Pencils (NO mechanical pencils) - LABEL W/NAME**
- (3) Boxes of Kleenex (200 count) - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Tub of Clorox Wipes - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Container of Hand Sanitizer - LABEL W/NAME**
- (2) White Board markers - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Scissors - LABEL W/NAME**
- (8) Glue sticks - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Box of Crayons (24 count) - LABEL W/NAME**
- (2) Sets of Classic colored markers - LABEL W/NAME**
- (1) Pair of P.E. Tennis Shoes - LABEL W/NAME**
- Water bottle for snack - LABEL W/NAME**
- Extra set of clothes - LABEL W/NAME**
- Book Bag - LABEL W/NAME**
- Notebooks & Folders are NOT needed, please.**

FIRST GRADE

****PLEASE MARK EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME (CLOTHING ALSO)**

- (1) set of headphones - LABEL W/NAME**
- Pencil Box (No bigger than about 6"x 9")**
- (3) Double-Pocket Folders (with NO fasteners and NO plastic folders)**
- (20) #2 Pencils (NO mechanical pencils)**
- (6) Large Erasers**
- (2) Large Boxes of Kleenex**
- (2) Large containers of Clorox disinfectant wipes**
- (3) Glue Sticks**
- (1) 8 oz. Bottle of School White Glue**
- (1) 7.5" x 10" Canvass Zipper Bag with Clear Front**
- (1) Pair of Tennis Shoes for P.E.**
- (4) Dry erase markers**
- (1) Box of quart or gallon size Ziploc bags**
- (3) Wide-lined (1 subject) Spiral Notebooks**
- (1) Box of Crayons**
- (1) box of CLASSIC colored markers**
- (1) pair of scissors**
- (1) Small flashlight**
- (1) Book bag**

LAURENS-MARATHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~ 2021-2022 ~ SCHOOL SUPPLIES

SECOND GRADE

****PLEASE MARK EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME (CLOTHING ALSO)**

(1-2) set of headphones - LABEL W/NAME

(20) #2 Pencils

(1) Scissors

(4) Glue Sticks

(4) Dry Erase markers & 1 SOCK (To use as an eraser and store the markers)

(4) Double Pocket Folders

(2) Large Boxes Kleenex

(1) Container of Clorox Wipes

(1) pair of tennis shoes for P.E.

(1) Box of quart-sized Ziploc bags

(3) Wide-Lined spiral notebooks

Supply Box (No bigger than about 6"x9")

(2-3) Pack of Crayons (24 Count) Basic Colors

(2-3) Pack of Markers Basic Colors

Book Bag (Bring Daily)

THIRD GRADE

(1) Pair of headphones or earbuds for Laptops*
must have - LABEL W/NAME

(1) Backpack

(1) Ruler

(2) Glue Sticks

(1) Bottle of liquid glue

(2) Boxes of 12 count #2 pencils

(3) Wide-lined spiral notebooks

(1) Scissors

(3) Double pocket folders

(2) Large boxes of tissues (200 count)

(1) Pencil case or box

(1) Box of 24 count crayons

(1) Box of colored pencils

(1) Pair of tennis shoes for PE

(1) Box of markers

(1) Four pack of dry-erase markers

(2) Canisters of Sanitizing Wipes
(50 count or more)

****PLEASE MARK EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME (CLOTHING ALSO)**

FOURTH GRADE

(1) pair of earbuds or headphones

(20) #2 pencils (not mechanical)

(1) Large eraser

(3-4) Dry erase markers

Zipper Case for Pencils

Box of colors (24 count)

(4) Spiral notebooks (wide-lined)

(4) Double-pocket folders (no fasteners)

(1) Bottle glue or (2) Glue sticks

(2-3) Large boxes of Kleenex

(1) container of disinfecting wipes OR (1) box
gallon baggies

(1) Pair of Tennis Shoes for P.E.

Scissors (optional)

Markers (optional)

Assignment Notebook (\$2.00 Purchased at
Registration) Students must have this one!

****NO Trapper Keepers Please!**

****PLEASE MARK ALL ITEMS WITH CHILD'S NAME
(CLOTHING ALSO)**

Laurens-Marathon School - 2021-2022 Supply List - 5th & 6th

5th Grade:

- (1) pair of earbuds or headphones
 - (2) Spiral Notebooks - wide lined (colors: red & blue)
 - (2) Composition notebooks
 - (2) Highlighters (2 different colors)
 - (4) Dry erase markers
 - (1) box of gallon-sized Freezer Zip-loc baggies
 - (2) Double-Pocket folders w/brads (colors: red & blue)
 - (1) bottle of white glue or (2) glue sticks
 - (2) correcting pens (any color except black)
 - (1) set of markers
 - (20) #2 Ticonderoga Pencils
 - (12-24) Pencil Cap Erasers
 - (1) pair of tennis shoes for PE
 - (3) large boxes of Kleenex
 - (1) container of disinfecting wipes
 - (2) container of hand sanitizer
- Assignment Notebook (\$2.00 purchased at Registration) Students must have one!
- **Please No Trapper Keepers**

6th Grade:

- Pair of earbuds or headphones
- (2) Composition notebooks
- Folders (3) red, blue, green
- (2) 1 1/2 inch Binders
- 2 packs of loose leaf paper
- Assignment Notebook/Planner (\$2.00 purchased at registration) Students must have one!
- #2 Pencils - No mechanical
- Pens - 3 red, 3 blue
- (2) Highlighters
- (2) Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- PE Clothes and Shoes
- Magnet or Lanyard for Lunch Ticket
- Pencil Case
- 1 box of Kleenex (200 Count)
- Container of Hand Sanitizer
- Container of disinfecting wipes

June 29, 2021

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 11:30 a.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Jerry Runneberg, and Ben Storms. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland. Larry Butler of Oakhill Consulting joined the meeting via telephone.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for the June 29, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Larry Butler informed the Board that three (3) different vendors were considered for the electronics to be used for our Fiber-To-The-Premise System. It was determined that only one vendor (Calix) had the products and services we were looking for. We also looked at two (2) different vendors for Wi-Fi equipment to be used with our fiber system. Both vendors offer excellent products, so it came down to cost. The Board chose to go with the Calix GigaSpire Wi-Fi products. The total cost of the Calix electronics, installation, training, and support is \$410,036.15.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the purchase of electronics and Wi-Fi equipment for the Fiber-To-The- Premise Project from Calix as presented with a cost of \$410,036.15. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Larry Butler also presented a quote on electronics for use in our central office and for the cellular providers we serve. The Board would like another quote or two for comparison purposes before deciding on this. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$166,189.97 for the work completed on the Laurens 2021 Electric Improvements/Fiber-To-The-Premise Project by MP Nexlevel, LLC. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Larry Butler left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts for May 2021 in the amount of \$390,703.77 and the list of expenses for May 2021 in the amount of \$345,233.47. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R – Electric	\$ 240,511.53
A/R – Communications	\$ 58,199.48
Merchandise/Services – Electric	\$ 495.00
Merchandise/Services – Communications	\$ 118.00
Carrier Access Fees – Communications	\$ 3,368.74
Notes Receivable – City of Laurens – Electric	\$ 50,000.00
Write-Off Recovery – Electric	\$ 388.33
Write-Off Recovery – Communications	\$ 760.06
LIHEAP Energy Assistance – Electric	\$ 920.00
Deposits – Electric	\$ 1,330.31
Deposits – Internet	\$ 568.00
Interest Income – Electric	\$ 750.00
Marathon Energy Sales – Electric	\$ 5,799.25
Tower Lease – Communications	\$ 900.00
Attachment H Revenues – Electric	\$ 26,465.10

Miscellaneous – Telephone	\$ 26.00
Miscellaneous – Cable TV	\$ 73.97
Office Phones – Electric	\$ 30.00
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 390,703.77

Electric Receipts	\$ 326,689.52
Communications Receipts	\$ 64,014.25
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 390,703.77

List of Expenses

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 85.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 245.80
Ahlers & Cooney	Legal Services	\$ 70.50
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 388.28
Associate Partners	DADNS Annual Provisioning	\$ 250.00
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching/Transport	\$ 575.17
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$ 108.48
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$ 526.50
Century Link Access	Access/Transport Fees	\$ 552.01
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$ 207.20
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$ 975.00
Counsel	Lanier Copier Support	\$ 72.15
Customers	Deposit/Credit Refunds	\$ 393.16
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$ 26,822.35
Echo Group	Supplies	\$ 118.89
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding – Administration	\$ 120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding – Claims	\$ 2,411.57
Grainger	Safety Footwear/Supplies	\$ 237.95
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$ 1,650.60
Heart N Home	Funeral Flowers – Hawley	\$ 32.10
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$ 1,200.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$ 13,891.65
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	\$ 213.95
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Meeting Registration	\$ 65.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$ 6,492.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$ 2,314.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 19.00
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$ 8,730.65
Iowa Utilities Board	IEC/CGRER Assessment	\$ 2,345.00
KTIV-TV	Programming Fees	\$ 917.00
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$ 96,035.22
Laurens Food Pride	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 35.43
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$ 113.76
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$ 94.30
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	\$ 298.76
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$ 44.80
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$ 9,483.02
Lumen Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$ 36.45
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 803.82
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$ 19,000.00
Midwest Spray Team	Vegetation Control	\$ 1,501.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$ 15,421.10
National Child Safety	L-M School Drug Safety Program	\$ 242.00
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$ 1,582.48

NIMECA	Power Bill/Electric Materials	\$	32,532.28
Norsolv	Solvent	\$	95.74
Oakhill Consulting	FTTP Project Engineering	\$	7,192.00
Office Elements	Office Supplies	\$	527.29
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	37,590.42
Petroleum Marketers Management Insurance	UST Insurance Premium	\$	788.00
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Insurance	\$	498.16
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	44.54
Postmaster	Postage	\$	326.02
Power & Telephone	FTTH Project Materials	\$	15,437.99
Pro Cooperative	Fuel/Diesel	\$	423.89
R&D Industries	Network Support	\$	1,773.60
RB Lumber Company	FTTP Supplies	\$	124.01
Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$	24.00
Senior Class	Donation – Senior Banners	\$	110.00
Shamrock Recycling	Building Demolition (Final)	\$	4,452.39
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Transport Fees	\$	660.75
Stuart C Irby	Tools/Supplies	\$	2,247.00
The Machine Shop	Supplies	\$	114.25
TP Anderson & Company	Audit Services	\$	10,260.00
US Card Systems	Credit Card Terminal Lease	\$	29.95
VECTOR	Insurance/CPR/FA	\$	427.46
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	\$	207.84
Visa	Auto Cad/Supplies	\$	1,956.40
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	\$	9,860.23
Zcorum	Cable Modem Provisioning	\$	805.88
	Total Expenses	\$	345,233.47

Electric Expenses	\$	275,780.67
Communications Expenses	\$	69,452.80
Total Expenses	\$	345,233.47

Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet for May 2021. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on the current status of the Fiber-To-The-Premise Project. The main line crews have the Northeast part of town completed. The drop crews are very close to having the Northeast part of town done. MP Nexlevel, LLC currently has 2 main line boring crew and 2 drop crew working in Laurens. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on packages and pricing of communication services for customers on our new fiber system. No specific action was taken.

Board Trustee Runneberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE LAURENS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY TO THE CITY OF LAURENS" and moved that the same be adopted. Board Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was,

AYES: Main, Runneberg and Storms

NAYS: None

Whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FROM THE LAURENS
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY TO THE CITY OF LAURENS

WHEREAS, Section 384.89 City Code of Iowa provides that the governing body of a City Utility may under certain circumstances transfer surplus funds on hand to any other fund of the City in accordance with any rules promulgated by the City Finance Committee if the transfer is also approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, this Board hereby determines, based on Rule 2.5(5) of the rules promulgated by the City Finance Committee in accordance with Section 384.89, Code of Iowa, that the Electric Utility currently has a balance of \$2,515,344, and has on hand available surplus funds of \$1,803,346, after making all deposits into all funds required by the terms, covenants, conditions and provisions of outstanding revenue bonds, pledge orders, and other obligations which are payable from the revenues of the Electric Utility in accordance with Section 384.89, as shown on the Electric Fund surplus calculation attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, all the requirements, terms, covenants, conditions and provisions of the proceedings and resolutions authorizing the issuance of outstanding electric revenue bonds and pledge orders have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that a transfer of the Surplus does not and will not conflict with any of the requirements, terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of any resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds, pledge orders or other obligations which are payable from the revenues of the Electric Utility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAURENS
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, IOWA:

Section 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 384.89, Code of Iowa, and Rule 2.5(5) of the rules promulgated by the City Finance Committee, the Electric Utility has surplus funds available for transfer.

Section 2. That after investigation not more than \$680,000.00 now on hand is declared to be surplus funds of the electric utility and are not required for current utility operations.

Section 3. Upon investigation, it is found to be necessary, advisable, and in the best interest of the electric utility and its customers that \$30,000.00 be transferred to the City for its use as the City Council shall deem appropriate.

Section 4. Upon investigation, it is found to be necessary, advisable, and in the best interest of the electric utility and its customers that \$650,000.00 be transferred to the City for its use towards the new pool project.

Section 5. In accordance with Section 384.89, Code of Iowa, this transfer is subject to approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of June 2021.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT 1

ELECTRIC SURPLUS CALCULATION

Cash balance in the operating account OR the unrestricted net position calculated in accordance with GAAP = **\$2,515,344** (Audit Page 10, Total Net Position - Net Investment in Capital - Restricted = Unrestricted)

* Total Net Position (Page 10) = Total assets \$12,901,626 + Deferred outflows \$52,349 – Total liabilities \$5,371,906 – Deferred inflows \$48,337 = \$7,533,732

* Net investment in capital assets (page 10) = Asset's net of accumulated depreciation \$8,232,816 + Construction in progress \$41,533 – Current portion of revenue notes \$370,000 – Revenue notes net of current portion \$4,413,402 = \$3,490,947

* Restricted (page 30) = Bond retirement sinking fund \$56,957 + Revolving loan fund \$336,018 + CTS improvements fund \$536,771 + Whelan 2 reserve fund \$56,240 + Bond reserve fund \$541,455 = \$1,527,441

- less, all required transfers to any restricted accounts in accordance with the terms and provisions of any revenue bonds or loan agreements relating to the utility: **\$0**

+ plus, net pension liabilities: **\$157,272** (Page 11, Noncurrent Liabilities, net pension liability)

+ plus, other postemployment benefits liabilities: **\$13,204** (Page 11, Noncurrent Liabilities, Total OPEB liability)

+ plus, related deferred inflows of resources: **\$48,337** (Page 11, Deferred Inflows of Resources, Pension related deferred inflows)

- less, related deferred outflows of resources: **\$50,976** (Page 10, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Pension related deferred outflows)

= \$2,683,181

- less, the amount of the expenses of disbursements for operating and maintaining the utility or enterprise for the preceding three months: **\$766,552**

- less, the amount necessary to make all required transfers to restricted accounts for the succeeding three months: **\$113,283**

= Available Surplus Funds: \$1,803,346

Discussion was held on the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. Eligible customers can get up to \$50 a month off their internet bill. Board recommends that we participate in this program. The General Manager will complete required documents and prepare customer notification regarding eligibility guidelines.

Discussion was held on the Emergency Connectivity Fund. Eligible schools and libraries can apply for support to purchase broadband connectivity and connected devices (laptops, tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, routers) for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons who would otherwise lack access to these capabilities. Board recommends that we participate in this program. The General Manager will complete required documents and prepare customer notification regarding eligibility guidelines.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees