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Local News



Please plan to attend the Laurens Volunteer Firefighters Association's Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast or Biscuits and Gravy on Sunday, October 3rd from 8 a.m. - noon. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and support your local Firefighters!



Front row left to right: Jeremy Fulkerth, Pat Murray-Chief, Jason Aschenbrenner, Julian Johnsen, Brian Hoffman, Dennis Sandvig-Captain, Dennis Leuer-Captain and Jake Graff-Captain.

Back row left to right: Joe Ahlers, Mike Hertz, Grant Ahlers, Mike Hayek, Ben Zylstra and Cameron Graff.

Absent: Dave Bailey-Asst Chief, Troy Stockwell-Safety Officer, Matt Tate-Captain, Ben Storms, John Runneburg, Matt Hertz and Cory Bailey.

Iowa Mountain Climber Jen Loeb Visits the Library

Iowa Mountain Climber Jen Loeb was at the Laurens Public Library recently to tell of her adventures. She is the first and only Iowa woman to have summited Mt Everest. She shared details of her two month trip, during which this was accomplished.

The audience was enthralled; she answered questions for over an hour after her more formal program! Jen has summited the highest peak in six of the seven continents, and has an expedition booked in December for Vinson Massif, the highest peak on Antarctica.



Pocahontas County Economic Development's Jump-Start Accelerator Grant Program Is Now Accepting Applications

Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission (PCEDC) has announced a new grant cycle for its Jump-Start Accelerator Grant Program. New startups, businesses relocating to Pocahontas County, and current businesses planning expansion projects within the county are invited to apply for a chance to receive up to \$10,000 in grant funding with the opportunity to also apply for no or low interest loans to support their project.

“The Jump-Start Accelerator Grant Program was started in 2020 by Pocahontas County Economic Development with one-time seed money from the State of Iowa through the Governor’s Rural Innovation Grant, which supports creative, non-traditional ideas that focus on current issues and challenges faced by rural communities,” says Emily Williams, program coordinator. After the inaugural year of the program, PCEDC was invited to present the program to hundreds of state-wide city and county leaders at the Rural Iowa Summit at the request of Governor’s Office on August 19-20 in Cedar Rapids. The program is currently being used as a model for other communities and counties to follow to bring new business growth and jobs.

“If you have a good idea for a new business or expansion project, the background to make it happen, and the passion to follow through with it, PCEDC is eager to help,” says Emily Williams, program coordinator. The deadline for submitting applications during this grant cycle is October 15, 2021. Interested applicants should review the material posted on www.tinyurl.com/jag2021 before applying. All applications will be reviewed by a committee and funding decisions will be made in November 2021.

“We feel that this program is extremely important, and we have seen a positive impact on the businesses that were supported by the funding last year, so PCEDC is continuing this exciting program with funding from our operating budget,” says Tom Grau, executive director. “A special thank you to all of our supporters who make projects like these come to life.”

POCAHONTAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
POCAHONTAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE

JUMP-START ACCELERATOR GRANT

UP TO \$10,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FOR NEW OR EXPANDING BUSINESSES

NO OR LOW INTEREST LOANS MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE

APPLY NOW!
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/JAG2021](https://tinyurl.com/jag2021)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2021

Hy-Vee Now Offering Free Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Vaccines to Eligible Individuals at All Hy-Vee Pharmacy Locations

The CDC Recommends Eligible Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Recipients Receive Their Booster Dose at Least Six Months After Their Second Vaccine Dose

Hy-Vee, Inc. announced recently that free Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster doses are now available at Hy-Vee’s more than 275 Hy-Vee Pharmacy locations across its eight-state region. The new booster, recently approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is recommended for the following Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients at least six months after their second vaccine dose:

- Long-term care facility residents
- Individuals ages 65+
- Individuals ages 18+ with underlying medical conditions,(as outlined by the CDC)
- Individuals ages 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting

At this time, Moderna vaccine recipients will NOT be administered COVID-19 booster doses, and Janssen (J&J) vaccine recipients will NOT be administered additional COVID-19 vaccine doses, until authorized by the FDA and CDC.

It is strongly recommended that individuals schedule their COVID-19 vaccination in advance by visiting www.hy-vee.com/covidvaccine.

The booster vaccines are free to all eligible patients, regardless of their insurance coverage.

According to the CDC, it is strongly recommended that individuals receive the same vaccine manufacturer as their previous dose(s). At this time, there is not a booster dose authorized for Moderna vaccine recipients, nor is there an additional vaccine dose authorized for Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine recipients.

Booster Dose vs. Third Dose

While both the Pfizer-BioNTech booster dose and third dose contain the equivalent amount of vaccine, there are some key differences between the Pfizer-BioNTech booster and the third dose, which was authorized in August 2021:

Booster	Third Dose
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recommended at least 6 months after second dose- Eligible populations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Long-term care facility residents- Individuals ages 65+- Individuals ages 18+ with underlying medical conditions (as outlined by the CDC)- Individuals ages 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recommended at least 28 days after second dose- Eligible populations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ages 12+ who are moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals (as outlined by the CDC) <p>*According to the CDC, individuals who received a third dose of Pfizer-BioNTech, should NOT receive a booster dose at this time.</p>

Currently, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine primary series (doses 1 and 2) is authorized for individuals 12 years of age and older. The second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine should be administered at least 21 days after the first dose. At this time, there is not an authorized booster dose for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients ages 12-17.

It is recommended (but not required) that vaccine recipients bring the following to their appointment: insurance card (if they have insurance) and Medicare Part B red, white and blue card (if Medicare recipient); photo ID; and their COVID-19 vaccination record card. Masks are required. If individuals do not have insurance, they can still be vaccinated. Individuals receiving a COVID-19 booster or third dose will need to self-attest to their eligibility. Individuals will NOT be required to show documentation to prove eligibility.

Hy-Vee is currently offering \$10 Hy-Vee gift cards to patients who complete their COVID-19 vaccination, including Pfizer vaccine recipients who receive their COVID-19 booster, with Hy-Vee between June 1-Nov. 1, 2021.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit www.hy-vee.com/covidvaccine.

Fonda Arts Center - “Vintage Images Revisited”

The Fonda Arts Center presents “Vintage Images Revisited”, Sunday, October 3, beginning at 2:00 p.m. This is your chance to view again or for the first time, the vintage fashions and other items artfully assembled by the crew at the Arts Center for the town’s 150th celebration.

In doing research for these displays, Cheri Wernimont discovered reasons which prompted the fashion trends. She will share these stories with you, along with great old songs of the times performed by Larry Heschke.

All this at the Fonda Arts Center, on the Northwest corner of 4th and Main in Fonda. We hope you can share this afternoon with us: Good friends, good music, and good refreshments! Admission is free - donations gratefully appreciated.



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Thirty-nine percent of all adult Americans are caring for an adult with a chronic health condition. Caregiving can be a stressful responsibility leading to poor health, mental distress and less life satisfaction for the caregiver. It can be challenging for caregivers to find the support that they need, says Malisa Rader, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

ISU Extension and Outreach offers Powerful Tools for Caregivers, an educational program for caregivers who provide care for a spouse, parent or friend with a chronic condition such as dementia or Alzheimer’s disease. The program provides information, support strategies, communication techniques, stress reduction ideas and resources to assist family caregivers with their concerns related to caregiving.

A Telehealth Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Adults with Chronic Conditions series is scheduled for six Tuesdays, October 12 through November 16, from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

“The virtual series will provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself,” Rader said. The program costs \$40 per person and registration can be found online. “Caregivers who thrive, rather than just survive, understand that by taking care of themselves they are better able to provide meaningful care,” said Rader, who specializes in family wellbeing issues.

To learn more, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/ptc-tools>.

Contact human sciences specialist Malisa Rader at mrader@iastate.edu or 515-708-0622 for more information.

Healthiest State Annual Walk

Join Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County, Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce, and Pocahontas Community Hospital on October 6th to help Iowa become the healthiest state in the nation. The Pocahontas Community Walk will be from noon to 12:30 PM and will begin on the south side of the courthouse. A walking map, educational and promotional materials, and water will be provided to all those who participate.

Please contact ISU Extension at 712-335-3103, Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce at 712-335-0900, or Pocahontas Community Hospital at 712-335-5200 ext. 2244 with questions.

BENEFIT HONORING

Rick Wittmaack



**WHEN: OCTOBER 2, 2021
FROM 11-3 PM**

**WHERE: LAURENS GOLF &
COUNTRY CLUB**

**WHAT: FREE WILL DONATION
LUNCH CONSISTING OF PORK
LOIN SANDWICHES, BEANS,
SALAD, CHIPS, BARS, TEA OR
LEMONADE**

**10-15 BASKETS TO
RAFFLE OFF**

**TO GO ORDERS
AVAILABLE!
CALL 712-841-2287**

On August 4, Rick was involved in an incident that left him with 2nd and 3rd degree burns. Life-flight transferred Rick to Iowa City Hospital Burn Center. He began treatment for the burns. On Aug. 31st he was transferred to St. Luke to continue recovering and for physical therapy. Benefit proceeds will help cover medical expenses and follow up appts to Iowa City.

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*At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
September 29, 2021*

There are still a couple seats available in our October Take it Tuesday class October 5th. We will be making decorative scarecrows from bottles or jars. Let us know if we could save you a spot in this free class!

This is an unusual week, we received more nonfiction than novels. Included are: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner, *Beautiful Country: A memoir* by Qian Julie Wang, *The American Experiment: Dialogues on a Dream* by David Rubenstein, *Ordinary Heroes: A Memoir of 9/11* by Joseph Pfeifer and *The Deepest South of All: True Stories from Natchez, Mississippi* by Richard Grant.

There are some interesting new novels: *The Santa Suit* by Mary K Andrews, *Heron's Cry* by Ann Cleeves, *LA Weather* by María Amparo Escandón, *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney, *Foul Play* by Stuart Woods, *When Ghosts Come Home* by Wiley Cash and *The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks.

We've started planning for our Library Foundation Fundraiser Supper. It will be Thursday, October 21 from 5-7 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Menu is: pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, cheesy potatoes and pineapple upside down cake – YUM! Dine at the church with us, or get your meal To Go, whatever works best for you. Money raised will be spent on our ongoing library projects, as well as Library landscaping and reconfiguring the staff workroom. Please put this on your calendar and plan to leave the cooking to us that night!

Dates to Remember

- October 5 @ 6 p.m. - Take it Tuesday Scarecrow Wine Bottles
- October 12 @ 5:30-8 p.m. - Open Cardmaking with Deb & Laura
- October 21 - 5-7 p.m. - Library Foundation Supper
- October 25 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan
- October 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - Cardmaking Class with Brenda & Milissa
- October 31 @ 7 p.m. - Magician Larry Dunbar

GET HAWK'D CLONED OR PANTHER'D

let's create a **SPLASH** TOGETHER

- Sign up to pay \$25.00 for someone else's yard to be decorated by the team of your choosing... Iowa Hawkeyes, Iowa State Cyclones, or UNI Panthers.
- Decorations will consist of two yard signs.
- Signs will stay in the receiver's yard for 24 hours.
- Insurance packages available to protect your yard.
 - Package A - \$25.00 (Protects your yard from one attack.)
 - Package B - \$40.00 (Protects your yard from two attacks.)
 - Package C - \$100.00 (Protected for the entire football season.)
- All proceeds go to the Laurens Pool Project.

Help us fill our pool! Stop in at City Hall to sign up!

GET HAWK'D CLONE'D
OR PANTHER'D



Name: _____

Receiver's Name: _____

Receiver's Address: _____

Team (Circle which one.): ISU Iowa UNI

How many days: _____

Total owed: number of days ___ x \$25.00 = _____

GET HAWK'D CLONE'D
OR PANTHER'D



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Insurance Package (Circle):

- Package A - \$25.00 (Protects your yard from one attack.)
- Package B - \$40.00 (Protects your yard from two attacks.)
- Package C - \$100.00 (Protected for the entire football season.)

Total Owed: _____

Bill Kemp, 76, passes away in Minnesota

(Obituary courtesy of Dennis
Funeral Home, Waseca, Minn.)

William George "Bill" Kemp, age 76, of Waseca, Minn., passed peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, Sept. 25, surrounded by his loving family. Bill would have celebrated his 77th birthday on Oct. 18.

The family-originated account of his life noted "Bill gave all of himself to everything he did and loved everyone with all his heart. He had an abiding faith in the almighty and followed his faith through Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca. Bill loved his family beyond measure and freely gave them all he had."

Bill was always the biggest supporter of all his grandchildren. He never missed an opportunity to cheer for them at their events no matter what the weather or distance. He was also a huge supporter of the youth fishing program. He mentored dozens of youth with his passion to teach them to fish and provided his own equipment and hours of knowledge in the effort to pass on his passion for the outdoors. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and supporter of the Minnesota Waterfowl Association, Pheasants Forever, and Ducks Unlimited. He was a passionate fisherman with more great stories than trophies. He loved to be around people and made instant connections with everyone.

For a number of years, Bill owned/operated a landscape maintenance and



winter storms-maintenance business in Waseca.

"Bill was loved as much as he loved others. He said and did all the things you aren't supposed to, and he was exactly the man who men should be. We were blessed to be with Bill and celebrate life with him while he was here. He'll be remembered and missed -- until we see him again."

Bill is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dianne K. Kemp; four children, Michael A. (Tessa) of St. Louis, MO, David L. (Bonnie) of New Prague, Patrick W. (Jessi) of Burnsville, and Kathryn R. (Dale) Lowe of Waseca; four grandchildren, Logan, Tyler, Ellie, and Anna; two brothers, Mike (Pam) Kemp of South Pasadena, CA and

Tom (Deb) Kemp of Waseca; brother-in-law, Jerry Kathman; and sisters-in-law, Verna Dixon and Norma Hohensee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Elizabeth (Withum) Kemp; brother, Fred; sister, Sondra; granddaughter, Brianna; parents-in-law, Henry and Reka Peters, and two brothers-in-law, Earl Dixon and Lowell Hohensee.

Funeral services will be held Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca. Visitation will be held one hour before the services.

(The following information and reflections of Bill's early life in Laurens were provided by Rick Davis, Bill's lifelong friend and teammate from the same Laurens neighborhood.)

Bill, who somehow also had the occasional nickname of "Wilford," was born and raised in Laurens, graduating from Laurens High in 1963. He clearly excelled in sports at Laurens High, even becoming a five-sport letterman as a senior (probably the first such

honored athlete in the school's history) after golf had been added as a school sport in '63. His other letters were earned in football (in which he was an All-Twin Lakes Conference first team selection), basketball, baseball and track/field. A rock-solid defensive player and rugged rebounder, Bill played on the two Laurens boys state basketball tournaments orchestrated by youthful coach Floyd Winter. Bill was the team's sixth man as a junior; then a starter as a senior -- startling accomplishments that placed Laurens on the state's "basketball map." The LHS graduating class of 1963 had three stellar all-around athletes -- Don Ziegler, Ed Ray Workman and -- Bill "Wilford" Kemp.

Bill also participated in music (both vocals and drums in the school band and orchestra) and had roles in the junior and senior class plays.

In September 1965, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Dianne Peters of Pocahontas. They had met at a teen dance in Pocahontas in spring 1961 and were virtually inseparable thereafter. They lived nearly all of their married life in Minnesota.

A roll-up-your-sleeves guy "who loved to sweat" on the athletic fields and at anything that drew upon his work ethic, Bill thrived on "being a kid." He had jobs around Laurens from an early age, that included mowing lawns, paper boy, on hale-baling crews, cutting corn out of the beans and for several years as a groceries bagger, shelves stocker and meat department "meat cutter/first lieutenant" at Don Kruse' Clover Farm store.

Bill competed hard at everything -- in sports, in everyday chores, at being a hardwood-solid father and husband. And, most importantly, Bill excelled spiritually, at measuring up in the great game of life.

For sure, he will be missed by so many. Rest in peace, brother. You earned it.

--RICK DAVIS

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Deb Parkison

Fri., Oct. 1:

AA meeting 7 p.m-8 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 2:

UMM meeting @ 8 a.m. at the church

Sun., Oct. 3:

Sunday school 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Fellowship @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion/World

Communion special offering

Charge Conference @ 5 p.m. at

Algona UMC

Mon., Oct. 4:

Quilt Club @ 7 p.m.



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Sunday: October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee

Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

Monday: October 4, 2021

4:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.

Tuesday: October 5, 2021

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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



This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Thursday, Sept. 30

1-4 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

Saturday, Oct. 2

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service for
Lonna Campbell at FCC

Sunday, October 3

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship



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

Upcoming Community Conversation Focuses on Mental Wellness

For all who live with, love or work with families are invited to attend a Mental Wellness Conversation Friday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church (838 N. 25th Street, Fort Dodge. The workshop is FREE, but preregistration is required by Oct. 20 at <https://bit.ly/MW18497>.

Topics and speakers for the event include:

- Hope and Healing: My Walk with Mental Health - Lyndsey Fennelly, Mental Health Advocate
- Mental Health Discussion: Make it OK - Kim Bodholdt, Social-Emotional-Behavioral Health Consultant, Prairie Lakes AEA
- Question.Persuade.Refer. Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training - Demi Johnson, Behavioral Health Program Specialist, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
- UnityPoint Health Berryhill Center: Behavioral Health Urgent Care - Jennifer Pullen, Executive Director, Berryhill Center

The workshop is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Webster County, Trinity United Methodist Church, UnityPoint Health Berryhill Center and Webster/Calhoun Youth Wellness Coalition.

For more information, contact Linda Cline, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Webster County program coordinator, at 515-576-2119 or lcline@iastate.edu.

Pocahontas County 4-H and Clover Kids

The new 4-H year began September 1. Clubs and Clover Kids are meeting!

Please get your child signed up as soon as possible so they don't miss any of the great activities going on! Clover Kids will meet October 2 for all youth in K-3rd grade. Youth in grades 4-12 have different 4-H community clubs to choose from throughout the county. The 4-H family awards matinee will be held October 9. Sign up for both Clover Kids and 4-H at <https://v2.4honline.com>.

If you have any questions about the Pocahontas County 4-H program or need help with enrollment, please contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County at 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu.

Herzog Is New Iowa Master Gardener Program Coordinator

The new leader of the Master Gardener Program with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach wants to make sure the program reaches all Iowans and all communities.

Alicia Herzog, who was named program coordinator in August, said she wants to increase the diversity of the program so that people of all ages and backgrounds are reached.

"My personal goal is increasing the diversity of those involved and making sure that the volunteers not only gain skills that help themselves but that also help their communities," she said.

The Master Gardener Program at Iowa State trains volunteer gardeners with education that helps communities through community outreach and education, food production and community beautification. The program partners with SNAP-Ed in the Growing Together Iowa mini-grants throughout Iowa to reduce food insecurity by increasing access to fresh produce.

The program is administered at the county extension level and 70 of Iowa's 99 counties are currently training new local Master Gardeners.

"Our big, overarching goal would be to have master gardeners in every county of the state," said Herzog. "It really brings me enjoyment to go out to the different gardens and to talk to people and hear their stories about why they're interested in gardening and how they enjoy giving back to their communities."

Cindy Haynes, associate professor and extension specialist in horticulture at Iowa State University, said she looks forward to Alicia's leadership.

"Alicia has already proven that she is a highly capable, organized and creative state coordinator for the Iowa Master Gardener Program," said Haynes. "She jumped in with both feet during her first week of the online training of more than 350 Master Gardeners, and I am confident the program is in good hands with her at the helm."

Herzog earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 2013 and her master's in 2018 from California University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to producing food, she sees gardening as a way to improve conservation and the environment, increase pollinator habitat and mitigate climate change.

September 24, 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.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for September 24, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the summary of receipts for August 2021 in the amount of \$384,352.49 and the list of expenses for August 2021 in the amount of \$550,452.79. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R – Electric	\$ 271,777.54
A/R – Communications	\$ 63,981.45
Merchandise/Services – Electric	\$ 4,816.79
Merchandise/Services – Communications	\$ 260.00
Carrier Access Fees – Communications	\$ 3,325.26
Write-Off Recovery – Electric	\$ 273.00
NIMECA Power Bill – Electric	\$ 1,689.46
Deposits – Electric	\$ 2,200.00
Deposits – Internet	\$ 444.00
Deposits – Cable TV	\$ 126.00
Marathon Energy Sales – Electric	\$ 9,296.25
Tower Lease – Communications	\$ 2,100.00
Attachment H Revenues – Electric	\$ 23,961.67
Miscellaneous – Telephone	\$ 21.00
Miscellaneous – Cable TV	\$ 50.07
Office Phones – Electric	\$ 30.00
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 384,352.49

Electric Receipts	\$ 314,044.71
Communications Receipts	\$ 70,307.78
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 384,352.49

List of Expenses

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 85.28
Advanced Door Systems	Garage Door Repairs	\$ 472.50
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 245.80
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 378.00
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching/Transport	\$ 576.54
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$ 108.48
Bally Sports North	Programming Fees	\$ 1,400.60
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$ 528.75
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$ 57.12
Community State Bank	Service Charges	\$ 91.19
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$ 975.00
Counsel	Lanier Copier Support	\$ 73.39
Customers	Deposit/Credit Refunds	\$ 66.94
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$ 35,435.04

Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Administration	\$	120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Claims	\$	236.08
Goldfield Telecom	FTTP Project Materials	\$	12,014.90
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	1,656.90
Heart N Home	Funeral Flowers – Sonksen	\$	37.45
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$	4,000.00
Iconnectiv	Local Number Portability	\$	278.82
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	10,039.24
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	\$	178.62
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	6,946.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,565.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	47.10
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	6,291.64
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	94,566.13
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	125.58
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	174.80
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	\$	104.65
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$	466.48
Library of Congress	SA1 Royalty Licensing Fees	\$	67.00
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$	9,166.49
Lumen Access	Access/Transport Fees	\$	552.11
Lumen Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	36.45
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	751.07
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	16,000.00
MP Nexlevel LLC	FTTP Pay Request #4	\$	249,006.86
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	15,446.02
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,576.76
NIMECA	FTTP Project Materials	\$	172.69
Oakhill Consulting	FTTP Project Engineering	\$	1,675.00
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	25,896.09
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Group Insurance	\$	1,106.88
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	44.71
Prins, Reid	Safety Footwear	\$	150.00
Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	728.66
R&D Industries	Network Support/Computer	\$	2,813.98
Richardson’s Service	Tire Repair	\$	13.91
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Fiber Lease	\$	450.00
US Card Systems	Credit Card Terminal Lease	\$	29.95
VECTOR	Annual Dues 2021-2022	\$	4,059.50
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	\$	207.80
Visa	Pressure Regulator Parts	\$	1,053.73
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	\$	9,860.23
Zcorum	Cable Modem Provisioning	\$	806.02
Ziegler, Inc.	Generators Annual Maintenance	\$	29,436.86
	Total Expenses	\$	550,452.79
Electric Expenses	\$	492,074.95	
Communications Expenses	\$	58,377.84	
Total Expenses	\$	550,452.79	

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

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$14,530.00 for the Laurens 2021 Electric Improvements/Fiber-To-The-Premise Project. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve Pay Request #5 in the amount of \$255,420.08 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.

Discussion was held on the Fiber-To-The-Premise Project. All fiber vaults should be installed within the next two (2) weeks. Drops are progressing and they have approximately 50-60% installed. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on the First Amendment to Memorandum of Lease and the Second Amendment to Tower Lease Agreement with AT&T Mobility. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on the new gWorks software "Front Desk". No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on Hometown Housing and Rural Housing 360. No specific action was taken.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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September 20th, 2021

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8th, 2021. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Mayor Rod Johnson, Council members Jean Swanson, Aaron Christenson, Loren Booth, John Jamison, Julie Potter, City Administrator Hilary Reed, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnson, and Police Chief Dan Wegg.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the September 8th, 2021, meeting, and the list of claims. Christenson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 09-20-21

A&M	MOPS, RAGS, RUGS	94.50
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	439.40
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	57.88
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	581.68
BLACKTOP SERVICE, CO.	STREET MAINT.	85,592.70
CORE & MAIN LP	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	809.90
COUNSEL	COPIES	246.43
DELL MARKETING LP	PATRON COMPUTERS & DESK COMPUTERS	3,923.78
DELTA DENTAL	OCT DENTAL INSURANCE	698.40
DEMCO	BOOK PROCESSING	170.32
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	479.00
GLENDA MULDER	SOFTWARE FOR COMPUTER	240.00
HILARY REED	PICK UP STAIN	40.77
I & S GROUP, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	5,630.17
IA DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY	TECH SUPPORT	150.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,846.58
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING POLICE ACADEMY	6,650.00
JCL SOLUTIONS	TOILET PAPER	142.33
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SHOP SUPPLIES	151.24
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	SUPPLIES	125.58
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	49.75
LMPC	INSURANCE REFUND	1,014.54
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	370.76
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	715.12
MARTIN PEST CONTROL	MOSQUITO SPRAYING	770.00
MELLEN & ASSOCIATION, INC.	REPAIR & MAINT. MOTOR	1,085.06
THE MESSENGER	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	260.00
OVERDRIVE, INC.	EBOOK & AUDIOBOOKS	526.44
PAINT THE TOWN	MEMORYLANE PAINTING	2,860.75
POCAHONTAS CO TREASURER	PROPERTY TAXES	994.33
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	6,008.86
POCAHONTAS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	281.15
PRIME BENEFITS SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE	2,000.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	GROUP INSURANCE	1,015.50
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	3,004.68
R & D INDUSTRIES, INC.	TEC SUPPORT	431.25
SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	STREET SWEEPER PAYMENT	3,390.81

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SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS	SHREDDING PAPER	24.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	RECYCLING FEES	1,839.08
UNITYPOINT HEALTH - FORT DODGE	MED PHYSICAL	198.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONES	363.52
WAUKON POLICE DEPARTMENT	NEW VEHICLE PURCHASE	40,000.00
WAYNE PEASLEE	NUISANCE MOWING	650.00
ZIEGLER	BACKHOE PARTS	217.23
	TOTAL	<u>179,141.49</u>

		9/7/2021	
	001	GENERAL	6,280.04
	110	ROAD USE TAX	1,292.87
	600	WATER	2,665.20
	610	SEWER	2,051.76
	670	GARBAGE	2,580.44
		TOTAL	14,870.31
		PAYROLL TOTAL	14,870.31
		PAID TOTAL	194,011.80
BY FUND			
	001	GENERAL	66,596.96
	110	ROAD USE TAX	83,012.22
	112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,134.47
	175	POCKET PARK	2,860.75
	200	DEBT SERVICE	3,390.81
	318	BENZ ADDITION	6,440.07
	600	WATER	12,688.59
	610	SEWER	4,350.21
	670	GARBAGE	12,389.74
	745	STORM WATER	147.98
		TOTAL BY FUND	<u>194,011.80</u>

Swanson moved to approve Resolution 28-21 - Licensure. Jamison seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Swanson, Christenson, Booth, Jamison. Nays: Potter.

Booth moved to approve the offer of employment as stated to Kevin Shannon for Wastewater Superintendent. Christenson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

Discussion was held on 110 W. Myrtle and the certified lien. Potter moved to deny any payment agreements and keep the lien certified to the property and taxes. Swanson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

Swanson moved to move Trick or Treating for Halloween 2021 to Saturday, October 30th. Jamison seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

Jamison moved to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Potter seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk