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Local News

Pro Cooperative Makes Donation to Laurens Pool Project!

Pro Cooperative recently jumped at the chance to be a part of the Laurens Pool Project! They even qualified us for matching funds from Land-o-Lakes!

"I can't imagine Laurens without a pool and without a swim team".

Destini Oehlertz, Laurens-Marathon Class of 2016.

My first "swimming" memory in Laurens was when I was in second grade. As time went on, my memories of swimming in Laurens revolved around swim team which meant spending time with friends and competing and winning at meets. After graduation, I swam four years for



Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and earned All-Conference honors as a backstroke and freestyle sprinter as well as an NCAA II national qualifier in the 50yd and 100yd freestyle.

Swimming introduced me to almost all of the friends I have had in my life. Swimming, and my need to get better at it, taught me a work ethic that has really helped me to excel in my professional life. It provided me structure which kept me focused on my studies and other life goals; it kept me physically healthy; and it allowed me to be immersed in the thing I loved the most at that time-competition swimming. So, you could say that if I hadn't been introduced to swimming in Laurens, who knows where my path would have taken me.

Personally, I can't imagine Laurens without a pool and I think anyone who makes a contribution towards the pool campaign is offering kids and adults the chance to be physically, emotionally, and socially active in our community in positive ways. It is also one person's or one family's way of rejuvenating our town, improving the quality of life in the community and adding another attractive thing to entice people to live in Laurens.

Even though few probably have the unique tie to the Laurens pool that I have, I know that everyone I know from Laurens has been impacted by their time spent at the Laurens pool in a way that will stick with them throughout life. It will be sad if that opportunity is no longer available for Laurens kids in the future.

We want more of these stories to originate in Laurens! It's just one more reason to support the Laurens Pool Project. Please send donations to: City of Laurens, 272 N 3rd Street. Laurens, IA 50554.



Pro Cooperative Communications & Marketing Specialist Grace Vathauer presents the check to committee members Ann Beneke, Lyle Wallin, Glenda Mulder & Jean Swanson.

Make It Two! Hy-Vee Earns Second GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ Title in 2021 With Largest Ice Cream Sandwich

Hy-Vee employees create 2,960-pound dessert to kick off its campaign to donate 5 million meals* to people in need this holiday season

What is better than holding a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title? Earning a SECOND title just a few months later and breaking their own record! Today, the Hy-Vee store in Plattsmouth, Neb., created the largest ice cream sandwich. The record was attempted to kick off Hy-Vee's commitment to donate 5 million meals to help families in need across the Midwest this holiday season.

The tasty treat weighed in at a whopping 2,960 pounds. After being certified by a Guinness World Records adjudicator who was on-site for the attempt, the ice cream sandwich was divided up and donated to the Food Bank of Lincoln and Food Bank for the Heartland, which together provide food assistance to more than 100 counties across Nebraska and Iowa.

It took 30 Hy-Vee employees five hours to create the record-breaking treat, which was assembled with 32 2-foot by 3-foot cookies and 182 14-pound cylinders of ice cream into a sandwich that measured 35 feet long, 4 feet wide and 11 inches high. The ice cream sandwich was then transported to a nearby cooperative for official weighing where the adjudicator officially named Hy-Vee the official record holder again.

"We are thrilled to have achieved this GUINNESS WORLD RECORD™ title today, but most importantly, we want to create awareness about hunger across our community," said Jeff Quandt, district vice president in Hy-Vee's west region. "At Hy-Vee, we are currently raising funds to donate 5 million meals to help families who are food insecure this holiday season. We hope this record-breaking ice cream sandwich draws attention to the cause, as well as helps local food banks who are assisting those in need."

The ice cream was donated by Hiland Dairy, and the trailer for assembly and transport was provided by Quandt Transport Service. In addition to the record-breaking dessert, Omaha and Lincoln area Hy-Vee stores are also donating a portion of the proceeds from its 20-count mini cookie sales throughout the month of October to benefit local Feeding America-affiliated food banks.

"We are extremely grateful for our long-standing partnership with Hy-Vee and their dedication to fighting food insecurity across the Heartland. This donation is a special one — It will bring so much joy to children and families struggling to make ends meet," said President & CEO of Food Bank for the Heartland Brian Barks. "Thank you to the wonderful team at Hy-Vee for coordinating this effort and giving food-insecure children across Nebraska and western Iowa a reason to smile."

For more information about Hy-Vee's "Scan Out Hunger" initiative, visit www.hy-veedeals.com.



At the Library with Glenda Mulder October 27, 2021

THANK YOU! We are overwhelmed with your support! Our Library Foundation Supper was a roaring success. I only took five pictures, and didn't even have time to chat with all my wonderful people! To Go orders were on fire – we had 70 containers and they were gone by 5:30 p.m., so we made do with plates. Then we started running out of food. I'm thankful for those of you who were happy with meat and potatoes! Special thanks go to the Laurens Care Center for the Pineapple Upside Down Cake, as well as John and Gurpreet Thumma for the Cheesy Potatoes and The First Christian Church for letting us use their facility. And of course, to the Library and Library Foundation Boards (And a few spouses!) who served the meal.

We are looking forward to starting a few new projects, as well as working on the continuing ones. I like to compare the library to cake (Big surprise, huh?) The regular budget takes care of the necessities, so that's the cake. The Library Foundation is the frosting; it's the extra on the top that makes it even better!

Hey, speaking of Library Foundation projects, did I ever tell you that all the 2019 issues of the Laurens Sun are now digitized and searchable on the newspaper archive site? Now you can go to <http://laurens.advantage-preservation.com/> and search for stories in the Laurens Sun from 1885 to 2019. This is one of the ongoing projects of the Library Foundation, and we hope to be adding 2020 & 2021 issues early next year.

In nonfiction we received *Winterland: Create a Beautiful Garden for Every*

Season by Cathy Rees in memory of Rich Newgard. Also, *No Cure for Being Human: (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)* by Kate Bowler, *A Carnival of Snackery* by David Sedaris, *Going There* by Katie Couric, *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall and Ree Drummond's new cookbook *The Pioneer Woman Cooks Super Easy!: 120 Shortcut Recipes for Dinners, Desserts, and More*.

New novels this week include: *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by C.S.Lewis, *Sleigh Bells Ring* by Raeanne Thayne, *Second Chance Christmas* by Lori Wilde, *Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom, *Better Off Dead* by Lee Child, *Nameless Ones* by John Connelly, *As the Wicked Watch* by Tamron Hall, *Crossroads* by Jonathan Franzen, *Once in a Lifetime* by Mary Monroe, *Magical New York Christmas* by Anita Hughes, *Christmas Escape* by Sarah Morgan, *Christmas Wish* by Sharon Sala and *The Attic on Queen Street* by Karen White.

We also have been getting in all the books on the 2022 "Bridge to Reading"

list. These books are selected as they are great read aloud books, to promote early literacy and reading to children. I haven't tried all these out on kids yet, but you know I'm going to have to soon!

Stop by the Library to see the fun Christmas ornaments we will be making for Take it Tuesday in November. Preregistration is required, so let us know if you'd like to join the fun!

Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 30 @ 7 p.m. -
Magician Larry Dunbar
November 2 @ 6 p.m. - Take it Tuesday
Christmas Ornaments
November 8 5:30-8 p.m. - Open
Cardmaking with Deb & Laura
November 22 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club
Midnight Library by Matt Haig
November 23 @ 6:30 p.m. -
Cardmaking Class with Brenda &
Milissa



ALBERT CITY CHAMBER INVITES YOU

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 5:00-9:00 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
(INDIVIDUAL STORE HOURS MAY VARY)

AC FLORAL (WINE TASTING FRI NITE) STRAW HORSE
SPARE ROOM ANTIQUES HELPING HANDS

VENDOR SHOW:

USBORNE BOOKS NORWEX TUPPERWARE
COPPER ROOSTER HOMESTEAD COLOR STREET
WITTERS WONDERS THE ERAL COLLECTION
PAMPERED CHEF SCENTSY MZHORSEYS PLACE
JEAN WENELL WOOD CREATIONS PAT REESE BAKED GOODS
WEST'S RUGS & HANDMADE CREATIONS THIRTY-ONE

VENDORS LOCATED AT 123 MAIN ST

The Station Menu
Friday Night- Normal
Menu
+ Ribeye Sandwiches
Saturday Breakfast-
Biscuits & Gravy
or Cinnamon Rolls
Saturday Noon- Pizza



Join the Library for
Fun with Frosting, Come decorate
a sugar cookie to take home or eat.
November 5 from 5-9 PM
November 6 from 9AM-12PM

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Hy-Vee Now Offering Free Moderna and Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 Booster Vaccines to Eligible Individuals at Hy-Vee Pharmacy Locations

CDC recommendations allow for mix and match dosing for booster shots

Hy-Vee, Inc. announced recently that free Moderna and Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine booster doses are now available at Hy-Vee Pharmacy locations across its eight-state region.

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend a Moderna booster dose for the following Moderna vaccine recipients at least 6 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
- They also recommend a booster dose for all Janssen vaccine recipients ages 18 and older at least 2 months after their first vaccine dose.

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.

There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose providing they follow the booster timeline of their primary vaccine manufacturer (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna: at least 6 months after the second dose; Janssen: at least 2 months after the second dose). Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. The CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Currently, the Moderna vaccine primary series (doses 1 and 2) is authorized for individuals 18 years of age and older. The second dose of the Moderna vaccine should be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. A booster dose of the Moderna vaccine should be administered at least 6 months after the second dose.

Currently, the Janssen (J&J) primary dose is authorized for individuals 18 years of age and older. A booster dose of the J&J vaccine should be administered at least 2 months after the primary dose.

Individuals receiving a COVID-19 first, second, booster or third dose can receive their flu shot during the same appointment by requesting it with the pharmacy team.

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 eligible 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.



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Deb Parkison

Wed., Oct. 27:

Confirmation Class from 6:30 p.m.-
7:30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 29:

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

Sat., Oct. 30:

Youth Group's Trunk or Treat from 5
p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 31:

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m. - Choir
performs



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Thursday: October 28, 2021

6:30 PM ~ Discipleship Class

Sunday: October 31, 2021

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee

Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

6:30 PM ~ Women's Bible Study

Monday: November 1, 2021

4:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.

Tuesday: November 2, 2021

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

4:30-7:00PM ~ Election Day Soup &
Pie Supper

Thursday: November 4, 2021

6:30 PM ~ Discipleship Class

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



This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Thursday, Oct. 28

1-4 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

Sunday, Oct. 31

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - 5th Sunday Worship in
the fellowship hall

4 p.m. - Service at the Laurens Care
Center



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

Card Shower Honoring Leone Buse

Leone Buse will be 100 years old on November 11. Her family is honoring her with a card shower.

Cards may be sent to her at: Leone Buse, c/o Pleasant View Home, 410 Spruce St., Albert City, IA 50510.

Flora, Fauna, and Family Engagement Workshop

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County is offering a two-hour Flora, Fauna, and Family Engagement workshop on November 11th starting at 6:30 p.m. This workshop is for anyone who works with children including practitioners of infants, toddlers, and children with special needs, in home non-registered and registered childcare providers, childcare center directors and employees, preschool and early elementary school teachers and administration.

Flora, Fauna, and Family Engagement is offered free of charge and meets the continuing education criteria for the National Administrator Credential. This is a great opportunity to learn how to include outdoor nature-based play experiences for children with family engagement and network with other childcare professionals. Participants must register on iPower through this link: <https://bit.ly/2ZHDBA9>.

Contact Janea Blomquist, Pocahontas County Program Coordinator with questions at 712-335-3103 or by email janeab@iastate.edu.

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Ambassadors Sought to Help Fight Chronic Wasting Disease in Iowa White- tailed Deer

As deer hunters head to the woods this fall, they are again reminded to be vigilant and active participants in the state's efforts to fight chronic wasting disease.

Chronic Wasting Disease is 100% fatal in deer and has been found in wild deer in at least 10 Iowa counties. In an effort to better educate Iowans on how to manage deer and the spread of the disease, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a new educational program called Chronic Wasting Disease Ambassadors.

The "ambassadors" will be trained in the science-based management of CWD, both prevention and testing, and how to educate others within their community. Participants can include hunters and non-hunters, community members and those interested in conservation, in northeast Iowa.

The course will be held three nights in November (Nov. 4, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18), from 6-8 p.m. in Waukon, at the Allamakee Farm Bureau building. Between class sessions, participants will review materials on the science of the disease and effective communication prepared by Iowa State University and Iowa DNR professionals.

"We need hunters, landowners and community leaders engaged in the management of the disease to reduce its spread and reduce potential threats to people and other industries impacted by deer and deer hunters," said Adam Janke, assistant professor in natural resources ecology and management and extension wildlife specialist at Iowa State University. "The program will

seek to train people to go out and be good ambassadors and lead community responses to CWD."

Registration is available online or by contacting course facilitator Adam Janke. Registration will be open until Tuesday, November 2.

A light meal and refreshments will be served at each class session. Sessions will include instruction on the ecology of the disease, hands-on exercises, sampling for the disease and networking with wildlife biologists in the region. The class will conclude with discussion and resources for the graduates to return to their communities and share. For more information, Janke can be reached at 515-294-7429 or ajanke@iastate.edu.

CWD facts

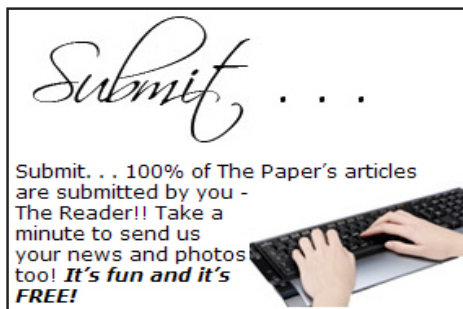
- CWD is in a class of diseases called Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies that lead to neurological degradation in the infected animals. Other familiar TSEs include Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy ("Mad Cow Disease") and Scrapie, that affects sheep.

- The disease is 100% fatal in deer but infected animals are asymptomatic for months/years after exposure. They can and do transmit the disease during the asymptomatic period.

- Areas of Wisconsin that have had the disease for decades show prevalence rates among adult male deer around 40%.

- Because of the uncertainty of how TSEs spread, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise against consumption of CWD-positive deer.

- CWD was first found in wild deer in Iowa in 2013. Today, it has been found in wild deer in at least 10 counties.



City Council Minutes

October 18th, 2021

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18th, 2021. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Mayor Rod Johnson, Council members Jean Swanson, Aaron Christenson, Loren Booth, John Jamison, City Administrator Hilary Reed, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnson, City Attorney Anne Beneke, Police Chief Dan Wegg, and a vacancy with the recent resignation of Julie Potter.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the October 4th, 2021, meeting, and the list of claims. Christenson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 10-18-21

A&M	MOPS, RAGS, RUGS	94.50
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	262.50
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	39.07
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	700.48
BENEKE LAW OFFICE	LEGAL SERVICES	270.16
BOLTON & MENK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,770.00
COMMUNITY STATE BANK	POSTAGE	61.20
CONNECTIONS	GROUP INSURANCE	39.84
COUNSEL	COPIES	125.50
EMC INSURANCE CO	INSURANCE	500.00
FIRST COOP ASSOCIATION	CHEMICALS	96.95
FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY	BOOK BARCODES	94.51
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	860.25
HILARY REED	MILEAGE & MEALS	28.73
I & S GROUP, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	6,179.92
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	POLICE ACADEMY	150.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	65.70
J&S REAPIR, LLC	REPAIRS OF DUMP TRUCK	598.92
JCL SOLUTIONS	PAPER TOWELS	76.63
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	BULK OIL	1,532.69
KEVIN SHANNON	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	275.17
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3.29
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	ENVELOPES	81.00
LMPC	PHONE / INTERNET	129.98
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	350.44
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	252.85
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	324.98
MARTIN'S PEST CONTROL	MOSQUITO SPRAYING	770.00
MENARDS	SHOP SUPPLIES	73.98
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING	AUG AMBULANCE BILLING	74.22
PILOT TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	65.00
POC COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	RANDOM TESTING	34.75
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEE	6,112.86
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY LIFE INSURANCE	800.63
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	1,580.07
SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	STREET SWEEPER PAYMENT	3,390.81
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	MONTHLY CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,839.08

City Council Minutes

STANDARD & ASSOCIATES	POLICE TRAINING	17.50
STONY CREEK LANDSCAPES, INC.	LANDSCAPING MATERIALS	11,408.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATION	RANDOM TESTING	42.00
USA BLUE BOOK	DISTRIBUTION SUPPLIES	912.42
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONE	409.32
WELLMARK	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	15,312.59
WEX BANKS	MONTHLY POLICE FUEL	863.22
	TOTAL	<u>59,671.71</u>

	10/4/2021	
001	GENERAL	7,760.72
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,822.48
600	WATER	2,284.88
610	SEWER	461.13
670	GARBAGE	1,501.93
	TOTAL	13,831.14
	PAYROLL TOTAL	13,831.14
	PAID TOTAL	73,502.85

BY FUND

001	GENERAL	12,635.22
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,965.63
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	8,910.77
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE COMMITTEE	11,408.00
200	DEBT SERVICE	3,390.81
318	BENZ ADDITION	6,179.92
600	WATER	6,050.20
610	SEWER	7,627.98
670	GARBAGE	13,334.32
	TOTAL BY FUND	<u>73,502.85</u>

Swanson moved to accept the resignation of city council member Julie Potter. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamison moved to table Resolution 30-21 – Unpaid Nuisance Charges. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Swanson moved to approve Resolution 31-21 – Certification Increase. Booth seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Booth moved to approve Resolution 32-21 – Pete Runneberg. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 33-21 – Julie Potter. Booth seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Covenants for the Benz addition. City Attorney Ann Beneke would like it noted in section 3b, that the approval of all three levels is not needed. No decisions were made. Reed will make discussed changes and present for first reading at the first meeting in November.

During council member reports, Booth and Jamison discussed the Essential Service Meeting. Booth also mentioned the discussion of Ordinance 07-19. The council will look at that again at the first meeting in November.

Jamison moved to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Swanson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk