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Local News

Another Big Splash Made!

Just WOW! On Tuesday, July 12 the Laurens Pool Project posted a plea on Facebook for \$40,000 by noon the next day to get us to 70% funded to make our project "more competitive" for the \$500,000 CAT (Community Attraction and Tourism) grant that Rose & Hilary were writing. In order to apply, we needed to have a minimum of 65% of projected costs. But of course, we wanted to be able to say we were at the next level, where our application will have a better chance of being granted. In just 24 hours our supporters came through in a big way - \$41,000!

A big thanks to these businesses and individuals for stepping up when we most needed you:

Community State Bank
HorseTech
Heart 'n Home
Siepker Auto Repair
Richardson Service
Harry Reese Memorial
Craig & Terry Ferguson
Maili Todd
Clark & Kathy Cunningham
Seth & Angie McCaulley
Pat & Laurie Sullivan
Greg & Deb Hertz

Chad & Brenda Cleveland
Doug & Sue Wenell
Lars & Liz Hersom
Doug & Becky Baker
Bonnie Black
Mason and Hilary Reed
Vicki Miller Glenn
Pat Wilson
Trisha Thompson Doss
LM Class of '82
Triathlon Fundraiser
Mason's Taco in a Bag

THIS BRINGS OUR BALANCE TO \$1,749,390!!

Although, we have now hit the "competitive" mark, and the application has been submitted, we still have three months to update the CAT Grant Committee with incoming funds. The more funds, the more the more competitive our application will be.

Speaking of continuing donations....At the reunion of the LM Class of 1982, during the Laurens Summer Celebration, they took up a collection for the Pool Project. That night they collected \$780, and Monday another class member chipped in to make it an even \$1,000. Also, the Class of 82 issued a challenge to all other LM graduating classes to see if they can meet or beat their total. So, we'll be keeping track - clearly mark your donations with your graduation year, and send to: Laurens Pool Project, c/o City of Laurens, 272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, IA 50554. Thanks to the Class of '82, both for your donation and for starting this donation competition!

You've already shown how amazing and awesome our community is, so please keep your donations flowing in! Let's keep up this donation flurry!



At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 20, 2022

Goodness, time flies! Only two more weeks for us to “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” at story time. Jeri plans to pack a ton of fun into these days. Join us as we sing songs, read books, and do a craft or activity. Grab your favorite kid and join the fun!

On a related note, have I told you that our Jeri Wenell, our children’s librarian is planning to retire at the end of the summer? These will be some pretty big shoes to fill, but we are taking applications! We will miss Jeri, but she’s leaving us for a job she’s been looking forward to for a very long time – Grandma Jeri!

Just a couple new novels to tell you about: *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini, *Point Last Seen* by Christina Dodd, *Grace Under Fire* by Julie Garwood, *The Librarian Spy* by Madeline Martin and *Last to Vanish* by Megan Miranda. We also received an interesting looking biography, *Queen of Our Times: The Life of Queen Elizabeth II* by Robert Hardman.

I’m about to dive into our July book of choice. It’s *The Push* by Ashley Audrain. Our catalog describes it as “A tense, page-turning psychological drama about the making and breaking of a family, about a woman whose experience of motherhood is nothing at all what she hoped for--and everything she feared.” It goes on to say it is, “an utterly immersive page turner that will challenge everything you think you know about motherhood, about our children, and about what happens behind the doors of even the most perfect-looking families” Oh, this sounds like a book that will make a great discussion! We have lots of copies, so grab one and join our discussion Monday, July 25 at 7 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Wednesdays @ 1 p.m. until July 27 - “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” kids’ summer reading.

July 25 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *The Push* by Ashley Audrain

Wine and Grape Field Day to Be Held July 27

The Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State University will host the 2022 Wine Grape Field Day on Wednesday, July 27. This field day is offered to grape growers and winemakers, extension personnel and nonprofit organizations. The field day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature two separate sessions.

The morning session will be hosted in the vineyard at Iowa State University’s Horticulture Research Station, while the afternoon session will take place in the Food Sciences Building on the Iowa State University campus. The event is free; however, admission will be capped at 20 participants and registration is required. Lunch will be provided.

The field day will feature Iowa State University faculty as well as ISU Extension and Outreach specialists from the horticulture and food science and human nutrition departments. Additional partners include the Horticulture Research Station and the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute.

The morning session, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will feature various demonstrations on grapevine management including a discussion of trellis systems, canopy management, pest and disease control and basic, hands-on chemistry analysis of grape maturity.

Following lunch, the afternoon will feature a discussion of winery equipment and the first steps of winemaking after harvest, including a demonstration of destemming and crushing, followed by a presentation of must adjustments. The afternoon session will be from 2-4 p.m. and will conclude with a tasting of a current wine research project.

Iowa State University’s Horticulture Research Station is located at 55519 170th St., Ames, and the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition is located at 536 Farm House Lane, Ames. Participants are invited to register for the full day, or for only the morning or afternoon sessions, with or without lunch.

Register for free online. For more information, contact Aude Watrelot, assistant professor of enology in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State, at 515-294-0343 or watrelot@iastate.edu

50th Wedding Anniversary

Ron and Pat Reese were united in marriage on August 5th, 1972.

Much love and appreciation for the wonderful parents and grandparents you are and the great example you've set.

Well wishes for the happy couple can be sent to their home at: 210 W Section Line Road, Laurens, IA 50554.

*Love from your children and grandchildren,
Bruce and Kristin, Kirk and Jennifer, Adam and Jenny, Joel and Elizabeth, Todd and Ashley
Spencer, Martin, Makayla, Noah, Tristan, Etta May, Esther, Elsie and Tillie*



NIGHT SWIM

Friday, July 29

8:30 - Midnight

ADMISSION: \$2 PER PERSON*



ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE LAURENS POOL PROJECT

CHILDREN 10 & UNDER ONLY ADMITTED WITH AN ADULT

*no season pass/previous daily admission

HELP WANTED

Part Time Children's Librarian

We need a creative, outgoing, kid-friendly person to become our next Children's Librarian!

**Apply at Laurens Public Library,
273 N 3rd St., Laurens, IA 50554**

Coming Soon the the Fonda Arts Center!

Enjoy an afternoon of classic country and pop music as four local singers take turns on the stage of the Fonda Arts Center on Sunday, August 7th beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Daniel Keen is new to the Arts Center's Sunday afternoons and will introduce himself with hits including Elton John's "Your Song" and "The Gambler" made famous by Kenny Rogers in 1978.

Randy Mobley will take on the 1977 Johnny Paycheck country hit "Take This Job and Shove It" and take us back to the 1950's with "He'll Have To Go", as well as other memorable hits.

Gloria Mobley will be doing what she does so well when she breaks out with "Crazy", and Jeannie C. Riley's hit "Harper Valley PTA".

The Fonda Arts Center first became aware of Larry Heschke when Lyla Kuklenz told us "he sings just like Neil Diamond". He does; and has been at the very core of the Arts Center ever since! Larry will bring us songs from Neil Diamond, Jim Croce, and other great artists.

That completes the quartet of singers, all at the Fonda Arts Center on the northwest corner of Fourth and Main in Fonda. Everyone is welcome, and, as always, admission and refreshments are free. Donations are much appreciated!

THE CIRCUS IS COMING! THE CIRCUS IS COMING!



ADVANCED TICKET PRICES:

ADULT \$12.00

CHILD / SENIOR \$7.00

(NO charge for children under 2)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH, 2022

SPORTMAN'S PARK

SHOWTIMES: 5:00 & 7:30 P.M.

CIRCUS DAY TICKET PRICES:

ADULT \$15.00

CHILD / SENIOR \$8.00

(NO charge for children under 2)

ADVANCED TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

LAURENS CITY HALL, FOOD PRIDE
HEART 'N HOME, WILLIAM AND WESLEY
WOODLEY INSURANCE

SPONSORED BY LAURENS CHAMBER & COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

***This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church***

Pastor Deb Parkison

Wed., July 20:

Administrative Council meeting
@ 7 p.m.

Fri., July 22:

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

Sun., July 24:

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Filling the pulpit ~ Sarah Strohmman

Fri., July 29:

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

Sun., July 31:

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Filling the pulpit ~ Karen Berg-
Currior



The
United
Methodist
Church

***This Week at
Bethany Lutheran***

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Thursday: July 21, 2022

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group at Bethany

Sunday: July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM ~ Worship

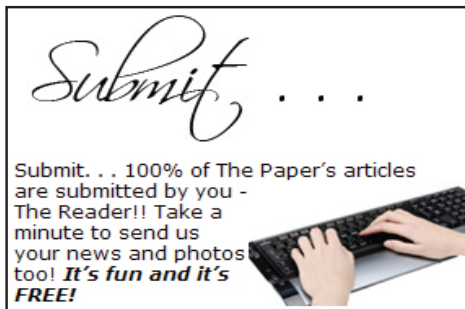
10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship &
Adult SS

Tuesday: July 26, 2022

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

Sunday, July 24

9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by
Coffee fellowship



***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

City Council Minutes

July 5th, 2022

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5th, 2022. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, John Jamison, Loren Booth, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, and Chief Ben Aschenbrenner. City Manager Hilary Reed was absent.

Swanson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the June 20th, 2022, meeting, list of claims, and Tobacco License for Laurens Food Pride. Jamison seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 07/05/2022

ACCO	SERVICE PARTS	788.24
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	204.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY GAS CHARGES	1,028.79
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	127.16
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	MONTHLY EYE INSURANCE	242.75
B&K EMBROIDERY	SCREEN PRINTING	174.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS & DVDS	558.13
BOJI INFORMATION SYSTEMS	WEBSITE IP CHANGES	30.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	242.66
BROWN SUPPLY CO	FIRE HYDRANTS	2,700.00
CENGAGE	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	239.91
COMMUNITY STATE BANK	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	85.86
COUNSEL	INK FOR COPIER	589.09
DWIGHT E VAN GENDEREN	PLANTS	146.06
ECHO GROUP, INC.	BREAKER	835.74
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	2,264.50
GLENDA MULDER	IOWA HISTORY JOURNAL	14.00
HEART 'N HOME	BLOMGREN PLANTERS	78.20
IACMA	RETIREMENT 457	500.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	7,140.44
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	ACADEMY	50.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	106.30
IPERS	IPERS	5,844.61
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	1,959.11
JULIE PANGALLO	ARTWAVE SCULPTURE	4,300.00
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	81.00
LMPC	PHONE/INTERNET	99.04
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	5,994.46
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	43.98
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	TEC SUPPORT	7,500.00
NORTHERN LIGHTS FOODSERVICE	CONCESSION	249.63
OFFICE ELEMENTS	OFFICE FURNITURE GRANT	4,790.50
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	175.89
POC CO ECONOMIC DEV	1/2 ANNUAL PAYMENT	7,000.00
POCAHONTAS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	529.99
PRIME BENEFITS	GROUP INSURANCE	87.50
SANTANDER LEASING	PUMPER PAYMENT	1,461.34
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP	CONCESSION	225.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	250.67

City Council Minutes

THOMPSON INNOVATION	SERVICE CALL	1,552.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	2,001.00
US BANK	SUPPLIES	1,059.39
USPS	MONTHLY BILLING	322.82
WAYNE PEASLEE	NUISANCE MOWING	50.00
ZIEGLER, INC.	NEW BACKHOE	42,641.50
	TOTAL	<u>106,366.14</u>

PAYROLL		6/27/2022	
001	GENERAL		9,738.46
210	ROAD USE TAX		1,901.90
600	WATER		2,423.15
610	SEWER		2,307.70
670	GARBAGE		2,448.87
	TOTAL		<u>18,820.08</u>
PAYROLL		7/1/2022	
001	GENERAL		<u>6,008.62</u>
	TOTAL		6,008.62
	PAYROLL TOTAL		<u>24,828.70</u>
	PAID TOTAL		<u>131,194.84</u>

001	GENERAL	45,582.32
110	ROAD USE TAX	19,939.20
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	214.24
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE	4,446.06
600	WATER	29,125.32
610	SEWER	26,994.39
670	GARBAGE	4,893.31
	TOTAL BY FUND	<u>131,194.84</u>

REVENUES	GENERAL	18,170.90
	ROAD USE TAX	22,165.23
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,071.76
	EMERGENCY LEVY	123.92
	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	11,694.91
	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	481.69
	POOL RESTRICTED	3,595.00
	DEBT SERVICE	3,517.93
	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND	413.36
	WATER	44,769.68
	SEWER	30,847.31
	GARBAGE	20,609.72
	STORM WATER	2,953.72
		<u>163,415.13</u>

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 19-22 – Unpaid Nuisance fees with the corrected address. Zylstra seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Christenson moved to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance 06-22 – Issuance of Permits. Booth seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jamison moved to table Ordinance 07-22 Chapter 74 – Golf Carts. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

Booth moved to table Ordinance 08-22 – Chapter 75 – ATV/UTVs. Christenson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

Discussion was held on Emerald Ash Borer management plan. Consensus was to continue with the Urban Forest Management Plan provided by the IA DNR with ROW removal with an amended option for property owners to treat once signing an agreement with the city. City personnel was directed to identify selected trees on city property within parks and cemetery for long term treatment.

Jamison moved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Zylstra seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Joan Hoben, Deputy City Clerk