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Pool Update

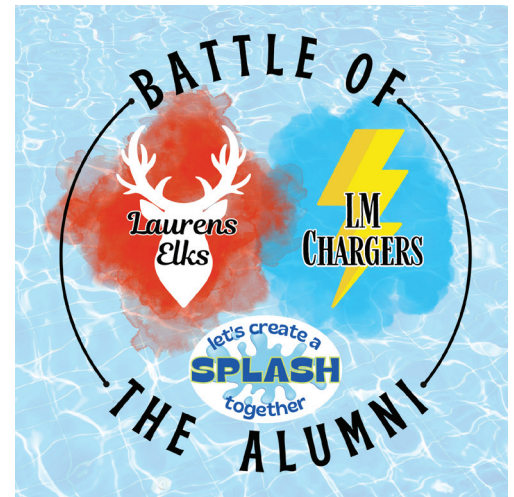
The Pool Project recently received a donation from AgState. If that name isn't quite familiar yet, it is the company that merged from Alceco/Ag Partners and First Cooperative Association in September 2021.

AgState donated \$2,500, and challenged CoBank to match it, which brings the total donation to \$5,000. Thanks to AgState for being an active part of our community!

The Pool Project's Battle of the Alumni will be wrapping up the end of the month. Laurens-Marathon class of 1982 leads the way with \$2,050. Donations so far total \$10,099 – which is just over our initial goal! So, now we need a new goal – apparently we didn't dream big enough - can we top \$15,000?! We've got a week left in the challenge, donate now, show your Elks/Charger Spirit and help your hometown.

Our fund total, including pledges and in-kind donations is now \$1,766,280.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS
may be sent to:
Laurens Pool Project
c/o City of Laurens
272 North 3rd Street,
Laurens, IA 50554



Fonda Arts Center - Piano Recital

Andrea's Music Studio's first music recital will be Sunday, August 28 at 2 pm. The recital includes Andrea's current piano students from the area as well as a fellow pianist, Deb Ried.

Andrea has just moved to Newell from Fort Dodge, where she taught piano, voice and organ lessons to students of all ages for the last 16 years.

Join us in encouraging the young beginners and the intermediate students to keep playing music! All this happening at the Fonda Arts Center on the northwest corner of Fourth & Main in Fonda.

As always, free admission, free refreshments! Everyone is welcome!

Windbreak School Meeting in Rockwell City on September 9

The Iowa State University Calhoun County Extension and Outreach office will host a free meeting on Friday, September 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location is at the Gary Hildreth Farmstead, 2483 310th Street in Rockwell City. The meeting will last approximately 3 hours with a free meal provided after. The Windbreak Meeting will be facilitated by Billy Beck, Assistant Professor and Extension Forestry Specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The discussion will focus on proper windbreak establishment, windbreak management, and restoration techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to speak 1-on-1 with NRCS staff and District Foresters, discussing objectives for their land, cost share potential, initiate the windbreak planning process, and schedule on-site visits. Speakers will be Billy Beck, ISU Extension Forestry Specialist, Ed Zaworski, Plant Pathologist with ISU Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic, Jeremy Viles with Iowa NRCS, IDNR District Foresters.

Contact the Calhoun County Extension office at 712-297-8611 with your questions or to pre-register by Tuesday, September 6.

For a list of meetings statewide, check the ISU Extension calendar. For a meeting near you, visit: <https://naturalresources.extension.iastate.edu/events>

ServSafe® Certified Food Protection Manager Course to be Held

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is sponsoring ServSafe®, the national certification program for food service managers. The course will be held in Pocahontas on September 19, 2022, at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office. All food service operations are required to have at least one certified staff person. Anyone interested in preparing and serving safe food is welcome to attend.

The cost of the course is \$160, which includes 8 hours of class time, a manual, and the national certification exam. There is a \$100 discount for Iowa Restaurant Association members. Registration is required by August 29, 2022.

Contact the Pocahontas County Office at 712-335-3103 with any questions. A full calendar of upcoming course dates and registration links is available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/servsafe>.

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USDA to Mail Additional Pre-Filled Applications to Producers Impacted by 2020 & 2021 Disasters

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced another installment (phase) in assistance to commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021. More than 18,000 producers will soon receive new or updated pre-filled disaster applications to offset eligible crop losses. Approximately \$6.4 billion has already been distributed to 165,000 producers through USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Emergency Relief Program (ERP).

"We knew when we announced ERP in May that we would have additional applications to send toward the end of the summer as we received new information, and we came to know of producers who were inadvertently left out of the first data set we used," said USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Robert Bonnie. "I am proud of our team's continued effort to capture additional insurance records to enable over 18,000

producers to receive new or updated pre-filled disaster applications to provide much needed financial relief."

FSA will begin mailing pre-filled applications in late August to producers who have potentially eligible losses and:

- Received crop insurance indemnities for qualifying 2020 and 2021 disaster events after May 2, 2022.
- Received crop insurance indemnities associated with Nursery, Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX), Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) and Margin Protection (MP) policies.
- New primary policyholders not included in the initial insured producer Phase 1 mailing from May 25, 2022, because their claim records had not been filled.
- Certain 2020 prevent plant losses related to qualifying 2020 disaster events that had only been recorded in crop insurance records as related to 2019 adverse weather events and, as such, were not previously provided in applications sent earlier this year.
- New Substantial Beneficial Interest (SBI) records, including SBIs where tax identification numbers were corrected.

Producers are expected to receive assistance direct deposited into their bank account within three business days after they sign and return the pre-filled application to the FSA

county office and the county office enters the application into the system.

Before applying any program payment factors or eligibility criteria, it is estimated that this next installment (phase) may generate about \$756 million in assistance.

Emergency Relief Payments to Date. This emergency relief under ERP complements ERP assistance recently provided to more than 165,000 producers who had received crop insurance indemnities and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) payments for qualifying losses. USDA has processed more than 255,000 applications for ERP, and to date, has made approximately \$6.4 billion in payments to commodity and specialty crop producers to help offset eligible losses from qualifying 2020 and 2021 natural disasters. Also, earlier this year, staff processed more than 100,000 payments through the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) and paid eligible producers more than \$601.3 million for 2021 grazing losses within days of the program announcement.

Phase Two. The second phase of both ERP and ELRP will be aimed at filling gaps and provide assistance to producers who did not participate in or receive payments through the existing risk management programs that are being leveraged for phase one implementation. USDA will keep producers and stakeholders informed as program details are made available.

*At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
August 24, 2022*

Our programs that have been on pause for the summer, are coming back in September. The first Tuesday of the month will again bring Take it Tuesday. This is a free craft night for adults. As class size is limited, contact the Library if you want to join the fun as we make Fall Gnome wall hangers.

We will also be resuming our card making class the 4th Tuesday of the month. All supplies are included as Brenda Cleveland guides us through the making of three cards, all on the same theme. The \$10 fee for this class goes to Brenda for her supplies. Class size is limited, so contact the Library to sign up.

New novels this week include: *Quicksand* by Janet Dailey, *Fox Creek* by William Kent Krueger, *Mercury Pictures Presents* by Anthony Marra, *Tick Tock* by Fern Michaels, *The Lost Ticket* by Freya Sampsen and *Girl Forgotten* by Karin Slaughter.

Just one nonfiction this week, it's a biography of Lady Diana written by James Patterson. It's title is *Diana, William, and Harry: The Heartbreaking Story of a Princess and Mother*.

We've also booked a couple special programs in September. The afternoon of the 14th Linda McCann will return, this time with a program on Genealogy. She is so knowledgeable, and she just makes learning fun. And on the 13th, the County EMS crew will be here to explain why they think EMS should be an essential service, and just what that means. This will be a ballot issue, so come to the program and you will be an informed voter in November.

We've set the date for our annual Library Foundation Fundraiser. It will be Thursday, October 20th. It will start with a potato bar supper at the First Christian Church, then at 7 p.m., Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow will be at the Library. Sounds like a great date night! Better mark it on your calendar.

Dates to Remember

August all day Wednesdays LegoMania - 11 a.m.-8 p.m.!

September 3-5 p.m. - Closed for Labor Day!

September 6 @ 6 p.m. - Take it Tuesday – Fall Gnome

September 13 @ 6:30 p.m. - Making EMS an Essential Service

September 14 @ 2 p.m. - Genealogy Program with Linda McCann

September 26 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

September 27 @ 6:30 p.m. - Cardmaking

October 20 Foundation Fundraiser Supper - 5-7 p.m.

October 20 @ 7 p.m. - Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow

*Card Shower for
Carol Wetherell*

Happy 80th Birthday to Carol! Her family invites you to help shower her with 80 cards for 80 years!

Cards may be sent to: 608 N Sherman, Cherokee, IA 51012.



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

Pastor Deb Parkison

Fri., Aug. 26:
AA meeting 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 28:
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Tues., Aug. 30:
Blood Drive 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 1:
UMW Executive Board meeting @
11:00 a.m.
UMW Welcome Back Luncheon @
NOON



***This Week at
Bethany Lutheran***

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Saturday: August 27, 2022
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM ~ IMD
Convocation ~ Zion Lutheran Church
~ Ruthven

Sunday: August 28, 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM ~ Worship w/Pastor Eric
Riesen giving the message
10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship &
Adult SS

Tuesday: August 30, 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

Thursday, August 25th
2-5:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

Sunday, August. 28
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. - 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

August 15th, 2022

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15th, 2022. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, John Jamison, Loren Booth, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, City Manager Hilary Reed, Chief Aschenbrenner, and Officer Richison.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the August 1st, 2022, meeting, and the list of claims. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 08/15/2022

A&M SERVICES, INC.	RUGS, RAGS, MOPS	96.86
ACCO	WATER PLANT CHEMICALS	6,300.40
AFLAC	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	204.38
AGSTATE	CHEMICALS	232.34
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	59.01
BADGER METER	TEC SERVICES	48.30
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS & DVDS	354.58
CENGAGE	LIBRARY LARGE PRINT BOOKS	269.15
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC.	MONTHLY COPIES	63.78
EMILY HARROLD	TRAINING	60.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	634.25
HACH CO	CHEMICALS	306.97
IDNR	WATER TREATMENT CERTIFICATION	80.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	6,044.83
JAMES LITWILLER	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	87.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SHOP SUPPLIES	210.15
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	SUPPLIES	151.88
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE FEES	131.82
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	362.84
LAURENS SUN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	LEGALS 23 ANNUAL MAGAZINE RENEWALS	255.21 706.83
MARTIN PEST CONTROL	MOSQUITO SPRAYING	820.00
MARTINS FLAG CO	12 NEW IOWA FLAGS	495.40
NORTHERN LIGHTS FOODSERVICE	CONCESSIONS	2,385.51
NW IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBERSHIPS	25.00
OVERDRIVE, INC.	EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS	565.44
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	5,939.99
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	836.31
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	2,750.27
SCHOON TREE SERVICE	STUMP REMOVAL	1,775.00
SIEPKER AUTO REPAIR	OIL FILTER	79.50
TRI-STAR MASONRY	REPLACEMENT OF CEMETERY ENTRANCE	4,870.00
TRUE VALUE FARM & HOME	PAINT	629.45
UNITYPOINT TRINITY REG MD.	HEARING TEST	201.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONES	409.72
ZIEGLER, INC.	PINS & COUPLINGS	1,315.40
	TOTAL	<u>39,759.32</u>

001 GENERAL

8/8/2022

9,767.80

City Council Minutes

210	ROAD USE TAX	1,765.90
600	WATER	3,113.93
610	SEWER	2,328.03
670	GARBAGE	2,213.72
	TOTAL	19,189.38
	PAYROLL TOTAL	<u>19,189.38</u>
	PAID TOTAL	<u><u>58,948.70</u></u>
001	GENERAL	26,159.86
110	ROAD USE TAX	6,587.76
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	343.22
600	WATER	11,135.27
610	SEWER	4,626.16
670	GARBAGE	10,096.43
	TOTAL BY FUND	<u><u>58,948.70</u></u>

Discussion was held on ROW Tree Planting. No decision was made.

Booth moved to change the date of the first meeting in September to September 6th at 5:00 p.m. due to the Labor Day Holiday. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to adjourn at 5:28 p.m. Zylstra seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk