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Local News

Stars are Stolen and Returned to Memory Lane

Al Petersen, high school science teacher at Laurens-Marathon, died in a car/bicycle accident in May, 2010. Shortly after, construction on Memory Lane began; and the Laurens-Marathon Education Association donated a copper wind sculpture in his memory. The copper wind sculpture was almost constantly in motion, set off by the slightest breeze. It was a fitting memorial for the well-liked science teacher who loved challenges, science, and his students. Mr. Petersen was always looking for new ways to engage his students and was curious about everything.

In early June, the sculpture was vandalized by someone breaking off and taking almost every star. This is not the first act of vandalism in Memory Lane but it has hit the hardest and was the most devastating.

Well, wonder of wonders, the stars were returned almost three months later. A box containing the stars was

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Havelock Fire Department Receives Grant

The Havelock Fire Department received a \$5,000 grant from Iowa Lakes Electric Charitable Foundation, Operation Round Up. The funds will go toward a self-contained fire-fighting apparatus for addressing fires in hard to reach areas.

Pictured in the photo below are: Operation Round Up Board Member, Robin Hauswirth, presents the check to Fire Chief, Courtney Hoover, Fireman, Joe Smith, and Havelock Mayor, Duane Stearns.



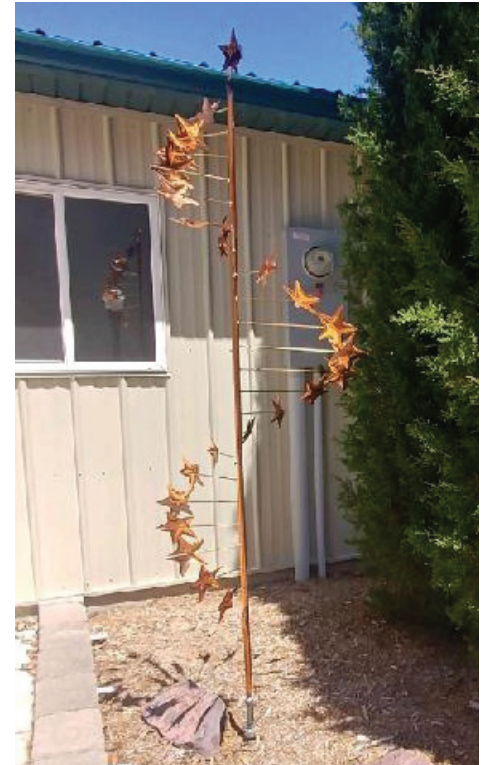
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left in the park. Apparently, a concerned citizen saw the stars in an acquaintance's possession and returned them. Unfortunately, since the stars were broken off, they cannot be simply reattached. Research is being done to see if there is any way they can be restored.

On a regular basis, we find pop cans, beer cans, cigarette butts, and various other forms of trash. We would encourage everyone to use the trash receptacle and cigarette receptacle that are close by. Parents, please talk with your children and everyone be conscious of not littering. Please help keep Memory Lane clean.

Everyone is encouraged to take a walk down Memory Lane at night. The waterfall, flowers, and pergola lights make a very pretty and peaceful setting. Check out the over 600 bricks that are engraved on the path. It truly is a walk down Memory Lane.

Memory Lane is located on the east side of 3rd Street between the former Vintage Marketplace and The House of Print. If you would like to add a brick to honor, memorialize, or otherwise remember an event, person, business, etc., to the bricks that are already engraved in the path, a brick order form can be obtained from City Hall, Jolliffe & Co. office, or contact Peggy Milton (712-841-4645).



Laurens'
Flannel Fall Open House
 Thursday, September 22
 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Stop at each store + cafe to have a card signed to be entered for a door prize worth over \$125! Pick up the card at any of the locations during the Open House

- 🍊 Gather On Third
- 🍊 Heart 'n Home
- 🍊 Lizziedoodle
- 🍊 Rusty Spoke Cafe
- 🍊 William & Wesley

Check out the scarecrows at each location.
www.laurenschamber.com

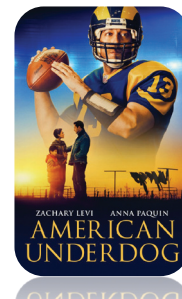



Laurens Area Community Youth Group
KICK OFF 2022-2023

Sunday, September 25th
5:00-6:30 p.m.

at the First Christian Church in Laurens.
We will enjoy pizza & the movie *American Underdog*.

ALL 6th-12th grade youth are invited!
Bring a friend!



***At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
September 7, 2022***

We are pretty excited that Author/ Story Teller Linda McCann will be here today at 2 p.m.! Her program this time will be Beginning Genealogy. Even if you aren't interested in doing your own research, join us for a lively, informative and fun program! She began doing genealogy over 40 years ago. While researching her family, she discovered she was descended from the founder of the community where she lived, and her mother and grandmother did not know this. This led Linda to help start a Historical Society and Museum, which led to the writing she now does. Linda will have handouts she uses and internet web sites to use and ones to avoid.

Our library is slowly transitioning into school year mode. In the summer we are busy with kids

summer reading and there are more kids in the Library during the day. Now the individual kids don't start visiting the Library until after school at 3:30 p.m. We are busy pulling books for teachers and setting up each grade's monthly visits to the Library. Plus, don't forget, we have transitioned to a new Children's Librarian!

Also in the Fall a few monthly crafty programs pop back on our calendar, (Let us know if you want to sign up for Take-it-Tuesday or Card Making!) and we try to squeeze in a few more programs before the snow flies!

Our Book Club likes to read one classic each year, so this month we are reading *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. I got on a roll Labor Day weekend, and listened to most of this as I was putting together jigsaw puzzles! Now I just have to see what I remember about it by the time the 26th rolls around. It was published in 1860, is set in mid-

19th century England. It depicts the education of an orphan nicknamed Pip, including the three stages of Pip's "Expectations." Whether you read the book now, just can't plow through it, or rely on your memories of having read it in the past, join our discussion September 26th at 7 p.m.

Dates to Remember

September 14 @ 2 p.m. - Genealogy Program with Linda McCann
September 21 @ 5:30 p.m. - Evening Tot Time

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

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

October 4 @ 3:30 p.m. - Kids' Make & Take Pumpkin Craft

October 4 @ 6:30 p.m. - Take-it-Tuesday – Wine Glass painting

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

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



Scandinavia Program Presented for Laurens Women's Club

Helen Beneke of Pocahontas presented a power point program entitled "Our Trip to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway" to the Laurens Women's Club on September 9, 2022, at the Laurens Public Library.

Being Norwegian herself, Helen wore traditional Norwegian dress during her presentation. She also prepared Scandinavian bars for the group.



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Household Sale
405 1st Ave SW Pocahontas
Friday, September 23 1:00-5:00 and
Saturday, September 24 8:00-4:00

Antiques; quilts; Lift Chair like new; couch, loveseat and rocker recliner; 2 end tables with matching coffee table; 32 inch Samsung TV and tv stand; full bed with matching dressers; 3 kitchen tables and chairs; 2 dressers; 3 complete sets of dishes; lift bed like new; antique roll away bed; vacuum cleaner; humidifier and dehumidifier; many puzzles and antique games; push lawnmower; tools, lots of yarn and quilting pieces, pots and pans, crock pot, tools, bird feeders and much more.

Laurens Area Food Pantry
Located at Laurens UMC at 201 W. Main St.
Drive up to the west alley door.

September 2022 Food Pantry Hours

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4-6 p.m.	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 4-6 p.m.	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 4-6 p.m.	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 4-6 p.m.	23	24
25	26 11-1p.m.	27	28	29 4-6 p.m.	30	Oct. 1

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2	3	4	5	6 4-6 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 4-6 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 4-6 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 4-6 p.m.	28	29
30	31 11-1p.m.					

*This Week at
Bethany Lutheran*

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: September 14, 2022
7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Thursday: September 15, 2022
2:00 PM ~ Circle Group at Bethany

Sunday: September 18, 2022
FALL TIME CHANGE

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS / RALLY
SUNDAY

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion,

Installation of Teachers, SS sing

11:30 AM ~ Potluck Picnic (grilling
brats, hamburgers, hot dogs)

3:00 PM ~ 4-H Club Mtg.

Tuesday: September 20, 2022

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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



*This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church*

Pastor Deb Parkison

Wed., Sept. 14:
Caring Cards 6-8 p.m. in Fellowship
Hall

Thurs., Sept. 15:
NO Dorcas Circle

Fri., Sept. 16:
AA meeting 7-8 p.m. in Wesley Room

Sun., Sept. 18:
Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Wed., Sept. 21:
Administrative Council mtg @ 7 p.m.



*This Week at
First Christian*

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Sunday, Sept. 18
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship *Note time
change



RALLY SUNDAY ~ September 18, 2022 ~ PICNIC POTLUCK

Attention all Sunday School students & Bethany members!!!

9:30 AM ~ Opening upstairs

9:45 AM ~ Games & Crafts

10:15 AM ~ Bubbles outside

10:30 AM ~ Worship / Communion / Installation of Teachers / SS sing

11:30 AM ~ Potluck for all ages!!!

~ Grilling brats, hamburgers, & hot dogs

~ Serving Root Beer Floats!

Come join us to KICK OFF our Sunday School & Potluck for 2022-2023!

City Council Minutes

September 6th, 2022

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, Loren Booth, Aaron Christenson, City Manager Hilary Reed, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, Chief Aschenbrenner, and Officer Richison. Councilmembers John Jamison and Jean Swanson were absent.

Christenson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the August 15th, 2022, meeting, and the list of claims. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 09/06/2022

ACCO	WATER PLANT CHEMICAL	1,989.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY GAS FEE	1,575.81
FIDELITY LIFE	MONTHLY EYECARE	242.75
BLACKTOP SERVICE CO	3X STREET REPAIRS	75,120.75
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	429.56
CONNECTIONS	GROUP INSURANCE	39.84
DELTA DENTAL	MONTHLY DENTAL INSURANCE	760.76
ECONO SIGNS, LLC	STREET SIGNS	436.83
HILARY REED	MILEAGE	45.38
IACMA	RETIREMENT 457	500.00
IMFO	IMFOA CERTIFICATION	125.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	7,061.35
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	23.40
IPERS	IPERS	6,031.99
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	2,034.79
KC NIELSON	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	22.00
KEVIN SHANNON	SEWER SUPPLIES	122.50
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	WINDOW ENVELOPES	166.75
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE FEE	417.38
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	5,766.03
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	742.00
MENARDS	POND FABRIC	1,355.70
PATHFINDERS STRATEGIC PARTNERS	ANNUAL DUES	1,327.62
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	199.58
PRIME BENEFITS	GROUP INSURANCE	105.00
R&D INDUSTRIES, INC	TECH SUPPORT	507.63
SANTANDER LEASING	MONTHLY PAYMENT FOR PUMPER	1,461.34
SIEPKER AUTO REPAIR	GARBAGE TRUCK FILTERS	364.75
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	138.78
TOYNE, INC.	REPAIRS ON TRUCK	314.95
TREASURER STATE OF IA	AUG SALES TAX	5,437.44
US BANK	TECH SUPPORT	936.00
USPS	UTILITY BILLING	354.82
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONE	95.85
WAYNE PEASLEE	NUISANCE MOWING	300.00
WELLMARK	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	11,752.06
WILLIAM & WESLEY	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	30.00
WOODLEY INSURANCE	BACKHOE INSURANCE	592.00
	TOTAL	<u>128,928.29</u>

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PAYROLL		8/22/2022	
001	GENERAL		7,853.51
210	ROAD USE TAX		1,501.01
600	WATER		2,565.98
610	SEWER		2,603.40
670	GARBAGE		2,308.03
		TOTAL	<u>16,831.93</u>
PAYROLL		9/1/2022	
001	GENERAL		6,465.56
		TOTAL	6,465.56
		TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>23,297.49</u>
		PAID TOTAL	<u><u>152,225.78</u></u>
001	GENERAL		31,322.28
110	ROAD USE TAX		80,417.76
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		7,139.00
175	POCKET PARK		83.33
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE		1,401.08
600	WATER		15,926.22
610	SEWER		8,535.99
670	GARBAGE		7,400.12
		TOTAL BY FUND	<u><u>152,225.78</u></u>

REVENUES	GENERAL	6,353.47
	ARPA	82,732.85
	ROAD USE TAX	12,896.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	719.63
	EMERGENCY LEVY	41.85
	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	11,017.58
	TIF	60.32
	POOL RESTRICTED	31,024.00
	DEBT SERVICE	785.47
	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND	71.01
	PERPETUAL CARE	160.00
	WATER	49,678.01
	SEWER	33,187.83
	GARBAGE	20,450.22
	STORM WATER	2,952.76
		<u><u>252,131.00</u></u>

Patrick Mooney and James Roetman provided the council with an EMS update.

Booth moved to approve the Fire 28E Agreement. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

After much discussion, Zylstra motioned to approve an increase in pay to \$60,000 effective next pay period, and to \$62,500 on July 1st, 2023, for Chief of Police Ben Aschenbrenner. Booth seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on ROW Tree Planting. No decision was made. Reed is directed to draft an ordinance to present at the next meeting.

Zylstra moved to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk