

The Paper

Our Town, Our Paper!



Laurens, Iowa



Vol. 18 No. 40

www.thepapernow.com

April 10, 2024

Local News

Celebrate ISU Extension and Outreach Week in Pocahontas County

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week is April 15-20. Iowa's 100 county extension offices will host "I Spy Cy" activities and educational events throughout the week to thank Iowans for their support of ISU Extension and Outreach throughout the state.

"This celebration is one way we show our appreciation for the people who participate in our educational programs, as well as the many volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies, and other partners who support our work in Pocahontas County," said Erica Svuba, Marketing and Program Coordinator.

ISU Extension and Outreach is part of the federal Cooperative Extension Service — a network of more than 100 land-grant institutions, including Iowa State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

serving communities and counties across the United States. Every county in Iowa has an elected extension council that decides how to support ISU Extension and Outreach educational programs at the county level.

The Pocahontas County Extension Council members are Bill Meyer, Chair; Cody Peterson, Vice Chair; Lola DeWall, Secretary; Mary Roberts, Treasurer; Avery Aden; Tiffany Clark; Andrew Frerk; Pat McNeive, and Brice Wenell.

"ISU Extension and Outreach delivers education, facilitates collaboration, and sparks action, conducting research and turning discoveries into practical applications. We engage all Iowans, including the people of Pocahontas County, on farms and Main Street, at home and in school, from urban neighborhoods to rural communities," Erica said.

For more information about ISU Extension and Outreach, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas or contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office at 712-335-3103.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext.

"Piano Man" to Perform at Fonda Arts Center

The "Piano Man", Kevin Anderson of Alta, returns to the Fonda Arts Center with a high energy afternoon of entertainment composed of a wide range of sacred and secular favorites.

Kevin began his musical journey with the piano in his early years, under the tutelage of his mother and grandmother, and experienced the ups and downs of being the only male pianist in his high school class. The payoff, however, has been a long career of sharing his music in lounges and on the road, and using this "universal language" to brighten the world of seniors who now live in what Kevin calls "wisdom homes".

All this happening at the Fonda Arts Center on Sunday afternoon, April 21st. beginning at 3 p.m. The Arts Center is on the northwest corner of Fourth & Main Streets in Fonda, and welcomes everyone with free admission, free refreshments!

Register Today for the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference

The Iowa State University Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship and America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Iowa invites veterans, active duty, reserve military, National Guard, military families, and their business partners to join us for the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference on May 3-4, 2024. Proudly sponsored by Iowa State University Debbie and Jerry Ivy College of Business and the Bergstrom Foundation, this conference provides a supportive environment for exploring entrepreneurship.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in tailored workshops, networking sessions, and gain access to invaluable resources. Whether you're looking to start your own business, or are already pursuing a business venture, this conference offers something for everyone.

We are honored to announce Allen Lazard, NFL player and founder of At the Top for Vets, as our keynote speaker. Allen's foundation has generously sponsored attendance for veterans, military personnel, their families, and business partners, making this event completely free to attend. Limited spots are available, so don't wait to register!

The conference includes an optional virtual pitch workshop on April 24, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., in preparation for the two pitch competitions that will take place during the conference on May 3, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

A welcome reception for all attendees will be held on May 3, from 5 – 7 p.m. with the main conference taking place on May 4, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Attendees will have the chance to connect with small business resources, on-site advisors, peers, and experts in various fields, ensuring entrepreneurship education and networking opportunities.

Organizations or companies serving veterans that are interested in sponsoring the conference or want to book an exhibitor table may visit the conference website for information.

For more information regarding the conference for both attendees and sponsors/exhibitors and to register for the event, head to Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference (isupjcenter.org). Please contact Jean Walsh, Iowa State Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship, 515-294-2776 or info@isupjcenter.org, with further questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference!

Our Town Our Paper!

I-29 Moo University April 17th Webinar to Focus on Dairy Pest Control

The I-29 Moo University 2024 Dairy Webinar Series continues Wednesday, April 17 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. CST. The webinar will feature a discussion on fly control with Dr. Phillip Jardon.

Discussion will cover the four main flies that are considered pests on dairies – house flies, stable flies, horn flies, and face flies.

“These flies all have some things in common but there are big differences in where they reproduce and where they eat that guide the control methods used for each,” according to Fred Hall, dairy specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “Join us to learn how we can use facts about flies to limit their populations.”

Dr. Jardon graduated from the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. He completed his Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine (MPVM) and Dairy Production Medicine Residency at UC-Davis.

Jardon has been in private practice and industry for 35 years with particular interest in transition cow diseases – a passion he has had since working on milk fever on his parent's dairy for his seventh-grade science fair project. Dr. Jardon worked as a Dairy Technical Consultant with Elanco Animal Health in California for the last eleven years and is currently a Dairy Extension Veterinarian at ISU.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, registration is required at least one hour before the webinar. Register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/FLYCONTROL24>.

For more information, contact: in Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230; in Minnesota, Jim Salfer, 320-203-6093; or in South Dakota, Patricia Villamediana, 605-688-4116. 2

At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
April 10, 2024

Iowa Author Ann Hanigan Kotz will be visiting us April 17 at 2 p.m. Her debut novel, *The Journey of Karoline Olsen*, is based on her own family's Norwegian immigrant heritage, traced back to its roots and re-imagined through a fictional story. Join us to learn about the writing and research process from this retired English teacher. She will allow plenty of time to answer questions, and to autograph any book you wish to purchase.

Our Book Club choice for April is *The Last Ticket* by Freya Sampson. One reviewer calls it, "a beautifully uplifting novel about how a shared common experience among strangers can transform lives in the most marvelous ways." Grab a copy and plan to join our discussion Monday April 22nd (4th Monday!) at 7 p.m.

New books this week include: *Get it together: Troubling tales from the liberal fringe* by Jesse Watters, *The Sleepwalkers* by Scarlet Thomas and *James* by Percival Everett. We also received a selection of new board books from the Clevelands in memory of their grandson Elijah on his birthday.

Dates to Remember

April 15 @ 5:30 p.m. - Evening Tot Time

April 17 @ 2 p.m. - Iowa Author Ann Hannigan Kotz

April 22 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *The Last Ticket* by Freya Sampson

April 23 @ 6:30 p.m. - Cards with Brenda

May 7 @ 3:45-5 p.m. - Kids Make & Take Flowers

May 7 @ 6:30 p.m. - Take it Tuesday Planter Decorations

May 1 & 20 - Evening Tot Time

May 28 @ 1:30 p.m. - Iowa Scenic Views by Foot

June 12 @ 6:30 p.m. - Dinosaur Dimensions!

June 19 – August 14 @ 11 a.m. - Kids Summer Reading!

June 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - Garden Fresh Eats with ISU Extension

July 17 @ 11 a.m. - The Dulcimer Guy

July 31 @ 6:30 p.m. - Preserving from your Garden with ISU Extension



The Paper

Published weekly by
My Laurens, Inc.
112 Walnut St.
Laurens, IA 50554

Phone:
(712) 841-2684

Fax:
(712) 841-4662

Website:
www.thepapernow.com

E-mail:
publisher@mylaurens.com

Publisher:
Rodney Johnson

Editor:
Amanda Tendal

Rights to Use Content: The Paper, its content, archived materials, and our websites, are provided solely for your personal, non-commercial use. The Paper, its content, our websites and all the materials available on our websites are the property of My Laurens, Inc., and are protected by applicable copyright, trademark, and intellectual property laws. You may download, print or transmit The Paper for your personal, non-commercial use. Any commercial use of copyrighted materials requires prior authorization from My Laurens, Inc. Unless explicitly authorized by My Laurens, Inc., you may not modify copy, create derivative works, reproduce, republish, transmit, sell, or distribute in any manner or medium (including by email or other electronic means) any material from The Paper or our websites for commercial purposes. You may not use The Paper or materials available on our websites, in a manner that constitutes an infringement of our intellectual property rights/copyrights or that has not been authorized by My Laurens, Inc. For information about requesting permission to reproduce or distribute materials from The Paper, please contact My Laurens, Inc. at (712) 841-2684 or publisher@mylaurens.com.

I-29 Moo University May 9th Webinar to Focus on Crossbreeding for Improved Health and Profitability on Dairy Farms

The I-29 Moo University 2024 Dairy Webinar Series continues Thursday, May 9 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. CDT. The webinar will feature a discussion on crossbreeding systems to improve profitability of dairy farms.

Dr. Brad Heins, Professor of Dairy Management at the University of Minnesota's West Central Research Center, will lead the discussion about 3-breed rotational crossbreeding systems to improve profitability of dairy farms focusing on production, feed intake, health treatments, and profitability of 3-breed crossbreds compared to Holsteins for commercial dairy production.

Heins conducts his research at the University of Minnesota's West Central Research and Outreach Center in Morris, Minn. The Center has a 130-head herd in a certified organic system, and a 160-head herd in a conventional grazing system. His research and extension program focuses on best management practices for dairy production, crossbreeding of dairy cattle, group rearing of calves, and renewable energy for dairy production systems. Heins serves on the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture Board of Directors.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, registration is required at least one hour before the webinar. Register online at: <https://go.iastate.edu/CROSSBREEDING>

For more information, contact: in Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230; in Minnesota, Jim Salfer, 320-203-6093; or in South Dakota, Patricia Villamediana, 605-688-4116.

Laurens Women's Club to Meet

The Laurens Women's Club will meet Friday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. at West Iowa Bank in Laurens. The program will be about "Kaleidoscope from Pocahontas". Ann Beneke will give the book report. Members of the serving committee will be Evelyn Hakes and Betty VanHorsen.

Laurens Golf & Country Club

FISH FRY

FRIDAY
April 12th, 2024

Serving from:
5pm - 7:30pm

OR UNTIL IT'S GONE

MEAL INCLUDES:
BAKED POTATO,
BEANS,
COLESLAW

4PC MEAL - \$15
6PC MEAL - \$17

PUBLIC WELCOME!!

Please add \$1 for carry-out

This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: April 10, 2024

7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

Sunday: April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

9:15 AM - Adult SS

9:30 AM - Youth SS & Coffee

Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship

Tuesday: April 16, 2024

8:30 AM - Prayer Group

9:30 AM - Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Thursday: April 18, 2024

2:00 PM - Circle Group

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



Bethany
LUTHERAN CHURCH
North American Lutheran Church

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Deb Parkison

Week of April 7:

**The Emmaus "Face to Face" event
has been cancelled for the week.**

Wednesday, April 10:

Caring Cards will meet in Fellowship
Hall from 6:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, April 14:

9:15 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Fellowship Coffee

10:30 AM - Worship Service

Native American Ministries Sunday

Wednesday, April 17:

Laurens Administrative Council
Meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Wesley
Room of the UMC



The
United
Methodist
Church

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Thursday, April 11

2-5 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

Saturday, April 13

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Clothes Closet
Open

Sunday, April 14

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship



Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

**Pocahontas, IA -- Priest:
Father Paul Nguyen**

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

How to Address Fertility Needs of Drought Damaged Pasture

Resources available to improve pasture fertility and yield

Many pastures and hayfields across the state continue to recover from the dry conditions of 2023. One way to help boost forage production and help forages recover from these dry conditions is by addressing fertility needs.

Rebecca Vittetoe, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, said that while fertilization for perennial forages is often overlooked, it's just as vital as it is for row crops to maximize productivity.

"It is important to know what nutrients – particularly phosphorus, potassium and lime – your forages really need," she said. "And the only way to know is to soil test."

Nutrient determinations. Two publications from ISU Extension and Outreach provide some useful guidance. "Take a Good Soil Sample to Help Make Good Fertilization Decisions" provides more information on soil sampling.

Soils that test low or very low will benefit the most from P and K fertilization, Vittetoe said, and the publication "A General Guide for Crop Nutrient and Limestone Recommendations in Iowa" can help you interpret your soil test results.

"For example, if your soil test for an alfalfa-grass pasture comes back as 20 ppm P (Bray P1) and 130 ppm K (dry), we can look at Table 10 in the crop nutrient publication and see that it would be recommended to apply 90 pounds P205 per acre and 250 pounds K20 per acre, because both the P and K are in the low testing category," she said.

Also, remember that forage harvest removes a lot of P and K. Table 2 in the crop nutrient publication provides information to estimate crop removal rates. You want to put back at least what you take off; however, if you cannot afford a full removal rate, put on what you can afford. If you must choose between P and K, prioritize the K because forages have a higher K removal rate.

If soils are very low or low in P or K, the recommendation is to apply P and K either in the early spring or in the fall to help boost forage production. For soils that test in the optimum category, the timing of P and K applications is more flexible.

Vittetoe reminded producers not to forget about soil pH because it also impacts forage productivity and nutrient availability.

"In your soil test results, the soil pH indicates if we need to add lime, and the buffer pH tells how much lime is needed," she said. "A soil pH of around 6.0 is recommended for grass-based hayfields and pastures. To encourage and maintain legumes, try to maintain a pH of 6.5 for clovers and birdsfoot trefoil and a pH of 6.9 for alfalfa."

Also in the crop nutrient publication, producers should use Table 16 to determine lime needs, and follow the typical recommendations for the 2-inch or 3-inch depth when determining how much lime to apply in pastures.

"Producers often ask if pelletized lime or ag lime should be used. Both forms of lime are effective," Vittetoe said. "However, pelletized lime tends to work faster than the ag lime, which tends to take longer, but has more longevity. Like P and K, application is typically recommended in early spring or fall."

Nitrogen considerations. If producers take a first cutting of hay off prior to grazing, they may want a more aggressive nitrogen rate compared to resting their pasture prior to turn out. If you have tall fescue, be cautious to not over-fertilize with nitrogen.

Suggested N application rates are found in tables 1 and 2 in the publication "Boosting Pasture Production." From a timing perspective, N can be applied either once annually or split-applied. Single applications typically are made in early spring, March or April. If split-applying N, apply in the early spring and again in August.

To minimize nitrogen losses, using ammonium sulfate or urea coated with a urease inhibitor is often preferred. Liquid nitrogen can work well if producers want to apply herbicide with the fertilizer, Vittetoe said. However, be aware you may see nitrogen burn on the forage. Let the grass recover from this prior to baling or grazing.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomist with any questions or concerns.

Our Town Our Paper!

Dairy Team Webinar May 15

Webinar to Focus on Fermenting Whey to Produce Spirits

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team monthly webinar series continues Wednesday, May 15, from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The program will feature Curt Basina from Copper Crow Distillery discussing the fermentation and distillation of lactose sugar found in whey to produce ethanol. Basina will also focus on some of the issues faced using whey in distillation, including legal requirements associated with distillation.

Basina and his wife Linda are the owners of Copper Crow Distillery in Bayfield, Wis. Copper Crow is located on the Red Cliff Indian Reservation and is the first Native American-owned distillery in the United States.

Copper Crow is well known in the industry for being on the cutting edge in the fermentation and distillation of whey, a byproduct of the cheese making industry, to produce award-winning spirits including vodka and gin produced from whey permeate. Whey spirits are also used in the production of their amaretto and aquavit.

Producers, dairy consultants, and industry reps are encouraged to attend the free webinar live from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on May 15. Registration must be completed at least one hour prior to the program. Register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/WHEY>.

For more information, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist in your area: in Northwest Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230 or fredhall@iastate.edu; in Northeast Iowa, Jennifer Bentley, 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu; in East Central Iowa, Larry Tranel, 563-583-6496 or tranel@iastate.edu; in Ames, Dr. Gail Carpenter, 515-294-9085 or ajcarpen@iastate.edu.

Farm Custom Rate Survey Shows What Iowans Are Charging and Paying in 2024

Newly released survey includes averages and ranges for popular farming tasks in Iowa

Farmers who depend on custom work or provide custom services can review rates charged by others across the state in the latest Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey.

The 2024 report was published in the March edition of Ag Decision Maker and includes 130 responses and 2,805 custom rates provided by Iowa farmers, custom operators and farm managers.

Farm tasks in the report include everything from planting to harvest, with cost data that reflect the average, median and range for each task.

The rates in the report are expected to be charged or paid in 2024, and they include fuel and labor (unless otherwise noted). The average price for diesel fuel (highway-retail including taxes) was assumed to be \$3.92 per gallon (as projected by the U.S. Energy Information Administration in early February 2024). Rental rates for some machinery items are shown in

the last section of the report, along with a worksheet for estimating rental rates for other items.

Ann Johanns, program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and editor of Ag Decision Maker, said this year's numbers seem more in line with the current farm economy.

"We've seen increases in rates the past two years (3% to 10% and 10% to 15%)," said Johanns. "The steady to slight decline in rates generally seen across the 2024 survey is closer to changes observed prior to the last two years."

While the projected fuel price increased, production challenges and crop prices seem to have impacted custom rates as well.

Johanns said it's important for custom operators to know the market for custom farming and to know their costs.

"If the custom operator isn't covering their costs, they are operating at a loss," she said. "If they don't have a good handle on their cost to operate, there are helpful resources on Ag Decision Maker."

New for 2024 is additional insight into who responded to each operation shown. Of the 2,468 who responded with usable rates: 48% are service providers, 32% are service users, 8% are both service providers and users, and 12% are unknown. The sources of the 69 rates reported for machinery rentals are: 38% machinery owners, 35% machinery renters, 11% machinery owners and renters, and 12% unknown. The sources of the 108 rates reported for wages are: 81% employers,

7% employees, 2% employer and employee, and 9% unknown.

The rate survey is intended only as a guide. Actual custom rates may vary according to availability of machinery in a given area, timeliness, operator skill, field size and shape, crop conditions and the performance characteristics of the machine being used.

"Ultimately, the Custom Rate survey is a starting point in discussions, but any custom rate charged, or paid, should cover the operator's cost of owning and operating the machinery being used," said Johanns. "Just using the results of the survey alone might not be the right answer for an individual operation."

Past publications of the Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey are also available online.

Send Your News to
The Paper!
www.thepapernow.com

100% User
Generated Content!

Subscribe and
Submit **TODAY!**

Walk With Ease into Better Health

Although walking is a safe activity that benefits health, sometimes it can be difficult to start a walking program and stay motivated. That is why Iowa State University is offering Walk With Ease to help Iowans ease into better health, says Dawn Dunnegan, a human sciences specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Walk With Ease is a six-week, evidence-based program developed by the Arthritis Foundation. It is endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help older adults establish healthy patterns of physical activity through walking, said Dunnegan, who specializes in family wellbeing.

Over 600,000 Iowans live with arthritis and suffer from pain and its limitations. According to CDC reports, an estimated 53.2 million adults in the United States have had a medical diagnosis of arthritis.

Arthritis symptoms can be a barrier to physical activity, and inactivity among people with arthritis is associated with other conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and functional limitations. However, regular physical activity can be an important way to reduce pain, improve function and manage

symptoms for people with arthritis and other chronic conditions. Walk With Ease participants learn to build healthy habits. They also learn how to increase their strength, flexibility and balance, which helps to reduce the risk of falls, Dunnegan noted.

Iowa State University is partnering with Iowa Community HUB to enhance the scope and reach of arthritis programming across the state. The project, funded through a cooperative agreement with the CDC will help build capacity for Walk With Ease to be offered more broadly. ISU Extension and Outreach, Area Agencies on Aging, YMCAs and other community health educators are being trained to offer programs in Iowa communities. A strength of the program is that it can be offered in group settings or through virtual (self-directed) formats as well as hybrid options that include both elements.

Participants in Walk With Ease engage in structured walking sessions that enhance joint flexibility, cardiovascular fitness and mental resilience. The program caters to diverse fitness levels, ensuring inclusivity for all, Dunnegan continued. As a certified Walk With Ease facilitator, Dunnegan inspires participants to embrace movement, connect with others and thrive.

Organizations that would like to partner with ISU Extension and Outreach to offer Walk With Ease locally may contact their ISU Extension and Outreach

county office to connect with a human sciences specialist in family wellbeing.

Walking can improve cardiovascular health, help people who have diabetes, assist with weight maintenance and provide many other health benefits. Joining a walking group also can help support positive mental health and connections to others, Dunnegan said.

“Let’s walk together toward better health! Whether you’re stepping out virtually or hitting the pavement in person, Walk With Ease invites you to be part of a stronger, healthier Iowa,” Dunnegan said.

For more information about the Walk With Ease program, visit the Walk With Ease @ ISU website, www.walkwitheaseisu.org/.

Send Your News to
The Paper!
www.thepapernow.com
100% User
Generated Content!
Subscribe and
Submit **TODAY!**

City Council Minutes

April 1st, 2024

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1st, 2024. 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, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben.

Booth moved to approve moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the March 18th, 2024, meeting, and the list of claims. Jamison seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 04-01-24

A&M SERVICES, INC.	RUGS, RAGS, MOPS	89.36
ACCO	CHEMICALS	2,616.10
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY GAS BILL	381.69
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	142.82
AUTO BODY CLINIC	DAMAGED REPAIRS ON POLICE CAR	7,048.78
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	665.48
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	29.29
CAMERSON GRAFF	FIRE SCHOOL TRAINING	245.26
CENGAGE	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	187.43
GFC LEASING-WI	COPIER MAINT.	382.81
HALLET MATERIALS	FILL DIRT	103.93
HILARY REED	PCEDC MEETING	36.16
IACMA	RETIREMENT 457	600.00
IRS	FED/FICA	5,947.04
IPERS	IPERS	6,129.02
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	1,798.24
JCL SOLUTIONS	BATHROOM SUPPLIES	156.21
KLATT REPAIR	SHELTER HOUSE DOORS	2,961.67
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	ANNUAL DUES	50.00
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	CARD APPLICATION	55.00
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE & INTERNET	544.92
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	6,589.12
LAURENS PLUMBING SERVICE	BATHROOM MAINT.	134.50
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	3/8 ROCK	142.80
POCAHONTS CO TREASURER	FARM TAXES	1,120.00
PRIME BENEFITS SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE	2,087.50
RSM US LLP	TECH SUPPORT	5.00
SANDE CONSTRUCTION	PAY REQUEST #7	270,990.35
SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	PUMPER PAYMENT	1,461.34
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS	PAPER SHREDDING	26.00
THE STORM LAKE TIMES	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	96.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	MARCH SALES TAXES	5,216.11
TRUCK EQUIPMENT	BROOM FOR STREET SWEEPER	706.86
US BANK	SUPPLIES	658.14
USA BLUE BOOK	GLOVES, EAR PLUGS	427.10
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONE	101.58
VISUAL EDGE IT	MONTHLY COPIES	55.25
WATER EDGE	DESIGN ENGR-POOL	10,200.00
	TOTAL	<u>330,188.86</u>

PAYROLL		3/18/2024	
001	GENERAL		7,234.18
210	ROAD USE TAX		1,766.75

City Council Minutes

600	WATER	2,921.12
610	SEWER	2,725.60
670	GARBAGE	2,258.82
	TOTAL	<u>16,906.47</u>
	PAYROLL TOTAL	<u>16,906.47</u>
	PAID TOTAL	<u><u>347,095.33</u></u>

001	GENERAL	30,384.15
110	ROAD USE TAX	4,495.44
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,448.11
174	POOL RESTRICTED	281,190.35
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE COMMITTEE	2,961.67
600	WATER	14,849.61
610	SEWER	6,818.46
670	GARBAGE	4,947.54
	TOTAL BY FUND	<u><u>347,095.33</u></u>

Discussion was held on the Proposed Community Center.

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 05-24 – Appointment of Rebecca Bingham to the Library Board and thanked the Late Lois Jergins for her time served. Zylstra seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Booth moved to approve sending the Dodge Ram and Dodge charger into auction at The Sale Barn. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Christenson moved to approve Ordinance 03-24 Maximum Number of Vehicles and Off-Street Private Parking second reading and waive the third reading. Swanson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Booth moved to accept Ryno’s Lawnmowing and Landscaping Bid for 2024 Nuisance Bids. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Johnson read the Keep Laurens Beautiful Proclamation and proclaimed April as Keep Laurens Beautiful month. Jamison moved to approve setting the FY25 Budget hearing for Monday, April 22nd at 12:00 p.m. Booth seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to approve Pay Request #7 to Sande Construction. Swanson second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamison moved to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk

April 1st, 2024

The Laurens City Council met in special session at the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1st, 2024 for the FY25 Proposed Property Tax Hearing. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, Loren Booth, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, City Manager Hilary Reed, Public Works Director Julian Johnson, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben. Council Member Jamison was absent.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 4:30. There were no written or oral complaints. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing for the FY25 Proposed Property Tax at 4:35.

Booth moved to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk