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Local News

Laurens Women's Club Donates to 5th Grade Field Trip

Laurens-Marathon 5th Grade teacher, Julie Hjerleid, is pictured receiving a check from the Laurens Women's Club, presented by Jackie Stelter, for their trip to Des Moines in May. Because fifth grade is when Iowa history is taught, this trip goes to various places in Des Moines that are of historical interest, like the capitol building, the historical building, the Hy-Vee Hall, and various other statues and monuments.



Color-A-Thon Sign up TODAY! Bring a FRIEND!

Charger Pride/Fit Exercise Studio 3K/5K Color-a-thon

Event: Saturday, July 8, 2017 (during Laurens Summer Celebration)

Register Online Today at: <http://shop.schoolathon.org/184650>

Teen Space at the Library

April 25 was an exciting day at the Laurens Public Library – it's the day our Teen Space furniture arrived! We can already tell this is going to be a great spot for homework, collaboration and socializing. Each of the 4 pieces is easily movable, so it can be reconfigured, or stashed out of the way when it's time for a library program.

Pictured are Gabby Lane, Logan Lane, Wendy Martinez and Librarian Glenda Mulder.

This purchase was made possible by a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation.



At the Library with Glenda Mulder May 3, 2017

We are really getting excited for our program *Diet: Myths vs Reality* at 7 pm next Tuesday, May 9th. UnityPoint's Registered Dietitian, Kayli Stumpf will be here to separate myth from fact on this complex topic. She will cover a whole range of trends related to our diet; diabetic, low fat, gluten free, low sodium and of course what we know as "dieting." Join us in learning how some small changes can lead to a healthier you!

New novels lately include *Against All Odds* by Danielle Steel, *Into The Water* by *Girl on the Train* author Paula Hawkins (CD Audiobook too), *Broken Road* by Richard Paul Evans (CD Audiobook too), *To the Stars Through Difficulties* by Romal Tilghman, *Beartown* by Frederick Bachman and Robert B. Parker's *Little White Lies* by Ace Atkins.

Have you seen our new Teen Space furniture? We are pretty excited that it has finally arrived. The first day it was here we had kids plop right down and work on homework! Of course, we also have found it to be a great place for games or socializing. Each of the four pieces is easily movable, so you never know where we will put it next! This furniture was purchased thanks to a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation.

COMING EVENTS

- Tot Time every Monday at 10 a.m.
- Card Making 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Take it Tuesday - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 - Book Club 4th Monday at 7 p.m.
- Diet: Myths vs Reality 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9
- "German Iowa & the Global Midwest" July 5-17

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FRIDAY: REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

SATURDAY: 9 a.m - 4 p.m.

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(Friday only)
TOWN & COUNTRY FLORAL
VINTAGE MARKETPLACE



**Tractor, Skid Loader, Antique Car, Tool & Household Auction
Sunday, May 07, 2017**

Located: 22556 213th Avenue, OR from corner of Hwy 71 & 6th Street, 1 ¼ Mi. West, turn South on 213th Ave. to second building, rural Milford, Ia.

Tractor & Skid Loader: 1938 John Deere B tractor, partial restored* Case 1816 skid loader*

Tools: Craftsman belt & disc sander* Pro Tech 10" miter saw* Craftsman Oscillating spindle sander* Craftsman 12" band saw* Craftsman shaper on stand* Craftsman shaper on stand* Craftsman 12 ½" thickness planer* B & D 10" radial arm saw* 30" long arm jig saw w/ steel seat* Sears 2 HP air compressor* Sanborn upright air compressor* Logan metal lathe* Delta Milwaukee floor band saw* Bench master milling machine* Dust collector system* Router w/table* Bench grinder* Sm metal cutter* 4" bench vise* Craftsman 4 drawer chest w/bottom storage* 2 1/4 Ton floor jack* Double door metal cabinet* Stanley tool chest* Drill press on stand* Delta 10" table saw* Peter Wright anvil w/wedge* Router w/bits* 10" table saw* 1 HP Advance Tech Air Comp* Twentieth Century welder* LP torch set w/tanks* Many hand sanders & grinders* Engine stand* Shop benches* 5 drawer metal map cabinet* **RAILROAD FREIGHT CART*** Drop cords* Misc. nuts, bolts & screws* Log chains* Avery jack* Laminate trimmer* Combination ladder* 2- wood ladders* Many misc. size clamps* Yard tools* Wheel barrow* Misc. lumber* Building material* Antique tool chest* Antique tools*

Antique Household & Maynard Reese Pictures: Oak ice box, original* Bakers rack* Metal butter churn* Dressers* Sm. Hutch* Spinning wheel* Wine barrel* Blonde table w/6 chairs, nice* White iron bed* Glider chair* 2- Maynard Reese pictures* Hall tree* Toys* Western 5 gal. crock* Old Tin ceiling tile* Bird bath* tomato cages* Sleds* **GREEN EGG MACHINE GRILL*** Dorm refrigerator and much more misc. items.

Lawn Mower: 2006 JD X300 42" deck riding lawn mower w, bagger & 565 hrs.

**The Late John Steinkamp, Pioneer Beach, Spirit Lake, Ia.
Mary Steinkamp, Owner**

The Late Robert "Bob" McMickle, Pelican Ridge, Arnolds Park, Ia.

Auctioneer: Greg A. Nattress, Milford, Ia., 712.330.1904

Clerk: Nattress Clerking, Milford, Ia., Brenda 712.330.4631 Or Shirley 712.330.1904

Gobble Stop on grounds

**Pocahontas
Community Hospital**



An Affiliate of  UnityPoint Health

**You are cordially invited to attend
Pocahontas Community Hospital's
50th Anniversary Celebration!!**

Monday, June 5, 2017

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Expo Center, Pocahontas, Iowa

The Pocahontas County Cattlemen will be grilling hamburgers provided by the Pocahontas Community Hospital

This will be a come and go event with educational tables and raffle drawings. There will also be a short program beginning at 5 p.m.

We hope that you will be able to join us to help celebrate 50 years of serving the healthcare needs of the people of Pocahontas County!

Fisher Hydraulics in Laurens, IA is currently accepting applications for the following:

**Welder for 1st shift employment
Machinists for 2nd shift employment**

We are seeking dependable and motivated applicants. Experience is preferred but we are willing to train the right applicants. Come work in a team oriented and friendly atmosphere with state of the art equipment. Shift premium is paid during training and overtime is available. Pay increases available after 90 days and every 6 months thereafter to top of pay scale.

A Pre-employment Drug Screen is required. **Fisher Hydraulics** is an Equal Opportunity Employer offering expanded benefits that include Competitive Wages, Medical, Dental, Flexible Spending Accounts, STD/LTD, and Life Insurance Plans, 401K Plan, paid Personal & Vacation days, & paid Holidays.

To apply: Call 712-845-2634 ext. 113, during the hours of 7:00 am-4:30 pm, Mon.-Thurs. and speak with Diane. You may also stop in and fill out an application.

Fisher Hydraulics
a LIGON company

You are invited to a Tailgate
Bridal Shower for Kelsey Slattery,
bride elect of Andrew Lynch and daughter of
Dennis & Chantelle Slattery

on Saturday, May 20th from 10:30 to Noon
at

Gary & Traci Heuton's Garage
536 Allen Street in Laurens, Iowa

BRIDAL SHOWER

Registered at: Heart 'n Home, Target,
and Bed, Bath, & Beyond



MARATHON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ARE COOKING.....

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LETTUCE SALAD, GARLIC BREAD OR NON-GARLIC BREAD

AND ICE CREAM SUNDAES

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

SERVING 11 – 1:30

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COME FOR GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP!!

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



Spring
OPEN HOUSE

Town & Country Floral is celebrating 40 years at their upcoming Spring Open House!

Friday, May 5 - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, May 6 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us for root beer floats, specials and door prizes!!

Town & Country Floral Mother's Day Specials

1 dozen vased roses - \$39.99

Mixed Spring Bouquet - \$34.99

Large Spring Outdoor Sprinkling Cans - \$39.99

(assorted styles and colors)

Order Early! Call: 841-4616

HAPPY 
Mother's
Day

Spring Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

2017 Laurens Summer Ball
Concession Stand Help Needed!

We have games in Laurens Tuesday through Friday starting May 24-June 23. Games are at 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

If you are able and willing to help, please contact:

Allison Price cell: 314-413-6402

Home: 845-2327

E-mail: allison1971@sbcglobal.net

Community Clean Up Days

Come help get the ball fields ready for the youth softball/baseball season

Saturday, May 6th ~ 3 pm – 6 pm

Sunday, May 7th ~ 1 pm – 6 pm



Come when you can and help pull some weeds, clean the concessions, bathrooms and other clean up.

Let's have a great place for the kids to play ball this summer.

If inclement weather, postponed to May 13 3-6 pm.

***POSSIBLE VACANCY
LAURENS-MARATHON SCHOOL
2016-2017
Teacher Associate Position***

Teacher Associate -Will be working with special needs students

Interested applicants need to send a resume/ application to:

Jeff Kruse, Superintendent
Laurens-Marathon CSD

300 W Garfield St., Laurens, Iowa 50554

Or Call Troy Oehlertz, Principal at 712-841-5000

Position will be opened until filled
E.O.E/AA

***Part-Time Help Wanted:
Office Utility Person Wanted***

We are looking to add a part-time position to our office team! The job duties require basic computer knowledge, the ability to stand or sit for more than four hours a day and occasionally lift over 30 pounds. This position may turn into full-time for the right person. 20-25 hours per week to start, possible flexible hours. Stop in and apply today at: 112 Walnut St., Laurens (Ration Maker Building at corner of 1st & Walnut)
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Bridal Shower

Come and go bridal shower for Megan Meyer, bride-elect of Brian Josephson on Sunday, May 7th from 3:00-5:00 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. The couple is registered at The Straw Horse in Albert City.

Laurens Alcoholics

Anonymous

Every Friday evening an AA meeting is held at the First Christian Church located at: 324 West Section Line Rd., Laurens. Meetings start at 7p.m.

Bridal Shower

Let's Shower Amanda Hanson, the future Mrs. Gustafson, on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Laurens United Methodist Church, 201 W. Main Street, Laurens.

Come and go with a short program at 10:30 a.m.

Amanda is registered at: Heart 'n Home, Target and Menards. Please bring your favorite recipe to share with Amanda.



The Laurens Area Youth Group is beginning a Backpack project for Foster children and other displaced children. Below is a list of supplies that we will be using to fill the Backpacks. If you would like to donate any of these items or give a monetary donation to purchase items please contact Angie at 712-450-0295.

We are also collecting New or Gently Used Backpacks and Duffle bags.

Infants 0-3

Baby wipes
Baby tooth brush and toothpaste
Baby shampoo and lotion
Brush or Comb
Age appropriate toys
Blankets
Bibs
Pacifier

Ages 6-12

Tooth brush and toothpaste
Shampoo and lotion
Brush or Comb
Age appropriate toys
Games
Books/Magazines/Activity Books
Personal Hygiene items (older youth)
School items (notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, etc.)

Toddler 3-6

Tooth brush and toothpaste
Shampoo and lotion
Brush or Comb
Age appropriate toys
Books
Small puzzles or games
Color books/colors
Play Dough

Ages 12-18

Tooth brush and toothpaste
Shampoo and lotion
Brush or Comb
Games
Books/Magazines/Activity Books
Personal Hygiene items
School items (notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, etc.)



This Week at First Christian Church

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, May 3

1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers
7:00 p.m. - Mission Council

Thursday, May 4

2:00 p.m. - C.W.F.

Friday, May 5

7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
6:00-8:00 p.m. - Youth Group (JR. High)



This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Thursday: May 4, 2017

7:00 AM - National Day of Prayer Breakfast
at UMC

Sunday: May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM - SS & Confirmation
9:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship
9:15 AM - Adult SS
10:30 AM - Worship w/Communion & Rite
of Confirmation
5:00 PM - Youth Board Mtg. at UMC
6:00 PM - Youth Group (JH & HS) at
SHCC (Movie & Popcorn)

Tuesday: May 9, 2017

10:00 AM - Coffee Time

Wednesday: May 10, 2017

7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

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



This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Thurs., May 4th:

UMW General meeting @ 6 p.m.
NO UMW Executive Board meeting.

Fri., May 5th:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., May 7th:

Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.



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Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Pastor ~ Father Francis Makwinja

Weekday Mass : Friday, 8:00 AM

Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:00 PM (March - June)

Cluster Parishes:

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids

Weekday Mass: Monday & Wednesday, 8:00 AM

Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10:30 AM (March - June))

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM

Weekend Mass: Sunday, 8:30 AM (March- June)



2017 Pocahontas County Fair Livestock Identification

All 4-H and FFA members must have their livestock identified no later than May 15. Open bottle calf and lamb must have their paper identifications turned into the ISU Extension and Outreach Office Pocahontas County no later than May 15.

If you need help or have any questions regarding livestock identification, please contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office at 712-335-3103 or e-mail: lzeman@iastate.edu.

4-H and FFA Poultry

All poultry that will be exhibited at the 2017 Pocahontas Fair must be leg banded and pullorum tested Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Fair Grounds.

If you have any questions regarding this identification process, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu.

“Healthy Meals in a Hurry”

Time saving, cost saving, and nutritious meals are the features of the program. Learn how to do all three with “cook now and eat later” cooking. Cook once every two weeks! Tips and recipes will be featured.

“Healthy Meals in a Hurry” will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office. Nutrition and Wellness Program Specialist Katie Knobbe will conduct the class at 6 p.m. Leave with tips, recipes – a low sodium dry cream soup mix and freezer ready stuffed pasta shells! Cost is \$20.00. To register call the Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103. Please register by Tuesday, May 9.

4-H and FFA Rabbit

All rabbits that will be exhibited at the 2017 Pocahontas County Fair must be tattooed and identified in your 4HOnline account. If you need assistance with the rabbit tattoo, you may bring your rabbit to the Pocahontas County Fair Grounds, Wednesday, May 3, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

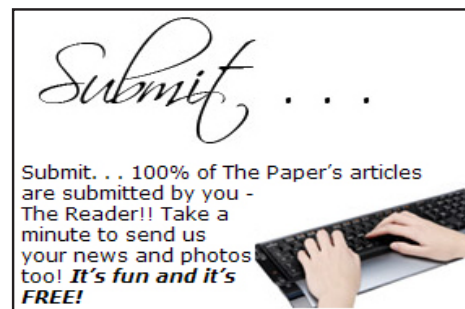
If you have any questions regarding the rabbit identification process, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103 or e-mail: lzeman@iastate.edu.

Gilmore City Gardening Open House & Plant Sale

Gilmore City Gardening Open House & Plant Sale will be Thursday, May 11th , 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Gilmore City-Bradgate Elementary School, Gilmore City.

Come learn how to successfully grow plants in containers, how to use herbs in snacks, the importance of pollinators, and a way to mark what you are doing. This event is FREE and all are welcome!

Please join us for a free-will donation pizza supper!



Yard and Garden: Container Gardening

By Richard Jauron and Greg Wallace

A traditional home garden is a popular way to grow vegetables, but it's far from the only way. Growing vegetable plants in containers can also produce a bountiful crop, although care must be taken to ensure meaningful growth.

ISU Extension and Outreach horticulturists can help answer your questions about how to best handle container growing of vegetables. To have additional questions answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

I would like to grow vegetables in containers. Can I use garden soil or should I purchase a commercial potting mix? Plants grown in containers require a well-drained growing medium. Garden soil alone is not a good growing medium. Garden soil compacts when placed in a container, resulting in poor water drainage and aeration. Soil also pulls away from the inside of the container when it dries, making it difficult to properly water plants. A homemade potting mix can be prepared using equal amounts (volumes) of garden soil, sphagnum peat moss, and perlite.

A commercial potting mix is often the best choice when

gardening in containers. The quality of commercial potting mixes varies considerably. Poor quality potting mixes are often inexpensive, black, heavy, and don't drain well. High quality commercial potting mixes are lightweight, well-drained, free of plant disease organisms and weed seeds, retain moisture and nutrients well, and don't readily compact. Commercial potting mixes can be purchased at garden centers and many other retailers.

What type of container can be used to grow vegetables? Containers may be plastic, clay, ceramic or wood. The container must be able to hold an adequate amount of potting soil and have drainage holes in the bottom. Drill drainage holes in plastic and wooden containers, if no drainage holes are provided.

In regards to size, several leaf lettuce or spinach plants can be grown in a one gallon container. A single pepper or eggplant can be grown in a two gallon container, while a four gallon container would be necessary for a single tomato plant.

Which tomato varieties are best suited to containers? Determinate tomato cultivars are best suited to growing in containers. Determinate tomatoes are small, compact plants. They grow to a certain height, then flower and set all their fruit within a short period of time. Indeterminate tomatoes are large, sprawling plants which get too

large for most containers.

Suggested tomato cultivars for containers include 'Bush Early Girl,' 'Better Bush,' 'Celebrity,' 'Patio Hybrid,' 'Patio Princess,' Sweet 'n Neat Scarlet' (cherry), and 'Sweet Zen' (grape).

Can vine crops be grown in containers? Most cucumbers, melons, and squashes are not well suited to containers as they are large, sprawling plants. However, bush-type cucumbers and summer squash can be grown in containers. Bush-type cucumber cultivars suitable for containers include 'Spacemaster,' 'Salad Bush,' 'Pickle Bush,' and 'Patio Snacker.' Bush-type summer squash, such as 'Zucchini Elite,' 'Gold Rush,' 'Sunburst,' and 'Patio Star,' can also be grown in containers.



April 25, 2017

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 11:30 a.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Ben Storms and Jerry Runneberg. Also present were General Manager Chad Cleveland and guests Dana Snow, Mayor of Marathon, Doug Enger, Councilman of Marathon, and Rob Hach, owner of Trusted Energy.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to amend and approve the agenda for the April 25, 2017 meeting by adding 5.B Property & Liability Insurance Renewal. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current Power Supply Agreement between the City of Marathon and Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant. Discussion was also held on the proposed solar farm to be built on the Northwest side of Marathon. The City of Marathon currently gets all of their electricity from Laurens and would like to purchase some of their power needs from the solar farm. The Board of Trustees stated that they are willing to work with the City of Marathon but would need to make sure our Power Supply Agreement allows this. If for some reason there are any issues, we may need to amend the agreement. No specific action was taken at this time.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the summary of receipts for March 2017 in the amount of \$538,133.00 and the list of expenses for March 2017 in the amount of \$346,236.28. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R Electric	\$ 320,739.15		
A/R Communications	\$ 75,152.59		
Carrier Access Fees	\$ 5,552.34		
Electric Write off Recoveries	\$ 710.00		
Comm. Write-off Recoveries	\$ 80.33		
Electric Deposits	\$ 1,330.00		
Internet Deposits	\$ 376.00		
Telephone Deposits	\$ 50.00		
Cable TV Deposits	\$ 69.00		
Marathon Energy Sales	\$ 12,183.44		
Marathon Principal Payment	\$ 1,162.32		
Marathon Interest Payment	\$ 421.20		
CD Matured	\$ 100,000.00		
CD Interest	\$ 371.92		
Merchandise/Services Electric	\$ 830.00		
Merchandise/Services Comm.	\$ 90.00		
Attachment H Revenues	\$ 18,762.22		
Miscellaneous Cable TV	\$ 157.49		
Miscellaneous Telephone	\$ 65.00	Electric Receipts	\$ 456,540.25
Electric Office Supplies	\$ 30.00	Communications Receipts	\$ 81,592.75
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 538,133.00	Total Cash Receipts	\$ 538,133.00

List of Expenses

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 85.28
AFLAC	Employee Premiums	\$ 227.40
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 236.18
Amaril Uniform	FR Clothing Repair	\$ 29.41
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching	\$ 148.47
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$ 114.52

Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$	1,232.10
Border States Electric	Supplies	\$	164.12
BSG Clearing Solutions	LECC Invoice	\$	77.31
Buena Vista County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	239.00
Century Business Products	Copier Support Fees	\$	131.50
Century Link Access	Transport Fees	\$	551.12
Century Link Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	32.68
Clay County Treasurer	Property Taxes	\$	130.00
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$	260.13
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$	850.00
Counsel	Lanier Copier Purchase	\$	1,992.00
Crescent Electric	Supplies	\$	189.47
Customers	Deposit Refunds	\$	217.80
Customers	Credit Refunds	\$	22.87
Dakota Riggers	Sling & Supplies	\$	436.09
Data Technologies	Meeting Registration	\$	170.00
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	34,452.63
DGR Engineering	Cash Flow/Rate Updates	\$	495.00
Echo Group	Supplies	\$	33.51
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Claims	\$	1,007.23
Employee Benefit Systems	Administration Fees	\$	120.00
Fox Sports Net North	Programming Fees	\$	3,330.00
Global Equipment Company	Supplies	\$	465.59
Goldfield Telecom	Tangram Equipment	\$	13,759.66
Grainger	Supplies	\$	55.25
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	716.59
Horsetech	UPS Shipping Fees	\$	19.35
ICMA Retirement	Employee Contributions	\$	1,200.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	8,315.99
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	2017 Membership	\$	5,722.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	8,171.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,307.00
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	4,872.92
Iowa State Auditor	Audit Fees	\$	250.00
Iowa Utilities Board	Electric Inspection Fees	\$	361.35
Itron, Inc.	Annual Support Fees	\$	1,637.49
Kriz Davis Company	Inventory – Wire	\$	12,494.52
KTIV – TV	Programming Fees	\$	1,337.60
Laurens Chamber	2017 Membership	\$	100.00
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	77,386.72
Laurens House of Print	Supplies	\$	71.69
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	271.32
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	167.24
Laurens Plumbing/Hwy 10 Hardware	Supplies	\$	179.54
Laurens State Bank	CTS Improvement Fund	\$	18,000.00
Laurens State Bank	Service Charges	\$	44.80
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	236.33
Long Lines	Switching/Internet/Billing/LD	\$	4,286.28
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	513.67
Messenger	Advertising	\$	196.00
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	36,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees/Equipment	\$	18,957.55
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,870.90
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	27,231.14
Norsolv	Supplies	\$	169.01
Office Elements	Supplies	\$	61.51
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	21,746.87

LMPC Minutes

Petty Cash		Postage	\$ 6.66
Pizza Ranch		Board Meeting Expense	\$ 15.98
PLIC-SBD Grand Island		Life/Disability Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,200.20
Plymouth County Treasurer		Property Taxes	\$ 102.50
Pocahontas County Treasurer		Property Taxes	\$ 7,410.00
Pop Media		Programming Fees	\$ 654.87
Postmaster		Postage	\$ 474.90
Pro Cooperative		Fuel	\$ 210.73
Property Tax Division		Statewide Property Tax	\$ 73.42
RFD TV		Programming Fees	\$ 7.82
Rovi Guides		Programming Fees	\$ 626.97
Secure Shred Solutions		Paper Shredding	\$ 48.00
Sinclair Broadcast Group		Programming Fees	\$ 897.60
SMC Technologies		Water Treatment Supplies	\$ 1,317.99
Spencer Municipal Utilities		Programming/Transport Fees	\$ 1,736.01
Storey Kenworthy		Utility Checks	\$ 377.82
Stuart C. Irby		Supplies	\$ 831.40
Tower Distribution Company		Programming Fees	\$ 811.90
Upper Des Moines Opportunity		Energy Assistance Returns	\$ 617.92
Verizon Wireless		Wireless Service	\$ 270.85
Webster County Treasurer		Property Taxes	\$ 745.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield		Health Insurance Premiums	\$ 8,701.89
Woodbury County Treasurer		Property Taxes	\$ 2,874.50
Zcorum		Cable Modem Provisioning	\$ 774.64
Ziegler, Inc.		Generator Maintenance Supplies	\$ 294.01
		Total	\$ 346,236.28
Electric Expenses	\$ 274,366.46		
Communications Expenses	\$ 71,869.82		
Total Expenses	\$ 346,236.28		

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report and the Income Statement for March 2017. No specific action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the renewal of the Employers Mutual Package Insurance Policy through Woodley Insurance & Real Estate. The cost to the Utilities for renewal this year is \$43,886.50. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The General Manager reported that all of the Des Moines and Sioux City local channels on our system are being provided by Aureon over fiber. The Mankato, MN stations are still being provided by an antenna on our communications tower. Channel reception is much more reliable.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to set the General Manager's wage for the remaining of calendar year 2017 at Grade 5, Step 35 of the General Manager's wage scale. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant

ATTEST:

Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant