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School News

2013 Laurens-Marathon Homecoming Court Announced!

The votes are in and the 2013 Homecoming Court has been determined. Queen candidates are Annie Butler, daughter of Rob & Ann Butler and Jane Butler, all of Laurens, Taylor Zurek, daughter of Cindy Seward of Laurens and Briley Sullivan, daughter of Patrick & Laurie Sullivan of Laurens. King candidates are Ben Kenobbie, son of Randy & Deb Kenobbie of Laurens, Levi Bechtel, son of John & Dawn Bechtel of Laurens and Chase Oehlertz, son of Troy & Susan Oehlertz of Laurens.

Coronation activities will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 7 p.m in the old gym. The Homecoming parade will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4, FFA BBQ will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the lunchroom and the Homecoming game vs. Cal Latimer begins at 7 p.m.



L to R: Annie Butler, Ben Kenobbie, Taylor Zurek, Levi Bechtel, Briley Sullivan and Chase Oehlertz.

Bench Dedication Held at L-M

A bench dedication was held at Laurens-Marathon School on September 12. There are two benches made of recycled grocery bags that are now at the school. These were made available from a grant that the Hometown Pride Committee applied for. Thank you to Kent Wagner of Laurens Food Pride for your help in receiving this grant.



L to R: Kent Wagner (manager of Laurens Food Pride), Margo Underwood (Hometown Pride Coach with Keep Iowa Beautiful), Rachel Potter (student Hometown Pride Representative), Ben Kenobbie (Student Hometown Pride Representative), and Barb Smith (City Manager and Hometown Pride Chair).

Pumpkin Auction Event to be Held to Benefit Mrs. Hannan

Parents and Community Members:

This year we are including something that we hope may grow into an annual event where students, parents and community unite to reach out to an individual or group that could really benefit from knowing that the Laurens-Marathon family is there for them.

At this year's Homecoming coronation, we will be having a silent pumpkin auction before the coronation activities begin and a live auction of 4 special class (freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior) pumpkins during coronation activities. The class whose pumpkin goes for the highest price will receive the most points towards winning the homecoming class activities.

The proceeds from all the auctioned pumpkins will go to support our second grade teacher, Amy Hannan, in her fight against breast cancer. Amy was diagnosed with breast cancer last spring and is in the middle of an intense battle against the disease. From day one, the entire Laurens-Marathon family has had Amy in its prayers and its actions to provide any assistance it can in that fight. This pumpkin auction is yet one more opportunity to show Amy our support.

The idea started from the Ag. department when it distributed pink pumpkin seeds to anyone who wanted them with the intent that a portion of the harvest be donated for this purpose. Some of those pumpkins will be part of the silent auction, but we want to take it a step farther and encourage the entire community to get involved. We would like anyone who wants to show support for Amy to decorate any pumpkin, not just the pink ones, and donate it for the silent auction. Donate one as a group, as a family, as an individual. Pink decorations are nice, but not necessary. In fact, we are hoping to get a variety of types of decorations to attract more bidders.

If you aren't able to donate a pumpkin, buying one would be even better. All proceeds will go to help Amy.

In closing, I really think this pumpkin auction is going to make this year's coronation special, and I am hoping that it might grow into a tradition for future homecomings. This year we reach out to Amy, but each year brings someone or something that could benefit from this kind of community effort. Consider getting involved in this effort--donate a pumpkin or buy a pumpkin or do both. We need a lot of volunteers for all three options.

If you want to donate a decorated pumpkin (no carved pumpkins, please,) please bring it to the school on or before September 30th. If you have questions, please contact me at 712-358-1611 or Clyde Johnson at 841-5000 ext. 119.

*Make it a great Day to be a Charger,
Troy Oehlertz
PK-12 Principal*

Our Town Our Paper!

Chili Open 8" Cup Tournament



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
11 A.M. SHOT GUN START
4-PERSON BEST SHOT

*Call the clubhouse at: (712) 841-2287
to sign up your team!*



12582 Hwy 10
Laurens, IA 50554
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FARM ROCK!

Friday, October 4, 2013 9:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.

Judd Hoos

Saturday, October 5, 2013

This high energy ROCK BAND has been performing for the past seven years. The band has performed for thousands of shows across the United States and have released two CDs, opened for national bands and have played at the Bellagio in Las Vegas. You don't want to miss the show in Laurens !!!!

Outdoor Concert Series
 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
 \$10.00 Cover Gates Open at 5:00 p.m.

Performing at the SILVER DOLLAR SALOON

Downtown Laurens, Iowa 712-841-6986

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Museum Open on October 5!

The Pocahontas County Historical Museum, located in the Laurens City Park, will be open on Saturday, October 5th from 1:30-6:00 PM. Volunteers have been busy cleaning, organizing, and creating displays in the basement to help tell the story of our county. Come and check it out. Free admission.



You are Invited!

WIB

West Iowa Bank

Charity Cookout

Tuesday, October 1, 2013
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Before Homecoming Coronation Activities
L-M Community School
300 W Garfield
Laurens, IA

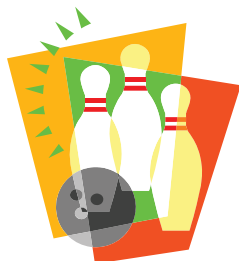
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All proceeds will be given to
the L-M P.E. bowling program and
Show Choir



At the Library with Glenda Mulder September 25, 2013

At our Writer's Free for All last week, we got talking about phrases and colloquialisms from our childhood or that we don't hear much anymore. One phrase that I had never heard until I moved to Laurens is "You're like a fart in a skillet." Ed Benz introduced me to that one and I love it because it creates a great mental picture. Ed also was the one to point out to me a pattern in my speech that is a mark of my Dutch heritage. Apparently most people don't end sentences with "too yet." An example would be; I need to go to the store and get bananas too yet. I think this has almost disappeared from my speech pattern, but it makes me smile when I hear my parents say it! You just never know what topic is going to pop up when that bunch of writers get together!

Jumpstart's annual celebration of literacy to promote early childhood education, "READ FOR THE RECORD" is coming Thursday, October 3rd. Since its inception in 2006, it has engaged over 9 million children. Last year was the first year Laurens Public Library participated. We partnered with Laurens-Marathon and I read "Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad" to 142 kids. A total of 2.3 million people around the world participated in Jumpstart's "READ FOR THE RECORD" in 2012. We're hoping to set a new

record this year as we read "Otis" by Loren Long. This is a wonderful book about friendship that I have to admit, I did not fully appreciate until I read it out loud. Can you tell I'm a little excited about this project? A big thanks to LM teachers for working this into their schedules and to Abby Bell for helping me get it set up!

This week in our fiction department we received: *Final Cut* by Catherine Coulter, *Who Asked You?* by Terry McMillan, *Night Film* by Marisha Pessl, *Thankless in Death* by J.D. Robb, and *The Longest Ride* by Nicholas Sparks (Regular, LP & Audiobook!) We also received two dozen large print books. These were funded by the annual birthday donation of Jeanette Peterson and memorials for Diane Fuchs, Delphine Hopkins and Jennifer Kliegl. We also received a great shipment of kids' nonfiction. I think it's the colorful photos in these that have them flying out the door!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

September 30 - 10:00 am Tot Time

October 1 - 10:00 Play Group

October 3 - READ FOR THE RECORD

October 7 - 10:00 am Tot Time

October 8 - 10:00 Play Group

October 24 - 5-7 Library Foundation Pancake Supper

October 31 - 6:30 pm Halloween Magician Larry Dunbar

Marathon Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Join Us for our Annual
Fall Breakfast!!
Sunday, October 13th

Serving from:
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, bacon, french toast, Hashbrowns, coffee, juice and milk.

Free Will
Donation



Toxic Brew: is our clean freak streak harming our kids and us?

We seem to be a society obsessed with cleanliness-our products promise to be faster and easier to use, but is there a price to be paid? Wellness Coach, Bonnie Hach of Alta, Iowa is slated for Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Albert City Public Library at 7pm. Bonnie is a mother of 5 and a grandmother of 16 who is concerned about things that impact her family's health. She has a B.A. from UNI's Department of Home Economics and some graduate work from Iowa State. She has been an organic gardener, nutrition-centered person all her life. Her favorite store when she went shopping at the mall used to be the "health food" store until she discovered Shaklee (a "Green" company long before "Green" was popular) nearly 20 years ago. Over the years she has worked in



Admissions/ ER Departments of 4 different hospitals in 4 different states. She received a Wellness Educator certificate from a course team taught by the then-head of Public Health in New Jersey and a medical doctor.

Find out what is in our cleaners that may actually make us sick without even realizing it. Childhood asthma has jumped by 400% in the last 20 years. Could there be a connection? Let's empower ourselves with health basics to live life to the fullest and create a safe environment to leave our children.

Bonnie is the Co-owner of Health Basics in Storm Lake where she coaches people interested in living healthier lives. Join us for this eye-opening program and as always... refreshments will be served!

Golf Ball Drop


Laurens Kiwanis will be holding their annual golf ball drop on Friday, October 4th at the homecoming football game. Be sure to purchase your ticket from any member for your chance at winning \$50! Tickets are \$5.

Don't Forget the Firemen's Breakfast next Sunday, October 6th. Your local volunteer firemen will be serving pancakes and sausages from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m at the fire station!



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Free Dance - "Laurens Day" at Wild Rose Casino

Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 1-4 p.m. Tea Dance, Grand Ballroom Tom Steinkoenig's "Sentimental Swing" Little Big Band! Admission: Free - all you need is to be a casino cardholder, which may be obtained easily without cost on the 1st floor. Adults 21 & over.

Let's turn out in big numbers to make this a real success.

Plan to dust off your dancing shoes or just tap your toes as you listen to the nostalgic sounds of big band music.

Memory Lane Bricks to be Engraved on Site!

Memory Lane bricks will be engraved on site sometime this fall.

Get your brick order forms in by Thursday, October 10 in order to have your bricks engraved this fall. Get your brick order forms from Peg Milton, 841-4645, or pick them up at Memory Lane.

*Click here for your brick
order form!*

Local & School Calendar

Sept. 26 - Volleyball with Prairie Valley, East Sac, and Sioux Central at Gowrie at 5:30 p.m., varsity; JH Volleyball with Newell/Fonda at Newell at 4:00 p.m., 7th & 8th; JH Football with Kingsley-Pierson at Laurens at 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 27 - Football with Newell/Fonda at Newell at 7:00 p.m.; No L-M Preschool classes today.

Sept. 28 - HMS Invitational Volleyball Tournament at Hartley at 9:00 a.m., varsity.

Sept. 30 - Alta/Aurelia Cross Country Invitational at Alta at 4:30 p.m., girls & boys JV & V; JV Volleyball with Alta/Aurelia, SC Calhoun and Prairie Valley at Lake City at 5:30 p.m.; Band Magazine Sales begin.

Oct. 1 - Homecoming Coronation Activities at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym; West Iowa Bank Charity Cookout from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the L-M School.

Oct. 3 - Volleyball with Storm Lake St. Mary's at Storm Lake at 5:30 p.m., JV & V; JH Volleyball with Storm Lake St. Mary's at Laurens at 4:00 p.m., 7th & 8th.

Beginning Experience

There's a special loneliness for those who find themselves single again. But now there's help BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF NORTHWESTERN IOWA will be holding their next weekend for divorced, widowed, or separated persons on November 1-3, 2013 at Camp Okoboji in Okoboji.

Through talks, group dialogue, and personal reflection, persons of all faiths have an opportunity for growth, healing, and closure on the past in order to begin anew. Guidelines recommend that participants be widowed at least one year, divorced at least six months or separated 6-9 months prior to divorce.

Please contact Kay at 712-358-0800. In addition, you may email Kay at beokoboji@gmail.com for an application or for more information.

Happy Birthday

Lester Schultz's family invites you to celebrate his 99th Birthday on September 27th with a card shower. Birthday wishes can be sent to 319 S. Harrison St., Laurens, IA, 50554.

Chargers Defeat C-W-L!

On Friday, September 20, in their week four contest of the 2013 football season, the LM Chargers hosted Corwith-Wesley-Luverne(C-W-L.) In a very evenly contested game, the Chargers emerged victorious, moving their season record to 2 wins and 2 losses.

The Chargers scored first when Riley Maschino hit Chase Oehlertz in the back of the end zone on an 8 yd touchdown pass. The extra point conversion failed, giving the Chargers a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter started off all C-W-L when they scored twice to make the score 14-12. Regaining momentum, the Chargers put together two drives, each capped by big plays to regain the lead. The first involved a 40 yd. connection from Senior Chase Oehlertz to Junior Tre Seiler that ended up in the endzone—extra point conversion failed. The second came late in the second quarter when Levi Bechtel hooked up with Keegan Jamison on a 47 yd. td pass---again the extra point conversion failed, leaving the score L-M 18---C-W-L 14 at half.

The back and forth battle continued throughout the second half. Each team scored one touchdown in the third quarter with failed extra point conversions. The Chargers put their points up when Chase Oehlertz punched it in from 2 yds. out to finish off a drive. The score was L-M 24--C-W-L 20.

In the final period, each team again scored one time. The Chargers' final score came when Noah Anderson finished off a hard-fought drive with a 2 yd. run into the endzone. C-W-L was driving with seconds to go, but the drive was ended when Wyatt Shannon intercepted the ball as time was running out! Final score—LM Chargers 30 and C-W-L 26.

The next Charger game will take place on Friday, September 27 when the Chargers travel to Newell Fonda to take on the undefeated N-F Mustangs. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Notable Charger Stats:

Rushing

Noah Anderson - 14 for 28 yds. 1td
Chase Oehlertz - 19 for 35 yds. 1 td
Tre Seiler - 6 for 24 yds.

Receiving

Keegan Jamison - 5 for 140 yds. 1td
Chase Oehlertz - 1 for 8yds. 1 td
Tre Seiler - 1 for 40 yds. 1 td

Passing

Chase Oehlertz - 5 of 16 for 145 yds. 1 td
Levi Bechtel - 1 of 1 for 49 yds. 1td
Riley Maschino - 1 of 1 for 8 yds. 1td

Defense

Tackles

Jordan Gunnarson—13
Levi Bechtel—6
Caleb Pierce—8





Real Estate Taxes Due

First half real estate, mobile home, drainage and special assessment taxes are due September 30, 2013. Beginning October 1st, interest of 1-1/2% per month will apply to any unpaid taxes.

Please provide the payment stubs from the tax statements received in August to insure proper credit.

You may also deposit your payments in the Pocahontas County payment drop-box, which is located at the east exit driveway of the north courthouse parking lot.

You may also pay online at www.iowatreasurers.org by using a credit card or e-check.

*Sarah Winkler
Pocahontas County Treasurer*

Come Join In the FUN at Kids Korner!

Kids Korner currently has daycare openings for children of all ages!! Please stop in and check out our center...there are so many fun and educational things to do!! We are also now starting an "after school rate" where your child can come to Kids Korner after school and it is only \$3!! The children will come and have a snack and some fun while their parents can be worry free knowing that their children have a safe and educational place to be for a low price!! Anyone wanting a tour or having any questions please contact Michelle at 841-5437!!

**Remember Kids Korner is a licensed daycare facility where all staff is trained in CPR, First Aid, Universal Precautions, and Mandatory Reporting. Both local and federal back ground checks are also conducted on each employee before hiring!!



SILVER DOLLAR SALOON

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013
ABBY NORMAL
9:00 P.M TO 1:00 A.M

TACO TUESDAYS- 5:00 P.M.
 \$2.50 HARD OR SOFTSHELL TACOS & TACO IN A BAG
 TRY A TASTY MARGARITA WITH YOUR TACOS

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 All mixed drinks, beers and wine
 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Downtown Laurens, Iowa 712-841-6986

Smokin' In The Park!
 SECOND ANNUAL

BBQ Competition
October 5, 2013
LAURENS, IOWA

Laurens City Park
 Saturday, October 5, 2013
 \$10 entry fee

3 categories will be judged and CASH PRIZES awarded
 Pulled Pork, Ribs and Chicken!!
 Judging starts at 3:00 p.m.
 Public Tasting starts at 4:00 p.m., \$5 per person

If interested in entering the contest or for more information contact Rick Woodley - 712-841-4568

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Laurens Genies to Meet


The Laurens Genies will meet Friday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Laurens Public Library. The program will be about "Genealogy Pitfalls – Family Traditions" presented by Grace Hertz. Roll Call will be "Share a family tradition". Anyone who is interested in family research and genealogy is cordially invited to attend.

Moped Class

The Pocahontas Police Department will offer a Moped Class on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Pocahontas Public Library starting at 10 a.m. The cost of the class is \$35.00. There is no pre-registration. The young person taking the class does not need to be 14 to take the class; when they turn 14 they will be able to apply this moped certificate to their learners permit.

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Bridal Shower

Please join us for a come and go Bridal Shower for Kelsey Bell, Bride-elect of Chris Ruthart on Saturday, October 12 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at First Christian Church, 324 West Section Line Rd, Laurens, IA.

The couple is registered at JH Design Studio, Heart 'N Home, Target, and Kohls.

94th Birthday!

Tom Vitzthum of Laurens will celebrate his 94th birthday on October 6, 2013!

Tom's family invites family and friends to send birthday greetings to help him celebrate.

Happy Birthday wishes may be sent to: Tom Vitzthum at 521 E. Main, #106, Laurens, Ia 50554.

LAURENS AREA YOUTH GROUP!

IT'S PIZZA TIME!



OPEN TO ALL AREA YOUTH
AGE 6TH GRADE TO 12TH GRADE!!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 2013.

6:00P.M. TO 8:00P.M.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PIZZA & GAMES



LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

OUT OF YOUTH GROUP ☺ 🍕

Laurens, Ia 2nd Annual 2013
2013
Fall Festival
 October 4, 5 & 6, 2013

City Park/ Laurens Fire Station
Schedule of Events



Sunday, September 22 - 27 Scarecrow Contest Decorating Week - 3rd Street
 Friday, September 27 Scarecrow Contest - Winners Presented with Ribbons

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Farm Rock Band - Outside Concert - Silver Dollar Saloon
 opening act featuring Great Lakes Hybrid Band

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Pizza Ranch Buffet - 3rd Street Laurens
1:00 p.m.	Parade - Down 3rd, Turn on Olive, Turn on 1st and end at Walnut
1:30 p.m.	Lawnmower Obstacle Course - 2- Person
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Wine Tasting - Heart 'N Home
1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Beer Tasting - Fire Station - \$10 per person - includes glass
1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Hay Rack Rides - City Park - Fund-raiser for New Swimming Pool
1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Mini Golf-Sponsored by Pocahontas County Young Professionals
2:00 p.m.	Scavenger Hunt - City Park - Ages 10 & under
2:00 p.m.	Pumpkins & Gourds in the park - Peds Pumpkin Patch
3:00 p.m.	Smokin' in The Park BBQ Competition - Judging Starts
4:00 p.m.	Smokin' in The Park BBQ Competition - Public Tasting - \$5 per person
5:30 p.m.	Pulled Pork Meal - Home Town Pride Committee Fund-raiser
All-Day	Trolley Rides
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Judd Hoos Band - Outside Concert - Silver Dollar Saloon - \$10 Cover



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013

8:00 a.m. - Noon Fireman's Pancake Breakfast
 Noon - 6:00 p.m. Local Race Cars Displayed - Silver Dollar Saloon



download all entry forms and info
 at www.laurensiachamber.com

Visit your local retailers during the fall festival!

Announcements

The Thursday night special at Laurens Golf & Country Club for Sept. 26th will be 2-piece batter dipped cod with salad or fries.

Clothing starts at .25¢! All other merchandise 1/2 off! Treasure Chest, downtown Laurens.

Non-Credit Catalog

Iowa Central's Non-Credit courses can be located by clicking on the link below. Anyone interested in signing up for a class can call 515-574-1293.

To view the classes click here:
<http://www.iowacentral.edu/noncredit/2013NonCreditCatalogV3.pdf>

The catalog will be updated on a regular basis so keep the link handy and check it often!

In Memory of My Dad, Dr. John Gates-Sept. 20, 1965

“Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday. Missing you is the heartache that never goes away.”
Loving and missing you always, I Love You Dad! Love, Nancy



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JH Design Bridal Registry

*Megan Cleveland & Zach Lovin
Wedding - October 5*

*Kelsey Bell & Christopher Ruthart
Shower - October 12 ~ Wedding - December 14*

*Amy Olson & Barry Hakes
Wedding - October 19*

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Laurens, IA

Food Pride

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Pick Your Own Pumpkins at Hill Top Pumpkin Patch!

GYOP!! GET YOUR OWN PUMPKIN!! THIS ONE HAS MY NAME ON IT!!



Pictured from L-R: Raelyn Johnsen, daughter of Julian & MacKenzie Johnsen and Sophi Christensen, daughter of Adrian & Kari Christensen.

Saturday, September 28th
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 29th
 1 - 5 p.m.

Hill Top Pumpkin Patch - One Mile West of Marathon on HWY 10

RIALTO

Tickets: \$4-adults \$2- children 12 and under
 7:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sunday Matinee
 324 North Main St, Pocahontas 712-335-3434

September 20 - September 26
Grown Ups 2
Rated PG 13

Showtime: 7:00 nightly - 2:00 Sunday Matinee
 Free Popcorn w/Paid Admission Thursday
 \$2.00 Admission for ALL Monday Evening
Coming Sept 27: Turbo

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Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Pastor ~ Fr. John J. Gerald
Weekday Mass : Friday, 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM (July-October)

Cluster Parishes

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids
Weekday Mass: (Monday & Wednesday)
8:00 AM

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00 PM

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal
Weekday Mass: (Tuesday & Thursday)
8:00 AM

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10:30 AM

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Wed., Sept. 25th

Book Club @ 10 a.m.
Hands of Hope Puppet Troop @ 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 27th

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.
UMM Rally in Okoboji

Sun., Sept. 29th

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Larry Perkins filling the pulpit
Choir performs
Ecumenical Youth Group meets from 6-8 p.m. here



Sunday, September 29, 2013

9:00 AM - Confirmation Class
9:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship
9:15 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Adult SS
10:30 AM - Worship w/Healing Service
6:00 PM - 3rd Movie Night
6:00-8:00 PM - Laurens Area Youth Group at UMC

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

10:00-11:00 AM - Coffee/Refreshments w/ Pastor Jerry
5:30 PM - W/M Mtg.
7:00 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

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

This Week at First Christian Church

Wednesday, Sept. 25

1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers
6:00 p.m. - Mid-week Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 26

7:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - Service at Laurens Care Center
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Laurens Area Youth Group at United Methodist Church



BREAKFAST

October 2013

Laurens-Marathon CSD

Breakfast Fact

MyPlate recommends:

Start with breakfast. Eat a breakfast that helps you meet your food group needs. People who skip breakfast often weigh more. Eating a nutrient-dense breakfast may help you lose weight and keep it off.

Reference: USDA. MyPlate.gov. Internet: <http://www.myplate.gov/>.



* monday

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* thursday

* friday

	French Toast Applesauce Milk 1	Cereal Muffin Orange Juice Milk 2	Breakfast Pizza Fruit Punch Milk 3	Pancake Stick Pineapple Juice Milk 4
Cereal Toast, Jelly Banana Milk 7	Waffle Sticks Fruit Smoothie Milk 8	Late Start No Breakfast served 9	Pancake Stick Peaches Milk 10	Breakfast Pizza Fruit Cocktail Milk 11
Pancakes Apple Juice Milk 14	French Toast Grape Juice Milk 15	Cereal Toast Pears Milk 16	Biscuits and Gravy Fruit Cocktail Milk 17	Cheese Omelet W/G Bagel Orange Juice Milk 18
No School 21	Breakfast Pizza Fruit Punch Milk 22	Late Start No Breakfast served 23	Pancake Stick Grape Juice Milk 24	English Muffin, Jelly Mandarin Oranges Milk 25
Waffle Sticks Strawberries Milk 28	French Toast Peaches Milk 29	Cereal Yogurt Apple Juice Milk 30	Biscuits and Gravy Orange Juice Milk 31	

LUNCH

October 2013

Laurens-Marathon CSD

Menus Subject to Change



* monday

* tuesday

* wednesday

* thursday

* friday

Tacos soft shell **1**
Lettuce, Cheese, Peaches
Refried Beans
Dinner Roll
Milk

Spaghetti **2**
Broccoli Normandy
Pears
Breadstick
Milk, Pumpkin Bar

Grilled Cheese **3**
Tomato Soup
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Tidbits
Milk

Beefburger **4**
Baked Beans
Potato Wedges
Applesauce
Milk,

Mr. Ribb **7**
Carrots, Ranch
Romaine Lettuce Salad
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

Goulash **8**
Spinach Salad
Peaches
Breadstick
Milk

Late Start **9**
Turkey
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
Sweet Potato, Cinnamon
Apples, Dinner Roll, Milk

Hamburger, Pickles **10**
Tomato Slices
Corn, Grapes, Cookie
Milk

No Pre School **11**
Chicken Nuggets
Glazed Carrots
Green Beans
Pears, Dinner Roll , Milk

Crispitoes **14**
Mixed Greens Salad
Refried Beans
Banana, Dinner Roll
Milk

Chicken Alfredo **15**
Breadstick
Steamed Broccoli, Corn
Apple
Milk

Mandarin Orange Chicken **16**
Brown Rice
Carrots, Ranch
Corn, Fruit Cocktail
Milk

Deli Sliced Turkey Sand. **17**
Cucumbers, Ranch
Sweet Potato Fries
Peaches, Milk

Popcorn Chicken Bites **18**
Green Beans
Applesauce
Dinner Roll
Milk

No School **21**

Cheese Pizza **22**
Romaine Lettuce Salad
Corn, Oranges, Dinner Roll
Milk

Late Start **23**
Corn dog, Baked Beans
Baby Carrots, Ranch
Fruit Cocktail
Milk

Lasagna **24**
Breadstick
Green Beans
Corn, Peaches, Milk

Chili **25**
Cinnamon Roll
Romaine Lettuce Salad
Corn, Applesauce
Milk

Pulled Pork Sandwich **28**
French Fries
Baby Carrots, Ranch
Pineapple , Milk

Italian Chicken Sandwich **29**
Broccoli, Cheese Sauce
Mandarin Oranges
Milk
Cookie

Tator Tot Casserole **30**
Green Beans
Peaches
Dinner Roll
Milk

Chicken Gravy and Biscuit **31**
Peas, Mashed Potatoes
Cinnamon Apples
Milk



Pocahontas County ISU Extension & Outreach 2nd & 3rd Grade After School Program

All 2nd and 3rd grade students in Pocahontas County are invited to attend the once a month after school program during the 2013-2014 school year.

Each month a program will be offered at the Laurens-Marathon Elementary and the Pocahontas Area Elementary buildings. Each month the children will have a snack, educational program, and a hands on craft.

The program will be offered in the Laurens-Marathon building Monday, October 7, Monday, November 18, Monday, December 16, Monday, January 6, Monday, February 3, Monday, March 3, and Monday, April 7. The program will be offered in the Pocahontas Area building Tuesday, October 8, Tuesday, November 19, Tuesday, December 17, Tuesday, January 7, Tuesday, February 4, Tuesday, March 4, and Tuesday, April 8.

For complete details or to get your child registered for this program please call the Pocahontas County ISU Extension and Outreach office at 712-335-3103 or email lzeman@iastate.edu. Registration deadline is September 30.

Our Town Our Paper!

2014 'Tree' Garden Calendar Available

The 2014 Annual Garden Calendar, "The Wonder of Trees," is now available for purchase from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach online store.

The 12-month calendar celebrates the gift of trees and is filled with stunning photography, interesting facts and tips on planting and maintaining trees.

"The calendar's photographs highlight the various aspects of trees including flowers, foliage, fruit, shape and structure," said Richard Jauron, ISU Extension and Outreach horticulture specialist, who helped prepare the calendar.

The calendar also includes brief stories of historical or noteworthy trees throughout the United States. Featured trees include the Emancipation Oak, the Survivor Tree at the World Trade Center Memorial, the Delicious Apple Tree of Iowa and several others.

Famous quotes regarding trees have been added to each month. "The quotes include those from Jefferson, Lincoln, Churchill and others," said Jauron.

Jauron explained the calendar's helpful tips are timely with the seasons, giving dates for pruning oak trees, hand thinning of fruit trees, checking for insects and many more.

The last two pages of the calendar describe the proper way to plant a tree and gives facts about the state forests of Iowa and their location in the state.

"The 'Wonder of Trees' calendar is a beautiful resource. Pick it up at the ISU Extension and Outreach store," Jauron said.

5th-8th Grade 4-H Trip to Ames

All 4-H'ers in Calhoun, Pocahontas and Palo Alto counties in grades 5-8 are invited to attend the Intermediate trip to Iowa State University in Ames for a fun filled day! 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to watch the SCUM Science Club show off their chemistry experiments. The 4-H'ers will then enjoy an afternoon of ISU Collegiate Rodeo! You must be enrolled in 4-H to attend this trip.

Please get enrolled at: <https://ia.4honline.com> or call the Pocahontas County Extension office at 712-335-3103.

Yard and Garden: Harvesting and Storing Fall Produce

Harvest vegetables at the right stage of maturity for nutritious, high quality produce. When properly harvested and stored, some



vegetables will keep most of their original flavor and food value for months, according to horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. To have additional question answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

What is the proper way to harvest and store winter squash?

Harvest winter squash when the fruit is fully mature. Mature winter squash have very hard skins that can't be punctured with the thumbnail. Additionally, mature winter squash have dull-looking surfaces.

When harvesting winter squash, handle them carefully to avoid cuts and bruises. These injuries are not only unsightly, they provide entrances for various rot-producing organisms. Cut the fruit off the vine with a pruning shears. Leave a

1-inch stem on each fruit.

After harvesting, cure winter squash (except for the acorn types) at a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and a relative humidity of 80 to 85 percent. Curing helps to harden the squash skins and heal any cuts and scratches. Do not cure acorn squash. The high temperature and relative humidity during the curing process actually reduce the quality and storage life of acorn squash.

After curing, store winter squash in a cool, dry, well-ventilated location. Storage temperatures should be 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not store squash near apples, pears or other ripening fruit. Ripening fruit release ethylene gas which shortens the storage life of squash. When properly cured and stored, the storage lives of acorn, butternut and hubbard squash are approximately five to eight weeks, two to three months, and five to six months, respectively.

When should I harvest my pumpkins? Pumpkins can be harvested when they have developed a deep, uniform orange color and the rind is hard. Mature pumpkins can also be left in the garden/field until the vines are killed by a light frost or freeze.

When harvesting pumpkins, handle them carefully to avoid cuts and bruises. Cut the pumpkins off the vine with a sharp knife

or pair of lopping shears. Leave several inches of stem attached to each fruit. A pumpkin with a 3 to 5 inch stem or handle is more attractive. Also, pumpkins with stems are less likely to rot. Do not carry pumpkins by their stems. The stems may not be able to support the weight of the pumpkins and break off.

After harvesting the pumpkins, cure them at a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and 80 percent relative humidity for ten days. Curing helps to harden their skins and heal any cuts and scratches.

After curing, store pumpkins in a cool, dry location. Storage temperatures should be 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit. When storing pumpkins, place them in a single layer where they don't touch one another. Good air circulation helps to prevent moisture from forming on the surfaces of the fruit and retards the growth of decay fungi and bacteria. Placing pumpkins in piles generates unwanted heat which may result in the rotting of some fruit. Promptly remove and discard any pumpkins that show signs of decay.

Yard and Garden: Adjust Your Fall Lawn Care

Fall lawn care is extremely important every year. This year, lawn dormancy needs to be considered before completing important fall chores that include mowing, fertilization, weed control and aeration, according to horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Hortline. Proper lawn care in the fall helps maintain a healthy, vigorous lawn and can revive a declining lawn.

Contact the Iowa State horticulturists at hortline@iastate.edu or 515-294-3108, or get answers to frequently asked yard and garden questions at <https://expert-hort.sws.iastate.edu/>.

Would it harm the turfgrass to fertilize the lawn when it's dormant? Fertilizing a dormant lawn will not harm it. However, the turfgrass may not receive the full benefit of the fertilizer application. If a granular fertilizer remains on the soil surface because of a lack of rain, some of the material may actually volatilize into the air. It would be best to wait until the weather pattern changes and it begins to

rain before fertilizing the lawn. Fertilizer applications can be made anytime in September. Late October and early November also are excellent times to fertilize lawns.

Are broadleaf herbicides effective when applied during dry weather? Broadleaf herbicides are most effective when applied to actively growing weeds. In non-irrigated lawns, some broadleaf weeds may become semi-dormant (their leaves curling up or wilting) during prolonged dry periods. An application of a broadleaf herbicide to drought stressed weeds will likely be less effective as the weeds may not absorb adequate amounts of the herbicide.

Fortunately, broadleaf herbicides can be effectively applied from late September to early November in Iowa. Home gardeners should wait until the area receives a good rain before applying a broadleaf herbicide to their lawn. Rainfall amounts of one-half inch or more should revive most broadleaf weeds.

Can I aerate a dormant lawn? It's advisable not to core aerate a dormant lawn. The aerifier's metal tubes or tines will have difficulty penetrating the hard, dry soil. More importantly, core aerating a dormant lawn may harm the grass

if the lawn doesn't receive water (either from rain or irrigation) shortly thereafter.

It's best to wait until the dormant lawn begins to green back up (when rains begin to fall or after initiating a watering program) before core aerating the lawn. Spring and late summer/early fall are the best times to core aerate home lawns in Iowa.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED LAURENS RESIDENTIAL URBAN
REVITALIZATION PLAN

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Laurens, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 4th day of November, 2013, at 5:05 o'clock P.M., at Council Chambers, City Hall, 272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, Iowa, at which meeting the Council proposes to take action on the adoption of a Laurens Residential Urban Revitalization Plan (the "Plan") described therein, under the authority of Chapter 404 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

The proposed Laurens Residential Urban Revitalization Area includes the property described as follows:

All real property contained within the incorporated limits of the City of Laurens, Pocahontas County, State of Iowa as of July, 2013.

The Plan, if adopted, will allow property owners to apply for *abatement* on eligible improvements to (i) residential property; and (ii) multiresidential or commercial property (that consists of 3 or more separate living quarters with at least 75% of the space used for residential). Limitations will apply.

Any persons interested may appear at said meeting of the Council and present evidence for or against the adoption of the Plan. The proposed Plan, including a map of the proposed area, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for public inspection or copying during ordinary business hours. The Plan can also be viewed online at www.laurens-ia.gov.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Laurens, Iowa, pursuant to Section 404.2(6) of the Code of Iowa, 2013, as amended.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2013



City Clerk of Laurens, Iowa

(End of Notice)

City Council Minutes

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, September 16, 2013. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Rich Newgard, Ken Kunickis, Clarence Siepkner, Gary Heuton, and Julie Potter; Police Chief Chris Toner; City Manager, Barbara Smith; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen, and City Attorney, Ann Beneke.

Newgard motioned to remove items #2 to item #4 and to approve the consent agenda consisting of the amended agenda, the list of claims and the minutes from the September 3, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Heuton. Ayes all; motion carried.

Marsha Leu, representing the Senior Pioneers, Inc, reported to the Council on their fiscal year 2012. Marsha reported that the Senior Pioneers have served meals in the basement of City Hall for over 36 years and pays the City \$100 per month out of their \$75,000 budget. In 2012, the Senior Pioneers served 15, 791 meals to senior citizens in the area.

Heuton motioned to approve the (1)Fall Fest Parade Route - beginning at the Fire Station and continuing south on 3rd St, turning east at Olive Street, then north on 1st Street and ending at Walnut; (2)camping in the City Park the night of October 4 for the BBQ contest entries; and (3)primitive camping for \$5 per tent in Sportsman's Park the night of October 5. Potter seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to Approve Resolution 26-13, a resolution determining the necessity and fixing a date for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of a proposed Laurens Residential Urban Revitalization Plan, seconded by Heuton. Roll call vote: Ayes all. The date has been set for November 4, 2013 at 5 pm.

Potter motioned to amend the proposed Urban Revitalization Plan to remove the dollar minimum and change the minimum to 5% of the assess value of the property; and to amending the building permit wording to read "No abatement will be allowed unless the City is notified and a building permit has been issued, if necessary". Heuton seconded the motion. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to accept Ordinance 06-13, Storm Water Utility Ordinance and to waive the 3rd reading of said Ordinance; seconded by Siepkner. Roll call vote: ayes all. The Storm Water Utility Ordinance will go into effect on the October billing for the dates of October 15 through November 14.

Newgard motioned to set the date of October 31 from 5 pm to 7 pm for Trick or Treating in Laurens; seconded by Kunickis. Ayes all; motion carried.

Claims 09-16-2013

AFLAC	INSURANCE	284.58
AMAZON	DVDS & BOOK	45.79
ARAMARK	SUPPLIES	319.43
AVESIS	INSURANCE	129.05
BUSCH SYSTEMS	RECYCLE BINS	2,435.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	MAINT CONTRACT	124.00
CERTIFIED TESTING	CONTRACTOR TESTING	1,671.25
COLLECTIONS SVC CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	141.23
CONNECTIONS	INSURANCE	32.30
DELTA DENTAL	INSURANCE	697.73
FIRST COOP ASSOCIATION	STREET REPAIRS	384.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	GRAVEL	826.41
IMFOA	CONFERENCE	100.00
IRS	TAXES	5,238.45
IOWA LIBRARY SERVICES	CATALOGING	228.15
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	14.40

City Council Minutes

IPERS	IPERS	1,601.17
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	786.37
JCL SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	65.72
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	LEASE	21,636.41
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	SUPPLIES	67.07
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	ENVELOPES	104.66
LMPC	COMMUNICATIONS	97.94
LMU	UTILITIES	231.62
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	737.92
LAURENS STATE BANK	TRUCK PAYMENT	1,695.42
MET	TESTING	60.00
MARKETING SOLUTIONS	UPDATES	50.00
MARTIN PEST CONTROL	SPRAYING	700.00
THE MESSENGER	SUBSCRIPTION	181.80
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	9.27
OFFICE ELEMENTS	PAPER	334.95
POC CO TREASURER	TAXES	921.50
POC CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	5,160.23
PRINCIPAL	INSURANCE	691.26
PRO COOPERATIVE	FUEL	2,377.80
R B LUMBER	SUPPLIES	59.50
R J THOMAS MFG	TRASH BINS	798.00
ROBERT DAHLBERG	MOWING	150.00
SIEPKER AUTO	REPAIRS	207.75
STORM LAKE PILOT TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION	65.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IA	TAXES	591.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	COMMUNICATIONS	258.90
VISA	MEETINGS	57.14
WELLMARK	INSURANCE	<u>5,854.76</u>
	TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>58,224.93</u>
	001 GENERAL	8,418.93
	110 ROAD USE	811.81
	600 WATER	2,198.35
	610 SEWER	1,759.95
	670 GARBAGE	<u>2,050.34</u>
	TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>15,239.38</u>
	REPORT TOTAL	<u>73,464.31</u>

Siepker motioned, seconded by Heuton to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm. Ayes all; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 06-13

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LAURENS, IOWA BY
ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE City Council of the City of Laurens, Laurens Iowa:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Stormwater Management Utility to provide for the payment of appropriate fees for the use or benefit of the City's stormwater system and to provide for the acceptable use(s) of funds generated therefrom, in an attempt to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Laurens.

The charges for the foregoing functions shall be collected by imposing a monthly rate of:

\$3.00 for each single family residential unit

\$5.00 for each other developed property unit with less than 7,000 square foot impervious surface area

\$10.00 for each other developed property unit with more than 7,000 square foot impervious surface area and less than 30,000 square foot impervious surface area

\$20.00 on each other developed property unit with more than 30,000 square foot impervious surface area

The calculation of square feet of impervious surface area may be based on self-reporting by the owner or landlord.

A copy of the complete Ordinance can be obtains at the Laurens City Hall

August 27, 2013

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 was General Manager Chad Cleveland, Tim McCartan of T.P. Anderson & Company and Bob Mullenbach of Ziegler CAT Power Systems.

The agenda for the August 27, 2013 meeting stands approved as presented.

Tim McCartan presented the 2012 draft audit for the municipal electric and communications utilities. The audits includes basic financial statements, schedules of operating revenues and expenses, budgetary comparison schedules of revenues and expenses, and other required supplementary information along with the auditors' findings. After some discussion, Mr. McCartan said he would prepare the final drafts and have them delivered before the September Board meeting. No specific action was taken. At approximately 12:30 p.m. Tim McCartan left the meeting.

Bob Mullenbach presented the Board with Ziegler CAT Power Systems Extended Warranty proposals. These proposals include what is covered under the extended warranty and the cost per engine. After some discussion, the Board decided to table this until the next meeting.

Bob Mullenbach then presented the Board with Ziegler CAT Power Systems 5-year Customer Support/Maintenance proposal. This proposal included a description of what maintenance will be done and a calendar/schedule of when it will be done over the next 5 years. After some discussion, the Board decided to table this until the next meeting. Bob Mullenbach left the meeting around 1:30 p.m.

The minutes of the July 30, 2013 meeting were previously distributed to the Board and stand approved as recorded.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the list of bills for July 2013 in the amount of \$417,039.51. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AFLAC	Insurance premiums	\$	419.76
Alliant Energy	Natural gas bill	\$	194.20
Allied National	Insurance premiums	\$	253.80
Alpha Wireless	Radio frequency renewal	\$	100.00
Aramark	Floor mats	\$	149.34
Avesis Third Party Administrators	Insurance premiums	\$	115.05
BBC America	Programming fees	\$	22.78
Big 10 Network	Programming fees	\$	617.70
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance premiums	\$	6,790.86
Brassell, Loretta	Refund	\$	50.03
Buena Vista Stationery	Supplies	\$	368.40
Century Link	Directory listings	\$	121.44
Century Link	Transport fees	\$	668.27
Certified Testing Services	Generation project	\$	942.00
Consortia Consulting	Consulting fees	\$	750.00
Dearborn National Life Insurance Company	Insurance premiums	\$	154.35
Department of Energy	WAPA energy bill	\$	41,384.31
DGR Engineering	Generation project	\$	10,387.22
Discovery Communications	Programming fees	\$	41.28
Employee Benefit Systems	Insurance administration	\$	120.00
ESPN	ESPN3.com	\$	62.70
Fox Sports North	Programming fees	\$	1,535.55
Grundman-Hicks, LLC	Generation project	\$	43,569.66
HUB Television Networks, Inc.	Programming fees	\$	10.32
ICMA Retirement	Employee contribution	\$	800.00

IPERS	IPERS withholding	\$	4,036.71
Integrated Broadband Services	Modem provisioning	\$	536.25
Internal Revenue Service	Federal/FICA taxes	\$	7,433.34
Interstate TRS Fund	Annual assessment	\$	648.63
Iowa Network Services	Communication services	\$	210.95
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	14.90
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Withholding tax	\$	1,249.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sales tax	\$	7,293.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Use tax	\$	71.00
Iowa Utilities Board	Energy center assessment	\$	1,987.00
K.G. Telecom Services	Fiber splicing	\$	4,151.95
Laurens, City of	July billing	\$	76,439.56
Laurens, City of	Supplies	\$	149.99
Laurens Country Store	Supplies	\$	104.40
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	11.92
Laurens House of Print	Supplies	\$	42.27
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications bill	\$	228.41
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Conservation/refunds	\$	1,558.06
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility bill	\$	58.58
Laurens Summer Ball Program	Refund	\$	514.59
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	176.29
Library of Congress	Copyright fees	\$	158.03
Long Lines	Communication services	\$	2,743.05
Long Lines	Internet services	\$	3,611.00
Long Lines	Long distance	\$	1,403.21
Mid American Energy	Neal 4 operations	\$	141,000.00
Midwest Spray Team	Vegetation control	\$	93.78
NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$	17.30
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming fees	\$	12,975.73
National Cable Television Cooperative	Supplies	\$	384.05
North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative	Legal fees	\$	101.71
Northwest Communications	Transport fees	\$	722.56
Oak Hill Consulting	US Cellular Project	\$	372.00
OWN	Programming fees	\$	21.44
Payroll	Salaried, hourly & overtime	\$	20,241.84
PICS Telecom International	Headend equipment	\$	1,025.17
Pocahontas 911 Service Board	E911 fees	\$	1,882.21
Post Master	Postage	\$	781.55
Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	622.11
R.B. Lumber Company	Supplies	\$	9.94
Rebnoord Technologies	Server backup	\$	25.00
RFD TV	Programming fees	\$	10.92
Rovi Guides	Programming fees	\$	558.04
Secure Shred Solutions	Shredding	\$	79.30
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/transport fees	\$	1,813.01
The Messenger	Advertising	\$	90.00
T.P. Anderson & Company	Audit fees	\$	3,400.00
TV Guide Networks	Programming fees	\$	565.70
Tulsat-Nebraska	Supplies	\$	898.41
Tyler Technologies	Annual software support	\$	1,716.44
Unger, Kris	Refund	\$	87.57
United States Treasury	Federal excise tax	\$	790.51
Verizon Wireless	Wireless service	\$	219.44
Woodley Insurance & Real Estate	Insurance premiums	\$	2,055.00
	Total	\$	417,039.51

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report. No specific action was taken.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

September 11, 2013

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in special session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 12:00 p.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Ben Storms and Jerry Runneberg. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland and Electric Operations Manager Reid Prins.

The agenda for the September 11, 2013 meeting stands approved as presented.

Discussion was held on the progress of filling the Electric Line Person position. The General Manager informed the Board that we were ready to make an offer to one of the applicants and then went over all the details including wage and benefits. Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to accept the recommendation from the General Manager and directed the General Manager to go ahead and make the offer. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

September 18, 2013

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 was General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to amend the agenda for the September 18, 2013 meeting by adding the hiring of Kevin Henningsen as Electric Line Person. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 27 and September 11, 2013 meetings were previously distributed to the Board and stand approved as recorded.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the list of bills for August 2013 in the amount of \$341,062.87. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AFLAC	Insurance premiums	\$	419.76
Alliant Energy	Natural gas bill	\$	204.98
Allied National	Insurance premiums	\$	235.92
Aramark	Floor mats	\$	179.24
Arris Group	C4c Installation	\$	7,500.00
Avesis Third Party Administrators	Insurance premiums	\$	93.76
BBC America	Programming fees	\$	22.78
Big 10 Network	Programming fees	\$	619.12
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance premiums	\$	6,790.86
Border States Electric	Supplies	\$	228.98
Buena Vista Stationery	Supplies	\$	128.71
Century Link	Directory listings	\$	88.33
Century Link	Transport fees	\$	666.14
Certified Testing Services	Generation project	\$	57.00
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting expenses	\$	294.16
Consortia Consulting	Consulting fees	\$	750.00
Crouse, Jacob	Refund	\$	49.99
Dearborn National Life Insurance Company	Insurance premiums	\$	132.30
Department of Energy	WAPA energy bill	\$	47,300.71
DGR Engineering	Generation project	\$	6,313.37
Discovery Communications	Programming fees	\$	41.28
Echo Group	Supplies	\$	6,309.07
Employee Benefit Systems	Insurance administration	\$	120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding	\$	1,289.62
ESPN	ESPN3.com	\$	62.25
Exeltech	Equipment	\$	1,211.00
Fox Sports North	Programming fees	\$	1,539.08
Fuchs Construction	Generation project	\$	6,751.40
Graffix, Inc.	Supplies	\$	527.37
HUB Television Networks, Inc.	Programming fees	\$	10.32
Hudson, Deena	Refund	\$	142.27
ICMA Retirement	Employee contribution	\$	800.00
IPERS	IPERS withholding	\$	4,424.74
Integrated Broadband Services	Modem provisioning	\$	530.00
Internal Revenue Service	Federal/FICA taxes	\$	7,399.20
Iowa Network Services	Communication services	\$	202.02
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	12.60
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Withholding tax	\$	1,367.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sales tax	\$	7,413.00
J & J Service	Vehicle maintenance	\$	47.73

Laurens, City of	July billing	\$	83,679.37
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	17.32
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Conservation/refunds	\$	1,324.55
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility bill	\$	71.34
Laurens Plumbing/Hwy 10 Hardware	Supplies	\$	182.40
Laurens Sun	Publications	\$	445.30
Long Lines	Communication services	\$	2,495.33
Long Lines	Internet services	\$	3,611.00
Long Lines	Long distance	\$	1,125.52
Mather, Marilyn	Refund	\$	14.64
Mid American Energy	Neal 4 operations	\$	91,000.00
Music Choice	Programming fees	\$	182.91
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming fees	\$	12,948.04
National Cable Television Cooperative	Supplies	\$	34.77
Norsolv Systems	Supplies	\$	169.01
Northwest Communications	Transport fees	\$	722.56
OWN	Programming fees	\$	21.44
Payroll	Salaried, hourly & overtime	\$	20,423.90
Post Master	Postage	\$	514.58
Power & Telephone	Pedestals	\$	723.70
Pro Cooperative	Fuel	\$	671.68
R.B. Lumber Company	Supplies	\$	104.33
RFD TV	Programming fees	\$	10.92
Rovi Guides	Programming fees	\$	558.01
Schmidt, Tom	Meeting expenses	\$	167.24
Secure Shred Solutions	Shredding	\$	25.25
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Programming/transport fees	\$	1,813.01
Tendal, Brad	Supplies	\$	178.80
TV Guide Networks	Programming fees	\$	565.70
Tulsat-Nebraska	Supplies	\$	557.20
Verizon Wireless	Wireless service	\$	219.42
Walker, Tim	Refund	\$	7.57
Weather Central	Programming fees	\$	4,200.00
	Total	\$	341,062.87

The Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report. No specific action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to hire Kevin Henningsen as Electric Line Person with a wage of \$24.00 per hour and a performance review after the 90 day orientation period. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve and accept the Calendar Year 2012 Electric Audit Report prepared by T.P. Anderson & Company. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve and accept the Calendar Year 2012 Communications Audit Report prepared by T.P. Anderson & Company. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Ziegler Power Systems Extended Coverage proposal for each new CAT generator we recently installed. The generators have a 2 year warranty already in place. Ziegler Power Systems is offering another 3 years of coverage at a cost of \$9,340 per engine. The Board decided to wait on purchasing any extended coverage. This issue will be reviewed again next year.

Discussion was held on Ziegler Power Systems 5 year Customer Support Agreement. Ziegler has a maintenance program in place for their diesel generators and as long as we continue to follow the maintenance program, then we are eligible for extended warranty coverage. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the proposed Customer Support Agreement for each new CAT generator at a cost of \$5,597.03 per generator per year. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on offering products to our Internet subscribers from Security Coverage, Inc. They offer Secure IT Plus, Password Genie and File Hopper Plus. These products provide virus and spyware protection, manages your login usernames and passwords, provides cloud backup service and more. The prices for these services seem reasonable and could generate a little more income for the Utility. The Board is somewhat interested in this and stated that they can see that some of our customers would benefit from these products. The Board stated that they would support the decision of the general manager. No specific action was taken at this time.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees