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Local News

Bringleston Receives American Farmer Degree



Josh Bringleston received the highest degree in the FFA organization at the 80th National FFA convention. Bringleston's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program consisted of corn, soybean, hay, and sweet corn projects. He served as treasurer and president of the local FFA chapter. Bringleston is a sophomore at Iowa State University measuring in Ag business and is the son of Frank and Sue Bringleston.

Santa Visits Library



Santa is pictured visiting Grace Hertz during the Book Discussion Group at the Library December 17th. Grace was the leader in the talk about John Grisham's book, *Skipping Christmas*.

Santa brought goodie bags for all the good readers who had gathered. He even explained to one member the reason he never brought her the much asked for Easy Bake Oven. Santa said he was looking out for her safety because there were recalls on that model. Santa exclaimed "Merry Christmas!" and was on his way back to the workshop.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Letter to the Editor

12/21/07
Pocahontas Area, Newell-Fonda, Albert City-Truesdale, and Laurens-Marathon have been studying the possibility of a Regional Secondary School. The concept of a Regional Secondary School was viewed by Ghan Consulting, a school attorney, a bonding attorney, and the Department of Education as being feasible in theory, but with significant challenges for implementation. Pomeroy-Palmer has indicated in December that they wish to re-join the Regional School discussions as well. Current discussions

have focused on the individual district's bonding capacity as well as whether to agree on a location prior to forming community committees for further study.

The challenge of four or five districts reaching consensus has made the concept unfeasible at this time. Each district has gathered a lot of useful data through this entire exploration process. The districts have agreed to remain open to the possibility of revisiting this concept in the future. The long-term benefits of working and collaborating together are

significant and important to future students. Each district remains committed to exploring relationships and concepts that promote the highest standards of education possible for the region.

Submitted by Iner Joelson, Supt. L-M Schools



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Siouxland Community Blood Drive

DATE: Thursday, December 27, 2007

TIME: 2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: United Methodist Church-
Laurens, IA

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank was founded in 1967 and is the sole provider of blood and blood products to 36 Siouxland area hospitals.

To be eligible to donate blood, individuals must be at least 16 years of age with a Siouxland Community Blood Bank signed parent consent form; however, there is no upper age limit as long as the donor is in good health. In addition, donors need to weigh at least 110 pounds and have not donated whole blood in the past 56 days. A photo I.D. is required at the time of registration.

For more information about the Siouxland Community Blood Bank or blood drives in your area, call 712-252-4208 or 800-798-4208 or visit their website at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org SCBB

Letter to Editor

I have just printed out the December 18th issue of The Paper and wanted to let you know how much I, as a former Laurens resident, appreciate your work on the online newspaper. It is a wonderful way to stay in touch with home, which is particularly important during this holiday season.

Since my mother Joyce Siddall, who still lives in Laurens, does not have Internet access, I print and mail The Paper to her each week. I am happy to share this community news with her weekly.

I am using this letter to send 90th birthday greetings to Florence Pohlman, mother of my class of 1962 school mate Linda Pohlman Lyman. Happy birthday, Florence, and many more. Sincerely, Kathryn Siddall Rynders

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Mrs. Oehlertz's Advisee Group Wins Decorating Contest!

The time of year has come for holiday decorating. This is no different for our classrooms at school. The high school students decorate their Advisors' rooms to see which group has the most holiday spirit. This year one winner of the decorating contest was Mrs. Oehlertz's advisee group. Mrs. Oehlertz's group decorated a Christmas tree. They used the computers to make Santa Claus out of the desktops with hats and beards taped on the monitors to make them look even that much more festive. Lights and tinsel were hung throughout the room adding that much more of the holiday touch to the boring white walls of school classrooms. Christmas stockings were hung along the wall, anticipating Santa's visit. The winners received free pizza to eat while they were tearing down the decorations on the last Tuesday of the last week of school before semester break. Congratulations on all of your hard work and victory this holiday season!



Holiday Spirit!



*Katie's Birthday Party &
Terry's 4th Anniversary
Friday Dec 28th.*

*Come in and wish Katie
a Happy Birthday!
New Year's Eve--*

*Free Chili, Beer Specials
Big Screen Entertainment!*

*841-6986
Downtown Laurens*

L-M Drill Team takes 1st at State Competition

The L-M Drill Team attended the 2008 Iowa State Dance/Drill Team Championships at Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, December 1. They were part of the 275 high school teams in competition which performed a total of 520 routines during the two day event. The L-M Drill team performed in two categories, Prop and Pom. The Prop routine was choreographed by Diana Johnsen, Elizabeth Erritt, and Desiree Welty. The Pom routine was choreographed by Kylie Woodley, Megan Cleveland, and Taryn Kay. In Class I Prop, the girls placed 1st out of 8 teams. This is the first time in L-M Drill Team history a team has placed first in the State Competition. In Class III Pom, the girls placed 4th out of 12 teams. They brought home a total of two trophies. An assembly was held for the girls that following Monday, where the girls performed their 1st place Prop routine and were acknowledged by Rose Davis for their accomplishments. The L-M Drill Team is coached by Ashley Sindergard. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the support of the School Administration, The L-M Booster Club, teachers and coaches, and parents. Be sure to mark your calendars for Drill Team night on Friday, March 7.



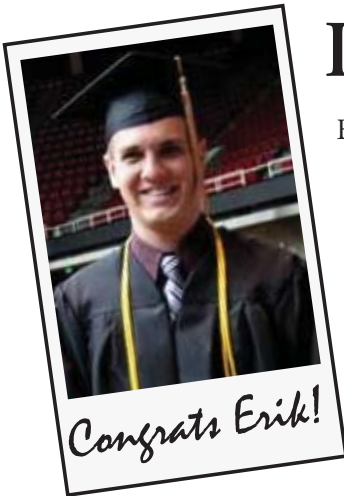
Laurens-Marathon Drill Team!

Congrats to L-M Musicians!

I would like to congratulate all the L-M music students who worked very hard to produce successful concerts this season! On Friday, December 7, the Pre-K through 5th grade held their holiday concert. Each grade sang by themselves as well as all together at the end. One of the highlights was the performance given by the 5th Graders. They included entertaining choreography in their song, "Going to Boston". The crowd was in 'stitches'! In addition to the singing there was a first performance by the 5th Grade Band. Way to go, 5th Grade!

On Sunday, December 16, both the Middle School and High School presented their concerts. At the end of the Middle School portion, the High School Choir joined the Middle School Choir in a rousing rendition of "He Never Failed Me Yet". It was exciting to hear 110 singers give their all on this song! Another highlight was the High School Band. If you didn't already know, L-M's band is awesome! Both choirs and both bands did an excellent job. If you missed the concerts, please make sure you attend the Spring concerts. The L-M music program is growing in numbers and ability. It's all very exciting! Again, congratulations, students, on a job well done!

Joan Enockson



Congrats Erik!

ISU Graduate

Erik Triggs, son of Scott & Michelle Triggs, formerly of Laurens, graduated from Iowa State University on December 14, 2007. He graduated with a double major in Finance and Marketing. Erik has accepted a commodity trading position with ConAgra in Omaha, NE.



Where's the Spirit?

Like many of you, we braved the dense fog and traveled to Alta this past Friday night to watch a #1 ranked Alta team square off against our undefeated Chargers. Those of you who stayed home missed a great men's game (Chargers lost 48-39) as well as a 3 point buzzer-beater by Jordan Sundblad that gave the women's team another win. The only thing that might have been missing was the "spirit". I know that really sounds corny, but L-M had a large crowd there with lots of students. You wouldn't have guessed it--we didn't make much noise! I think the team deserved a better effort from us, the fans. You can't imagine just how much the crowd can impact a game. Next time out, let's hear it--especially you students! Rod

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Feeding is for the birds

Join the Pocahontas County naturalist for a free program on crafting a birdfeeder from recycled materials at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 5 at the Pocahontas County Conservation office. Pre-registration is required. Whether one is just wanting to help hungry birds or is looking to spot a rare avian species, bird feeding is the easiest way to attract songbirds for up-close viewing. There are currently more people feeding birds than there are hunting and fishing combined, with nearly 53 million people spending over 2.5 billion dollars on birdseed each year. However, as popular and easy as bird feeding is, there's more to feeding birds than just putting out seed.

Choosing birdseed - Often the easiest seed to find is the birdseed mixes sold in bags at grocery stores and mega-marts. These mixes are made to appeal to the widest range of birds across the U.S. and usually contain some seeds that only certain birds will eat. A bird will pick out what it wants and discard the remainder on the ground along with your money.

Your best bet is to purchase seed for specific songbirds and have each type of seed in its own feeder. Bags or bulk single variety seed can be purchased at hardware stores, farm seed suppliers and specialty stores, often for less money than mixes. The seeds that birds enjoy most are: - Black oil sunflower: This seed is eaten by the widest variety of birds and should be used in 75% of your feeders. If you have problems with house sparrows, starlings or squirrels you can substitute safflower seed, a variety they are less likely to eat. - Nyger thistle: Good for attracting finches, particularly the goldfinch, our state bird.

Other foods birds enjoy are: - Suet cakes or peanut butter smeared on pinecones or bark: These are popular with insect eating birds, such as woodpeckers, who need a higher fat diet. Mixing peanuts into your black oil sunflower seed is also a good choice. - Cracked, shelled or ear corn: Use only in spring and fall for migrating birds. - Sugar water: Put out in hummingbird feeders from late April through September to attract these very amusing and fearless little birds. - Fresh oranges or grape jelly: Will attract summer-time fruit eating birds such

as orioles.

Other ways to attract birds Believe it or not, food is the least of most bird's concerns. They are fully capable of finding all the food they need. Our feeders are just a snack bar to them, and their main purpose is to serve as a way to attract birds so we can see them.

Primary on a bird's list is cover: for nesting, for shelter from the weather, and as a place to hide and perch safely while feeding. Birds love to sit in a bush or tree and hop over for a quick bite. Keep in mind, though, that if the shelter is less than ten feet from the feeder it can become the hiding place of a cat looking for an easy snack, as well. Planting native Iowa shrubs with berries will attract even more birds with its unique combination of shelter and food source all-in-one.

Water is another essential to attracting birds. In the winter when everything is frozen, a heated birdbath will be the most popular spot in the neighborhood. In the heat of summer, it will become a place to cool off and refresh. Birds love to splash in water and bathe themselves.

But be careful! Don't let your feeders become death traps to your birds. Keeping feeders and birdbaths clean is extremely important to stop the spread of some common bird diseases. They should ideally be washed and sterilized with a mild bleach solution every couple of weeks (or at least once a season!). You should also regularly sweep or rake old seed hulls off the ground below the feeder to discourage mold that can sicken birds.

Protecting songbirds from pet cats is another issue that is more important than most people realize. Domestic cats eat hundreds of millions of birds a year, with some enthusiastic, yet otherwise well-fed, felines eating up to 300 birds a piece in that time. In addition to proper feeder placement, installing a 30" rabbit fence around the feeder where birds search for seed on the ground will cut down on surprise attacks. In the end, however, keeping cats inside is by far the best thing you can do to help all birds survive.

Save your money for seed - Now that you are ready to join the army of bird feeders



across America, come to Pocahontas County Conservation on Sat., Jan. 5. You will be supplied with all the materials you need to create a birdfeeder from recycled items, and will leave with a ready-to-hang feeder.

This program is open to all ages and refreshments will be provided. The Pocahontas County Conservation office is located at 702 NW 7th St./Hwy 4 on the north side of Pocahontas. To register or if you have any questions contact: (712) 335-4395 or pokyc-cbnat@evertek.net

For more information on birds and bird feeding visit the National Audubon Society: www.audubon.org or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology: www.birds.cornell.edu

What is the purpose of Stop Lights?



To insure safety and control traffic. Are we in that much of a hurry that we can't deal with a couple of minutes delay? I

also think that they are a sign of a progressive town and community. I know that I'm not a resident of Laurens, but I've lived in this area all my life and Laurens is my town. Please don't remove the lights. Not only that, but what would you do with them? The landfills are full enough. *Submitted by Bonnie Frye*

Laurens-Marathon MAP Results Exceed District Expectations!

Congratulations go out to the Laurens-Marathon Students and Staff! The Laurens-Marathon CSD students recently completed their initial baseline testing session on the North West Evaluation Associations "Measure of Annual Progress Test", with some really outstanding results! The students participated in four seventy-minute computer-driven testing sessions, over the course of four days (November 11-21, 2007), completing tests in the areas of Language Arts, Reading, Math and Science.

Reviewing the charts below, you will notice the scores are reported differently than what you might be accustomed to in terms of ITBS and ITED test results where scores are reported by percentiles. The NWEA utilizes what is known as a "RIT" score. The tests are designed to level out at the students' current knowledge level as reported by the RIT score. The charts below compare our students to the NWEA "Median" RIT score Norms, (the average score by grade level for each grade level group). The bold faced numbers, in the Laurens-Marathon Results column, indicate those grade level areas that our students were at or above grade level as a class.

NWEA Language Usage Grade Level NWEA "Median" Laurens Marathon		
3	194	194
4	203	203
5	210	211
6	214	212 *
7	218	225
8	220	226
9	222	226
10	222	229
11	229	

NWEA Reading Grade Level NWEA, "Median" Laurens Marathon		
3	192	195
4	201	197 *
5	208	209
6	213	209 *
7	217	220

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8	220	225
9	223	227
10	226	226
11	235	

NWEA Mathematics Grade Level NWEA, "Median" Laurens Marathon		
3	193	191 *
4	203	205
5	211	210 *
6	218	218
7	225	232
8	230	236
9	234	240
10	238	240
11	248	

NWEA General Science Grade Level "Median" Laurens Marathon		
3	192	187 *
4	197	198
5	202	201 *
6	204	203 *
7	208	213
8	211	218
9	216	221
10	219	220
11	223	

NWEA Science Concepts and Processes Grade Level "Median" Laurens Marathon		
3	190	185 *
4	196	196
5	200	202
6	206	203 *
7	208	211
8	211	212
9	213	214
10	215	215
11	221	

From my perspective as Superintendent, I think the data above is something for the Laurens-Marathon School Community to brag about, to be proud of. The data clearly shows that our students and staff are working hard and our students are receiving quality educational opportunities. The data shows that the Laurens-Marathon instructors are providing their students with quality curricular

experiences and the L-M curriculum is a close match to the MISIC Curriculum. Yes, there are some areas wherein the data suggests we need to improve. However, I consider those areas to be more an issue of curriculum re-alignment than areas of deficient instruction. If you recall from our previous newsletters and conversations, the NWEA MAP tests we took were based on the "MISIC Curriculum", a curriculum our staff is currently assessing for adoption as a district.

Congratulations, Laurens-Marathon Students and Staff, on an outstanding assessment experience. I look forward to seeing the amount of growth you show as we reassess in the spring, set your goals high and keep up the good work! We're well on our way to moving from a "Good School" to a GREAT SCHOOL! Iner Joelson, Supt. / E. P. Laurens-Marathon CSD

Local & School Calendar

Dec. 25-Merry Christmas!
No School, classes
resume January 3, 2008.

Our wishes
for you and
your family
are for a
Blessed,
Happy Holiday
Season and a
New Year that keeps you
healthy and happy!

Roy & Nancy
Lewis Family



Growers Can Gain Advantage at ISU's Crop Advantage Series

Iowa State University Extension will hold 12 Crop Advantage meetings throughout Iowa between Jan 4 and 31.

Discussion topics will range from current climate trends, weather patterns for 2008, fungicide use on corn with results of a state wide project that evaluated the effect of fungicides on corn yields, nitrogen management, soybean row spacing, soybean insects, weed management, grain marketing and managing crop margins with current grain prices.

Private pesticide applicators will be able to obtain their continuing instructional course credits at this meeting. An additional fee of \$15.00 applies. The program will adjourn at 4:15 for persons attending this pesticide course.

Contact the Extension Office for more information on this program. The workshop topics are different at each of the twelve meetings in the series. Additional information and online registration is available on the Crop Advantage website at www.cropadvantage.org

Area 2008 Crop Advantage Series date, locations include:

Jan. 7	Ames
Jan. 8	Sheldon
Jan. 16	Spirit Lake
Jan. 22	Cherokee
Jan. 23	Carroll
Jan. 24	Fort Dodge

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Tractor and Machinery Certification Course

Attention area youth and farmers: Federal law requires youth ages 14 and 15 to have completed training and be certified before they may be legally employed to do many types of farm work on any farm other than their parents farm. ISU, Sac County Extension is looking into doing the Tractor & Machinery Certification Course on two Fridays and two Saturdays in March 2008. The course is 24-hours and includes classroom instruction, hands-on training, and will conclude with a written and practical test of knowledge and ability to operate tractors and farm machinery safely. There needs to be 20 students in order for us to have the course. Please call 712/662-7131 by January 11th to let us know you are interested.

Commercial Manure Ap- plicator Training Scheduled For Jan. 4, 2008

AMES, Iowa -- Commercial manure applicators can receive the three hours of annual continuing instruction required to maintain their manure applicator certification on Friday, Jan. 4, 2008. Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct a Commercial Manure Applicator Satellite Downlink from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. There is no fee for the workshop but applicators must register with the county ISU Extension office where they plan to attend.

Currently certified commercial manure applicators should receive a copy of the program registration brochure containing workshop locations in the mail in early December. If you do not receive a copy, please contact your local ISU Extension County Office or download a copy off the Web at: <http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/certification/08commmacbrochure.pdf>

Commercial manure applicators wishing to recertify and those wanting to certify for the first time should attend. All currently certified commercial manure applicator licenses will expire on March 1, 2008. Those wanting to renew must complete training requirements and submit forms and fees to the DNR prior to March 1, 2008, to avoid paying late fees. If an applicator attended training for the first time in the fall of 2007, he or she should make plans to attend the training again in January 2008 to meet the annual requirements.

Those unable to attend the program on Jan. 4 need to schedule time with their local ISU Extension county office to watch the training. Please note that training videotapes may not be available until mid February so applicators should make every effort to attend the satellite program on Jan. 4. If attending the satellite program or watching the three-hour tape is not convenient, commercial applicators may contact their local DNR field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam to meet certification requirements.

Applicators who want to take the exam may wish to access a copy of the study guide manual to help prepare for the exam. The study guide is available at the following Web address: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=PM%201778>

If you have questions about the program, contact your local ISU Extension county office or check the Web site at: <http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/immag/mac.html>.

Pocahontas County Beef Weigh-In

All 4-H and FFA members that will be exhibiting market beef or advanced feeder pen cattle at the 2008 Pocahontas County Fair will need to have their animal(s) weighed in Saturday, December 29 at Dubbert's in Laurens from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Any questions please contact the ISU Extension Office at 712-335-3103.

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder
December 25, 2007

Merry Christmas! I hope your Holiday season is everything you were wishing it to be. Santa stopped for a visit at the Library the other night during our Book Discussion. After making sure we all still qualified for the "Nice" list, he headed back to his workshop.

A patron requested four older J.D. Robb mysteries that we didn't have, so I ordered them in paperback. If you're a fan of this author, you'll want to check out these books that are part of her "In Death" series. Other new fiction includes *Hand of Evil* by J.A. Jance, *The Gathering* by Anne Enright, *The Teahouse Fire* by Ellis Avery, *The Ultimate Gift* by Jim Stovall, and *Knitting Bones* by Monica Ferris. In nonfiction we received *Rescuing Sprite: A Dog Lover's Story of Joy and Anguish* by Mark R. Levin.

We got the most amazing kids' book in this week. It's called *Gallop!: A Scanimation Picture Book* by Rufus Seder. You'll really have to see it to believe it. It features a fun rhyming text, but the amazing part is the pictures that actually move. A first book of motion for kids, it shows a horse in full gallop and a turtle swimming up the page. A dog runs, a cat springs, an eagle soars, and a butterfly flutters. Stop in to have a look!

The Library Board voted to close the library for the holidays on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. We are all thankful for the long weekends we will be able to spend with friends and family. But this is your warning – make sure you stock up on those books and movies so you have plenty to last through those long weekends! We'd like to take this time to wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

New Years Eve

The New Year's Eve special at the Laurens Golf and Country Club on Dec. 31st will be a ribeye steak with potato and salad bar. Public welcome. Serving starts at 5:00.



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Thank You!

I want to say a heart-felt thank you to the Laurens-Marathon FFA and to Santa Claus who delivered a lovely fruit basket to my door! I was so surprised! Thank you for thinking of me during the holiday season. *Lila Galloway*

Maintenance Technician



DFS, a high volume feed manufacturer, is expanding its maintenance department and has an opening for a person to perform preventative maintenance, mechanical repairs, and troubleshooting at its feed manufacturing facilities. Person must be capable of lifting 50# and not adverse to heights.

Skills needed: Weld (stick and wire), strong mechanical, electrical and troubleshooting aptitude as well as a being a reliable self starter.

Experience/Education: Min. of 3 years experience and 2 yrs trade school preferred.

Competitive wages and benefit package including health insurance for employee and family, generous 401(k) plan, clothing allowance, paid holidays, birthday off with pay, profit sharing plan, life insurance, disability insurance, and cafeteria plan.

DFS, Inc.

Attn: Human Resources

PO Box 3 ~ 167 West 1st St ~ Newell, Iowa 50568

Extension of Deer Seasons Prompts Many Questions from Hunters

DES MOINES - Extension of deer hunting seasons approved Thursday by the Natural Resources Commission is prompting a great deal of interest - and questions - from Iowa hunters.

"We obviously have a big departure from the way that we normally set and announce deer seasons given the short time frame from when these season extensions were established until when they take place. We have not had the normal amount of time to get the word on the applicable regulations to our hunters," said Dale Garner, wildlife bureau chief for the DNR.

Under the season extensions approved Thursday, those hunters who had valid deer licenses for the two regular shotgun seasons and the youth season will be allowed to hunt again Dec. 21-23.

"The best way for shotgun hunters to think about this is that it is simply three more days being added to their previous season, but only antlerless deer may be harvested," Garner said.

The deer season for late muzzleloader hunters has also been extended to include Jan. 11-13. The important regulations applying to these season extensions include: Save any shotgun licenses you may currently have. All hunters must possess a valid deer hunting license during the season extension. The season extensions apply to Iowa residents only. The extension of the two shotgun seasons for Dec. 21-23 is for antlerless deer only, regardless of the type of license the hunter had during the first two regular seasons.

Participants of the previous youth season will only be able to harvest antlerless deer during the Dec. 21-23 extension.

Hunters with valid licenses will still be allowed to party hunt, but they may only use valid, un-filled tags left from shotgun seasons. For example, if there are 12 people in your group and 10 un-filled tags from the previous seasons, than 10 antlerless deer can be harvested by the group.

Valid depredation tags for the first two shotgun seasons are also valid during the season extension Dec. 21-23.

Those hunting during the extension of the late muzzleloader season Jan. 11-13 who would normally need to have a valid hunting license will be required to purchase a 2008 hunting license and habitat stamp.



Safety needs to be of paramount concern due to the overlap of seasons

with bow hunters. Bow hunters are NOT required to wear blaze orange, but are strongly URGED to do so. "Deer are color blind so it doesn't really make a difference to the deer, but greatly increases your visibility to other hunters," said Garner.

All deer harvested must be reported using the mandatory harvest reporting system.

Those hunters who have already thrown away un-used tags or deer licenses from the regular shotgun and youth seasons will be able to get

duplicate tags via the internet next week at no charge. Details of the duplicate tag availability will be available early next week at www.iowadnr.gov Answers to frequently asked questions are currently available at www.iowadnr.gov

For additional information, contact the DNR helpdesk at 515-281-5918.

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Happy New Year!

From our family to yours...Have a wonderful new year. We will be closed on Monday, January 1 for the New Year Holiday

The past year was full of Customer Service Improvements and a new location. In 2007 we opened Iowa Trust & Savings in Laurens. We offered the new VISA Check Card plus Personal Lines of Credit.

In 2008 we look forward to providing the highest level of service possible, along with the latest in banking innovations.

Iowa Trust & Savings Bank

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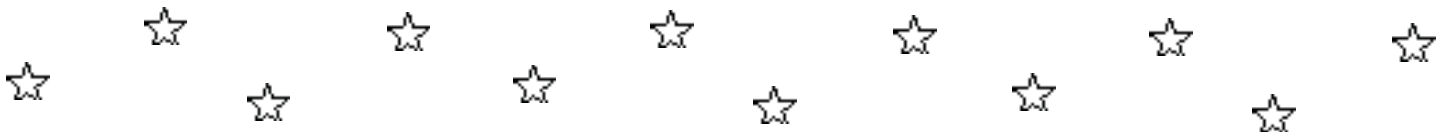
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Iowa Republican Presidential Caucus

Thursday, January 3, 2008



The 2008 Republican Caucus will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the following locations. In order to participate all persons will need to be registered Republicans and show a Photo ID upon arrival. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Caucus beginning at 7:00 p.m. For further information, you may contact Michael Diischer at (712) 335-4763.



PRECINCT

LOCATION

Pocahontas 1	AEA Building	500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas
Pocahontas 2	Center Roosevelt AEA Building	500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas
S. Roosevelt, N. Lincoln	AEA Building	500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas
Grant, S. Sherman	AEA Building	500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas
Powhatan, N. Roosevelt	Rolfe Community Center	320 Garfield, Rolfe
Des Moines, N. Garfield	Rolfe Community Center	320 Garfield, Rolfe
Cedar, Colfax	Fonda Community Center	104 W. 2nd Street, Fonda
Dover, S. Marshall	Fonda Community Center	104 W. 2nd Street, Fonda
Swan Lake, N. Marshall	Laurens City Hall Basement	272 N 3rd, Laurens
Cummins, N. Sherman	Laurens City Hall Basement	272 N 3rd, Laurens
S. Lincoln, Bellville, Lizard	Palmer Public Library	520 Hansen Ave., Palmer
S. Garfield, Lake	Palmer Public Library	520 Hansen Ave., Palmer

Iowa Democratic Party Presidential Caucus

Thursday, January 3rd, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Pocahontas County residents will meet at the following sites:

PRECINCT	CAUCUS LOCATION	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Bellville/Lizard/S Lincoln	Palmer Community Building	Paul Beneke
Cedar/Colfax	Miss Margie's Diner - Fonda	Margaret McCartan/ Ralph Christiansen
Clinton/Des Moines/N Garfield	Rolfe State Bank	Jeffrey Ives
Cummins/N Sherman	Havelock Methodist Church	Jerry Depew
Dover/S Marshall	Miss Margie's Diner - Fonda	Margaret McCartan/ Ralph Christiansen
Grant/S Sherman	AmVet Hall - Havelock	Merry Crotty
Lake/S Garfield	Palmer Community Building	Paul Beneke
Pocahontas 2/Center/ Roosevelt/Lincoln Nancy Kopriva	Pocahontas County Courthouse	Colleen Paul
Pocahontas 1	Pocahontas County Courthouse	Dick Gruber/Jim Bartosch/ John Ryan
Powhatan N Roosevelt	Rolfe State Bank	Audrey Simonson
Swan Lake N Marshall	Laurens State Bank	Pat Harms/Rich Cope

**** Call Lois Jirgens for more information about caucus participation or rides. (712) 841-2427**

*“Happy 19th
Birthday Katie
Dec 26th”*



Rumors

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Rumors Pub! Free chili, beer specials, and big screen entertainment. Come in and have fun.

Golf Ball Drop

Win one of FIVE \$100 cash prizes! January 11th at the Boys basketball halftime. Tickets are \$5.00 and are now available from any Junior class parent. Proceeds for After-Prom!

Thank You

*We'd like to thank
all our friends and customers
for making this
a successful year for us.*

*We will close at Noon on December 31.
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Pre-registration is required for this free event. Contact the Pocahontas County Naturalist with any questions or to register at (712) 335-4395 or pokycbnat@evertek.net.

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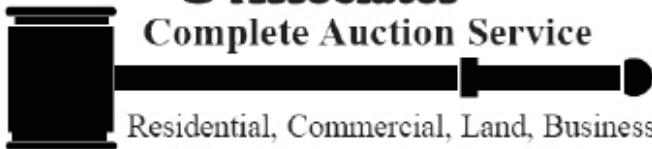
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