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Local News

Ethanol Is Shaking Up More Than The Energy Market

On Monday, January 14th, a group of experts in the fields of engineering and architecture from Iowa State University (ISU) and the Center of Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS), were in Laurens to study the impact of train traffic servicing the ethanol industry. Led by CIRAS field representative, Bob Coacher, the team came to Laurens to investigate complaints about vibrations caused by the trains and look for any possible connections to potential building and infrastructure damage.

The team of experts was approved by ISU President Geoffrey to conduct the study after a call from former mayor Peter Hong to the director of CIRAS. The call was made following an inquiry by some downtown business owners who noticed what appeared to be some advanced cracking on their buildings.

After some initial questioning of other business owners and home owners, Hong decided to see if the vibration issue has been a problem for other cities. It was found that several other cities have had similar complaints and some measurable damage to buildings along the tracks where the heavy ethanol tankers are passing through.

The results of the study will be made public as soon as more tests and measurements are made. It appears that the heavier loads and increased speed may be the source of the problem. This would mean that the length of the trains, the weight of the individual railroad cars, and the speed they travel through town greatly affects the amount of vibration. The results of the study will be combined with other case studies, with Laurens being the first city to be studied by the ISU/CIRAS team.

Personal Financial Planning Seminar January 30, 2008

A Personal Financial Planning Seminar will be held on January 30, at the Laurens United Methodist Church. This event is open to anyone in the community, and is being sponsored by the Laurens United Methodist Church. Gain skills in controlling your personal finances. A couple of the many areas

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covered include topics such as: "Understanding your cash flow" and "How to start reducing debt immediately"

The seminar is provided free of charge. Please contact Pastor Larry McAlpine at 841-4385 for more information!

Save the Date!

We're throwing a Party to celebrate two milestones--The Paper's first year in business and the Publisher's 50th Birthday!



We'll be celebrating at Rumors Pub on March 1st with cake and live blues with the Erick Hovey Band.

We hope you'll join us!
More details when available!

Rod

Watermelon Snow

One of the most common species of snow algae, and the one responsible for pink snow, is *Chlamydomonas nivalis*. This unicellular organism is a member of the diverse green algae Division Chlorophyta (Order Volvocales), and contains a bright red carotenoid pigment in addition to chlorophyll. Unlike most species of freshwater algae, it is cryophilic (cold-loving) and thrives in freezing water. Its scientific surname, *nivalis*, is Latin and refers to snow. Compressing the snow with your boot leaves a distinct footprint the color of watermelon pulp. The snow even has a fresh watermelon scent and is sometimes called "watermelon snow." However, beware, there are unconfirmed reports that consuming "generous quantities" of pink snow may cause diarrhea. Check it out online at <http://waynesword.palomar.edu/plaug98.htm>

Thank You

We would like to thank the FFA kids for the wonderful fruit basket they delivered to us. The grapefruit was super as was the rest. It was a real treat. Thank you.
Paul and Sadie Challand

Laurens Golf & Country Club

The special for Thursday, January 17th, is homemade meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy with a vegetable. Everyone welcome!

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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder
January 15, 2008

Ice and snow seemed like they'd be the appropriate topic for this month's Brown Bag Lunches with the LM Elementary kids. We start out with a review of the water cycle and other facts about snow and ice. Then one of my favorite winter picture books, *Snowmen at Night*. You just can't ever be too old for a good picture book! Then, of course, I have a few riddles for them. One of my favorites is - What's an "ig"? The answer is - it's a snow house without a loo! Naturally, they don't know what a loo is, so there is much giggling after I explain it!

I'm feeling a bit nostalgic for days gone by when we would get snowed in on the farm for a few days. It was always fun to reread my favorite books, assemble jigsaw puzzles and play board games with my sisters. I always thought it was a bit of an adventure, but I'm sure my Dad saw it differently when he still had to make it

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Thank you!

Words do not and cannot express the appreciation felt by those working with the Upper Des Moines Opportunity Pocahontas Outreach for the very generous contributions and donations the residents of Pocahontas County made throughout the past year.

We have been blessed by giving from individuals, churches, organizations and businesses. The Pocahontas County Outreach gratefully accepts and appreciates your help, trust and faith in our efforts to serve those in need. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns about outreach, please feel free to give us a call or visit us at the outreach office.

*Sincerely, Cinda Joynt, Center Director
Sue Hubbell, Outreach Specialist*

to the barn to milk the cows twice a day! Maybe we all should grab a few extra books in case we get a blizzard and have to stay home for a day or two. (A girl can dream, can't she?!) New fiction includes *The Venetian Betrayal* by Steve Berry, *Plum Lucky* by Janet Evanovich, *I am Legend* by Richard Matheson, and *Blasphemy* by Douglas Preston.

We're trying something new with the book of choice for January. Dennis LeHane's *Shutter Island* is a suspense novel and it's one I'm looking forward to reading again now that I know the ending! Opinions have been split between, "It was awful and I'm not finishing it" to "Great book. I can hardly wait to talk about it." If you like suspense and mystery, come pick up a copy so you can stick up for me Monday the 28th when we get together to talk about it. It seems like we could have a lively discussion!

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

HorseTech Welcomes New Employees

HorseTech welcomed two new employees on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. Amanda Svuba and Todd Kraft joined the staff at HorseTech.



Amanda Svuba

Amanda Svuba was employed by Alexander Law Office, where she began her duties in May, 2006. She had recently graduated from Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg, where she majored in the Office Specialist program. Amanda is a graduate of the Laurens-Marathon High School.

Amanda and fiancé, Brad Tendal, live in Laurens and are the parents of a daughter, Ava. Brad is employed by Positech in Laurens. Amanda is the daughter of Darwin and Jerlynn Svuba of Laurens.



Todd Kraft

Todd Kraft and his wife, Julie, recently moved to Laurens from Albia, Iowa. Todd was formerly employed by Ag Partners in Albert City. He is a December 2005, graduate of Iowa State University, and is a Laurens-Marathon High School graduate. Todd's wife,

Julie, is the Deputy City Clerk for the City of Laurens. Todd is the son of Dale and Judy Kraft of Laurens.

Welcome to HorseTech, Amanda and Todd!

Big Town Cop/Little Town Cop

By Kent Radford

Over the years I have had the opportunity of working with various sizes of police departments. My association with these departments has varied from disaster preparedness to law enforcement. Working with the individuals of these police departments has been a pleasure. Those individuals have chosen this profession because they want to make a difference when it comes to public safety. My grandfather was a small town policeman and my wife's father had been the Chief of Police of a fairly large city.

The composition of a police department of a medium to large city is usually divided into various special sub-departments. For example, you will have people dedicated to traffic control, robbery, homicide, communications, and etc. On the other hand, a police department like we have in Laurens has just two or three individuals who perform all these functions. In some respect, the police of a small town must have a broader depth of experience than those of a large town. The types of crimes and incidents that a small town police force must handle are not different than those of a large city. The only difference is a matter of scale. Even in small towns there are individuals who think they are above the law or have no concern for law and order.

This last fall we had a series of

downtown robberies. These robberies occurred early in the morning. Following this incident, someone came up to me and asked me why our police were not downtown when the robberies were being committed? I thought, what a strange question. Obviously, the perpetrators did not send out an invitation nor did they hang a sign on the door marked with "robbery in progress." What did happen, however, once the robberies were detected and our police were notified, they promptly moved forward with gathering evidence and coordinated with the Pocahontas, Palo Alto, and Clay County Sheriff's Departments. It wasn't very long before good leads were developed, a suspect list devised, and arrests were made. Some of the property taken was also recovered.

Our town of Laurens has an excellent police department. I want to tip my hat to Tom Shaw and Brian Nath. These two officers have done a great job keeping us safe and looking out for our welfare. Hopefully, they will soon be joined by another officer who will shoulder the tremendous load they have to carry. We know that they will continue to be faced with dangerous domestic disturbances, a criminal element who is trying to make the fast illegal dollar, speeders, the occasional person who wants to drive while intoxicated, etc.

The one thing you can depend on is, they will be out in the middle of this activity "protecting and serving" the residents of Laurens.

Lindsey Siepker



named to Dean's Honor List at Morningside College

SIOUX CITY (Morningside College) — Lindsey Siepker, daughter of Clarence and Karen Siepker of Laurens, Iowa, has been named to the Dean's Honor List at Morningside College for the fall 2007 semester.

Siepker is a sophomore at Morningside and a past graduate of Laurens-Marathon High School.

Each semester the Dean's Honor List recognizes students who achieve a 3.67 grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of course work with no grade below a "C-." Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, William C. Deeds, recently released the fall 2008 list, and each student received a letter of recognition from Deeds.

Morningside College enrolled 1,798 full-time and part-time students for the 2007 fall term and welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds. Morningside offers five bachelor's degrees, including bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music, bachelor of music education, and bachelor of nursing, and a master of arts in teaching degree. The college was founded in 1894 by the Methodist Episcopal Church and remains affiliated with the United Methodist Church today.

For information about attending Morningside College, contact the Admissions office at (712) 247-5111 or visit the college's Web site at www.morningside.edu.



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High School Advisor/Advisee program thanks the local VFW!

This holiday season the High School Advisor/Advisee program sponsored military men from several different units with holiday boxes filled with a lot of wonderful items. The High School students brought in items such as magazines, books, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and candy. Fifteen (15) boxes total were sent. A big THANK YOU goes out to our local VFW for sponsoring this project and letting us fill all 15 boxes. We couldn't have done it without your support!



In the picture are local VFW members with L-M High School Senior Students. Left to right, Ethan Perry, Lee Bailey, Vince Triggs, Brent Leuer.

From The Heart

Superbowl Sunday is quickly approaching. This year it is February 3rd. Here are a few fun facts about Superbowl: " Eight million pounds of guacamole is consumed on that day alone. " Fans spend more than \$50 million on food during the four days prior to the Superbowl. " A Superbowl party's average attendance is seventeen. " That Sunday has the second highest alcohol-related accidents (St. Patrick's Day is first). " Six percent of Americans call in sick the Monday after Superbowl. (With all that food and alcohol...who could blame them?) Here are a few quick hints to help you in planning your party. First of all, plan ahead. When you as a host/hostess are relaxed...so is your company.

Remember that the food and the television are the "guests of honor" and to concentrate on that. Have comfortable seating...put large pillows on the floor for those that want to "spread out". Setting your food table for a Superbowl party can be imaginative and fun!

Cut old footballs into two and place glass bowls in them for dips (line them with saran wrap and put ice in it first to keep the dips cold and then there are no worries!). Put pom-poms in thin vases for your centerpiece and a child's helmet next to it. Use a green tablecloth and lay white ribbon across it for yard markers.

Food can be quite exciting, too. I like to keep it really simple. You have your standard chili and dips. But what about bread sticks (you can get them frozen at our grocery store) and have different spicy dips?

Don't forget about the health-conscious party attendees...fresh veggies and fruit is great! Here is a staple that you can have on hand anytime: Take one

package of softened cream cheese and mix with 1/2 cup of hot raspberry pepper preserves/jelly. Place in a container (I prefer a pie plate so you have the edges to help with dipping). Sprinkle with roasted pecans. Serve on crackers.

Have a great time at the Big Game! Julie Wurr. You may send questions/comments to heart@laurens-ia.com

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Snowshoe under the full moon in Pocahontas

Join the Pocahontas County naturalist after supper on Tues., Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. and experience the night like you never have before. There is nothing more surreal than a snowy landscape under a bright moon-lit sky, and on a pair of hand-crafted wooden snowshoes, you will be exploring the nocturnal world in style. We will meet at the Pocahontas County Conservation office, where you will be given a quick introduction to snowshoeing before setting off on a tour of Rosenberger Park. You will quickly warm up on our snowshoes, but in case you don't, hot cocoa will be provided. Pre-registration is required for this free all-ages event. The Conservation office and Rosenberger Park are located on Highway 4 on the north edge of Pocahontas. To register or for more information, contact (712) 335-4395 or orpokyccbnat@evertek.net.

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Pocahontas County Foundation Announces Grant Details

The Pocahontas County Foundation was organized to promote and enhance community-based philanthropy in Pocahontas County. The Foundation receives funding to facilitate endowment building and grantmaking throughout the county. Seventy-five percent of these funds will be awarded through grants to charitable, non-profit organizations for educational, civic and public purposes in Pocahontas County.

The spring of 2006 was the first time that grants were awarded by the Pocahontas County Foundation. Seventeen non profit Pocahontas County organizations received over \$40,000 to complete projects in the County. Projects included improvements at the Laurens Ball Field complex, updated DVD resources at the Laurens Public Library, storage units at the nonprofit daycare in Laurens, support for the new Extension shooting sports youth program, a new scoreboard at the gym in Fonda, equipment for an emergency vehicle for Dover Township/Varina Fire Department, support for the county Barn Quilt project, funding for substance abuse prevention and problem gambling in Pocahontas County, programming for bullying and violence prevention at PAC, equipment for the community/PAC weight room, support for a county-wide leadership forum, funding for the County Veterans monument, the

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purchase of a microfilm reader at the Pocahontas Library, signage for the Rolfe Farmers Market, a directory of local food producers, and money towards a computer for small business counseling at VISTA.

Non profit agencies or other qualifying charitable organizations operating for the benefit of Pocahontas County may apply for a grant. Grant applications are available on the following website: www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas/. Copies of the grant application are available at the Pocahontas County Extension Office, 305 N Main, Pocahontas.

The funding for the grants available to the Pocahontas County Foundation was made possible by the Iowa General Assembly. In 2004, the Iowa legislature passed several bills to encourage foundation-building and community-based philanthropy. Among these measures was H. F. 2032, which provided that non-gambling counties initiating a county-wide community foundation would be eligible to receive one half of one percent of the state's gross gambling tax receipts.



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Federated Women's Club Meets

The regular meeting of the Laurens Federated Women's Club was held on January 11, 2008, at the Laurens Public Library with eighteen members present. A very interesting program was presented by Sara Galindo: "Cuba: Understanding our Next Door Neighbor." The Moment in History was given by Joyce Rigby, who read from the February 26, 1937 minutes. Committee reports included the Nominating Committee report. Joyce Rigby presented the following slate of proposed officers:

President: Lois Jirgens; First Vice-President: Jan Carlson; Second Vice-President: Joyce Rigby; Third Vice-President: Dorothy Runneberg; Secretary: Pat Frantz; Treasurer: Marcia Leu; Historian: Verlae Nicol. The election will be held at the February meeting.

Jeanette Korreect reported that there was a 100% participation in the reading program. The club voted to give a \$50.00 Art Campership this year. Refreshments were served by Grace Hertz, Betty Van Horsen, and Marcia Leu.

The February 8th meeting will be held at The Homestead with Delphine Hopkins acting as hostess. The refreshment committee will be Lois Jirgens, Pat Frantz, and Marilyn Mather. The program will be "Enjoying Life with Julie Wurr," presented by Julie Wurr.

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Laurens United Methodist Church

- Wed. Jan. 16** 12:00 p.m. ~ Leadership
 7:00 p.m. ~ Worship
 7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. UMYF
 8:15 p.m. ~ Ad Council
- Fri. Jan. 18** 7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study
- Sun. Jan. 20** Human Relations Day offering
 9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Coffee
 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship
 6:00 p.m. ~ Fishermen
- Wed. Jan. 23** 7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. UMYF
- Fri. Jan. 25** 7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study



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Thursday, Jan. 17 -
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

Sunday, Jan. 20 -
9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship - Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5: 16)

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Annual Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops Scheduled for 2008

Confinement site manure applicators and anyone interested in learning about applying manure should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University (ISU) Extension January 25 at the Rolfe Community Center from 1:30-3:30 PM. There is no fee to attend the workshop, but certified applicators fulfilling continuing education requirements will pay an annual education fee. Call 712-335-3103 to pre-register.

Iowa law requires confinement site manure applicators to attend two hours of continuing education each year of their three-year certification period or take and pass an exam once every three years. The workshop is offered in other locations and these are listed at: <http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/certification/08confdates.html>

Workshop participants will learn about land application rules, mortality management and investigate confinement site issues. This is the tenth year

that ISU Extension has offered the training in cooperation with Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The workshop also serves as initial certification for those applicants who are not currently certified. If a confinement livestock operation has more than 500 animal units the operator must be certified to apply manure unless the manure is applied by a commercial manure applicator.

Due to uniform certification deadlines, applicators are encouraged to attend workshops prior to March 1 to avoid being assessed a late fee. Training will be available after the county program by scheduling a viewing time at local Extension Offices. Applicators renewing their license cannot apply manure until they have met the certification requirements and submitted the correct forms and fees to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Local & School Calendar

Jan. 15-Basketball with Newell/Fonda at Laurens at 6:30 p.m., V girls & boys (Junior Drill Team performs between games & during halftime of both games); Wrestling with TRV & East Sac at 6:00 p.m. at Bode, JV & V; Sophomore Class Supper from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the lunchroom.

Jan. 17-Wrestling with Alta, Pomeroy/Palmer and Manson/NWW, at 6:00 p.m.; JV basketball with Prairie Valley at Laurens at 6:00 p.m., girls & boys; JH basketball with Southern Cal at 4:00 p.m., 7th & 8th girls at Lohrville.

Jan. 18-Basketball with Prairie Valley at Gowrie at 6:00 p.m., V girls & boys.

Jan. 19-Large Group District Speech Contest.

Jan 21-Wrestling with Sioux Central & Alta at Laurens at 6:00 p.m., JV & V; JV basketball with Pomeroy/Palmer at 6:00 p.m., girls & boys.

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Iowa Beef Center Revamps Web Site

The Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University has overhauled its Web site, adding new features that will help users navigate through its extensive resources.

The Web site, www.iowabeefcenter.org, now features a search engine on the front page, allowing users to instantly search any topic within Iowa Beef Center's Web site. The front page also features a link to local weather information and current markets, as well as photos that highlight IBC's current activities or important topics within the beef industry.

The expanded left-hand search menu includes topics of interest, such as corn co-products and environmental management, and lists resources by type of farm enterprise, such as cow-calf or feedlot operation. The resources on IBC's Web site provide producers with the latest research-based information to help them better manage their operations.

IBC communications specialist Nancy Foster said the Web site has always offered a lot of quality information for producers. With years of adding resources, though, the Web site needed an overhaul to reorganize all of its content into a more user-friendly format. The new format will make it easier to find those resources."

The Iowa Beef Center was established in 1996 to support the growth and vitality of the beef cattle industry in the state. It is part of Iowa State University Extension, serving as its outreach program to cattle producers. It integrates resources in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine and serves as the central access point for all ISU programs and research related to the beef industry.

For more information about the Iowa Beef Center, visit www.iowabeefcenter.org.

HONOR ROLL LAURENS-MARATHON MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER 2007-2008

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must maintain a "B" average in the core academic subject areas, with no D's or F's on his/her Report Card in any subject. To be listed on the "A" Honor Roll, a student must earn an "A" or "A-" in ALL classes/subjects taken.

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Ashley Reese
Kylie Sundblad

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Regan Grossnickle
Laura Hansen
Luke Hersom
Kelsey Nagengast
Alex Runneberg
Janae Smith
Brice Wenell

Chargers Top Maidens

The Charger girl's basketball team defeated the Pocahontas Area girls on Jan 10. Pocahontas led the game 16-7, 24-17 and 29-27 at the quarters. The Chargers rallied after the half and ended up winning 42-34. The Chargers were led in scoring with Kacie and Kylie Woodley each tallying 11 points. Jordan Sunblad contributed 8 points, Amanda Zylstra had 6, Holly Hofmaster and Shelby Heuton each added 3. Amanda Zylstra led the Chargers with 8 rebounds, followed by Holly Hofmaster and Kacie Woodley with 6. The Chargers are 10-5 overall and 7-2 in the conference.

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NCIBA Honor Band

Three high school band students represented Laurens-Marathon wonderfully at the annual NCIBA Honor Band that took place in Humboldt on Saturday, January 5th. Diana Johnsen - Alto Clarinet, Chelsey Anderson - Eb Clarinet, and Kayla Josephson - Bb Clarinet were the students that were nominated and selected to play in the North Central district honor band. They rehearsed all day with a concluding concert that night. It was an amazing concert. Way to go, girls!!!

L-M Boys JV Team Loses to Pocahontas

The L-M boys JV team traveled to Pocahontas on January 10. They faced a good Pocahontas team made up of mostly of juniors and sophomores. Pocahontas won the game 71 to 37. Pocahontas jumped out to an early lead. They continued to build a large lead during the first half with some good outside shooting and controlling of the boards. The Chargers rallied early in the second half to close the scoring margin. Pocahontas proved to be too much later in the second half as they once again widened the scoring margin. Case Bieri led the Charger scorers with 9 points. Other scorers were: Josh Sernett 7, Austin Stumbo 6, Ben Zylstra 6, Bryce Maschino 4, Ryan Hudson 3 and Luke Sundblad 2. Rebounding was led by Sernett with 6, Hudson 5, Stumbo 3, Evan Johnson 2, Zylstra 2, Maschino 1 and Bieri 1.

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Middle School Girls' Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 5th, the L-M Booster Club hosted a 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball tournament at the Laurens High School. 16 teams traveled through the dense fog that morning to participate in the tournament -7th grade bracket: Laurens, Webster City, Alta, Estherville, Spencer, Pocahontas, Storm Lake, and Newell-Fonda. 8th grade bracket: Emmetsburg, Spencer Purple, Cherokee Gold, Manson, Estherville, Fort Dodge, Spencer Gold, & Cherokee Black.

The 8 teams from each grade bracket were divided into 2 pools with 4 teams in each pool. Each team played 3 games within the pool, and then the pool winners played each other for the championship. The winner in the 7th grade bracket was Estherville, and runner up was Spencer. The winner in the 8th grade bracket was Fort Dodge St. Edmonds, and runner up was Spencer Purple. It was an action-packed day with many games decided by just a few points!

A big thank you to all those volunteers who worked at the tournament!! Among the volunteers were Coach Ehn, who helped us set up the scorer's tables and made sure everything was working correctly, the students from L-M who manned the clocks and score sheets, local residents and school faculty who refereed the games, the Hanson's who set up the concession stand, the Junior class students who worked the concession stand, Booster Club board members who took money at the door, and the Board members who recruited the refs and workers. Without all of these volunteers, events like this tournament could never take place!!! A special thanks also to Brooks Anderson at B & K Embroidery for designing and printing out the tournament t-shirts which we gave to ev-

ery athlete who participated - the t-shirts were awesome!! Also special thanks to Jayne Woodin for all of the help and guidance she provided for the planning and organization of the tournament, and also for working with the kids at the score tables.

We received many compliments from coaches and fans noting how well the tournament was run, what a good job the refs did, how great the food was in the concession stand, and how polite and friendly everyone was. What a great compliment to the school and to the community!!

Thanks again for everyone's contribution which made the day a great success!

We will be hosting two more basketball tournaments in March - March 1st will be the 5th and 6th grade boy's and girl's tournament, and March 8th will be the 7th & 8th grade boy's tournament. Please come and cheer on these up and coming young athletes!

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Chargers Come Up Short

The Charger men came up short against Schaller-Crestland, losing 44-46 on the Wildcats home court. The Chargers trailed almost the entire game. L-M never really got into a rhythm until the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough.

Adam Woodin scored 15 points to lead the Chargers. Zach Lovin followed with seven and Ryan Stumbo added six. Tyler Smith and Travis Leuer added four apiece, while Caleb Jamison and Ryan Lovin scored three each. Gary Brechler added two.

A cold 35% field goal percentage hampered the Charger effort. Their opponents shot 62% from the field. L-M managed only 25% from the free-throw line while S-C shot 60%.

The Chargers traveled to the Panther Pit in Storm Lake Tuesday night.

Quarter Scores: Schaller-Crestland led 14-11, 28-17, 34-29



Lady Chargers Upset Schaller-Crestland

The L-M Lady Chargers took home a come-from-behind 40-35 victory over the Schaller-Crestland Wildcats. The Chargers shot 24% from the field and 75% from the free throw line, but it was enough for yet another victory.

Senior Kacie Woodley led the team with 11 points and five rebounds. Holly Hofmaster, the feisty sophomore point guard, dropped in seven points and pulled down six rebounds. Kim Kenobbie was back in action after being benched with a knee injury, adding eight points for the Chargers. Amanda Zylstra was 4 for 4 from the free throw line. Kylie Woodley and Jordan Sundblad each scored four and Shelby Heuton added two to round out the scoring effort.

JV Boys & Girls

Chargers Cruise to a Victory

Coach Winter was able to get the entire bench into action in a 52-33 victory over Storm Lake St. Mary's Tuesday night. The Chargers took a 23-15 lead into the locker room after just a two point lead after one period.

The Blue and Gold, led by Ryan Stumbo, built on their lead in the second half. Stumbo scored a team high 14 points along with three rebounds and a steal. Travis Leuer recorded 11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, 2 assists and 2 blocked shots. Zach Lovin contributed six and

Caleb Jamison four. Tyler Smith, Tyler Sandvig and Josh Sernett each scored two points and Case Bieri connected on a free-throw.

The Chargers take on the Pocahontas Area Indians in a non-conference game in Pocahontas Thursday night. Quarter scores: L-M led 11-9, 23-15, 37-20

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Lady Chargers Thump St. Mary's

The Lady Chargers clamped down on Storm Lake St. Mary's in a 47-24 victory on the road. Kacie Woodley led the way for the Chargers with 15 points. Holly Hofmaster contributed 11 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists. Jordan Sundblad added eight along with 5 rebounds. Kim Kenobbie charted eight points and three rebounds. Kylie Woodley added two points and two assists. Amanda Zylstra chipped in two points and five rebounds. Shelby Heuton tacked on a free throw along with five rebounds and one assist.

The Chargers travel to Pocahontas to take on the Maidens Thursday night.

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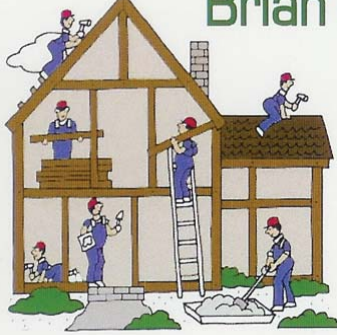
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