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## ***Kiwanis Flip Pancakes for the Sophomore Class***

By Kent Radford

On the evening of January 15, the Laurens Kiwanis Club was flipping pancakes for the Laurens-Marathon Sophomore class fund raiser. The location for this fund raiser was the lunch room of the Laurens-Marathon School. While the turn out for the event was good, about 160, it was lower than past years.

The Sophomore Pancake Feed has become an annual fund raising event. The Kiwanis provide the grill, pancake materials, and labor. The sophomore class provided all the fixings and the labor to support that portion of the dinner. This joint effort is a good example of how a service organization with volunteers and a school organization with volunteers can work together to produce a successful fund raising activity. All funds collected for this activity, except for the cost of materials, goes directly to the Sophomore Class. The members of the Laurens Kiwanis Club were happy to be a part of this worthy activity.



## ***Holly Adds the Zip!***



For the first time in years, the L-M Charger women's basketball team has their head above water, sporting a heady 11-5 record (now 12-5, see post-script). The Chargers have done a 180 and are now a team that can step onto the

court each night expecting to win.

I haven't missed too many games in recent years and I see one thing this year that really makes me smile when I'm watching the Chargers in action. That one thing is actually a young lady by the name of Holly Hofmaster, whom I often refer to as "Bug".

The Chargers have lots of weapons and can beat you in many ways this year. They have a legitimate six-footer in "Shibby" Heuton—always a **big** plus! The Woodley twins are playing like seniors should, turning in solid performances each night out--often at or near the top of the team scoring charts. Amanda Zylstra is always in the mix and capable of big numbers—both scoring and rebounds. Kim Kenobbie is back in action and working her way back into form after an injury. Junior wing Jordan Sundblad is really playing at full speed right now, showing confidence not seen in previous seasons and at times, showing us that her senior year could be

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## ***Quasqui DVD's are here!!***

Hot off the press!! The Quasquicentennial DVD's are now available for pick-up! The DVD's are available at the library for everyone who pre-ordered. Didn't get a chance to order one, or needing more? No worries, we have plenty of extras, and they will be available at the library or City Hall. Prices are \$10 per DVD. Don't miss the chance to remind yourself of the wonderful times had by all at our 125th birthday celebration! Get yours today!!

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## ***It's that time of the year again!***

Pet Licenses are here for 2008! Be sure to register your dog or cat with Julie or Jillian at City Hall by April 1. Registration is mandatory and beneficial to you! By registering Duke or Fifi with us, we can help you if that rabbit across the street is too hard to resist! Just bring in a copy of your pets' current rabies vaccination and proof of neuter/spay(if applicable)! Registration fees are \$5.00 for neutered/spayed pets and \$15.00 for non-fixed critters. If you have any questions, feel free to call us, 841-4526! Thank you!

# Financial Planning Seminar



This article should only be read by those who would like to know more about getting finances under control in this new year of 2008. For some, this may mean taking steps to fulfill the New Year's resolution to get out of debt, and stay out of debt. For others it may mean getting good solid advice concerning investing money for your future. Still others want to get help in setting up a livable budget and knowing how your cash-flow works. Often we say, "I would be able to do all of the above if only I could get free advice from a professional with expertise in the financial realm of financial planning and investments". Well, wait no longer! Such an event is about to take place. January 30 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Personal Financial Planning Seminar open to the public at no cost, to be held at the Laurens United Methodist Church. Dr. David Harner; Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation, has agreed to present information that entails a multitude of financial topics. Dr. Harner works with a number of investment companies and is responsible for investing \$28 million for the Foundation and Trusts. He also has oversight of the Pension funds for the State of Iowa Clergy. Areas covered during the

seminar include: 1. Budgeting basics; 2. Understanding your cash flow; 3. What to do if income exceeds expenditures; 4. What to do if expenditures exceed income; 5 How to start reducing debt immediately; 6. How to develop a plan for the coming year based on your income and expenditures. As time allows, other topics may be attended to as you ask questions, as time allows. Remember, the Seminar is without cost! Everyone is welcome to attend! This seminar is meant for the general public, not just for the sponsoring entity. The seminar will be held January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Laurens United Methodist Church, 201 W. Main St. If you plan to attend, it would be helpful to contact the Church office at 841-4476; this will help us as we supply handout material for the seminar. Notification of planned attendance is helpful, but not required. For further questions and clarification, please contact the office at the number listed; or email us at [debhertz@pionet.net](mailto:debhertz@pionet.net). We look forward to seeing you January 30, 2008. Submitted by Larry McAlpine, Pastor

## 40th Anniversary

Help Ken and Nina Bishop celebrate their 40th anniversary on Jan. 24th with a card. Their address is: 500 13th St., Spirit Lake, Iowa, 51360.

## Main & 2nd

Many memories are being recalled as the former rollerskating rink and Hinn Grocery Store are being demolished. This is the future site of Iowa Trust & Savings Bank.

Fond memories of meeting on Saturday night to roller skate are the talk of the town! The roller skating rink was open in the 50's by the C.D. Bailey family. The building is also remembered as an auto dealership where the new Chevy cars displayed V-8's. The corner building of Main and 2nd was built and operated by Maurice Hinn and opened as a Super Value store. It was a "pioneer" of small town super markets where the customer used a cart to pickup groceries. The buildings can't talk, but the local people keep them alive with memories of the past.

Everyone is reminiscing, but can't seem to remember the name of the roller skating rink. Was it - The Rink, CD's or The Laurens Roller Rink? With all the memories of the past, do you remember the portable floor skating rink in a big tent first located in the area that is now Positech? If you were in Laurens in the 50's, you probably do!!! Iowa Trust & Savings will keep you updated on the progress of Main & 2nd.

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Birthday**

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## Services Held for Connie Ahlers

Funeral services were held on January 17 for Claudette "Connie" Ahlers of Laurens. She passed away on January 12 at Foley, Alabama. Fr. Allen A. Reicks officiated at the services held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens. Interment was in the Laurens Cemetery. Casket bearers were Ryan Ahlers, Jenny Ahlers, Michael Ahlers, Randy Ahlers, Brent Ahlers and Robbie Pennington. Claudette Jeanetta Gregory was born on August 8, 1936, at Dewey, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Luke and Magdalena (DeBrackeleire) Gregory. At a young age, her family moved to Pocahontas.

Connie was educated in Pocahontas schools. After she completed her education, she worked as a waitress in Pocahontas. On April 18, 1955, Connie married Dennis Ahlers at Pocahontas. The couple made their home in Laurens and later on their farm, moving into Laurens in 1990.

Connie was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Rosary Society. She also belonged to a ladies coffee club. She enjoyed golf, traveling, tending her flowers and collecting antiques.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis; children: Lawrence Ahlers of Primghar, Debra (Gary) Pennington of Foley, AL, Rose Sanders of Des Moines, Rick Ahlers of Laurens, and Ray (Pat) Ahlers of Spencer; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and sisters, Lois (Richard) Holmberg of Laurens, Betty (Art) Campbell of Sac City, Laura (William) Madsen of Alta and Joan (Ron) Trenary of Rolfe. Connie was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Craig Ahlers.

## 2008 Wine Festival Glasses

The 2008 Laurens Iowa Wine Festival and Market wine glasses are in! The Wine Festival and Market will be held on Saturday, July 19th at the same location as last year. The glasses are a 10 ounce red wine glass (last year's design was a wine tasting size). The plans are that for every year that the wine festival and market is held, a different style of glass will be presented. This year it says "Celebrating Life's Simple Pleasures".

The wine festival committee (consisting of Julie Wurr, Peter Hong, Kerrie Woodley, Rose Davis, Mary Kliegl, Peggy Vial, Mary Runneberg, and Charity Madsen) is looking for Iowa wine makers and local food artisans. The requirement is that you must be able to give out samples during the day. Local artists are also invited to participate; you must be able to demonstrate your craft during the day.

This year's glass was designed by Charity Madsen and is available for purchase at Heart 'n Home and City Hall. You must have a glass to sample the wine at the festival (and be 21 years of age). Each glass costs \$6.00; the cost will rise to \$10.00 each after June 30th. You may make the checks out to the City of Laurens. Proceeds of the sales will go to the Sister City Commission that is part of the City of Laurens. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to [wine@laurens-ia.com](mailto:wine@laurens-ia.com).

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## Sister City Representation

*Submitted by Dorothy Runneberg*  
Looking back on the giant success of the Quasiquicentennial, the word "blessings" comes to mind.

We were blessed to have thousands of current and former residents share in the planned events -- from nearly every state in the union, and friendships and acquaintances renewed.

We were blessed to have our Sister City representation from Laurens, France show such interest and enthusiasm for our Laurens. Their interest in our industry, farms, community, and city utilities, including internet and city TV, as well as our great library, our churches, and streets and sidewalks, our schools; all this left them amazed.

What a great opportunity we had to become ambassadors to another country; to be a catalyst for friendship and empathy with a nation miles away, but close in friendliness and heart. Just what resident Dwight Eisenhower planned when he set up a Sister City plan back in 1956. He'd be proud!

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## ***Pocahontas County Foundation Announces Grant Recipients***

The Pocahontas County Foundation recently awarded grants to the following recipients: City of Pocahontas-\$5000 for a new message sign on Main Street; City of Gilmore City-\$5000 for playground equipment; Fonda Arts Center-\$500 for a sound system and lights; Fonda Public Library-\$1500 for shelving, bench, computer table and kiosk; Kids Korner-\$2500 for a drinking fountain; Laurens Public Library-\$1215 for a "Read a Great Movie" book collection; Palmer Public Library-\$408 for a digital copier; Plover Public Library-\$2800 for a drop box and ramp; Pocahontas Area Community Schools-\$1000 for a concert; Pocahontas County Health Department-\$1612 to update equipment, wheel chairs and walkers; Pocahontas Comm. Healthcare in Fonda-\$5700 for a power assisted cot for EMT use; Pocahontas County Conservation Board-\$1900 for 4 composting systems for teaching; Pocahontas County Home Care Aide Agency-\$1000 for Educ. Kits, breast pump kit; Pocahontas Public Library-\$4740 for digital copier; RAMS Event Center-\$1500 for sports equipment, games, tables, chairs; Rolfe Rodeo and Saddle Club-\$3000 for panels for rodeo arena; Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.-\$750 for educ. materials/supplies for Head Start. 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

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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.

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. These grant awards were presented to the recipients at a ceremony held on January 16 at the Rialto Theater in Pocahontas.

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Pocahontas County Conservation will be holding another free snowshoeing program on Sat., Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. We will meet at the south shelter at Cooper's Cove where you will be fitted for snowshoes and leave for a naturalist-led hike along the loop trail across the road at Whitetail Ridge. The trail follows Lizard Creek for about a mile through a beautiful wooded valley filled with wildlife. Pre-registration is required for this all-ages event. Snowshoes and hot cocoa will be provided free of charge. Contact the Pocahontas County Naturalist with any questions or to register at (712) 335-4395 or pokycb-nat@evertek.net.

## At the Library

with Glenda Mulder  
January 22, 2008

Well, I've got the check from the Pocahontas County Foundation in my hot little hands. Now I can go shopping! This grant is to start a new collection called Read a Great Movie. My plan is for the movie and the book they were based on to be shelved together. I hope that this will encourage people to try a new book that they might not have read otherwise. Mary's been compiling a list of possibilities and we'll be ordering soon. I'm planning to order the new rack as soon as I finish writing my column.

This fall one of my younger patrons pointed out that I didn't have a book he could read about Elvis Presley. I was surprised how hard it was to find a book to fill this request. Well, this week we got our long awaited kid level biography *Who Was Elvis Presley?* by Geoff Edgers. It's nice to know that at least one Fourth Grader wants to learn about Elvis. He even said, "Thank you very much" in an Elvisish voice when I showed it to him!

In fiction we got a few interesting looking books. It makes me wish I could take a week or so and hibernate and just read all day! Here are a few of the titles.

- *Beverly Hills Dead* by Stuart Woods
- *Saturday's Child* by Ray Banks
- *Blue Heaven* by C.J. Box
- *Keeper and Kid* by Edward Hardy
- *The Air Between Us* by Deborah Johnson
- *The Last Goodbye* by Margaret Pemberton
- *Mermaids in the Basement* by Michael Lee West

Well, Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> is our book discussion for *Shutter Island*. This book seems to evoke a love or hate reaction, so I'm sure we'll have a lively discussion! I hope even those who didn't like this book come to talk about it and bring suggestions for future selections.

*Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!*

## Laurens Genies Meeting

The Laurens Genies will meet Friday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Laurens Public Library. The program will be "Memorabilia of My Childhood", a round-table discussion with all members participating. Each person is to take items from his or her childhood to share. Anyone who is interested in family research and genealogy is cordially invited to attend.



## From The Heart

This time of year involves one of my favorite activities...getting organized. As soon as Christmas passes; I begin my lists. My New Year's Resolutions; my "winterdays" list; and my organizational list. I hate being dis-organized (although I often can be). One of my favorite sayings is "It doesn't matter what you have if you can't find it". So I thought I would pass on a few of my favorite tips to you.

**Linens:** I sweet-talked a pizza place into allowing me to buy boxes...but any flat box would do. I press and place my linens in it; from tablecloths to napkins. Each box is labeled "good whites, grandma's Christmas" and so on. What (to me) makes these so exceptional is that you don't have to pile a lot in...so no wrinkles. And they are easy to stack and pull out!

**China:** You need to wash them if you

don't use them! I like to use them on occasion; it saves having to do them during spring and fall cleaning. I have several sets; so they are in the bottom of my hutch. I put cup hooks up under the shelves to hang the cups on...they are the most difficult to stack.

**File Folders:** We have several file drawers...they really aren't that expensive. Otherwise you can use larger boxes. Use one drawer/box with files for your everyday stuff. Have one big file marked "warranties". Just throw your appliance's and such warranties into that file. I also like to have a file for traveling. Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota all have their own files. When I see an interesting article about a town I would like to visit or an interesting museum or such, I put into the drawer for future reference.

**Pantry:** I like to have one shelf in our pantry for "drop ins". The food placed on this shelf are those that you can grab without thinking when family/friends just "drop in". I will write about what to put on this shelf in a later issue.

**Sewing Supplies:** I tried to use a pretty little sewing box...I really did try. But it kept getting messed up! So I got a double-sided fishing box. It is big enough for spools of thread - but thin enough that they can't roll around to far! I put large magnets on the inside lids for pins and needles. It certainly isn't the prettiest...but it works so much better for me!

I hope these hints have helped you. Do you have a great "get-organized"suggestion? Please e-mail me at [heart@laurens-ia.com](mailto:heart@laurens-ia.com) and I will pass on your tips! Keep it from the heart, Julie Wurr



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## *Join Us This Week*

**Wednesday, Jan. 23** - 1:00 p.m. Willing Workers meet at the church.; 3:30 p.m. Chi Rho Kids & Friends

**Sunday, Jan. 27** - 9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages; 10:30 a.m. Worship -Laity Sunday; planned and led by the Christian Women's Fellowship.

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## **Laurens United Methodist Church**

**Wed. Jan. 23**

7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. UMYF

**Fri. Jan. 25**

7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study

**Sun. Jan. 27**

9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School

9:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Coffee

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

**Tues. Jan. 29**

9:30 a.m. ~ Staff

**Wed. Jan. 30**

7:00 p.m. ~ Personal Finance Seminar

7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. UMYF

**Fri. Feb. 1**

7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study



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## Services held Recently for Clifford Bailey

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 14 for Clifford L. Bailey of Laurens. He passed away on Friday, January 11 at the Good Samaritan Center in Laurens. Rev. Larry McAlpine officiated at the 10:30 a.m. services, which were held at the Laurens United Methodist Church. Honorary casket bearers were Cliff's granddaughters, Ashley & Bethany Hubbell, Alicia Leuer, Breinne, Britnie & Brooklyn Bailey, and Melissa, Natalie and Stephanie Bailey. Active casket bearers were grandsons Cody Hubbell, Brent Leuer and Brandon Bailey; Dave Bailey, Bill Mather and Darrel Richardson. Interment was at the Laurens Cemetery.

Clifford Lee Bailey was born on July

8, 1934, in Laurens. He was the son of Kenneth and Maxine (Adair) Bailey. He graduated from Mallard High School in 1952 and served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. On November 1, 1959, Cliff married Naomi Stover in Laurens. The couple settled near Laurens where they farmed. Cliff raised sheep and lambs and always enjoyed lambing time the most. He had a custom corn shelling business for several years. In 1994, they moved into Laurens. Cliff worked as a maintenance man for the Good Samaritan Center and then for the Laurens Housing Development. He entered the Good Samaritan Center in January, 2007.

Cliff was a member of the United Methodist Church where he served as trustee and sang in the choir. He was a Boy Scout leader and 4-H leader for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi of Laurens; children, Larry (Susan) Bailey of Knoxville; Jerry Bailey, Joan (Dennis) Leuer and Jean Hubbell, all of Laurens; 12 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brothers, Bob Bailey of Laurens and Gary (Shoco) Bailey of Centerville, and a sister, Sharon (Doyle) Neher of Hutchinson, KS. Cliff was preceded in death by his parents and sisters-in-law, Judy Bailey, Bette Stover and Gayle Stover.

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## *Staying Connected To Our Sister City*



I've been asked to write an article about our experience hosting our Sister-City delegates this past summer. First of all, I would like to thank Laurens for this wonderful life changing experience. Dave and I hosted Patricia and Philippe Roget. They are a wonderful couple who have been married for 7 years. Patricia has twin daughters age 18. Philippe has a son 18 years and a daughter 13 years. Patricia's daughters and Philippe's son share the exact birthday so they call them the triplets. Patricia and Philippe work at a factory near Laurens, France, which is based out of Dallas, Texas. Therefore, they both spoke very good English. Dave tried to speak some French to them (he took French in college), however, they thought he sounded pretty funny. Philippe commented that Dave sounded like Clint Eastwood and they both teased him quite often about that. When we attended the dinner at BV college, they were very touched, as we were, with the Mayor from Laurens, Iowa and the Mayor from Laurens, France honoring each others respective country. Philippe looked at us in surprise after Pastor

Larry prayed before our meal. He was touched and commented that prayer in public doesn't happen in France. We gave Philippe and Patricia a tour of our farm and

Philippe was excited to ride the combine and the big tractor. A rat came running out from under the combine and Patricia commented that it was a "he". She explained to us that in France everything

has a gender. They commented about how big the machinery was and they also commented that our appliances are much larger than what they own in France.

One day visiting Don & Gretchen's home located on Section Line Road, they stood in the entryway looking out to the neighbors and said in awe, "Oh, it's just like in the movies". They couldn't believe how open the homes are to each other and the sidewalks connecting everyone. In France they have high fences secluding each home. They also commented several times as we drove by cemeteries that it was strange to see them open to view and enter. In France cemeteries have tall walls around them and no one is allowed in without strict business.



Philippe and Patricia were full of life and loved all the activities going on while they were here. They especially loved

the day they got to greet everyone from the French Wine Booth. They traveled up and down the street handing out flyers and enjoyed talking to everyone. They had fun listening to the bands and what a treat to watch them dance. They

said there are many festivities in France where they all dance. Philippe and Patricia spoke several times about how well they were treated by all the people of Laurens.

Another experience that stands out was watching Philippe and Patricia enjoy our Iowa meat. We cooked pork ribs one night and they went on and on about how good the pork tasted. Another night we took them to the Prime Rib in Spencer. They had never in their life tasted such good beef. One night we had time to sit and watch a movie on television. They were surprised

at all the background noises they could hear like silverware and glass sounds at dinner, noises outside a restaurant, etc. They loose many of the background noises when our American movies are dubbed in with French language. Probably our most memorable experience with our French visitors was when we took them up to Okoboji for a day of swimming and boating. I had the boat docked in front of Arnold's Park Amusement Park waiting for them to take a ride. They filed down the dock and proceeded to get into their bathing suits right there on the dock in front of God and everyone. They were very discrete, the way we might duck down in a boat or car and quickly change our clothes. Needless to say, I think I was most embarrassed. They didn't blink an eye, as it is customary in France to go to the beach and just change into their "swimming costumes", as Patricia called them. Dave and I enjoyed every minute with our new friends from Laurens, France. Thank you again for this experience. Nancy Woodin



**Holly...** Continued from page one

something special! Kelsey Frerichs has added some punch to the three-point game and takes some pressure off the point with her ability to help bring the ball up the court. And there's Katrine—our foreign exchange student that had never played before—who knocked down a three pointer the other night that brought the crowd to its feet. On any given night, one or two of these young ladies will light it up and the Chargers appear to be able to handle whatever's thrown at 'em. But, not without a catalyst—Holly Hofmaster. Holly adds the zip to the Charger lineup, and if you've seen this crew in action, you know what I mean.

This past summer, I was driving home from work one evening and I spotted Holly bouncing a basketball down the street. I stopped to ask her if there was a pick-up game going on somewhere and she replied "nope, just working on my left hand". All summer long I'd see her bouncing that ball up and down the street, all around town. And, it has paid off! When Holly takes the inbounds pass against the press, she's headed "north and south" as the TV commentators like to say. None of that zigzagging and backing it down the court—she's coming right at you. All the while, head-up looking for an opening, someone to dish to or a seam to bust...

To say that Holly is "hard-nosed" would be an understatement. At 5' 1/8" tall (she's quite proud of that 1/8 inch),

she's almost always the smallest player on the court—yet the other night in Pocahontas, she pulled down 6 rebounds in a huge come from behind win. With all the diving for loose balls and generally being knocked

about, Holly gets a lot of time on the floor—literally! One night after taking a particularly nasty hit, she was dazed on the floor—her first day back after a bout with mono. After a few moments, the Ref shot L-M head coach Japenga that "you might want to go check on her" look. I overheard coach Japenga say to the Ref, "she'll get up". And she did. She always does.

The Chargers are a vastly improved team this year and the coaching

staff has, what looks to be, a new game plan that's working well. Individually, each of the girls looks to be making good progress. As a team, they've come together nicely as the season has advanced. Each of her teammates has been the beneficiary of Holly's enthusiasm and love of the game and certainly she's

played a catalyst's role in jump-starting a program that had seen some hard times recently. The nice thing is that, with the exception of Kacie and Kylie Woodley, this is a very young team. Holly and her running mates (Shibby, Kelsey, Kim & Amanda) are just sophomores and Jordan is a junior. There may be many good days ahead for the Charger women!

*P.S. Talk about good days ahead—after submitting this article, the L-M women beat #7 ranked Newell-Fonda for the first time in recent memory by the score of 73-67! Jordan Sundblad absolutely lit up the scoreboard with 27 points and Amanda Zylstra chipped in 17! Rounding out the scoring for the Chargers were Kacie Woodley with 12 and Kylie Woodley with 8. This is the type of win that can really put a program on the path to long-term success!*

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## *Chargers Fall to Pocahontas*

The Charger men lost a non-conference road game to the Indians on Jan. 10 with a score of 44-60. Tyler Smith notched a game high 16 points and was the only Charger to reach double figures against the scrappy Indians. He also added three rebounds and one assist. Zach Lovin added eight points, three rebounds and an assist. Ryan Stumbo posted five points and two rebounds. Travis Leuer contributed four points. Adam Woodin, Caleb Jamison and Ryan Lovin each scored three. Gary Brechler recorded two free throws.

L-M trailed 11-18 at the end of the first quarter. Pocahontas extended their lead to 35-20 for the half. The Chargers struggled to find any kind of flow and the hosts led 47-30 at the end of three quarters. The Chargers managed 34% FG% to the opponents 56%.

## *Charger Wrestlers Have Two Outstanding Weeks*

The Charger Wrestlers ended two long weeks on the mats with a 6-4 record and a 9th place finish at the Conference Meet.

The Charger mat men started out with East Sac, Pomeroy Palmer and Manson Northwest Webster on Tuesday, January 8th in Wall Lake. The Chargers defeated East Sac 33-24. Pomeroy Palmer was also defeated with an end score of 30-18. The Chargers were out numbered by the large Manson Northwest Webster team with the final score being 4-72.

On Thursday, January 10th the Chargers traveled to Sioux Rapids to take on the Sioux Central Rebels and the Pomeroy Palmer Knights. Both the Rebels and Knights were defeated by the Charger mat men. Pomeroy Palmer was defeated 29-12. It was a close one with the Rebels as it was a tie at the end of all the matches 30-30. It came down to

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## *Lady Chargers Defeat Aurelia*

The Charger girls captured their third win of the week with a 61-43 victory over Aurelia on the Charger hardwood. The senior sister duo of Kacie and Kylie Woodley led the scoring with 13 and 12 respectively. Jordan Sundblad put up 8, along with five rebounds and three assists. Holly Hofmaster and Amanda Zylstra each added 8 points and five boards. Shelby Heuton shored up the offense, adding 6 points. Katrine Madsen and Kelsey Frerichs put in three each.

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total points scored where the Chargers prevailed to defeat the Rebels.

The Conference Tournament was held on January 12th in Cedar Valley. The Chargers placed 9th out of the 12 teams there. Four of the Charger wrestlers placed as follows:

Jamie Hertz – 3rd  
Reuben Wenell – 3rd  
David Jones – 4th  
Cody Simpson – 5th

TRV hosted a dual with the Chargers and the Raiders of East Sac County on Tuesday, January 15th in Bode. The Chargers were successful in defeating the Raiders with a score of 29-18. The Chargers fell short against TRV, losing 12-72.

The Chargers headed on to Manson on Thursday, January 17th to face up against Manson Northwest Webster, Pomeroy Palmer and Alta. The Chargers were again out numbered by

Manson Northwest Webster with an end score of 6-67. The Chargers were defeated by the Alta Cyclones 18-57. Pomeroy Palmer was easily defeated by the Chargers by a score of 45-6.

These young men deserve to be rewarded for their hard work and dedication with your support in the stands. The Charger wrestlers will be competing in Laurens on Monday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m. when they host the Sioux Central Rebels and the Alta Cyclones. The annual Charger Invitational will be held on Saturday, January 26th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Sectionals will also be hosted in Laurens this year on Saturday, February 2nd, starting at 12:00 noon.

Please take time to come up to the school and give these young men your support. They certainly deserve it!

## *L-M Boys JV Basketball Team Defeats Aurelia 42 to 19*

The JV Charger boys hosted Aurelia January 11th. The Chargers took command early in the game as they jumped out to a 13 – 6 first quarter lead. At halftime, the Chargers were on top 23 – 11. The second half continued to favor the Chargers as they increased their lead to 35 – 15 at the end of the third quarter. The final score was 42 – 19. All twelve Charger players saw playing time in both the first and second half. Charger scoring was lead by Bryce Maschino 9, Austin Stumbo 7, Evan Johnson 6, Case Bieri 5, Ryan Hudson 4, Ben Zylstra 4, Luke Sundblad 2, Kolby Joynt 2, and Travis Frerk 1. Charger rebounding was lead by Stumbo 9, Zylstra 5, Frerk 4, Sernett 3, Bieri 2, Maschino 2, Carleton Tapley 2, Joynt 1, Sundblad 1, and Hudson 1. Bieri lead the team with 4 assists.

## **Chargers Dominate the Bulldogs**

The Chargers got back on track and enjoyed an impressive 64-43 win over Aurelia on the Bulldogs home court on Jan. 11. L-M had four starters record double digit scoring. Travis Leuer pumped in 16 along with seven rebounds. Zach Lovin scored 16 and eight rebounds. Ryan Stumbo worked his way to 13 points, seven rebounds and two assists. Adam Woodin netted 12 and had 2 assists. Ryan Lovin added three points and Gary Brechler and Caleb Jamison each added two.

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## **Charger Girls Take Aurelia**

Kacie Woodley scored 13 points with 7 rebounds, while Kylie Woodley added 12 points and 4 rebounds to help the Chargers defeat Aurelia 61-43 in Northwest Conference play on Friday night at home. Amanda Zylstra, Holly Hofmaster and Jordan Sundblad all contributed 8 points and 5 rebounds. Shelby Heuton tallied 6 points while Kelsey Frerichs and Katrine Madsen each scored 3. The Chargers made 24 of 61 field goals for 39 percent while the Bulldogs were 18 for 45 for 40%. The Chargers are now 11-5 overall and 8-2 in the conference.

## *Chargers Pound N-F*

Coach Winter's team jumped to an early 15 point lead at the end of the first quarter in front of a large home crowd on Jan. 15. Their tough defense and good execution on offense extended their lead to 35-18 at the half. At the end of three periods of play, L-M led 45-33. The Chargers finished the night with a 61-43 victory. The Chargers played in control the entire evening.

Adam Woodin dominated the L-M team with a hot hand, scoring 6 three-point buckets on his way to a team high 21 points, two assists and two rebounds. Zach Lovin pumped in a pair of threes towards his 14 points. Tyler Smith also added a pair of threes and totaled 8 points and five assists. Ryan Lovin aided the cause with six points and Travis Leuer scored four. Ryan Stumbo charted three points, four rebounds and three assists. Caleb Jamison knocked down three points and Tyler Sandvig two.

The Chargers are now 12-3 overall, 9-2 in the conference.

## *Lady Chargers Take Down #7 Newell-Fonda*

It was a packed Charger field house Tuesday night to see Coach Japenga's Lady Chargers unravel rival Newell-Fonda. The Chargers were too much for the seventh-ranked Mustangs.

Megan Cleveland sang the National Anthem, getting the crowd into the team spirit. It was a fast-paced game that was played with lots of heart. The Chargers finished with a 48% FG% and held their opponent to 38%. The Blue and Gold crowd did their best to get behind the home team, cheering at the tops of their lungs.

L-M trailed 13-19 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Chargers took the lead into the locker room 32-29. The battle continued into the third quarter and the Chargers maintained the lead 50-46 at the horn. The Chargers capped off the night with a 73-67 win to stun the ranked Mustangs.

Junior, Jordan Sundblad recorded a season high 27 points and 4 rebounds. Sophomore Amanda Zylstra was hot with 17 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists. Kacie Woodley pumped in twelve points and four rebounds while Kylie Woodley contributed 8 points, three rebounds and two assists. Kim Kenobbie added four points and a pair of assists. Holly Hofmaster recorded three points and a trio of assists. Shelby Heuton rounded out the scoring with two and grabbed five rebounds. The Lady Chargers are now 12-5 overall, 9-2 in the conference. L-M goes on the road for three games before the final home game and heading into district play. Parent's Night in Laurens is Tuesday, January 29th. It has been a great season, so come out and show your support for the Charger guys and girls! The girl's game begins at 6:30 p.m.

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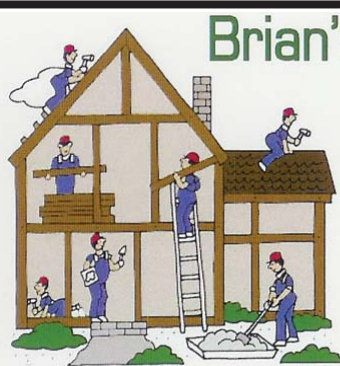
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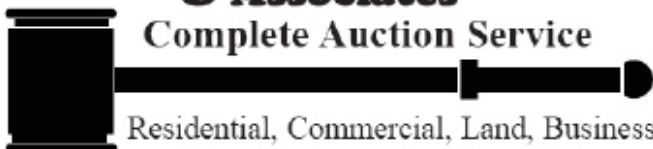
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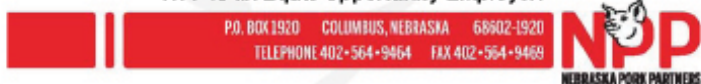
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**Heart 'n Home** will be closed on Saturday, January 26th. We are attending market and hope to bring back great new entertaining and decorating accessories!

**Thank you** to all who attended my retirement open house and to those of you who sent those neat retirement cards. Also, thanks for the kind words from everyone. Kaye, Shirley and I are blessed to have so many kind and caring friends. Dr. Dwight VanGenderen

**Thank You:** Our heartfelt thanks to our many friends who sent cards and memorials on the occasion of Joe Roewe's death. Thank you to those who attended the memorial service, the Masons and Larry Perkins for their ceremony, the United Methodist Church members who provided the luncheon and those who brought food to the farm. A very special thanks to Char Gustafson and Nancy Woodin for all their help. It is a wonderful thing being a part of this special community. Lois Roewe and family.

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