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Local News

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

The Laurens Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting on Monday, January 14th at the Laurens Country Club.

Tom Grau, director of the Pocahontas County Development Commission was the speaker.

President Ken Kunickis called the business meeting to order. He gave a synopsis of the past year's events. Election of directors was held. Glenda Mulder, Kathy Sangwin, Ashley Sindergard and Ken Kunickis join Don Aschenbrenner, Bill Mather and Jan Hersom as directors. After the meeting, the board met and elected Don Aschenbrenner as

president and Bill Mather as vice-president. Connie Dallenbach agreed to stay on as secretary and Kristy Mather will remain as treasurer.

Save March 24th as the next quarterly meeting. You do not have to own a business to be a member of the Chamber. You can join as an associate member. For details contact Connie Dallenbach. Join the Chamber and help fulfill its mission to "cultivate, promote and support economic opportunities and community enrichment by providing leadership and services to its members and the community."

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Consolidation

A '63 Grad Offers His Thoughts

Submitted by Rick Davis

When it comes to schools in the small towns of Iowa, consolidation can seem like a four-letter word in a Machiavellian sort of way. Case in point: The uncertain future of Laurens-Marathon School.

From 1,800 miles away, here's one Laurens native who has heard the deafening whispers about the old alma mater getting swallowed up some time in the future. It would re-emerge fractionally as part of an amalgam with Pocahontas Area, Newell-Fonda, Albert City-Truesdale and maybe a couple other outposts that fell through the educational cracks 25 years ago.

My, my, shout some of us in the sappy, old guard: How could this happen? Alas, we're thinking with our hearts instead of our noggins. Too heavy on the nostalgia and leaning into a strong wind while failing to wake up and smell the ammonia. When I sauntered down those hallowed halls of Laurens High for the last time as a graduating senior in May 1963, I figured the place would be home turf for the Elks forever. Survival (via consolidation) -- driven by changing demographics and shrinking enrollment -- wasn't even a fleeting notion. Then, in 1976, when it became Laurens-Marathon, home of the Chargers (instead of the Elks), and



Morning Frost Photo by Terry Ferguson

Sweetheart Dinner & Dance



Marathon Community Center proudly presents a "Sweetheart Dinner and Dance" Friday, February 15, 2008, featuring the Band "100 Proof". Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. with your choice of Chicken or Lasagna. Dance from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, and receive one free drink per ticket. For reservations, contact: Nyle Burns - 712-289-6173, or Kathy Schulz - 712-289-4204. Cost is \$20 per person (dinner and dance) or \$5 per person (dance only).

Thank You, Iowa!

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information, please contact: Carter McCann, Ambassador Company District Manager, 402-292-6340; cgm707@cox.net; 416 Sullivan Cr., Bellevue, NE, 68005.

2nd & Main

Submitted by Dale Hanisch

The Laurens Motor Co. was the Chevy dealership which was located on 2nd and Main. It was owned and managed by Lawrence Hanisch in partnership with Dale Norton of H & N Chevrolet in Spencer, Iowa. It started in 1949 and went until 1956.

Rumor has it.....

Iowa Trust & Savings Bank

**will unveil new bank and community room plans
to the public**

Thursday, January 31, 2008
at Rumors Pub in Laurens
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served

Iowa Trust & Savings Announces Plans

Iowa Trust & Savings Bank recently announced plans to start construction of a new building in Laurens. After 35 years in the same location, the new bank facility will be located at the corner of Main and Second Street in downtown Laurens.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late March and be completed by November 1, 2008. The public is invited to a presentation of the new building plans, to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 31, 2008, at Rumors, 135 North Third Street in Laurens. The new bank building will provide full banking services to customers. A teller drive-up window, drive-up ATM, depository night drop box, safe deposit boxes and expanded agricultural and commercial loan services will be offered in the new location. The Iowa Trust & Savings Bank building will also include a community room available for the public to use free of charge.

The community room will accommodate groups up to 60 people, have the capability to video conference with other locations, and include an area to serve prepared foods. An electronic message board is also planned that will provide community information. Iowa Trust & Savings Bank is an independent community bank with three locations, including Laurens, Emmetsburg and Cylinder.

Iowa Trust was founded in 1929 and has assets of \$122 million. Laurens staff members Cathy Pohlman, Kate Ellis and Karen Lind have a combined 35 years of banking experience in Laurens and invite you to attend the presentation on the new bank building.

Insurance Insight

With Woodley Insurance & Real Estate

Insurance doesn't have to be confusing! Look for us here each week as we briefly outline general insurance topics that will help shed light on some frequently asked insurance questions. If you have a specific question, give us a call!

Do I Qualify For A Discount?

There are several discount options available on your home and auto policies. While each company varies on the discounts they offer, some of the more standard discounts include: multi-policy, claim free, good student, air bag, anti-theft device, fire alarm/smoke detector, and financial stability. Most of these discounts will be automatically applied to your policy with information given

on your application. Over the next few weeks, we'll review these discounts and what you need to do in order to qualify for them.

The multi-policy discount is applied to your policy when you maintain both your home and auto policies with the same company. Discounts from 5% to 15% may be available, as well as the billing fees that can be eliminated when your policies are combined. A separate discount will apply to each policy and is automatically applied by participating companies. Additional policies, such as motorcycle, snowmobile, and personal umbrella may also qualify for a discount.

Next week's topic:

Good Grades Aren't Just for College Anymore

Laurens United Methodist Church

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

Sun. Feb. 3

9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School

9:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Coffee

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

7:00 p.m. ~ Choir practice

Mon. Feb. 4

7:00 p.m. ~ Quilt Club

Wed. Feb. 6

Ash Wednesday-11:30 a.m. ~ Lenten

Lunch @ nursing home

4:00 p.m. ~ Confirmation

7:00 p.m. ~ Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. UMYF

Thur. Feb. 7

2:00 p.m. ~ UMW General

Fri. Feb. 8

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

Sat. Feb. 9

7:00 a.m. ~ UM Men

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decked out in gold and blue (instead of red and black), I lamented the event as more than a technicality. It tugged at my heart strings. Even the old LHS fight song got nuked, knocked off-key and banished to oblivion. The goose bumps from singing it were gone forever.

But when passing years diminished LHS memories, it also delivered shiny new additions to the consolidated school. Returning to Laurens a few years ago, I marveled at the new gymnasium. Thank goodness, though, its predecessor – the venerable Works Projects Administration endeavor – wasn't demolished to make room for "progress." Turns out the new gym was just part of an expansive complex that included a new football field with permanent bleachers and a press box, an all-weather track wrapped around all that and a new lighted baseball field.

All that, plus a bonus: A recreational complex in the southeast end of town, featuring a park, picnic area, ball fields and other amenities. Added up, it sent my mind hurtling back over the years to draw comparisons. What we had for facilities in the 1950s-60s -- when the town's population and non-consolidated school enrollment was significantly greater than at present – represents a woeful contrast.

LHS had no track – not even a dirt oval. The unlighted baseball field was jerry-rigged to fit into available space between the old football field (which in itself was plagued by worn-out turf and lacked adequate permanent seating), the old gym and Hopkins farmland that bordered the school's north side. The leftfield fence was a homer-happy, mere 230 feet from home plate. Right field and right-center were dominated by a gravel/fill-dirt driveway/parking lot. And the town park? Back in those days, it featured a swimming pool, space for summer band concerts, the old library, picnic tables and numerous shade trees. But not one ball field or a pond. The Lions Club's participation-heavy summer youth baseball

program was staged on makeshift fields squeezed into the school's playground areas. Eventually then, you're left to conclude that the current smorgasbord is boffo for today's good Laurens folks – and their kids. Yet, oh, to have had all that 50 years ago, huh? Back then, I guess it was too much to expect.



In trying to get a grip on all this, I contacted my old basketball coach, Floyd Winter, who directed an LHS Elks team of long ago to a runner-up finish in the all-one-division 1962 Iowa State High School Boys Tournament. Now retired and living in Cedar Falls, Winter eventually left Laurens to move up the coaching ladder, and then later went into school administration, where he also distinguished himself. "Pocahontas County suffered one of the largest, if not the largest, population percentage declines in the last half of the 20th century," Winter wrote in an e-mail. Citing U.S. Census (1970-2000) figures, he noted the county's population dropped from 12,729 in 1970 to 8,662 in 2000 (a nearly 32 percent decrease). "Northwest Iowa lost a great number of people. But for some reason, Pocahontas County was hardest hit," Winter added. "Two factors: One is very evident and that is the reduction of farm families and some of the large families living on the land. And there was the loss of jobs through some of the manufacturing companies and other parts of the local economy, such as M. & J.R. Hakes wholesale grocery."

Winter said school districts really have been impacted. The recent news that Laurens-Marathon will switch from 11-man to eight-man football next fall emphasized his point. "The growth of eight-man football (even with district mergers) in Iowa has been surprising," Winter wrote. "There are five 11-man football divisions and one in eight-man. Nearly 80 Iowa schools now have eight-man football with more considering a switch to it."

"School mergers and consolidations are difficult for communities to undertake," he continued. "But they have become a necessity as academic requirements have become increasingly more rigorous and it's become more difficult for small districts to offer a comprehensive, demanding curriculum."

Addressing the future of Laurens-Marathon, Superintendent Iner Joelson noted in a recent submission to Laurens' *The Paper*, that the possibility of a regional secondary school is "feasible in theory, but with significant challenges for implementation."

"The challenge of four or five (school) districts reaching consensus has made the concept unfeasible at this time," Joelson wrote. "Each district has gathered a lot of useful data through this 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."

Asked to comment on how school districts with decreasing enrollment manage to upgrade their facilities, Winter wrote, "Those (upgrades) came about in many communities because districts wanted to 'stay ahead' of districts with contiguous

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boundaries so that the school campus in their community would be the one that survived. The Laurens-Marathon discussion will be interesting to follow as this topic unfolds. Single regional high schools in counties have been discussed for a long time.”

Indeed, a lot seems at stake in this battle in which a laissez faire approach seems ill-advised. Stakes? A town’s heartbeat and energy level, perhaps? In a recent letter to *The Paper*, 1999 Laurens-Marathon High graduate Brian Depew put it this way: “As rural communities struggle to stay alive amidst declining population, social infrastructure is one of our most crucial resources. Communities with grocery stores, drug stores and schools will be the ones to survive to host another generation. Once these critical components of a community begin to fade away, young adults looking for a place to raise a family will skip by your community in search of one where the school is within walking distance, rather than a long bus ride away. By meeting the challenges of operating a rural school in new, innovative ways, rather than going down that road of yet more consolidation, leaders in Laurens can help ensure that it remains the Busiest Little Town in Iowa.”

Bill Maurer, a Laurens native whose father, Neil, published *The Laurens Sun* for 35 years, suggested “it seems inevitable” that Laurens-Marathon and Pocahontas Area will merge some day with Pocahontas a likely site choice because of its central location.

“I say that pragmatically, void of emotion,” e-mailed Maurer, a 1957 LHS graduate, four-sport letterman and one of the school’s most accomplished single-wing tailbacks ever. “Look at the demographics. When we were growing up, you had two or three farm families on every section of land. And some of them had a lot of kids. Now it takes at least one section for one farmer to make a go of it. And you know the number of kids doesn’t compare. I spotted the

trend in the early 1970s,” added Maurer, who returned to Laurens after college and military service and was the award-winning *Sun*’s managing editor before eventually moving to *The Des Moines Register and Tribune*. “I saw the school census drop year after year,” added Maurer, mindful, no doubt that the biggest LHS graduating class ever numbered 73 in 1965, but one would have to combine three Laurens-Marathon senior classes to match that these days. “I had three kids who I would have loved to send through the school, but I wasn’t sure of the kind of education they would get.”

The Des Moines Register recently editorialized that the state’s goal should be to keep elementary schools as close to home as possible, but to aim for secondary schools with at least 300 to 500 students. Mergers have left Iowa with 365 districts (a 5 percent drop from 384 in the mid-1990s), including nearly 25 percent of them with fewer than 400 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The editorial cited increasing pressure to give students a more globally competitive education. And that flies in the face of a more acute shortage of mathematics and science teachers in rural areas with lower pay scales. “Iowa isn’t such a rich state it can afford to continue maintaining a system built for the days when small family farms dotted the state,” the editorial concluded.

A small-town product himself with roots in Buffalo Center (1,081 population), Winter applauded the “can-do spirit” as one of the most important assets a community can possess. “Attending the Laurens Quas-quicentennial last summer, I was pleased to see that spirit is as alive and well in Laurens now as when our young family lived there in the ’50s and ’60,” Winter wrote. “It was great linking up with former players, students and citizens. I felt pride in realizing that several former students played major roles in the celebration and school reunion, especially hosting visitors from the town’s sister city -- Laurens, France. I spoke to visitors who said they originally were at-

tracted to America’s Heartland to see if the values and ideals they had read about, and observed in the movie ‘*The Straight Story*,’ really existed.”

Moreover, Winter suggested, returning alumni “probably are asking the same questions about the future of education for their children and grandchildren, whether they live in California, Colorado, Chicago, and Boston or wherever. One of the excellent points made by Thomas Friedman in his book, ‘*The World is Flat*’ was that ‘all of our children deserve the best possible education to compete in this global economy.’”

Which brings us back to Laurens and the cruel truth about why Elks in red and black faded away in ’76, never to return. The same ultimate fate likely awaits the Chargers – but not without waging a noble fight, one suspects. And as for old-guard diehards (like me), who remember how it was “back in the day,” the words of Roman philosopher Marcus Tullius Cicero seem instructive: “*Let us not go over the old ground. Let us rather prepare for what is to come.*”



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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder
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Mark your calendars for 7 pm Wednesday, February 13th. Laurens Police Chief Tom Shaw and LM technology guru Matt Vander Pool will be presenting a program about Internet Safety. This will be a good informational program for all ages. Please plan to join us in learning to stay safe while accessing all the great features of the Internet.

Here's this week's list of new fiction. We also have a bunch of new paperbacks, so stop in to check those out.

- *Duma Key* by Stephen King
- *Critical Threat* by Nick Oldham
- *Gas City* by Loren Estleman
- *Mistress in the Art of Death* by Arian Franklin
- *Sizzle and Burn* by Jayne Ann Krentz
- *3 Shirt Deal* by Stephen J. Cannell
- *The Secret Between Us* by Barbara Delinsky

February's book of choice is *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler. This book has been chosen by the All Iowa Reads committee of the State Library as their book for 2008. The purpose of All Iowa Reads is to encourage Iowans statewide to read and talk about a single title in the same year. This novel is about a collision of cultures in America. It follows two families, one traditional American, the other Iranian-Americans, who adopt Korean babies. We will be discussing this book Monday, February 25th at 7 pm. **Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!**

Our Town Our Paper!

Iowa Grocery Industry Association Expresses Concern Over Governor Chet Culver's Proposed Bottle Bill Expansion

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Iowa Grocery Industry Association (IGIA) today expressed its concerns about Governor Chet Culver's proposed expansion to Iowa's Bottle Bill. Addressing the proposal outlined by the Governor in his State of the State Address, IGIA President Jerry Fleagle commented, "I can't imagine that Iowa consumers are going to stand quietly by and allow themselves to be taxed every time they take a sip of pop, beer, water or their favorite sports drink."

Culver's proposal calls for an increase in the per container deposit from five cents to a dime at the time of purchase. However, once consumers return their containers, the Governor proposes that they receive only eight cents per container back. Under his proposal, one unreturned cent will help cover the cost of handling the returns and the state will keep the other.

Deposit Requires Full Return

"A deposit is only a deposit when it can be fully recovered by the depositor," said Fleagle. "We're grocers, not tax collectors, and we don't want our store clerks to be on the front lines of explaining to people what the Governor's newly created definition of the word 'deposit' is."

Fleagle also expressed concern for the Governor's proposal from both an up-front cost and bottle return perspective, especially over Culver's desire to expand the types of containers included in the deposit law.

"This proposal will suck tens of millions of dollars out of Iowans' pockets at the time of their beverage purchases," said Fleagle. "Expanding the types of containers that carry deposits simply sets up a scenario where people have to spend more

money up front and are then forced to drag even more dirty containers back to the stores. It expands the financial burden on consumers and increases the potential health hazard in stores."

Original Intent of Bottle Bill Lost
Fleagle pointed out that when the bottle deposit concept was initially introduced, it was an effort to decrease litter.

"The bottle bill was never intended to be a revenue source for the state," said Fleagle. "At the time, people were concerned about cans and bottles filling Iowa's ditches. But times have changed. We're the 'Big Gulp' generation. Research

shows that only four percent of beverages in aluminum containers are consumed in cars while 88 percent are consumed at home or in the office. Glass bottle rates are even more telling – 91 percent are consumed at home or on the premises of a restaurant or bar. Knowing that, doesn't it make more sense to expand curbside recycling options? That allows people to recycle their containers in the places they consume them."

Fleagle stressed that the grocery industry's primary interest is providing clean stores where people can purchase safe food.

"Let me be clear – grocers don't want to collect anyone's deposit nickel, and Governor Culver's proposed increase of the container deposit to a dime, and expanding the types of containers included doesn't change that fact. Bottle deposits, claimed or unclaimed, have never been and will never be a revenue source for the grocery industry. We would much rather have everyone keep their money and recycle their containers at the curb," concluded Fleagle.



Why Should I Come Home to Laurens?

Submitted By Kent Radford

The other day, one of our young people who had graduated from college and came back to Laurens to work mentioned that she came back because she believed that our city had become a place where a young person would want to settle. I asked her, Why? She said it was because Laurens had become a small town with a lot of life to it. She then went on to provide some examples. These examples were the growth of the downtown area instead of decline like many other small Iowa cities; and other young people coming back to Laurens and starting businesses or taking jobs. As I reflected upon what this person said and looked around our community, it dawned on me that she was right on. Many of the things that excite young people had occurred. We even saw many of these young people volunteering and becoming involved in those things that make the community better.

I remember sitting in a meeting at the Laurens Country Club about eight years ago. Many of the leaders of the community and citizenry were there. We received a presentation about migration of people from Pocahontas County and in particular, the young people. It was decided at that meeting that if we were going to retain our young people and thrive as a city, we had to provide them a reason for staying here. The vision that came from that meeting was that we had to provide the type of place they would want to live and to ensure that there were jobs for them. It looked like it was going to be a momentous task because Fleming was shutting down and

a lot of jobs were going to be leaving the city. So what needed to be done to move forward? The areas to be acted upon were recreation, development of the downtown area, bringing in a company to fill the Fleming Building and encouragement for the development of new businesses or expanded businesses.

What happened during the following eight years? A volunteer group was formed to address the issue of recreation. This group took on two projects. One was the expansion of the ball diamond sports complex; the other was the development of a recreation center. Through the diligent efforts of this committee and the work of a lot of volunteers, a new sports complex did happen, and land was procured for the recreation center. That land for the recreation center is now going to be converted into an RV park.

The mayor and city council took on the project of developing the downtown area. As a result, the streets were redone and the face of the downtown businesses changed.

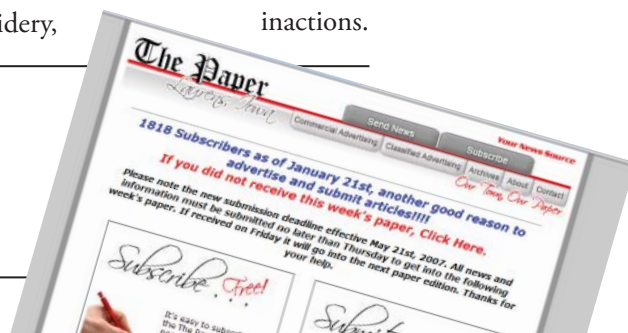
The Laurens Industrial Foundation took on the task of filling the Fleming building and encouraging the development of new businesses, and expanding current businesses. As a result of their efforts and with the help of the city council, Jack Links was brought into town. We saw the expansion of Pengo, Fisher, Bobalee, and the purchase of Positech from a New York Corporation. We saw new businesses develop downtown: Heart & Home, Horse Tech, Rumors, B&K Embroidery,

Wild Child, and Tate Welding are some examples. We saw other changes in businesses as they were remodeled, such as the Pizza Ranch and Deb's Country Kettle. We saw the development of Kids Corner and the evolution of Jayne's Headquarters from just a beauty salon to a small hotel. Other businesses also changed. We also saw the coming and the successful execution of the quasiquincentennial, RAGBRAI, and the sister city project. The volunteers involved in these projects were many, a good portion were the younger adults from the community. These projects put the City of Laurens on the Iowa and national maps.

Sadly, this same young person, when attending a city council meeting the other night, came out of this meeting wondering if she made the right decision to stay here. It appeared that the council meeting was plagued with deadlock and the inability to make decisions. There was one council member who tried to dominate the council meeting, discouraging the free flow of discussion and belittling others. She wondered what the vision of this council was. Is the vision of this council to move the momentum forward or to stop progress in its tracks? Is the vision to encourage our young people to stay, continuing to make our community a vital place to work and play? Maybe others who are concerned about the future of Laurens, and young people need to attend our council meetings and hold our elected officials accountable for their actions or inactions.

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From the Heart

I have a husband who can't stand leftovers; unless it is a casserole. With it now being only two of us in the house, we have leftovers coming out of our ears!

The other night, I wanted to work with left over roast. I know that you can grind it up and make b-b-que sandwiches and such. But I wanted to take it to a whole other level. This took probably only 35 minutes from beginning to plate.

Roast Beef and Wine Sauce

Use left over roast beef - probably about 1 lb.

2 large cans of sliced mushrooms

1 medium red onion

2 tablespoons of butter

1 cup of red wine (use leftover or port would be great also)

1 tablespoon of honey mustard

Noodles

Start by cutting your roast up into thin strips. Start boiling the water for the noodles. In another pan, add your butter on medium heat and quickly chop your onion into fine pieces. Add to butter and then drain your mushrooms and also add to onions and butter. Cook until golden brown. About this time your water is boiling; add your noodles (I used wide egg noodles...I had them in the house). In your onion/mushroom combination, add your sliced meat and roughly 1 cup of red wine (the drier the better) and your mustard. Add salt and pepper if you wish. Stir occasionally, but keep a lid on so the meat starts to "steam" better and it softens the meat quickly. At the end, I took the lid off, put more wine in and did high heat on it to help make a thicker

sauce and to "seal" the flavor. Drain the noodles and plate the noodles with the meat sauce on top.

My husband actually enjoyed this! We even mentioned that this would have been good on a grilled hoagie bun with a little swiss cheese on top. Experiment in the kitchen. It is actually a way that I find to relax. Sometime I will have to tell you about the banana pancakes that our son made...yummy! Stay warm and keep it from the heart,

Julie Wurr

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Van Sickles Host Jacqueline Copin



Jim and I would like to try to share some of our life-enriching experiences while having the good fortune to host a French delegate this summer.

In July of 2007, we were fortunate to be able to host Jacqueline Copin. We have been parents to five exchange children from four different countries and felt like we would like to try hosting this wonderful lady for a week. Jacqueline is a 74 year old, vivacious woman. She is a widow who had the courage to come to the United States, for the first time in her life, this summer. She has a son who is a professor in Paris, as well as 3 grandchildren. Jacqueline speaks very little English and Jim and I speak NO French. This was of great concern to me, but not to Jacqueline. With help from a few awesome interpreters (friends of Kristina Hong), we managed wonderfully.

The week started off with a "Welcome Lunch" at Deb's Country Kettle. A very busy, interesting week kept all of us on the move and learning about each other. We learned that Jacqueline lives in a remodeled railroad depot in Laurens, France. Her late husband was a television commercial producer in Paris. Jacqueline walks approximately 30 kilometers once a week to get groceries. That is about like walking to our neighboring town of Marathon and back!

Before Jacqueline arrived, I was concerned that our 3 cats may bother her. I tried to eliminate any possible allergy problems by putting a baby gate at the top of my basement steps to keep the cats in the basement. That was a MISTAKE! Little did I realize how much of an animal lover Jacqueline is. The thought of my cats being trapped in the "dungeon" was very distressing to her. She actually cried and asked for the cats to be let out. That was a very easy problem solved! Once our interpreter explained to me what was distressing Jacqueline, both the cats and our guest were much happier.

Our 4 year old granddaughter, Emma, was staying with us that week and quickly became quite taken with our French guest --and vice-versa! What a wonderful experience for Emma to learn such a valuable lesson of world-wide friendship! Emma even tried to teach Jacqueline how to drive a golf cart. That was a very interesting experience, since Jacqueline had never driven ANY motorized vehicle before. She was quite impressed that a 4 year-old was such an experienced golf cart driver. Emma thanks her Papa for that!

Throughout the week, Jacqueline saw and did many things that she assured us were interesting and wonderful adventures, from boating with the Woodins to touring many Laurens businesses and seeing a real semi-truck up close. She loved shopping in a "Western Store" and took home many cowboy souvenirs to share with her family.

Our family will always be grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Laurens Sister City celebrations. It has brought another small piece of the world into our lives.

Submitted by Kelly Van Sickle

Biggest Little Paper In Town!



**Please help us in celebrating
The Paper's 1st year in business and
the Publisher, Rod's, 50th birthday!**

**We are celebrating at Rumors Pub on
Saturday, March 1st. There will be cake
and refreshments starting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Live Blues with The Erick Hovey Band
will begin at 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.**



**We hope that you will come and join us in
celebrating these two milestones!**

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It Really is a "Small World"

Helene and Rene Bouisson from Laurens, France were guests in our home last July. What a pleasant experience! Helene just retired as Administrative Assistant in the Town Hall. Rene is a grape grower and member of the Laurens Wine Cooperative.

Our community was busy preparing for our Quasiquicentennial and Ragbrai Celebrations, and our phone rang at 6:00 a.m. It was our son, Rory Mason. Rory and his wife Janelle live in Basel, Switzerland. He works for the Cannondale Bicycle Company in Europe and had just left his two teams in the mountains for a rest day during the Tour De France. He then drove to Laurens, France.

He said "I'm in front of the Gastle in Laurens, France (City Hall) what's the address for the Bouisson Home? I'll call you back in a few minutes".

We woke Helene and Rene. They did not speak English and we do not speak French. We played "charades" for a week and could always find a way to communicate. We put them on the phone with Rory, who speaks Italian and some French. They were delighted he was at their home in France, and they were able to speak to their daughter, son-in-law and 80 year old Mother on his phone.

The family and residents of Laurens entertained Rory for the evening at the winery and insisted he spend the night at their home. He found the residents of Laurens France most gracious and looks forward to a return visit.

The Bouissons enjoyed riding the golf cart during the Celebration and walking the golf course. Ron told them of the huge" long-eared jackrabbits we have out there- and right on time - one of them popped up.



the first day. We were very privileged to have the opportunity to share the different cultures. However, as Rory experienced, they are from a friendly, small town very similar to our wonderful Laurens, Iowa!

Our Town Our Paper!



We have a life-sized cardboard John Wayne at our home. Rene is a big fan of John. We put it at the top of the stairs and Rene had his picture with it and spoke to "John" everyday

One of the highlights for them was the Lawn Mower Ride Sunday morning. We were almost late for church service because several of them did the ride. The famous "John Deere" was there.

At first, Ron and I were a little hesitant to have guests for a week that we possibly couldn't communicate with - that changed

Submitted by Jan & Ron Hersom



Sister Cities Explained

Several questions arose following last week's mention of Sister Cities in the papers. Briefly, here are explanations:

What is Sister Cities International? Well, it's the official Worldwide organization registering and coordinating and linking communities (regions, states, individuals etc.) for the long-term benefit of both groups involved. In our case, Laurens, Iowa, USA and Laurens, France

United States involvement in the program is the result of President Dwight Eisenhower's proposal in 1956, to foster friendship, cultural understanding and stimulate economic development, as well as exchange ideas beneficial to both groups, by initiating a people-to-people connection; linking US groups to similar individuals or groups worldwide. Usually a town-to-town, state-to-state, etc. arrangement.

And what are the advantages? Again, obviously, to learn, to create understanding between disparate groups, in our case, between a rural community in south France wine country, and rural Iowa - industry, and agriculture, including livestock and grain.

Also, the fun of pen pals, student exchanges at any educational level, cultural broadening (we learned about wineries and were gifted with bottles and bottles of their great product). Then there is a Young Artists competition open to youth in the communities involved, Internet info exchange, technology, industrial, health concerns and education programs, all benefiting both Laurens villages, and spilling over to surrounding areas. And so, it's a good thing .

Submitted by Dorothy Runneburg

Putting Laurens On The Map

I moved to Laurens in August of 2006 and love living here. I recall my nephew, who lives in Seattle, Washington, emailed me when he heard the news—"Hey, Laurens, that's the town that "The Straight Story" was about and it was such a good movie," I was so amazed that he knew about Laurens, Iowa. I also think it is such a neat story that Laurens, France saw the movie and it led them to look into being a "sister city" and coming to see us in July of '07. It surely has put Laurens on the map. I recently found out that the state of Iowa has several towns with "sister cities" and we could be registered in that organization. I was happy when I heard a group was coming to visit us during the Quasquicentennial and I was privileged to be a hostess. "Maryse" was a lovely gal and we enjoyed having tea together and we enjoyed watching the birds even though we didn't communicate well. I have heard from her several times. Her cousin helps her write the letters so I can read them.

Now they want some of us to come and see them in June. Of course, we'll pay our own expenses, but what a joy to get to stay at her home. They were so pleased to get to meet some of you and so generous to give every family a bottle of their famous wine at the "wine tasting event". Cynthia Benson from Chicago, Illinois, also stayed with me to help interpret, so that was nice.

I was so surprised when we took them back to the Des Moines Airport to leave for France just how many people remarked about our being from Laurens, IA and how they had read about the RAGBRAI and our sister city Laurens, France. It was such good publicity for our little town in NW Iowa. --Submitted by Verlae Nicol



Maryse of Laurens, France

How Did We Get Involved?

It's a public relations thing. Grows a community - grows its residents. Stretches minds.

There are dozens of towns in Iowa paired with Sister Cities around the world, both officially through SCI, and informally, like Emmetsburg and Dublin, Ireland

Everyone gains.

How did we get involved? Throw the gracious offering of the Laurens, France folks. Actually they loved "The Straight Story". Saw it over and over as did countless European communities, and were excited to learn more of this Laurens, Iowa. Several Laurens-connected

people made a point of visiting in the French town, learning of the name sharing.

And it was learned that the movie has a world-wide continuing following -- is used as a teaching tool in schools and universities. The empathy shown, the loving attitude, the story of reconciliation sell it worldwide.

How lucky we were that the studio decided to film it in Laurens and next door in Wisconsin, dressed it up a little, yes, but they could have filmed the same thing in Kansas, Utah, or on a fake set in Hollywood.

Submitted by Dorothy Runnebuerg.

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Speech Team Advances to State!

The Laurens-Marathon High School Speech team did extremely well at the District Large Group Speech Contest held in Storm Lake on Sat., Jan. 19. Laurens-Marathon is a member of IHSSA, which has membership of 487 schools and over 40,000 students from across the state of Iowa.

There were 19 schools competing at the District Level in Storm Lake. Laurens-Marathon entered ten events and six of those events will advance to State level competition to be held at Sioux City East High School on Sat., Feb. 2. There will be 122 schools competing in Sioux City that day.

The groups that moved on are:
One-Act Play: "Lives in the Wind" Desiree Welty, Nathan Kirsch, Andy Larson, Chelsey Anderson, Jill Kinney, and Marcus Frerk. They are directed by Pastor Larry McAlpine and Judy Boettcher; **Reader's Theater:** "Rescue Me" Gary Brechler, John Stumpf, Nikki Cox, Hilary Goedert, Abbie Larson, Bennett Barglof, and Becky Josephson; **Radio Broadcasting:** Natalie Bailey, Krista Fredricks, Haley Lind, Alana Perry, and Ashley Garton; **TV News:** Nathan Kirsch, Desiree Welty, Andrew Hanson, Diana Johnsen, Haley Lind, Jessica Philp,

Paige Potter, Ryan Pixlar, Adrian Johnson, Kelsey Bell, Ashley Garton, Alanna Perry, Megan Hertz, Amanda McDaniel, and Alex Egertsen; **Group Improv:** Jamie Hertz and TJ Stuart; **Group Improv:** Becky Josephson, Amanda McDaniel, and Kayla Josephson. All groups are coached by Nancy and Ken Kunickis and Connie Dallenbach. There were 36 students from Laurens-Marathon involved in large group speech this season. We wish these teams the best of luck as they advance to State! We are proud of all the members of our speech team!



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KC Free Throw Contest

There were ten youth who participated in the Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest last Sunday, January 20th. The following kids advance on to the next contest, which will be held on Sunday, February 10th at Fonda: Alex

Runneberg, Matt Cleveland, Jordan Japenga, Riley Maschino, Brooke Runneberg, and Megan Jensen. Thanks to the local Knights of Columbus Council #3140 for sponsoring this event for our youth!!

Local and School Calendar

Jan. 28 – JV basketball with Newell/ Fonda at Newell, girls and boys at 6:00 p.m.; JH basketball with West Bend/ Mallard at 4:00 p.m., 7th & 8th girls at Mallard; JH wrestling, PAC Invitational at Pocahontas at 4:00 p.m.; IHSMA Show/Jazz Choir Festival.

Jan. 29 - Basketball with Alta in Laurens, girls and boys at 6:30 p.m.
Parents' Night.

Feb. 2 – Sectional Wrestling at Laurens at 12:00 noon; State Large Group Speech Contest in Sioux City.

Feb. 4 – JV basketball with St. Mary's at Storm Lake, girls and boys at 6:00 p.m.; JH wrestling, Southern Cal Invitational at Lake City at 5:00 p.m.; Band Fundraiser begins.

Our Town Our Paper!



Pictured are ~ Front Row: Jordan Japenga, Riley Maschino, Chase Oehlertz, Keegan Jamison, Tyler Stumbo, Matt Cleveland. Back Row: Brooke Runneberg, Megan Jensen, Alex Runneberg, Will Cleveland.

Moving up to Chapter Farmers

On Wednesday, January 23, 18 members of the Tall Corn FFA Chapter received their Chapter Farmer degrees. The members are pictured from left to right, starting in the front: Kim Kenobbie, Des-

tiny Wiley, Alanna Perry, Cory Bailey, Jordann Ludwig, Kolesa Herrig, Chris Abbas Back row: George Gerodias, Jim Bridgeman, Tyelr Sandvig, Matt Swalin, Bennett Barglof, Travis Frerk,

Phillip Thomas. Not Pictured: Nikkie Cox, Becky Josephson, Kyle Raasch, and Kizzie Johnson.

Congratulations to you all!



Eatin' Good Today!

FFA members who sold \$350 worth of fruit sales were awarded with free pizza for dinner on Wednesday. There were 18 members of the Tall Corn FFA Chapter who received their Chapter Farmer degree and were awarded with pizza. Good work on fruit sales this year, everyone!



Sounds Like Fun!

Sounds and Noises was the unlikely theme at the Laurens Public Library's story time Friday. We had great fun reading books, listening for sounds in the library and trying to guess what library object was in a bag just from the sound it made. In this picture, Librarian Glenda Mulder is helping Mason Griffin punch holes in his noisemaker. Watching carefully we

have Ethan Runneberg, Eli Handy and Mason's brother, Spencer. To the right in the picture, Sydney Kay helps Payton Roling with his project. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Local students on UI Dean's List

Brett Latham & Laura Bieri of Laurens are among the 3,817 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the Dean's List for the 2007 fall semester. All students named to the Dean's List carried at least 12 graded hours during the semester. A minimum 3.5 grade-point average (based on a 4.0 scale) for current work is required. They are both in the College of Business Administration.



LAURENS-MARATHON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS - 2007-2008

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(*) Indicates those students receiving all A's in all subjects. (A Honor Roll)

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

9th

Ashley Anderson
Katie Arnburg
Schuyler Bechtel
Riley Bell
Case Bieri
*Melissa Cleveland
Brady Ellis
*Megan Hertz
Michael Hertz
*Connor Johnson
Kayla Josephson
Kelsey Kautz
Chad Kischer
Trent Kischer
Christian Klatt
Abbigail Larson
Devin Lind
Bryce Maschino
Paige Potter
Austin Stumbo
John Stumpf
Kelli Willer

10th

Grace Christensen
*Kelsey Fredricks
*Kelsey Frerichs
Kolesa Herrig
Shelby Heuton
Chelsea Musgjerd
Andrew Olson
Dylan Teague
Phillip Thomas
Amanda Zylstra

11th

*Chelsey Anderson
*Hollyann Anderson
Gary Brechler
Nicole Cox
*Justin Depew
Mark Griffin
John Gustafson
Caleb Jamison
Trisha Jordan
Becky Josephson

Colton Lampe
Andy Larson
*Haley Lind
Zach Lovin
Tatum Luchsinger
Katrine Madsen
Jarrod Reese
Tyler Sandvig
*Will Shimon
*Tyler Smith
*Ryan Stumbo
Javier Tinajero
Reuben Wenell
Adam Woodin

12th

*Natalie Bailey
*Kelsey Bell
Megan Cleveland
Elizabeth Erritt
*Krista Fredricks
Katie Fuchs
Hilary Goedert
Andrew Hanson
Heather Herrig
Jamie Hertz
*Diana Johnsen
Adrian Johnson
Michael Jordan
*Keton Joynt
Taryn Kay
Nathan Kirsch
Brent Leuer
Travis Leuer
Spencer Lind
Ryan Lovin
Ethan Perry
*Jessica Philp
*Ryan Sernett
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Ethan Perry
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*Ryan Sernett
Desiree Welty
*Kacie Woodley
*Kylie Woodley

LM Boys JV Team Loses to Alta

The Chargers hosted Alta January 14th and suffered a 60 to 27 loss. The young Charger team found themselves up against a good Alta squad. The first period ended with the Chargers trailing 9 to 8. The second period saw Alta build a 27 to 13 lead. In the second half, Alta continued to build on their lead as they led after three quarters, 45 to 25. Austin Stumbo led the scoring with 11 points, followed by Case Bieri 9, Ben Zylstra 6, and Josh Sernett 1. Ryan Hudson led the rebounding with 5, followed by Stumbo 4, Bryce Maschino 4, Bieri 3, Zylstra 3, Kolby Joynt 3, Sernett 3, Evan Johnson 1, and Schyler Becthel 1.

Prairie Valley Defeats LM Boys JV Team

The Chargers were on their home floor to play Prairie Valley January 17th. The Chargers played a hard-fought game that ended with Prairie Valley winning 57 to 44. Throughout the first half, both teams battled hard with Prairie Valley leading 16 to 11 after the first period. When the first half ended, Prairie Valley had a 28 to 22 lead. In the third period, Prairie Valley took advantage of some fast break baskets to lead after three periods, 45 to 31. In the fourth period, the Chargers held their own, but were unable to reduce the scoring deficit much. Scorers included Case Bieri 14, Ryan Hudson 11, Austin Stumbo 4, Ben Zylstra 4, Josh Sernett 4, Bryce Maschino 3, Evan Johnson 2, and Travis Frerk 2. Stumbo led the rebounding with 5. Other rebounders included Hudson 4, Maschino 2, Sernett 2, Zylstra 1, Bieri 1, Frerk 1, and Kolby Joynt 1.

L-M Boys JV Defeat Southern Cal

Southern Cal came to Laurens on January 24th for a JV contest. The Chargers played a good game, defeating Southern Cal 44 to 42. The end of the first period saw the Chargers take an 11 to 7 lead. Southern Cal fought back during the second period to lead 19 to 18 at halftime. In the second half, the Chargers found a way to score against a tough zone defense. Some good outside shooting, along with good inside scoring, gave the Chargers a 29 to 25 third period lead. The fourth period had the Chargers ahead by as many as 11 points. Southern Cal made a run late in the game to narrow the lead, but the Chargers showed determination to maintain the lead when the final buzzer sounded. Case Beiri and Bryce Maschino led the scoring with 13 and 11 points respectively. Other scorers were Josh Sernett 8, Ryan Hudson 4, Austin Stumbo 2, Schyler Becthel 2, Travis Frerk 2, and Evan Johnson 2. Stumbo led the rebounding with 8. Others on the boards included: Hudson 6, Frerk 5, Ben Zylstra 2, Sernett 2, Maschino 2, Johnson 2, and Bieri 2.



Chargers Pick Up a Victory Over Sioux Central

The Charger men prevailed in a close game at Sioux Central Tuesday night. The Chargers were behind 8-9 at the end of the first quarter and 19-20 at the half. Free throws got L-M in the game and they took the lead 38-32 at the close of three periods. The Rebels closed within two points, but it was the Chargers who would prevail, 58-50.

It was senior Travis Leuer who would do damage offensively and paired up with Tyler Smith and Adam Woodin to lead the Chargers. Travis popped in 13 points and 8 rebounds and a pair of steals. Tyler made 10 points with a perfect 8 of 8 from the free throw line, along with three assists and two rebounds. Adam was also perfect from the charity stripe, going 3 for 3 on his way to 10 points. Caleb Jamison netted eight points and Zach Lovin contributed seven. Gary Brechler added six and Ryan Stumbo made four.

The Chargers shot a fantastic 87.5% from the free throw line, connecting on 21 of 24 shots. The opponents were 13 of 23 for 56.5%. L-M extends their record to 13-3.

Lady Chargers Squeeze by the Rebels

Even scoring and hard work led the Lady Chargers to a 49-46 win over Sioux Central Tuesday night. Sioux Central took the contest earlier in the year on the L-M home court, but the Chargers took this one from the Rebels in Sioux Rapids.

Amanda Zylstra had the biggest output of the night, scoring 13 points and grabbing 8 rebounds. Kaci Woodley had the second highest scoring output with 10 and got credit for 6 rebounds. The Rebels couldn't "key-in" on any one player as they struggled to figure out who would drop the next bucket. Shelby Heuton pumped in 8 points, Jordan Sundblad 7, Kylie Woodley 6, and Holly Hofmaster 5.

L-M shot well from the free throw line, connecting on 17 of 24 for 70%. They shot only 32% from field goal range, but it was enough for another win. The Lady Chargers have only two games remaining before heading into tournament play.



L-M Edges Pomeroy- Palmer in OT

The Laurens-Marathon boys won a tight 43-42 decision in overtime in Pomeroy Friday night. L-M saw only two players reach double figures, and only five players scored on the night. Travis Leuer scored 14 points and dominated the glass with 14 rebounds, and Ryan Stumbo scored 10 points. Tyler Smith scored 8, Adam Woodin 7 and Caleb Jamison 4.

The Chargers led 10-7 at the end of the first quarter and held the lead at 21-17 going into intermission. It was a low-scoring third period, with L-M scoring only eight points and P-P scoring just six to keep the Chargers on top, 29-23.

Cold shooting in the fourth quarter saw the Chargers' lead dwindle, and they fell behind by the two minute mark. The two teams were deadlocked 38-38 at the end of regulation.

The four minute overtime started with a scramble after the jump at center court. L-M came up with the ball and junior guard, Tyler Smith, looked at his coach and realized his team was on the wrong end of the court, so he turned around and headed for a two point lay-up, uncontested, to score first in OT. L-M trailed 40-42 with 36 seconds left on the clock. Tyler scored another field goal to tie the score 42-42 with

16.2 seconds remaining. Ryan Stumbo connected on a timely free throw to clinch the victory for the Chargers.

The L-M Chargers are 14-3 overall, 11-2 in the Northwest conference.



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Announcements

60th Birthday Party: There will be a surprise birthday party for Kenny Kliegl's 60th birthday on Saturday, February 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The party will be held at Rumor's Pub in Laurens. Everyone is invited to help him celebrate. The party is being given by his children, Christy and Mike, Michelle and Vaughan, Lisa and Bob, John & Jennifer.

Laurens Golf & Country Club Thursday Night Special: The special for Jan. 31st at the Laurens Golf and Country Club is potato bar and all the trimmings, and ice cream sundaes. *Public welcome.*

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2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Comedian. After Prom Fund Raiser Saturday, February 16, 2008.

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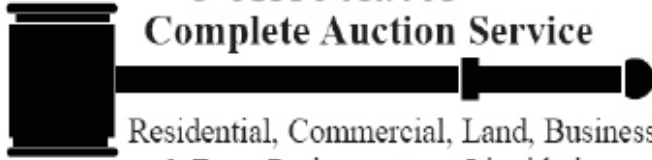
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