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## Local News

### Tournament Runners Up!

The Laurens-Marathon little league baseball team finished second Saturday, June 28, in the eight team Cornbelt Conference baseball tournament hosted here in Laurens.

The Chargers opened tournament play on Friday night by defeating Peterson 12-8. On day two of the tournament, the Chargers defeated Storm Lake BVRMC 9-8 and Rembrandt 5th grade 12-8, to finish pool play with a perfect record and advance to the tournament championship. In their third game of the day, the Chargers fell short in a battle with Storm Lake Sports Rehab 12-4 to finish second overall.

The tournament marks the end of little league Cornbelt action for the Chargers. They finish the season with a conference record of 14 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie. The Chargers were coached this year by Jeff Grossnickle, assisted by John Jamison and Troy Oehlertz.

### Tournament Champs!

The Laurens-Marathon pee wee softball team won the Cornbelt Conference tournament in Storm Lake on June 28th.

The pee wee softbal team ended the season with a record of 9 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie.

Along with being the Conference Tournament Champions the pee wee girls were also Cornbelt Conference Champions!

**Congratulations,  
Chargers!!!**

*Biggest Little Paper In Town!*



Back L-R: Keegan Jamison, Tyler Stumbo, Dalton Arends, Dalton Simpson, Chase Oehlertz; Front L-R: Devin Grossnickle, Jackson Ahlers, Brandon Brazel, Wyatt Shannon, Levi Bechtel, Jordan Gunnarson



Front L-R: Hannah Runneburg, Sydney Kay, Hailey Fansega, Rachel Wood, Maili Todd; Back L-R: Caitlyn Rohrbaugh, Destini Oehlertz, Olivia Ahlers, Maya Johnson, Bethany Hubbell; Coaches Marcia Kay, Todd Kay, Joe Ahlers

## *L-M Student Selected for French Delegation*

Holly Anderson, daughter of Kay and Brooks Anderson, of Laurens was selected to be part of the Laurens, Iowa delegation to Laurens, France. Holly will be a senior at Laurens-Marathon Community School this fall.

Holly was selected through an application process that consisted of many different parts. The Sister City Commission had many excellent applicants and wishes they had the funding to take all.

Miss Anderson will be meeting with students in Laurens, France and begin the communication process to establish pen pals and student exchanges.

Fund raising efforts will be taking place in the near future with selling of brats and nachos during the CELEBRATE LAURENS! events on Saturday, July 19th.

The Sister City Commission is raising these funds to pay for Holly's airfare. The rest of the delegation will be paying for their own personal tickets.

If you wish to donate to the Sister City Commission to assist with Holly's ticket, please send a check to : City of Laurens, c/o Sister City, P.O. Box 148, Laurens IA 50554.

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## *Stained Glass Window to be Gift to Laurens, France*

Several weeks ago, four Laurens residents visited Bogenrief Studios (pronounced Bow-gen-reef) in Sutherland for a tour of the stained

glassworks and to get a first look at the stained glass window now in construction. The window is to be presented as a gift to our Sister City, Laurens, France.

Laurens residents enjoyed gifts of Laurens, France wine during our

Quasquicentennial celebration. A bottle of wine was given to each family in Laurens when the French delegation visited here.

The window is approximately 33 1/2" x 19 1/2" and is a richly colored replica of the painting enhancing the outer south wall of the Alexander Office Building at the corner of Main and Third Streets. This bigger than life "mural" showing Iowa's rich corn crop blending with the French wine industry, was completed as an attraction to the thousands of Quasqui and Ragbrai visitors last July.

Our visit to the Bogenrief Studios

was suggested as an opportunity to approve the colors chosen, as well as the style and size of the window before final copper and lead sealed the hundreds of tiny puzzle pieces into a sturdy work of art.

The process that brought the gorgeous window to that Monday's visit is fascinating, but that is another story.

## *Former L-M Students Named to Dean's List*

Four former Laurens-Marathon students were named to the Spring 2008 Dean's List at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Mary Anderson, daughter of Brooks and Kay Anderson of Laurens. Mary is studying Spanish at ISU. Mary is a 2006 graduate of Laurens-Marathon.

Brian Anderson, son of Loren and Lisa Anderson of Marathon. Brian is studying Agricultural Education at ISU. Brian is a 2005 graduate of Laurens-Marathon.

Rachel Miller, daughter Colleen Miller and the late Kim Miller of Albert City. Rachel is studying Political Science at ISU. Rachel is a 2004 graduate of Laurens-Marathon.

Felicia Wenell, daughter of Dale and Sally Wenell of Albert City. Felicia is studying marketing at ISU. Felicia is a 2007 graduate of Laurens-Marathon.

***Congratulations!***

## *Senator at the Library*

Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley answered questions and addressed the concerns of approximately 35 constituents at a Town Hall meeting at the Laurens Public Library on Monday.



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## *Flooding May Make Conservation Money Available*

Due to the recent flooding, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Iowa has requested funding that may be available to landowners in floodplains. The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) allocates money towards floodplain easements where land is frequently flooded.

The intent of the floodplain easements enrolled in EWP is to alleviate threats caused by flood waters and to reduce the cost of repeated future damages. EWP gives landowners in the floodplain an alternative to repeatedly restoring flood-damaged land.

Under the EWP floodplain ease-

ment, a landowner offers to sell a permanent easement to USDA that provides NRCS with the full rights to restore and enhance the floodplain's functions and values which may include consideration of wetland and wildlife habitat restoration. The landowner retains ownership and access rights to the property, including undeveloped recreational uses such as hunting.

Any land that is offered for the EWP program is ranked along with other applications received in the state. Applications that are accepted will receive a one time payment based on current land valuation. In addition, 100% of the cost of land treatment measures is reimbursed for by EWP, which may include floodplain restoration, seeding, or fencing to exclude livestock.

Participation in the EWP program is strictly voluntary. Please contact the NRCS office in Pocahontas at (712) 335-4790 with any questions.

## From the Heart

Fourth of July is quickly approaching. I do love this holiday. Time to get together with family and friends, great food, and (of course) food!

Since I was little, we always took our boat out on West Okoboji and watched the fireworks. We would get as close as we could. I actually remember the first time. I was probably four years-old and the loud, thundering sound of the fireworks scared me to death! The next year my mom brought my furry earmuffs. They worked great! It took the scare factor out of the great light show and I could enjoy the colors.

We still take the boat out on the Fourth of July. We probably head out around 9:30. We figure out which direction the wind is so we don't get any "drift" from the explosions and "park" the boat. If it is windy, the anchor is lowered. Diet Cokes are pulled out and the radio is turned on. The Spirit Lake radio station carries the music that the fireworks are coordinated with. Then you sit back and enjoy. It is awesome to hear the "oohs...and aahhs" from all of the nearby boats. But I believe that our boat can have the most vocal of sounds coming from it.

On a still night, the water can be as beautiful as the sky with all the brilliant colors. When it is all done, you start to head back. It is so awesome to see hundreds of boats glide through the water with the red, green and clear lights glimmering.

Before we head over on the boat, we have to have our traditional Fourth of July supper. My father makes the greatest rotisserie chicken!

For 40 years he was a meat salesman and was behind every meat counter in the local area to speak to the meat cutters. He was given the directions how to do a rotisserie chicken. And the secret has been safe with him ever since. Mom will make her wonderful potato salad and my aunt will bring a pie or cake. And there is usually sweet corn that someone on a corner is selling. We sit out on the deck all day and just watch the boats go by.

I think I will make a slushy drink this year that my mom used to make for us years ago. It is as popular and refreshing for adults as it is kids! Here is the recipe: 2 pkgs. Orange Kool-Aid, 2 frozen cans of orange juice, 3 cups of sugar, 16 cups of water.

Mix Kool-Aid, sugar, orange juice and water in large plastic container. Freeze well. Serve with 7-Up. (Note: I am going to try using a substitute sugar replacement instead)

This year we are going to be playing cards with two of my cousins and their girls out on the deck. We don't just play a game of cards. It is war! We start out all sweet and fun, but somewhere along the line we go for blood! We usually announce who is winning so we can all "gang up" on her!

Here is wishing you a memorable and safe Fourth of July!

*From the Patriotic Heart,  
Julie Wurr*



## At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 2, 2008

I can't believe it's July. 2008 is half over already! The library will be closed July 4th & 5th so we can enjoy the holiday with our families. Or possibly with a good book or two. You know how librarians are. So get a couple extra books or movies to last you through the weekend.

Our kids have definitely Caught the Reading Bug! The caterpillar has stretched around the corner to the south wall. We will continue to add to him as the kids read books. I wonder how big he'll get. Our scheduled story times are now done. Monday afternoons will be awfully quiet now. We may have to schedule a few bonus story times just so the kids will come and play with me.

We received a couple memoirs that look like interesting summer reading. They are ***Growing Up Country: Memories of an Iowa Farm Girl*** by Carol Bodensteiner and ***Blueberry Summers: Growing up at the Lake*** by Curtiss Anderson.

New fiction includes ***The Rogue*** (regular and large print) by Danielle Steel, ***Deceived*** by Brett Battles, ***After River*** by Donna Milner, ***Tailspin*** by Catherine Coulter, ***Dirty Secrets Club*** by Meg Gardiner, ***One in a Million*** by Kimberla Lawsom Roby, ***The Wednesday Sisters*** by Meg Waite Clayton, ***Made in the U.S.A.*** by Billie Lettes, and ***No Choice but Seduction*** by Johanna Lindsey.

Stop in and pick up a copy of ***The Kite Runner*** by Khaled Hosseini. Then join us Monday, July 28th as we talk about this book.

**Stop in and check it out!** 4

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**207 E Main** – 3 bdrms, 1 ½ baths, screen porch

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**259 Nelson** – 2 bdrms, 1 bath, new flooring,

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## *Celebrate Laurens Parade*

Everyone loves a parade. The Celebrate Laurens Festival will have a parade, Saturday, July 19th at 10:30. Call Clarence Siepker at 841-4663 to enter or just show up at the Fire Station at 10:00 to line up.

Decorate a bike, trike, car, truck, horse, dog or kid and join the fun. Candy throwing is optional.

## *Community Center Supper*

A barbeque meatball sandwich, hot dog and brat supper will be served at the Marathon Community Center from 5:00pm until ? on Friday night, July 18, 2008. Everyone is invited to come. Freewill donation.

## *Local & School Calendar*

**July 2**-Baseball with East Sac at Wall Lake, JV & V at 5:30 p.m.

**July 3**-Baseball with PAC at Poca-hontas, JV & V at 5:30 p.m.

**July 4**-Happy 4th of July!

**July 8**-Boys District Baseball begins.

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## *Thank You*

Thanks everyone for the prayers, cards, concerns and food brought in when I had surgeries and hospital stays and since I have been home. All is very much appreciated.

*Bernie Weishaar*

## *It's Your Birthday!*

Happy Birthday Al!

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## *Thank You*

Surprise! What a surprise to read in the paper that you are having a party at your house in two weeks and the whole community is invited. After the shock wore off we had a terrific time and definitely will never forget our 40th wedding anniversary. We would like to thank everyone who sent a card, gave a gift, and shared memories. A special thank you to our daughters Shauna and Shara, Fred and Sandi Neary, and Bruce and Laurie Stone for planning the party and the community for helping them and bringing the salads - how did you keep this a secret for two months?

*Ron and Bette Jolliffe*

## *Preschool Registration*

The Laurens-Marathon Early Childhood Program proudly announces that it has received the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program Grant for four-year-old children. The grant allows the L-M Early Childhood Program to offer preschool, free of tuition, to all resident children who are four years of age on or before September 15, 2008. Preschool registration will be held Thursday, July 10th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Superintendent's office. If you are interested in your four-year-old attending a free tuition preschool this year, please stop into the school during this time to register.

# Laurens United Methodist Church

**Fri. July 4**  
Church Offices Closed ~ Holiday  
7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study

**Sun. July 6**  
9:30 a.m. ~ Worship  
10:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Coffee

**Mon. July 7**  
7:00 p.m. ~ Quilt Club

**Wed. July 9**  
7:00 p.m. ~ Christian Ed

**Fri. July 11**  
7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study  
Rehearsal

**Sat. July 12**  
7:00 a.m. ~ UM Men  
9-11 a.m. ~ Come & Go Bridal Shower for Erica Schuttler  
Wedding



# This Week at First Christian Church

324 W. Section Line Rd.  
Laurens, Iowa  
Ph. 841-2455  
Website: [www.forministry.com/USIACCDOCFCCI](http://www.forministry.com/USIACCDOCFCCI)

**Wed. July 2**  
1:00 p.m. ~ Willing Workers  
7:00 p.m. ~ Mission Council Meeting

**Fri. July 4**  
Holiday ~ Church Office Closed

**Sun. July 6**  
9:30 a.m. ~ Worship: showing slide shows of our veterans before worship  
11:30 a.m. ~ Snack 'n Yack Fellowship

**Wed. July 9**  
1:00 p.m. ~ Willing Workers



# Sacred Heart Church - Laurens Clustered with St. Joseph Church - Sioux Rapids

*Mass Times - July - September*  
**Saturday** - 5:00 PM Sioux Rapids  
**Sunday** - 9:00 AM Laurens  
Confessions 1/2 hour before masses.  
Laurens Daily Mass as scheduled in bulletin.

# This Week at Bethany

**Wed. July 2**  
9 AM ~ Staff Meeting  
9 AM to Noon ~ Pastor's Office Hours

**Fri. July 4**  
Offices Closed ~ Independence Day

**Sun. July 6**  
9 AM ~ Morning Worship with Communion  
10 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship



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## News Release

There were 41 juvenile cases filed in the 2007 calendar year, all of which were filed by Ann Beneke, Pocahontas County Attorney. Under Iowa law, "juvenile cases" actually fall into two categories: delinquency cases and child in need of assistance (CINA) cases. Thus, in Pocahontas County, of the 41 cases filed for 2007, 22 were delinquency cases and 19 were CINA cases. So far for calendar year 2008, 9 delinquency petitions and 4 CINA petitions have been filed. In all cases, the juvenile is defined as someone who has not reached 18 years of age.

Most of the juveniles who were found to be delinquent were placed on probation to the juvenile probation officer (Greg Jobgen) for Pocahontas and Calhoun counties. "Probation" in these cases means that the juvenile, and his or her parents, must agree to a plan of rehabilitation and supervision.

Some of these juveniles are monitored by a "tracker" who monitors the juvenile's whereabouts. The tracker for Pocahontas County is Carolyn Sheda of Rolfe. Sometimes the Juvenile Court decides that the juvenile cannot be rehabilitated at home. If this course is taken, there are numerous juvenile facilities in the state of Iowa that have programs designed to rehabilitate delinquent juveniles. For Pocahontas County juveniles, the facilities at Rabiner's Ranch (near Ft. Dodge) and at Eldora are probably most often utilized. The ultimate goal, aside from rehabilitation, is to re-unite the ju-

venile with his or her family. In rare instances, the Juvenile Court waives jurisdiction in delinquency cases to adult court, where the juvenile will be tried as an adult. This is done in cases where the offense is extraordinarily serious, or where the juvenile is so close to 18 years of age that insufficient time will be available for rehabilitation.

With regard to CINA cases, the Juvenile Court works very closely with the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), which coordinates the services provided to these children. In Pocahontas County, Nancy Gonnerman (of Pocahontas), a social worker for DHS, meets with families and arranges for services to the child and the family. There are many services available, including counseling, medical, and foster care. In those instances where someone has reported that a child is being abused or neglected, Child Protective workers from DHS are assigned to investigate the circumstances, and are required to make a report within 48 hours. In some cases, the Child Protective worker calls for immediate removal of the child from his or her home. Child Protective investigations for Pocahontas County are usually conducted by Nathan Hamp (of Pocahontas) or Joyce Lewis (of Ft. Dodge). Placement of children outside the home is always an undesirable option in any CINA proceeding, but sometimes there is no choice. In calendar year 2007, there were also 2 proceedings for Termination of Parental Rights in which the legal relationship of parent-child was severed; it is fair to say that these proceedings are unhappy and stressful for everyone involved.

At least once a month, and many times more often, a day is set aside for juvenile court hearings in Pocahontas County. The presiding Juvenile Judge is the Hon. Kurt Stoebe of Ft. Dodge. Whether contested or uncontested, the hearings are for adjudication (is the juvenile delinquent or in need of assistance?); disposition (what are we going to do with the juvenile and his or her family?); review (has a prior disposition been working?) or permanency (will parental rights be terminated?). Each child has a guardian-ad-litem appointed by the juvenile court to represent him or her.

All practicing attorneys in Pocahontas County take their turn. Some parents also have an attorney who represents them privately or by court appointment.

Juvenile Court proceedings strive for positive results. The best interest of the child is always paramount. For the participants, the outcome can be rewarding.

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## 2008 Iowa Walk is a Great Success!

We Did It! Hundreds of walkers, teams and families came together on June 7th at Valley Stadium to participate in the 2008 Iowa Walk Now for Autism. Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported this year's event. With your help, the Iowa walk raised over \$195,000! Team Walking for Mackenzie's total was over \$1700.00! TRULY OUTSTANDING!!

It was a beautiful, sunny day at Valley Stadium in West Des Moines with over 2,000 participants! Your contribution means that Autism Speaks can continue their research efforts to find the cause and cure for Autism!!!

Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to this event. Each day we are taking steps to find the missing pieces. We will find them together. Thanks again!

Team Walking for Mackenzie  
Jennifer Launderville, Team Captain  
Emily Launderville, Mackenzie Launderville, Sarah Launderville, Tela Strum, Rachel Fulton, Reece Fulton, Lori Richardson, Auggie Catala, Brooke Launderville, Michaela McDonald, Allison Snyder



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Photo of the team that walked for Mackenzie.

## New Photography Fair Class

Get that camera out and take some pictures to enter in the new open class photography challenge for the Pocahontas County Fair! This has been a 4-H class for several years now and has been expanded to an open class exhibit. With the photography theme of "transportation," the photo possibilities are endless. Questions may be addressed to Joann Francis, Fair Manager, 335-4176.

The entry will be judged on how it meets general photography criteria, creativity, technical quality and the overall appearance. The rules include: The photograph 1) must be taken during the current year, 2) cannot be entered into another class

at the fair, 3) must be 4" x 6" and may be color or black and white, 4) no mats, frames, glass, captions or corner mounts are permitted, 5) the photograph may be flush mounted on a mount board, 6) place the photo in a plastic zip-lock bag for protection during display at the fair, 7) place name, address, and phone number on the back of the photo, 8) pictures may be taken with a digital or film camera.

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## Steamwheelers Beat Green Bay Blizzard

On Friday, June 27th Jesse Schmidt and the Steamwheelers defeated the Green Bay Blizzard by a score of 66 to 41.

Despite a foot injury Schmidt ended the night with 7 catches for 90 yards and two touchdowns. Not to worry, Jesse will be back out on the field on July 12th when the Steamwheelers take on the Iowa Barnstormers in Des Moines. For ticket information call: 1-515-564-8454.

The players sported patriotic jerseys on Friday night which were auctioned off after the game to raise money for the Disabled American Veterans Fund. Jesse's jersey was the biggest draw as it sold for \$2,700. It was purchased by Jeff Goree, who is the husband of former Laurens resident Robyn (Hamilton) Goree, daughter of Denny and Lynn Hamilton. The Steamwheelers raised a total of \$8,630 for the fund.



Jesse sporting the "Schmidt Happens" sign with his father, Mick, sister, Jacquelyn and brother, Jason after his win against the Green Bay Blizzard.



Jesse poses for a picture with Jeff Goree and family, who purchased his jersey to raise money for the Disabled American Veterans Fund.

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## *ISU Expert Answers Questions about Flood- Related Well Water Concerns*

As floodwaters in Iowa begin to recede, many questions about wells and drinking water have been submitted to ISU Extension by rural homeowners. Here are several of the more common concerns identified by rural residents and Extension field staff. Answers have been provided by Tom Glanville, ISU Extension agricultural and biosystems engineer who specializes in water systems.

**Do I need to test my well after the flood?** Surface water is always contaminated by bacteria, so any well that has been submerged beneath flood waters or high groundwater tables (for well heads located below ground in well pits) definitely needs to be tested. Even if a well has not been submerged, the current saturated soil profile throughout Iowa increases the risks of pollutant transport into shallow wells and groundwater, and so now would be a good time for all rural well owners to consider having their well water tested for coliform bacteria and nitrate.

**Is my well at greater risk of contamination if I live close to a livestock operation?** Not necessarily. The risks of private well contamination go up during wet weather regardless of whether a well is located near a livestock operation. This is

due to the fact that bacteria reside in the topsoil and in surface water at all times, and that many of the private wells used in rural Iowa are old, shallow and leaky. Even during “normal” years about 30 percent of private water well samples submitted voluntarily to the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory (UHL) by well owners are found to contain unsafe levels of coliform bacteria and/or nitrate.

**Where can I send well samples for testing?** Both the Iowa City and Ankeny branches of the University Hygienic Lab (UHL) are operational and are currently offering free water test kits to residents of counties that are included in Governor Culver’s disaster declaration. These kits are available through local county health departments. The best local point of contact to obtain the test kits are through your county environmental health officer/sanitarian.

Several commercial labs throughout the state also offer water quality testing. To make sure, however, that a commercial lab is properly qualified and equipped to perform accurate drinking water testing, clients should inquire whether the lab is state-certified to test water for Iowa public water supplies. Personnel and equipment at state-certified commercial labs are periodically tested and reviewed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and UHL to insure that their work is accurate and done according to approved procedures

## *4-H Food Challenge*

The food challenge has returned to 4-H after a 4 year break! 4-H members all make the same recipe and enter the food product at the fair. The exhibit needs to be identified with a fair tag like all other 4-H exhibits, but does not need to have a goal card! This year there are two separate recipes. Juniors and Intermediates will make brownies. The recipe and rules are on page 43 of the 2008 Pocahontas County fair book. The Senior 4-H members have a more “challenging” challenge! They will be making a double crust fruit pie. The crust recipe, along with recipes for cherry, apple and peach fillings, are on page 44 of the fair book. Challenge exhibits must be entered by 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 17 at the Expo Center with judging that afternoon. Then the pies will be auctioned at 6:45 PM on July 17 at the stage/arena area as a fundraiser to benefit the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment fund. The endowment fund supports 4-H activities and programs in Pocahontas County.

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## *Crop Insurance May Help Flooded and Wet Corn and Soybean Acres*

Wet weather has delayed planting of corn and soybeans across the state, and flooding has severely damaged many acres that have been planted. Fortunately, nearly 90 percent of the corn and soybean acres in Iowa are covered by multiple peril crop insurance (MPCI), which can provide some relief, according to William Edwards, Iowa State University Extension farm management specialist and professor of economics.

MPCI provisions may apply in two distinct situations: replanting and prevented planting, Edwards said. Part of the cost of replanting a damaged crop can be covered by insurance if two thresholds are met. First, a minimum of 20 acres out of the area insured as a unit must be affected. If the unit has less than 100 acres in the affected crop, the minimum drops to 20 percent. Second, the projected yield as estimated by an insurance adjustor must be less than 90 percent of the guarantee.

For example, a farm with a proven yield of 160 bushels of corn per acre with a 75 percent coverage MPCI policy would have a 120-bushel guarantee, so the projected yield would have to be less than 108 bushels for the acres to be eligible. The requirement is the same for revenue insurance policies as for yield insurance policies. The maximum replanting

payments in 2008 are \$43.20 per acre for corn and \$40.08 per acre for soybeans. Producers with revenue insurance policies that have an increasing guarantee feature could receive slightly higher payments if prices at harvest are higher than they were in February.

Some producers may have land that they have not been able to plant at all, due to extended wet conditions. They may be eligible for "prevented planting," and could receive an indemnity payment equal to 60 percent of their original guarantee, Edwards said. However, with current high grain prices, even a partial crop may produce higher net revenue than the insurance payment. Prevented planting acres must have a cover crop sown on them, and must be reported to the appropriate insurance agent by June 28 (corn) or July 13 (soybeans). An acreage report on all insured acres must still be submitted to the agent by June 30.

In addition, acres that produce below average yields in the fall could still qualify for an indemnity payment under the normal yield or revenue insurance guarantees. Coverage levels are gradually reduced for corn acres planted after May 31 and soybean acres planted after June 15, so it is important for producers to record the number of acres planted on each date.

## *4-H Pie Auction*

Plan to attend the 4-H pie auction at the Pocahontas County Fair on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 6:45!

The auction will be held immediately before



the Little Miss and Fair Queen contest. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment Fund. The pies on the auction will be made by Senior 4-H members who have entered the 4-H Food Challenge. On Thursday afternoon, the double crusted fruit pies will be judged. The Pocahontas County 4-H endowment was started in 2007 to support 4-H activities and programs in Pocahontas County. In June 2008, 15 4-H members received financial support from the endowment to attend the citizenship trip to Washington DC. As funds increase in the endowment, additional programs will be supported, and plans for a 4-H scholarship are in the future. Your support of 4-H is appreciated!

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## *Services Held Recently for Ruby Reese Dodson*

Ruby Reese Dodson age 85, of Laurens, died on June 25, at the Good Samaritan Center in Laurens. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens, with Rev. Tammy Anderson officiating.

Ruby Reese Dodson was born on May 27, 1923 to John Reeves and Ethel Jean Woodard Reeves in Laurens, Iowa. She attended school in Laurens through the eighth grade. She married Gerald Roscoe Marinus Reese on August 30, 1942. She cleaned houses during World War II while Gerald (Rocky) was away at war. After the war, both worked at Hakes and Mefferd Industries in Laurens, and Rocky also helped his dad on the farm. In 1948, they moved to Bradgate, Iowa where they farmed until 1960. Then they moved to a farm by Laurens, and Ruby went back to work as an inspector at Mefferd Industries. When Rocky's health deteriorated, they moved to town where Rocky passed away in 1977. Ruby married Glen Dodson on May 10, 1989. They enjoyed spending winters in California and visiting the casino in Laughlin. Glen passed away in the fall of 1997. Ruby lived in her home in Laurens until a stroke made it impossible for her to continue living alone. She resided in the Hovenden Memorial Nursing Home for the rest of her days.

Gerald and Ruby had five children: Kenneth (Sandy), Charles (Sue), Theda (James) Nagengast, Harry and Myra. They all reside in the Laurens area except Theda, who lives in Albert City.

Besides spending time with her family, Ruby enjoyed gardening and fishing. She had a green thumb and she always

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knew which fishing lure to use! (Or at least she thought she did!) She was also an excellent cook, and always had the coffee pot on for anyone who had time to stop in.

She had 10 grandchildren: Darren Reese (Janice), Darcy Buchholz (Phil), Corey Reese, Eric Reese (Kim), Erica Kolb, Jill Huntington (Chad), Rob Nagengast (Annie), Mandy Olson (Brian), Tracy and Jarrod. She has 13 great grandchildren: Lacey, Lindsey, and Ashley Reese, Chelsea Musgjerd, Stephanie Daughenbaugh (Ronnie), Cole and Austin Buchholz, Kendra, Thean and Summer Reese, Jackson and Ian Kolb, Haley Kies, and Addison Olson and one great-great-granddaughter Aly Daughenbaugh.

## *Services Held Recently for Vera Brackey*

Vera Brackey age 79, of Laurens, passed away on June 17, 2008. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 28 at the United Methodist Church in Laurens with Rev. Larry McAlpine officiating.

Our beloved Mom and Grandma, Vera Brackey passed away on June 17 in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Michael Yilek, in Dubuque, Iowa, where she had resided since December, 2007.

The daughter of Robert and Mildred Alger, Vera was born January 26, 1929 in Dickens, Iowa. She

graduated from Spencer High School in 1946 and married Harley Brackey the following year. Together, they built a life around their three children and Harley's work at M & JR Hakes.

Vera's motto was always "Family with a capital F", and she dedicated her life to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In them, she cultivated self-confidence and an eternal optimism. Through the years, she served as their greatest cheerleader and rarely missed their ball games, concerts and religious events. Vera was a avid reader and enjoyed working crossword puzzles, bowling and golfing. Upon her husband's death in 1983, she sponsored the Cobra Day Golf Tournament in Laurens in his memory, an event that took place every Father's Day for the past 23 years.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Roger Brackey, William (Debra) Brackey and Sue (Michael) Alborn-Yilek; her grandchildren: Kristen (Ernie) Alvarez, Ashley (Josh) Moore, Jordan Alborn, James Brackey, and Ali Brackey; and her great-grandchildren: Randi Marie Moore, Ernest Robert Alvarez and Rylie Sue Moore; her sisters-in-law: Connie Alger, Cleone Alger and Rose Alger, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Harley; parents, Robert and Mildred Alger; brothers, Glen Alger, Gale Alger, Earl (Bud) Alger, and Robert Alger; sister-in-law, Shirley Alger; son-in-law, Dwight Alborn and daughter-in-law, Judy Brackey.



## *Services Held Recently for Mary Elizabeth Deacon*

Mary Elizabeth Deacon age 86, of Laurens, died on June 24, 2008, at the Spencer Hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens with Fr. Allan Reicks officiating.

Mary Elizabeth Ford was born on January 11, 1922, at Laurens. She was the daughter of John and Margaret (Walsh) Ford. Mary was educated in area schools, graduating from Laurens High School in 1939. She attended Beauty School in Fort Dodge. Mary had a chair in Hopkins Barber Shop

for a period of time. On September 19, 1944, Mary married Edward J. Deacon at Laurens. The couple made their home in Varina until 1963, when they moved to Laurens. They moved into Laurens in 1981, Edward died on October 29, 1982, and Mary has continued to make her home in Laurens. She operated Mary's Beauty Shop in Varina and Laurens, retiring in the mid 1980's.

Mary was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Rosary Society. She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Chamber of Commerce, she also helped with Meals on Wheels. Mary enjoyed reading in her spare time, and she especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children: Jim (Barbara) Deacon of Cannon Falls, MN, Tom (Candy) Deacon of Omaha, NE, Bob (DeeDee) Deacon of Kismet, KS, Kathy (Michael) Deacon-Weber of Shoreview, MN and Mary Jo (John) Begley of Omaha, NE; twelve grandchildren; great-grandchildren: Lainey, Brodey, Tori, Baylee and DaKota; sisters: Gertrude Crotty of Laurens, Kay Filloon of Spencer, Margo Dorrell of Des Moines and Ellen (Kenneth) Sandvig of Spencer.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Robert Ford and sister, Francis Cole.

## *Educators Attend Upsilon State Convention*

Members of Alpha Omega Chapter attended the Upsilon State Convention of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Sioux City June 6-8. President Dena Higginbotham, Council Bluffs, conducted the business meeting.

Dr. Barbara Day, International President from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, was the featured speaker at the banquet. She also conducted a motivational workshop. Other interesting workshops related to education and inspirational for women were held throughout the event.

Leadership training sessions were held to acquaint newly elected officers and chairmen with their duties.

Honored at the president's banquet were the outgoing president of Alpha Omega, Doris Fondroy and the newly installed president, Karen Johnson.

Alpha Omega Chapter was one of three chapters hosting the convention. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an honorary organization for key women educators.

Local members who attended the event were: Sandy Aronson, Rae Jean Nuehring, Julie Meyer, Albert City, Lois Jirgens, Laurens, Karen Johnson, Marathon and Ellen Degner, Newell.

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