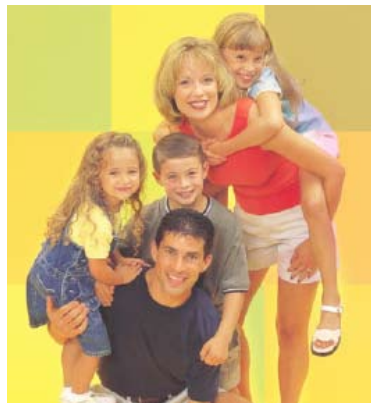


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Local News



Fireworks Were Fantastic!

I really enjoy fireworks! There's something special about the calm quite of the night exploding with brilliant light and colors. You just have to be there--even the smell is something unique and memorable.

Every Fourth of July we have to hop in the car and drive somewhere else to see the fireworks. How nice it was to stroll up through Sportsmen's Park after the game Friday night and stand under the stars with hundreds of others who were gathered there for the spectacular event.

I realize that there were many events going on this weekend and each of them, no doubt, had a committee that worked tirelessly to make things happen, but, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who had a hand in putting together the fireworks display. Wonderful job!

Wouldn't it be great if we were able to have a fireworks display here in Laurens again this coming Fourth of July? Could this same group possibly make that happen? Could we raise the money to make it a reality? I think we could. I'd love to see fireworks on the 4th here in town--wouldn't you?

I believe that it was Dennis Tate that got the ball rolling on this and as I understand it Denny, is putting together a plan to bring fireworks to Laurens again on the Fourth. Get in touch with Denny if you'd like to make a contribution--I'm going to!

Everyone Loves a Parade!

The Quasqui parade stretched on for what seemed like miles, Saturday Morning. Lots of floats, old tractors, vintage autos and weaving Shriners kept the huge crowd entertained. No doubt the biggest parade in Laurens's 125 year history!

Send Your Quasqui News and Photos!

We're hoping that next week's issue will be filled with great photos and your thoughts on the fantastic weekend we all enjoyed here in Laurens.

The Paper is looking forward to seeing some great photo submissions and we're hopeful that you'll share your thoughts as well--remember, it's your paper! So, take advantage of this opportunity to share your Quasqui weekend with your friends--our readers!

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Chargers Lose in Bid for State

The L-M Charger Womens Softball team came up one game short in their bid for a return trip to the State Tournament losing to Southeast Webster-Grand 5-0 in Fort Dodge Monday evening.

In uncharacteristic fashion, the Chargers simply were not sharp defensively or at the plate looking a little flat after the big 1-0 victory over Graettinger-Terril here on Friday.

This ends a memorable season for the Chargers who close out the season at 29-4. Congratulations to Coach Partlow and all the Chargers for a wonderful effort this year!!!

Alstott Reunion

The grandchildren of the late Katie Alstott plan a reunion in conjunction with the All-School Reunion. A luncheon at Buena Vista College on June 22nd will allow cousins and families to reacquaint and relive fond memories.

Those attending will be Kathy Workman Parker, Ed Workman, David Alstott, Gail Alstott Hartman, Mary Alstott Carlson, Sally Alstott Sorenson, Kay Alstott McKivergin, and Coni Samsel. They will be joined by aunts, Verla Alstott Anderson and Aletha Workman Alstott.

Samsel said, "The Laurens Celebration made a good excuse to see friends as well as relatives. With the many states we live in it is seldom we can all be together. Our Laurens and family connections will make it a wonderful weekend."

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Meyer & Siepker Design Phone Directory

Kelsey Meyer and Lindsey Siepker (photo to lower right) accept a check on behalf of the Laurens-Marathon Community School for \$612.00 from Chad Cleveland, General Manager for Laurens Municipal Power & Communications for all their hard work in putting together the Future Net Telephone Directory.

The Staff and Board of Trustees of Laurens Municipal Power & Communications would like to thank Mrs. Susan Oehlertz, Kelsey Meyer, and Lindsey Siepker for designing the cover and for all their hard work in putting the Future Net Telephone Directory together.

Our Town Our Paper!



Little Miss & Jr. Miss Contest

Submitted by Connie Dallenbach



Little Miss Laurens, Ellen Main and Jr. Miss Laurens, Madyson Main enjoy the parade from the back of a bug with a movie star at the wheel!



Runners-up, Addison & Kennedy Tate

Eight little misses and five junior misses competed in the Little Miss Laurens contest held Saturday night at the Laurens United Methodist Church.

The girls, in party dresses and curls, were introduced to the audience by pageant MC, Ashley Sindergard. Contestants in the Little Miss Laurens division were Siera Brazel, daughter of Angela Brazel and Dana Brazel, Allison Graff, daughter of Jake and Angela Graff, Skyler Hopkins, daughter of Patrick and Carey Hopkins, Ellen Main

daughter of Sarah Main and Roger Main, Victoria Reese, daughter of Justin and Kelly Reese, Jordan Saunders, daughter of Don and Amy Saunders, Kennedy Tate, daughter of Matt and Kelly Tate and Kylie Wienhold, daughter of Jody Wienhold. Jr. Miss contestants were Madyson Main, daughter of Sarah Main and Roger Main, Courtney Post, daughter of Scott and Carissa Post, Nicole Reese, daughter of Kent and Teresa Reese, Tiffany Reese, daughter of Kent and Teresa Reese and Addison Tate, daughter of Matt & Kelly Tate and Angela & Denny Fitchett.

After the introductions, the talent portion of the contest was held. If that is any indication, it looks like LM school has a good supply of singers, artists, dancers and cheerleaders coming up.

Judges Mayor Peter Hong, Nicole Griffin, Donna Sindergard and Rev. Larry McAlpine deliberated long and hard and at the end of the evening the winners were:

Little Miss Laurens runner-up: Kennedy Tate

Little Miss Laurens winner: Ellen Main
Jr. Miss Laurens runner-up: Addison Tate

Jr. Miss Laurens winner: Madyson Main
The winners were crowned by Denise (Rubel) Terrell who reigned as Queen of the Future during the Laurens Centennial.

Little Miss, Ellen Main, and Jr. Miss, Madyson Main, were presented Friday, July 20th, 7:00 P.M. at Sportsman's Park. All the contestants rode in the parade on Saturday.

Hello ! and a Big Thank You!

To all our long-time friends: but first a word of thanks to the publisher of this unique paper. We have been gone from the Laurens community for 23 years and had lost touch with some of the wonderful friends and activities that take place there. But now we have a way of knowing what's happening. Tuesday is now special, The Paper is coming!

Dale and I were in charge of the parade for the Laurens Centennial and know how much time and effort goes into arranging all the entries. How we would have liked to have been there to see all the activities of the past week. This does make us miss this kind of celebration. I know you had a wonderful week.

To all of our friends, we are both doing well, still working full time. Are we nuts, or what! Please stop by Broken Arrow, Oklahoma if you are ever passing by. We would love to see you.

May God continue to richly bless this wonderful community.

Dale and Pat Lindstrom

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you that worked so hard on the 125th Celebration this past weekend! What a celebration! It was great to see so many friends and classmates, and we all recognized the hard work and planning that went into such an event in such a small town! What a joy to be with all of you, and Laurens will forever be "home" to all of us. Thanks again to our hometown friends for welcoming us back and sharing a weekend of memories!

Nanette (Sobotka) Koch, Sioux City IA

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

At the Library

Well, as you read this, Laurens' big celebrations are in the history books. As I write this, I'm finding that hard to imagine. During all the months of planning, it seemed like it would never get here. I hope you got to sample some of our "BookWorms" either from the parade or that you purchased at the Library.

YUM! Stop in to see if any of those 5,000 packages of gummi worms are left! I'm hoping they're all gone and I can move on to planning how best to spend that money to update our bathrooms.

We have 2 copies of J.K. Rowling's latest book *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Naturally, there's a bit of a waiting list, so call the library if you'd like to read about Harry's latest adventures. Other new additions to our fiction department include *What Matters Most* by Luanne Rice, *Justice Denied* by J.A. Jance, *Secret Servant* by Daniel Silva, *Dirty Martini* by J. A. Konrath, *Welcome Grave* by Michael Koryta, *Country Brides* by Debbie Macomber, *Savages* by Bill Pronzini, *Touching Stars* by Emilie Richards, *Still Life with Elephant* by Judy Singer, *Short Change* by Patricia Smiley, *When a Texan Gambles* by Jodi Thomas, and *Chesapeake Summer* by Jeanette Baker.

In nonfiction we received *Assault on Reason* by Al Gore, *Eat This: 1001 Things to Eat before You Diet* by Ian Jackman, (I had to check that one out - big surprise, huh?) *Dog Days; Dispatches from Bedlam Farms* by Jon Katz, and *Merle's Door: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog* by Ted Kerasote.

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!



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Wallin Descendants Celebrate 110th Anniversary of Family Farm on 110th Avenue

On Saturday and Sunday, June 30th and July 1st, 93 descendants of Emma and Martin Wallin celebrated the 110th anniversary of the Wallin farm west of Laurens. The farm was purchased by Emma and Martin in January, 1897. Following Martin's death, son Guy farmed it until after Emma's death. It was then farmed by Victor Wallin until his retirement, and then Lyle Wallin until his retirement. Presently the operation is farmed by Lyle's son-in-law, John Willeford.

Family members came from all parts of the country, including Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Texas. Coming the greatest distance were Lennart and Ing-Mari Johansson from Sweden. Lennart Johansson joins the family tree from the Emma (Nils-son) Wallin branch.



Martin and Emma Wallin had six children: Guy, Edna, Vandla, Victor, Hulda, and Roy, all of whom are now deceased. Guy, child #1, and his wife had no children.

Edna Lundien, child #2, had 2 daughters, the late Viora Fokken and Pearl Counley. Viora was represented by daughter, Monica McKenzie, Monica's son Russell and daughter Marlene. Also attending were Marlene's husband, Robert Flynn, and their three children, Rory, Ian, and Kerigan, all from Ft. Collins, Colorado. Viora's son, Maurice Fokken from Omaha, NE, grandson Micky John Fokken of Denton, TX; and son Melray Fokken from Olathe, KS, attended. Pearl was represented by her daughter Dorothy Nelson of Laurens; grand-daughter Barb Millward and husband Jim of Washington, IA, their daughter Jaimie McNab and grand-daughter Alexandria McNab, from Colorado Springs, CO; and grand-daughter Jayne Woodin, Jayne's son, Adam Woodin, Laurens; her daughter Lindsay Hatzinikoles and grandson Emmanuel "Mani" Hatzinikoles from York, PA.

Vandla, child #3, married Ivar Frantz. They had 1 son, Dale. Attending in honor of Vandla and Ivar were Dale and his wife Patricia Frantz of Laurens; grand-daughter Teresa and husband Brett Hetland with their sons, Drake and Pierce Hetland of Spirit Lake, IA.

Victor, child #4, married Regenia Porter. They had 3 children: Joyce, Wayne and Lyle Wallin. Attending in honor of Victor and Regenia were daughter, Joyce and Loren Lofquist of Longmont, CO; grandson Randy and wife Alicia Lofquist, their children Joel, Jay and Ali, all from Berthoud, CO; and grand-daughter Carolyn and husband Jeff Kennedy with their daughter Hannah of Newtown, PA. Son, Wayne and wife Betty Wallin came from Port Orange, FL. Son, Lyle and wife Barb Wallin of 110th Ave, Laurens, IA hosted and organized the gathering with the help of their 3 children and grand-children who also attended. They are Tricia and John Willeford, Alyssa and Deklan of Laurens, IA; Maureen and Scott Huisinga, with daughters Emily, Kate and Rachel of Slater, IA; Marc and Jackie Wallin, with daughter Elizabeth of West Des Moines, IA.

Hulda, child #5, married Merritt Clark. They had 2 children: Connie and James N. Clark. Attending in honor of Hulda and Merritt were Connie and Morgan Pope of Hillsboro, OR and James N. Clark with son, James R. Clark of Temple Terrace, FL.

Roy, child #6, married Nellie Ostgaard. They had 5 children. Ila, Richard, Delores, Fern and Vandla. Representing Roy and Nellie were Delores and Gail Ryberg of Buffalo Lake, MN; Julie Ryberg of Apple Valley, MN; James and Patsy Ryberg, Paul and Rachel

Wallin *Continued from previous page...*

of New Ulm, MN; Joel Ryberg and Tina Lueth of Buffalo Lake, MN; Jon and son, Tayler Ryberg, also of Buffalo Lake, MN. Arriving from Asheville, NC were Fern and Russell McCrimmon; from Fairbanks, AK, Marcia Ives; and from Miami, FL, Mary Ann and John Pettit. Also, in honor of Roy and Nellie were Vandla and Larry Peart of Lake Lillian, MN; Michael and Janelle Peart, Nicolle and Alexis of Richmond, MN; Tammi and Tim Parsons, Ethan and Ruby of Kandiyoki, MN; Howard and Becky Peart, with Gavin of Richmond, MN.

Other special guests were cousin Richard Sagness of Pocatello, ID, descendant of Dora, sister of Martin Wallin; cousins Jude Peterson of Harrisburg, SD and Laurel Paulson of Sioux Falls, SD, descendants of Charlie Wallin, brother of Martin; cousin Carmen (Hagg) and Kenneth Arends of Lambertson, MN. Carmen is a descendant of Ida Nilsson, sister of Emma (Nilsson) Wallin. Also, Mary Wallen of Chicago, who served as driver for the Johansson's from Sweden.

Festivities Saturday, June 30th included Bonfire Potluck: wiener roast and s'mores, miniature horses to pet and ride, tractor rides, four-wheeler rides, catching fireflies, bikes and trikes riding around the sidewalk circle.

Activities Sunday, July 1st included Church services, under the tent, with introduction of all families; a choir of family members singing Swedish hymn "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER", Lennart Johansson giving the "LORD'S PRAYER" in Swedish and Connie Dallenbach at the keyboard. Other activities were a riding cart pulled by the four-wheeler of Dale Frantz, Black Percheron pair of horses pulling wagon for rides to Tricia and John's to see miniature horses and horse

barn, enjoying chocolate cake decorated with a Swedish flag of frosting, picture taking, bubbles for kids, barbecued pork roast on rotisserie over charcoal and apple wood in smoker, tractor rides, more bike and trike riding, water play, viewing scrapbooks, photos and Wallin family history, much visiting and long family goodbyes, with promise of another reunion-but not waiting 10 years.

Another high point for this guest was the touring of the many gardens and landscaping at the farm. The house, built in 1916, is surrounded by beauty. Gardens have been a retreat for most of the Wallin families. Some of the work

started with Emma (holly-hocks and other), which have only been added to and improved annually throughout these 110 years.

In true "Wallin Tradition" good-byes are long and tough. Therefore, we left-over's found our way to the home of Dale and Pat Frantz with an 8:00 pm Pizza Party (compliments of the Pope's from Oregon). Dale and Pat did not expect us, however they kept the place open until the wee hours.

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Obituaries



Gary Raymond Kress

Gary Raymond Kress, 70 years old of Okeechobee, Florida, died suddenly July 13, 2007 at his home. He was born to Gladys & John Kress on April 5, 1937, in Laurens, Iowa.

Gary attended school in Laurens and enlisted in the US Navy where he spent the next 31 years. He was stationed in various ports, England, Norfolk, VA, Jacksonville, FL, Mayport, FL, Orlando, FL and several Mediterranean cruises. He attained the rank of Quarter Master Master Chief.

After his retirement from naval service, he was a postal carrier in Winter Park, Florida for 10 years.

Gary and his wife Barbara (Gajewski) were married for 37 years. The couple lived in Palm Village Ranch, Okeechobee, FL where they were enjoying retirement. He was an avid reader and TV watcher. Special interests were doing jig saw puzzles, fussing over his dog, Nikki, and keeping an immaculate yard and spotless

garage. Gary was a kind and gentle man. He always had a smile and kind word for everyone he knew. Nothing gave him more pleasure than finding additions for Barb's collectibles.

Gary was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Wayne and his parents, John & Gladys Kress. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; daughter, Deborah (Steve) Helmke of Spencer, Iowa; sons Kelly (Bridget) Kress of Waterloo, Iowa; and Kevin Kress of Spencer, Iowa, and 10 grandchildren. Brothers Dennis (Darlene) Kress, Joliet, IL; David (Jane) Kress, Yankton, SD; and a sister Karen (Pat) Callahan, Hot Springs, SD, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Community Center at Palm Village Retirement Community on July 17, 2007.

Memorials may be sent in Gary's name to your favorite charity.

Wiegert Prairie

Fallfest

Sunday, August 5 from 9 am to 4 pm

By Clay Steele, Pocahontas County Naturalist

Legend has it that in the 1800s the land was so wet one could canoe straight from Fort Dodge to Laurens. Some even say you could canoe from Ames to the Minnesota border. Sometimes there is truth in legends. Large sections of Iowa were covered in rich wetlands, and over a period of 10,000 years those wetlands created the richest soil in the world; soil that attracted millions of settlers from the eastern United States and Europe.

One of those families was that of Frederick and Maria Wiegert, immigrants from Germany. When they arrived in Iowa in 1870, the Wiegerts farmsteaded land in Pocahontas County - draining the wetlands and tilling the prairie above the ancient Manson meteorite crater. In 1877 Wiegert sold his land and purchased what is now known as the Wiegert Prairie Farmstead. His son Fred Wiegert, Jr. took over the farm in 1897 after his parents moved into Manson to retire. He and his wife Martha (Kalsow) had a son, Harry, in 1905. Harry Wiegert spent the rest of his life living on the farm of his birth, dying in 1980.

The Wiegert farm is a true historical gem. It never had electricity or running water, and the house was heated with corncobs in a wood burning stove. Farming was done largely by horses, and water for cattle was pumped using a windmill. When telephone came to the rural homes, Harry was talked into getting one. He had it for one week before it annoyed him and he got rid of it. Ironically, he still had shares in the local phone company when he died.

After Harry Wiegert's death, his heirs donated part of the farmstead and prairie, with the Pocahontas County Conservation Board purchasing the remainder. To celebrate the Weigert family and a way of life now largely passed but still a deep part of our heritage, a festival is held every fall on the old farmstead.

The 24th Annual Wiegert Prairie Fallfest will take place on August 5 this year. Activities will include traditional farming and farm life, music, crafts, games and food. This is the ideal opportunity to give your children a glimpse into the past and show them the agricultural heritage that made Iowa great.

Gates open at 9 am, followed by a morning church service, and then lunch



by the Cattlemen's Association from 10 am to 2 pm. The house, barns, one-room school house and church will be open throughout the day. If you want to go even farther back in time, take one of the horse-drawn wagon tours of the thirty acre 8,000 year-old remnant prairie across the road.

Throughout the day, you and your family will also be able to explore the farm and see traditional tools and equipment in use, with sheep shearing, oat thrashing, farm animals, antique gas engines and a blacksmith. Then stop on by the one-room school house and find out if you're as smart as a Wiegert fifth grader!

The craft house will be hosting demonstrations of wool spinning, knitting and weaving. Vendors will be on hand selling a variety of unique items for those looking for a snack or a unique item. And don't worry about the kids - they will stay busy with pioneer games and crafts, while you sit in the shade listening to old-time country and bluegrass.

Wiegert Prairie Farmstead is located just a short distance south of Palmer in southeastern Pocahontas County on 615th St., one-half mile west of 280th Ave., and one-half mile north of C66. For more information call the Pocahontas County Conservation Board at (712) 335-4395 or email pokycbnat@evertek.net. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

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Send \$12.00 (checks payable to City of Laurens) per DVD to: City of Laurens, 272 North Third Street, Laurens, IA 50554, ATTN: City Clerk - DVD.

Please indicate on your check that it is payment for a "Quasqui DVD." We hope to have the DVDs ready for shipping in August.

Order Quasqui DVDs at City Hall

Now that Quasqui Headquarters is closed, you can order your Laurens Quasquicentennial DVDs at City Hall. Stop in and see Julie at the City Clerk's office, and she will give you an order form. The cost of the DVD is \$10.00 if you plan to pick it up at the Laurens Public Library and \$12.00 if you'd like to have it shipped.

Bridal Shower for Jolene Sobotka

Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring Jolene Sobotka, August 4, 9:30-11:30. Sacred Heart Parish Center. Bring your favorite recipe.

This Week at the First Christian Church

Wednesday, July 25 - 1:00 p.m. Willing Workers

Sunday, July 29 - 9:30 a.m. Worship followed by "Snack 'n Yack" fellowship hour.

For more information contact us at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 324 W. Section Line Rd., Laurens, Iowa. Phone: 841-2455

Canner Gauge Testing

Pressure canner gauges will be tested on Thursday, August 2 at the Pocahontas County Extension Office in Pocahontas from 9:00 AM to Noon. Just bring the lid only with dial gauges or the pop up style. Weighted gauges cannot be tested. If the date does not work in your schedule, you may bring the lid to the Extension office at an earlier date and pick it up after the testing date. There is a \$3.00 testing fee.

Thank You!

Thank you, Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, for the \$125.00 I won in the drawing.
Donna Sindergard

Addison and Kennedy Tate were both selected as First Runner Up in the Little Miss/Jr. Miss Laurens Pageant held on Saturday, July 14. They would both like to thank Ashley Sindergard and everyone else who donated their time for this fun event. They would also like to thank Town and Country Floral for the beautiful bouquets that they received.

Kelly Tate

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District Champs!

Chargers Shut Out North Sentral Kossuth 3-0

Big 5th Inning Breaks Open Scoreless Game

Laurens 7/16/07: The 2nd ranked Laurens-Marathon Charger women won their district and advanced to regional play with a 3-0 win over a determined North Sentral Kossuth team here Monday evening. The Chargers had beaten the Eagles 4-3 en route to winning the Humboldt Invitational Tournament earlier in the season, however, it took an extra-inning tie-breaker to get the job done.

The game remained scoreless until the bottom of the 5th when L-M strung together four hits plating three runs. Kacie Woodley started the inning off with a single and moved to second on a Holly Hofmaster sacrifice bunt. Kelsey Meyer followed with an RBI double slapped sharply to the left-center gap that pushed Woodley across the plate. Charger pitcher, Bryn Johnson brought Meyer home with an RBI double and Laci Hall drove in the final run with a stand-up triple.

On the night, the Chargers chalked up a total of nine hits. Hall went 2-2

with her stand-up triple and an RBI while Johnson went 2-3 with a pair of doubles and an RBI. Holly Hofmaster and Emily Lampe each stroked a single and Kylie Woodley popped a double in the 6th only to be left stranded at third after a nice sacrifice bunt from sister Kacie.

The Chargers left side defense was remarkable with Kelsey Mayer and Laci Hall making play after play, effectively shutting down anything NSK put into play. With one exception, all the action was on the left side as Johnson and Larson continued to work the inside corner to their advantage.

Early in the contest, NSK threatened to score with two outs and runners at first and third. Assuming that the Chargers would not throw to second with a runner at third, the NSK runner left with the pitch. Hall was waiting for the throw at second and elected to bring the ball right back to Larson at home,

cutting down the runner in a bang-bang play at the plate. The throw was there, the plate was blocked and the tag was down--a big time play from two experienced seniors.

Bryn Johnson secured the win, scattering five hits while striking out eight with no walks. Jayna Blome took the loss for the Eagles recording 4 K's and one walk. The win was career victory number 99 for Johnson.



Hall received congrats from Coach Partlow after plating a run with a stand-up triple!



Hit Like A Champion!



Laci Hall is all smiles after a fantastic defensive showing in the District Final win over NSK!



Kelsey Meyer scoops & prepares to throw to Kacie Woodley at first as Bryn Johnson ducks out of the line of fire.

Chargers Spank G-T 1-0!

Advance to Regional Finals

The Pre-Game Stuff...

It was a match up that the Chargers had been anticipating all season long when the Graettinger-Terril girls stepped off the bus this past Friday night. Everyone involved in the program knew from the start that somewhere down the line we'd likely have to go through G-T and beat their ace, Lexi Determan, if they were to make another trip to State. And that's just how it happened. In front of an absolutely huge, and decidedly "home" crowd, the Chargers secured the win by the narrowest of margins, scoring a single run in the top of the 7th and then holding for a 1-0 victory.

Both teams were ranked in final 1A poll with the Chargers ranked 2nd and the Knights ranked 7th. Both of the pitchers were named to the 1st Team All-State team this past year. Johnson hoped to take the Chargers a step closer to a third trip to State while Determan was hopeful of making her first ever trip to Fort Dodge.

The teams' two previous meetings had been settled by a single run. The Chargers had eliminated G-T from the tournament last year by a one-run margin and had beaten the Knights 4-3 earlier in the season.

How fitting it was that the smallest of numbers determined the outcome of a game that featured some really BIG numbers.

61 The two teams had 61 wins this season with G-T coming into the game with a record of 33-5 while the Chargers record stood at 28-3

200 The two Pitchers, L-M's Bryn Johnson and G-T's Lexi Determan had a combined career win total that exceeded 200. Determan had entered the century club earlier this season while Johnson entered the game with 99, needing the win to hit the 100 mark.

700 Between the two pitchers approximately 700 strike outs had been recorded--this season!

The Game

Having lost the coin toss the Chargers found themselves the "visitors" on their home field which was filed to the brim with spectators in town for the weekend Quasiquicentennial festivities. The crowd, and the atmosphere, was much like that of a State Tournament game and the teams did their part to keep the game exciting.

The Chargers were first to bat and were quickly sat down in order. Johnson then returned the favor striking out the side in the bottom of the frame on 9 pitches. Johnson was sharp from the start, tossing 12 consecutive strikes to start the contest while striking out the first five G-T batters. The pitchers were in control through the third.

In the top of the third the Chargers threatened to score. With one out Kelsey Meyer slapped a single and Johnson did the same leaving runners at 1st and 3rd. The Knights worked their way out of the jam, however, doubling off the runner at 1st on Brynn Larson's pop-up to the G-T third baseman.

Although it was an exciting game to watch, "nothing really happened" again until the bottom of the 6th. The pitchers were settled in a groove and the defenses were making the plays--the way it's supposed to be. With a runner on base and two down, Johnson faced G-T's most productive hitter in Determan (.454) in the bottom of the 6th.

With a two strike count Determan turned on an inside fastball driving it *deeeeeeep*--but foul! A "really long strike", as they say. Certainly it was close, but the home plate umpire was straddling the line and immediately called it "foul". G-T Head Coach, Kathy Determan (the hitter's mother), was quoted in the Estherville Times saying that she "watched the ball go foul" from her vantage point in the third base coaches box. Johnson then retired Determan with a strike out. Whew!

The game then went to the top of the 7th with a 0-0 score. Bryn Johnson stepped to the plate to lead off the inning for the Chargers. Johnson has been hot with the bat lately and she started things up with a double to the left-center gap that rattled the fence. Jordan Sundblad entered the game to run for Johnson bringing some speed

to the base paths. Brynn Larson then got just enough of a Determan offering to pop it down the left side just out of



Johnson's double started it up for the Chargers in the 7th!

Photo: Carol Dupic

Chargers Continued from previous page...

reach of the diving pitcher. The ball glanced off Determan's glove and away from the oncoming third baseman who may have yet had a play at first. Larson was safe at first. Determan was then able to retire Laci Hall on strikes, bringing Megan Cleveland to the plate in a tough situation. Cleveland got the ball down and on the ground towards third. Trying to nail the speedy Cleveland, the G-T fielder misplayed the ball, leaving Megan safe at first with one out and the bases loaded.

In what might be her biggest at-bat of the season, senior right fielder Emily Lampe dug in and battled Determan, fouling off a couple of two strike rise balls before slapping one towards the hole between 1st and 2nd. With the runners moving, the second baseman bobbled the ball but got Lampe at first while Sundblad raced toward home, scoring what proved to be the game winner! A well-earned RBI for Lampe. G-T shut the door getting Kylie Woodley to pop to second for the third out with the Chargers in the lead 1-0.

Historically, the Chargers have been tough, if not unbeatable, with a late inning lead and the girls held true to form. Having already gotten Determan out in the 6th, the Chargers were now facing the 4-5-6 hitters and they sat them down in order with a pair of Ks to close out the victory.

Johnson finished the game allowing three hits with 12 strikeouts and no walks. Determan fanned 11 L-M batters allowing one walk and five hits.

100 The win marked the 100th career win in the circle for Charger Senior, Bryn Johnson. Bryn has been fortunate to have played in a program that consistently puts a team on the field that is both capable of winning and, determined to do so! Congrats to Bryn, her teammates and coaches!

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The Chargers will face off with another well known rival in the Regional Final in Fort Dodge Monday at 6:00 PM. The Chargers face Twin Lakes Conference foe, Southeast Webster-Grand in a replay of the 2003 Regional Final that sent the Chargers on their first trip to State. The Pitchers in 2003--Johnson vs. Jorgensen (Angela) The Pitchers in 2007-- Johnson vs. Jorgensen (Jennifer-Angela's younger sister). The score in 2003 was 10-4, a memorable day in L-M sports history!

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French Delegation Enjoys a Charger Victory

After Friday night's victory over Graettinger-Terril, Richard Wilson of the Sister City delegation joined the team for a photo. The team then took a moment to sign a game ball which will make its way back to the Mayor's office in Laurens, France along with the key to the city!

Laurens Swim Team at Cherokee

On Wednesday, July 11, swimmers from the Laurens Swim Team showed great progress as they continue to swim towards a successful swimming season. The following are the results from the Cherokee Meet:

Girls 9-10 50Y Freestyle: 1st-Megan Jensen, 2nd-Bethany Hubbell; Girls 11-12 100Y Freestyle: 2nd-Allison Hofmaster, 3rd-Taylor Bailee; Girls 13-14 100Y Freestyle: 2nd-Megan Hertz; Girls 9-10 100Y Medly Relay: 1st-Brooke Runneberg, Megan Jensen,



Maili Todd, and Bethany Hubbell; Girls 11-12 200 Medly Relay: 1st-Marissa Brockman, Ashley Reese, Bailee Taylor, Allison Hofmaster; Girls 13-14 200Y Medley Relay: 3rd-Christain Klatt, Trisha Griffin, Megan Hertz & Laura Hansen; Girls 8 & under 25Y Backstroke: 5th- Alexis Milligan; Boys 8 & under 25Y Backstroke: 2nd-Anthony Gordon; Girls 9-10 25Y Backstroke: 1st-Bethany Hubbell, 2nd-Brooke Runneberg, 4th-Maili

Todd, 7th-Addy Boetcher, 8th-Kayla Klatt; Boys 9-10 25Y Backstroke: 3rd-Brenten Barglof; Girls 11-12 50Y Backstroke: 1st-Kristen Alstott, 2nd-Ashley Reese, 4th-Marissa Brockman, 6th-Bailee Taylor, 7th-Madyson Main, 8th-Kadysha Lent; Girls 13-14 50Y Backstroke: 2nd-Christain Klatt, 4th-Trisha Griffin; Girls 15-18 50Y Backstroke: 5th-Amanda McDaniel; Girls 13-14 50Y Butterfly: 1st-Megan Hertz; Boys 13-14 50Y Butterfly: 1st-Jon McDaniel; Girls 9-10 25Y Breast: 3rd-Brooke Runneberg, 5th-Addy Boetcher, 7th-Kayla Klatt; Girls 11-12 50Y Breast: 1st-Kristen Alstott, 2nd-Madyson Main, 3rd-; Girls 13-14 50Y Breast: 2nd Christian Klatt, 5th-Trisha Griffin, 8th Laura Hansen; Girls 15-18 50Y Breast: 4th-Amanda McDaniel; Girls 8 & under 25Y Freestyle: 4th Alexis Milligan; Girls 9-10 25Y Freestyle: 11-Kayla Klatt; Boys 9-10 25Y Freestyle: 3rd-Brenten Barglof; Girls 11-12 50Y Freestyle: 2nd-Ashley Reese, 3rd-Bailee Taylor, 4th-Marissa Brockman, 5th-Kristen Alstott, 7th-Madyson Main, 8th-Kadysha Lent; Girls 13-14 50Y Freestyle: 4th-Trisha Griffin, 5th Christain Klatt, 6th-Laura Hansen; Boys 13-14 50Y Freestyle: 1st-Jon McDaniel; Girls 15-18 50Y Freestyle: 6th-Amanda McDaniel, 7th-Misti Waterman; Girls 9-10 100Y Freestyle: 1st-Maili Todd; Girls 11-12 100Y Freestyle: 1st-Allison Hofmaster; Girls 13-14 100Y Individual Medley: 1st-Megan Hertz; Boys 13-14 100Y Individual Medley: 1st-Jon McDaniel; Girls 9-10 100Y Free Relay: 2nd-Brooke Runneberg, Megan Jensen, Maili Todd, and Bethany Hubbell; Girls 11-12 200Y Free Relay: 1st-Marissa Brockman, Ashley Reese, Bailee Taylor, Allison Hofmaster; Girls 13-14 200Y Free Relay: 2nd-Christain Klatt, Trisha Griffin, Megan Hertz, and Laura Hansen.



Front left to right: McKenna Crotty, Allison Hofmaster and Misty Waterman. Back: Coach Mark Griffin

Divers Compete in Aheela Meet

Three divers competed in the Aheela conference dive meet on Saturday the 21st in Emmetsburg. McKenna Crotty placed 4th in the 8 and under division, Misty Waterman placed 4th in the 15-18 division and Allison Hofmaster placed 1st in the 11-12 year olds. They are coached by Mark Griffin.

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