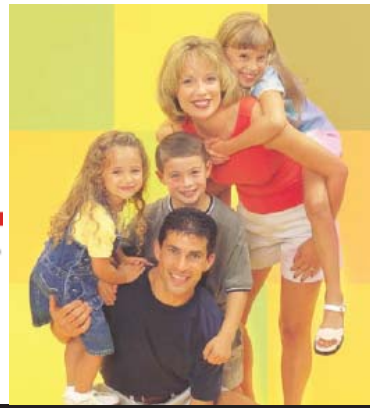


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Local News

Just Truckin' Along in Cyberspace

Why live in a Black & White World...?

One of the things that I really like about The Paper is the fact that we're bound only by the limits of imagination, creativity and, to some extent, technology. Almost anything that you throw at us, we can print! Larger articles, photos, vivid color, graphics--almost anything's possible!

Also, I enjoy the interactive nature of the platform. For example, last week I asked for input from little league coaches and you'll notice that this week we have submissions with photos from girls and boys youth leagues--both champions!

Our community is a progressive one with varied interests. We're seeing more articles and more interest in submitting each and every week! Truly, you are confined only by the borders of your own creativity and imagination! So keep up the good work--the readers are enjoying your articles and photos! *Thanks!! Rod*



Why Are These Girls Celebrating?

C-H-A-M-P-I-O-N-S-!

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Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Chelsey Anderson Selected for WLC

Each year the Laurens Kiwanis gives a scholarship for one Laurens-Marathon sophomore to go to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) at Graceland College in Lamoni. Students attending HOBY are selected because of their leadership skills and the motivation to make a difference in their community.

This year's recipient was Chelsey Anderson. The HOBY seminar is full of cheers, team-building, panelists for round table discussions on important topics, critical thinking projects, community service and a lot of friend making.

Being a HOBY ambassador makes the student eligible to attend the World Leadership Congress (WLC) in Washington, D.C. The Iowa HOBY selects one female and one male to represent Iowa at the WLC by essay and personal interview. This year's female recipient is Chelsey Anderson, daughter of Julie Schosow of Laurens and Brad and Candy Anderson of Marathon. She will be attending the WLC from July 19-27, 2007.



Joe Sobotka, Ken Gisch, Chelsey Anderson, Wayne Grossnickle & Kent Radford

The Iowa HOBY gives a scholarship to each state recipient for half of the entrance fee to the WLC. The Laurens Kiwanis have generously donated the second half of the entrance fee. Chelsey will still have to pay for her plane ticket, meals and incidentals.

Chelsey would like to thank the Kiwanis for supporting her HOBY experience as well as the scholarship for the entrance fee to the WLC. If you would like to help Chelsey with the finances for her trip to the WLC please contact any Kiwanis member or Kiwanis President Wayne Grossnickle. Any support would be appreciated.

The Paper Donates \$100

How About Joining in!

We'd like to congratulate Chelsey--what a wonderful opportunity! We're helping out by donating \$100 towards Chelsey's travel expenses and we'd like to encourage you to make a donation as well. Local Businesses--here's a deserving student! Certainly donations of any size would be welcomed and appreciated! Call on any Kiwanis Member--today!

Welcome Katrine!

Jim and Kelly Van Sickle will be hosting an exchange student for the 2007-2008 school year.

Katrine Quoring Madsen, from Middelfart, Denmark will be arriving in Laurens August 8, 2007. The Van Sickle's have been communicating with Katrine and her family since January. Even some future Laurens classmates have been able to get to know her through the wonderful world of technology using MSN and email. Katrine is very excited to be coming to Laurens and is looking forward to many new experiences and friends. She plans on getting involved in as many activities as she can while she is here. She is active in sports in Denmark and would like to learn new things during her stay.



Katrine Madsen

Katrine's family includes her parents, Marianne Quoring and Rene` Madsen and her twelve year old brother Rasmus. Her mother is a nurse and her father is an electrician.

This will be the Van Sickle's fifth exchange student. They are very excited to be adding to their international family. The Van Sickle's are still in close contact with all of their students which include: Omar and Patrick Villa Nevarez from Puebla, Mexico, Ricardo Romero from Quito Ecuador, and Friderike (Frutti) Kreuter from Cella, Germany. Jim, Kelly, Corey, Jackie, Emma, April, Jon and Lacey are all looking forward to welcoming their newest family member.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder

July 3, 2007



Our new Dewey Decimal Rug is here! Pictured is Riley DaSilva deciding what he wants to read next. This brightly colored library teaching tool is a perfect addition to our children's department. This purchase was made possible by a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation. Along with the cool new rug, we also received a Multimedia Projector and Dewey Decimal posters and Bingo game.

New fiction this week includes *Bungalow 2* by Danielle Steel (regular & large print), *Her Royal Spyness* by Rhys Brown, *Peony in Love* by Lisa See, *The Last Summer (of You and Me)* by Ann Brashares, *Maytrees* by Annie Dillard, *Everything's Eventual* by Stephen King, *On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan, and *Penny* by Joyce Meyer.

Our Kids' Summer Reading Program continues to be very well attended. Last week just over 50 kids helped us unravel an alphabet mystery. We will continue to Get a Clue! with the kids reading program Tuesdays at 1:00 through July 10th. Kids - keep up the good reading and you'll earn more rewards!

More memorial books came in this week. Fred & Sandi Neary donated *Gregory's Shadow* in Art Meyer's memory and the large print version of *Lean, Mean 13* in memory of Betty Benz. Karen Raymer donated *Best of All* in memory of Terry Schossow's uncle Lionel Bussey. Ron & Pat Harms donated *Snowy Night* in Lionel Bussey's memory.

New DVDs are *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Miss Potter*, *Ghost Rider*, and *Norbit*. Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!



Retirement Party for Fr. Verne Stapenhorst

We invite you to come and celebrate with Fr. Verne on July 15th at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Laurens, 2:00-4:00 PM. Fr. Verne has served Sacred Heart in Laurens the past four years. Previous to that he was a high school teacher for 40 years, including nearly 30 years at Heelan H.S.. After that assignment, Fr. served as a temporary replacement pastor in a number of parishes in the Sioux City Diocese. If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to Fr. at P.O. Box 171, Laurens, IA 50554 until July 15th, and after that his address will be 404 Pine St., Hospers, IA 51238.

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Quasquicentennial Buzz

Submitted by Lanore Thumma

We hope that the kids coming to the Quasquicentennial Celebration in July are ready for lots of fun, both on Saturday and Sunday. There are events planned especially for them.

The Parade on Saturday morning will be a highlight and many kids will be riding on floats and passing out goodies, as well as looking for special items.

Then the fun really begins in the afternoon. The Inflatables will be set up on North Third Street. A purchase of an arm band makes any challenge available as many times as they want. The Laurens Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the inflatables.

About 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., the Laurens Fire Department will have a Water Fight just for kids. This will be a time to get wet, cool off and have fun doing the activities. Matt Tate is working on a special rig for the Water Fight.

The United States Army is bringing a rock wall climbing event to the City Park.

Everyone from young to old will want to see the Farmall Promenaders at 7:00 p.m. just south of the Fire Station as they put those tractors through maneuvers of all kinds.

The Gilbert Ranch will offer pony rides in the City Park on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The Hilmer Kiddie Train will run around on Main Street following the Parade on Saturday.

Sunday afternoon there will be a free swim for all kids at the Laurens Swimming Pool. This is a way to cool off and have fun with local and visiting kids.

Young Owls Roost at Behrens Home

This is one of the young owls that has been sighted at the home of Mike and Jo Ann Behrens in the last week. At least three small owls have been seen and heard just after dark each night.



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LSB President Terry Latham Presents Scholarship Check to Lindsey Siepker

M.J. Millward Scholarship Presented to Lindsey Siepker

President Terry Latham of the Laurens State Bank, presented a check to senior Lindsey Siepker for the annual M.J. Millward Scholarship. Lindsey is the daughter of Clarence and Karen Siepker. M.J. Millward graduated from Laurens in 1959. Upon his death, Mr. Millward requested a trust be established with the income proceeds to benefit the top student living in the town of Laurens.

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Ragbrai Shirts

The following is a notice to the community of Laurens regarding shirt sales for RAGBRAI. We encourage the public to participate in the purchasing of these shirts to help unify our community during RAGBRAI. *Thank you! -The RAGBRAI Committee*

ORDER AN OFFICIAL RAGBRAI HAWAIIAN SHIRT

Pick up an order form at Local Area Businesses, City Hall, or Positech Corporation.

Please return all order forms by Wednesday, June 27th to City Hall or Positech Corporation.

**Price per shirt: \$12.00
Shirt Sizes: S - 4XL**

Questions? Contact Kristina Hong at kristinah@positech.com or 712-841-4548

Submit . . . 100% of The Paper's articles are submitted by you - The Reader!! Take a minute to send us your news and photos too! It's fun and it's FREE!

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Laurens Iowa Wine & Market

A great event is coming to Northwest Iowa! A Laurens Iowa Wine and Market is planned for Saturday, July 21st from 10:00 to 6:00 on Walnut Street in Laurens. This is in conjunction with the Laurens 125th Celebration.

At this time seven wineries have committed to be part of this event with several still trying to find a way to get here. The committed wineries are: Sugar Grove, Little Swan Lake, Prairie Moon, Park Farm, Madison County, Pennoach, and Heartland Harvest wineries. Also being part of the Iowa Wine and Market are bread makers, candy maker, sketch artists, and others!

Prairie Moon Winery is located near Ames and is an eighteen acre vineyard. They emphasize the practice of Organic Viticulture. This includes no use of insecticides, pesticides, or herbicides on their grapes. Some of the wines for sale will be: Marachel Foch Reserve, Half Moon Red, Bluestume Fume, and Prairie Sauterne.

Park Farm Winery is between Durango and Bankston, Iowa. It hosts 2,600 vines and features wines such as: Rhubarbie, Picket Fence, Cranucopia, Niagara Street Sweet, and Reserve Vidal Blanc.

We will introduce more of the attending wineries in next week's article.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At a wine and market like this; there are things to look for. First of all, each winery will be offering samples of their wines. Each sample will be less than 1 ounce. If you are new to wine; please let them know this so they can start you out with sweeter wines. However, if you are a wine aficionado; please let them know this also so they can introduce you to their more complex wines.

Most wineries during festivals will only allow you to try two or three of their wines. They are there to inform and introduce you to their wines. Plus they want to make a sale.

There will be a "Wine Cart" during the festival that can take you back to your car with your purchases so you can enjoy the rest of the day! But please be careful, you may want to bring a cooler for your car so you can store your wine without great heat. Heat can change the chemical balance of your wine and may "bruise" the wine.

In order to participate in the wine tastings; you must be 21 years of age. The wineries are responsible to check id. You must also purchase a "Laurens, Iowa" wine glass that is available at Heart 'n Home or the Quasqui Headquarters both in Laurens or purchase one at www.heartnhomeonline.com. Each glass is \$6.00. Due to a limited number of glasses; make sure to get one early!

We hope to see you at the Laurens Iowa Wine and Market on Saturday, July 21st from 10 to 6. For more information of other events going on that day; check out www.laurens-ia.com.

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Also—stop by our Laurens location and register for a drawing to be held each Friday during the promotion. We will give away \$125 to one lucky winner each week!!

Please contact Cathy Pohlman, Personal Banking Officer at 712-841-2588 for more information.

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Back to School

Dear Friends of Upper Des Moines Opportunity,

It seems like it was just yesterday that school dismissed for the year, but the summer is going fast.

School fees go up every year and unfortunately the cost of school supplies does too. This can become quite a burden on low income families.

We will once again try to provide school supplies and socks for our families. This service to them will depend on donations received from generous people like you.

We thank you for your past support of this program and ask you again to consider giving a donation to help us purchase the supplies needed.

We would like to be able to distribute the school supplies to our families starting the first week of August.

Any donations may be sent to or dropped off at our office at 17 3rd Ave. NE in Pocahontas. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 712-335-3335.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Cinda Joynt, Center Director
Sue Hubbell, Program Specialist

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What Can You Do?

Some of our readers may have experienced some difficulties in the past weeks in opening their issue of The Paper. This seems to be a random occurrence with no particular rhyme or reason, but nonetheless, it has been an issue for some of our subscribers.

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5. You will be prompted to restart your computer.
6. After your system reboots, try accessing your document(s) again.
7. The PDF file should now be downloaded and automatically open in your Acrobat application.

Also: Check your browser version too if you are using Microsoft Internet Explorer. You'll have fewer corrupted files if you will download version 7.0 (free download).

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Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through what are, essentially, start-up and growing pains. We appreciate your continued support of our efforts to bring a top-notch paper into your home each week!

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Birth Announcement

Brenton and Kimberly Harris of Coralville are the parents of twin daughters, Ava Isabel (4# 2 oz.) and Nora Madelyn (3# 6oz.) They have a brother Gabriel, age 2-1/2. Grandparents are Lynn and Joan Harris of rural Laurens, Robert Rollefson, of Forest City, and Phyllis and Joel Punke of Clear Lake.

Bridal Shower for Jessica Rembold

There will be a Come and Go Bridal Shower for Jessica Rembold, Bride-elect of Jim Jenson, Saturday, July 14, 9:30-11:00 A.M. at Grace Lutheran Church in Marathon. They are registered at Target and Linens and Things.

Marathon to Marathon Fun

Doesn't this look like fun? At the Marathon to Marathon on June 16, the Jeff and Judy Boettcher family had the winning water station. Their theme was titled "Wassergarten" which stood for "Water Garden" in German. Besides being dressed in German dresses (Jeff included), Judy played the accordion while polka music was being played. Their enthusiasm encouraged the runners on their 26.2 mile trek. Many runners commented on how much the water stations helped them in their quest. It takes many volunteers for this annual event to take place, and it's much appreciated by all. Picture includes Jeff, Judy, Abby, Addy and Emily Boettcher hamming it up at mile 12 1/2.



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Hannah Announces The Arrival of Her New Baby Brother!

Hannah Hubbell, along with her parents, Jeff and Emily are happy to introduce the newest member of their family, Caleb James. Caleb was born Sunday, June 3rd at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7lbs 12oz and was 21 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Carl and Sue Hubbell of Laurens, Don and Sue Aschenbrenner of Laurens and Brad Erickson of Marathon. Great-grandparents are Eldon and Margaret Erickson of Laurens, Dale and Lisa Schiltz of Sioux City and Irene Stone of Missouri.



Cox's Family Picnic

Dennis and Rose Tate were host to the Cox's family picnic, which was held Sunday June 24th at Sportsmen's Park in Laurens in honor of Phyllis Aschenbrenner. She is the last of her siblings. (Cox) There were 66 people that attended the picnic. They were from Laurens, Des Moines, Granger, Spencer, Mallard, Ruthven, Ayrshire, and Emmetsburg in Iowa and Minnesota. They all enjoyed great potluck and visiting.

It's a Boy

Eugene and Missy Carlson of Fort Dodge, Ia, became the new parents of a son, Jonah James on Thursday, June 21, 2007. To welcome him home are his sisters Olivia and Sophia and one brother Noah. He is the Grandson of Betty Carlson of Marathon, Iowa.

2007 L-M Scholarships Awarded

Submitted by Julie Potter

Listed below are the L-M scholarship recipients for 2007. Congratulations Grads!

Kaitlin Johnson - Vergene Bailey Scholarship, Daniel G. Younggreen Family Award
Morningside College

Katy Hubbard - Bunny Forsythe Memorial Scholarship
Briar Cliff University

Felicia Wenell - Mary Watkins Gilchrist and Fred C. Gilchrist Jr. Scholarship, Ludwig Scholarship, Y-Teen Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship, American Citizenship Award, State of Iowa Scholar, Salutatorian
Iowa State University

Brittany Anderson - First Coop Scholarship, Doris E. Siddall Scholarship
Iowa State University

Brynn Larson - Ray (Pat) and Maxine Wright Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Buena Vista University

Emily Lampe - Mr. B's Memorial Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa State University

Laci Hall - Byron H. and Ivalee Aschenbrenner Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Mercy College

Katie Stumpf - H.M. "Jack" and Florence Hawley Pohlman Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Morningside College

Kaci Hall - Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Lewis Wenell - After Prom/Alcohol-Free Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa State University

George Unger - Blomgren Scholarship
Iowa Lakes Community College

CJ Mayou - Laurens State Bank Scholarship, Craig Allen Long Memorial Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa State University

Rob Struss - Rachel E. Whitfield Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Mitch Erickson - DeYoung-Hoskinson Memorial Scholarship
Iowa Lakes Community College

Andy Johnson - Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Matt Garton - Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Mason Reed - The Gale and Bessie Peterson "Helping Hand" Award
Iowa Central Community College

Auston Lind - Jensen Scholarship
Morningside College

Kelsey Meyer - Ledgard B. Hakes and Frances Gilchrist Hakes Scholarship, Winogene Hovenden Hunt Scholarship, Y-Teen Scholarship, Frank Kischer Athletic Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship, State of Iowa Scholar, Valedictorian
Buena Vista University

Bryn Johnson - Dr. J.H. Hovenden Scholarship, Everett J. and Virginia M. Kees Opportunity Award, Laurens-Marathon Education Association Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Simpson College

Ashley Dahlberg - Deborah Newgard Memorial Scholarship, Dwight Oleson Scholarship
Morningside College

Megan Reese - DeYoung-Hoskinson Memorial Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Lindsey Peters - Hoffman Family Memorial Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Lindsey Siepker - After Prom/Alcohol-Free Scholarship, Harold and Marie Halder Scholarship, M.J. Millward Scholarship, Raymond E. Nonneman Scholarship, Y-Teen Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Morningside College

Crystal Abbas - First Coop Scholarship, Grace Lodge #519 Scholarship, MetaBank Touchdown Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Chance Ferguson - After Prom/Booster Club Scholarship, First Coop Scholarship, E.B. and Mable M. Pannkuk Scholarship
Iowa State University

Matt Hertz - E.B. and Mable M. Pannkuk Scholarship, Harold V. Ryon Scholarship, Matt Steinkamp Scholarship, Danny R. Svuba Scholarship
Iowa Lakes Community College

Erik Struss - Blomgren Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Parker Sones - Laurens Kiwanis Club Scholarship, Daniel G. Younggreen Family Award, Jensen Scholarship
Briar Cliff University

Spencer Sones - Helen Grossnickle Scholarship, Doug DeYoung Kiwanis Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
University of Northern Iowa

Josh Gunnarson - After Prom/Booster Club Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Lakes Community College

Tim Umbreit - Laurens State Bank Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Tyler Koenig - Jensen Scholarship
University of Northern Iowa

Andy Gerodias - Byron H. and Ivalee Aschenbrenner Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Morningside College

Adam Wurr - Douglas L. DeYoung Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
South Dakota State University

Josh Erritt - Blomgren Scholarship
Iowa Lakes Community College

Jason Gustafson - Blomgren Scholarship, Doug Sangwin Memorial Scholarship
South Dakota State University

Mitch Frerichs - Harvey Baker Kiwanis Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
Iowa Central Community College

Justin Bailey - Ken Sindergard Scholarship
Iowa Lakes Community College

David Brechler - Douglas L. DeYoung Scholarship, Jensen Scholarship
University of Iowa

Laurens France Delegates

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French Delegates: Geneviève and Richard Wilson

Address: La Fumade, Impasse Paulin Portal, 34480 Laurens.

Home email: lafumade@wanadoo.fr Occupations: Geneviève is a Deputy Mayor. Gen was a ski and tennis Pro and Richard was an Obstetrician/Gynecologist working in International Health. Languages: She speaks excellent English with a charming French accent as well as some Spanish. He speaks English, French and German. Hobbies, interests: Various sports, music, folk-dancing, hiking.

Volunteer activities: This is Alain's third and final 7-year term as mayor. Children: Two grown children. Religion: Roman Catholic Other: Non-smokers. Gen has visited New York City and San Francisco as well as various parts of the U.S. along the Canadian (Ontario) border. Richard has visited Washington and many other U.S. cities for work and pleasure.

Home Stay Hosts: Tjeran & Donna Jolliffe

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French Connection

The Wine

The principal industries in Laurens, France are grape growing and wine making. And Laurens makes wines that are special. There are five wineries in Laurens and they all produce AOC rated wines. AOC stands for "Controlled Appellation of Origin" which is the French system for ensuring quality wine. To achieve this rating the wine must meet seven requirements: 1. The land must be approved according to soil, configuration and altitude. 2. The grape varieties are limited to those



which do well on the terrain. 3. Viticulture practices must be approved, which include such things as pruning, fertilization, and number of vines per hectare

3. Grapes must reach a certain ripeness which ensures flavor. 5. Yields are limited to ensure the quality of the grapes. 6. The wine must be made according to established practices. 7. Finally, an official tasting board must sample all the wines that apply for the AOC rating.

Whew! That's a lot of requirements. To have five wineries receive this superior rating for their wines is an impressive achievement.

Laurens is in the Faugeres area wine country and the grape varieties used are Carignan, Syrah, Mourvedre and Grenache. No others. All AOC wine must also have at least 2 of the four permitted grape varieties included.

Since agriculture is important to Laurens, France, our guests are interested in seeing examples of Iowa agriculture. And they are excited to see our community and meet the people of Laurens, Iowa!

Free Event!

Pianist Jim Hendricks began intriguing musicians and family members as a child with the uncanny ability to play anything he heard on records and memorize any printed music that came across the piano. He continued intensive musical study and was considered a professional as a teenager.

After high school Jim performed with such greats as Dave Brubeck, Della Reese, Jack Jones, Louis Bellson, Clark Terry, Tito Puente, and many others. He also competed in many international piano competitions and was a featured symphonic orchestra soloist, performing the piano music of Rachmaninoff. By the age of twenty-five, Jim had accepted a professorship in the piano department of Chicago State University.

While on tour with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Jim realized that he was not using his talents for God's glory. Already being a dedicated Christian for many years, Jim knew it was time to leave the secular music world and follow God's calling into Christian ministry.

Since then, Jim has performed Christian music at the piano in hundreds of churches all over the land, including multiple appearances at the Crystal Cathedral. He has made numerous recordings, performed on ABC, TBN, and PAX, and authored the book *Challenging Arrangements for Today's Church Pianist*. The Lord has greatly blessed his decision to bring glory to Christ through music and testimony. He will play 2 pieces during morning Worship and a full concert at 7 pm July 15, 2007.

DATE: JULY 15, 2007 TIME: 7:00 PM
(SNACKS & FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING)
LOCATION: LAURENS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
201 W. MAIN ST. LAURENS, IA
PHONE 712-841-4476



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Office Position: This position would include some work for The Paper as well as HorseTech. We're interested in visiting with you if you have computer skills, including talents in the area of writing, graphics, desktop publishing, document layout, Photo Shop etc., for The Paper. Familiarity with Adobe InDesign a plus. HorseTech requires good phone/people skills, computer competency and the ability to learn about equine products. We'll consider full-time or part-time applicants. Occasional travel is a possibility.

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Conference Champs Again!



2007 Twin Lakes Conference Champions

Chargers Clinch TLC Crown

*Top Prairie Valley 13-3 in 6 Innings
12-0 in League Play*

The Laurens-Marathon Chargers clinched their third consecutive Twin Lakes Conference title here with a 13-3, six-inning victory over Prairie Valley. The win secured outright ownership of the TLC Title for the Chargers in their final season in the league. The Chargers improve to 20-3 overall and a perfect 12-0 in the TLC with just two conference match-ups remaining.

Laci Hall drove in three runs for the Chargers with a pair of singles while Brynn Larson drove in a pair of runs with a single and a double. Kelsey Meyer, Emily Lampe and Kacie Woodley each recorded two hits on the night.

Senior Bryn Johnson recorded her 20th win of the season scattering 6 hits while striking out 5 PV batters. Becca Black took the loss for the Warriors. Laurens 6/27/07



Seniors Brynn Larson and Bryn Johnson Celebrate with Coach Partlow

Chargers Spank Pokie 10-0!

5-inning Shut-Out

Pocahontas 6/25/07: The Laurens-Marathon Charger Women jumped out to a first inning lead against the Pocahontas Maidens on a Brynn Larson RBI double and the Chargers never looked back.

Bryn Johnson limited the Maidens to just three hits, striking out 7 and walking none in the 5-inning tilt. Johnson also drove in three runs on the night with a pair of singles. Laci Hall was credited with a single that plated two runs while Emily Lampe and Kylie Woodley each drove in a run with a single. Lampe had a pair of singles in the hit column. Holly Hofmaster's 5th inning sacrifice fly to center drove in run number 10.

Kelsey Meyer continued with the hot bat



Kelsey Meyer

with three singles in four trips to the plate. Meyer continues to improve as a slap hitter, making solid contact and finding the holes in the opponents' drawn-in, slap defenses. The Chargers hitting behind Meyer have

enjoyed numerous RBI opportunities as a result of Meyer's consistency.

This win improves the Chargers record to 19-3 overall and 11-0 in the conference with Prairie Valley set to visit Laurens on Wednesday.

Shocking News

Shibby Goes Brunette!

At the Sioux City tournament last weekend, the softball girls had a little fun dyeing Shibby's hair (Shelby Heuton). Check out the chocolate syrup!!



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Girls' Little League Wins Cornbelt Tournament



Pictured: Back row: Annie Butler, Rachel Potter, Kylie Sundblad, Coach Gary Heuton, Courtney Post, Tiffani Reese, and Danielle Mahoney. Middle row: Nicole Reese, Allison Hofmaster, Ivy Johnson, and Tori Anderson. Front row: Caitlyn Heuton, Carly Lampe, Kaitlyn Pinney, and Ciri Gunnarson.
Absent : Taylor Jensen and coaches Jon Jensen and Jean Hofmaster.

Submitted by Julie Potter

Four games...Four WINS! The Girls' Little League team went undefeated on Saturday, June 23rd, in the Cornbelt Tournament at Royal. The Chargers began the day with an 11-0 win over the Sioux Central Silver team. Their next opponent was Albert City, who they defeated 7-2. The first afternoon game proved to be a defensive battle, but L-M came away with the win over Clay Central-Everly 3-1. The only team left standing between them and the trophy was the Sioux Central Red team and the Chargers came away with a 13-2 victory!

The girls played great ball all day. They had their bats going and held their opponents to a total of only 5 runs in 4 games! Congratulations girls!

Chargers Move to #3 in 1A Rankings

The Charger women advanced five places to number 3 in the latest 1A polls behind only Des Moines Christian and New London. The improved ranking coincides with improvement on the field for the Chargers who have played very well in recent outings.

Hopefully, the Chargers will continue to improve and we'll see them ranked at #1 when it really matters—after the State Tournament!

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Chargers Blank Manson-NW Webster 10-0

One Hitter Stops Cougars

Manson 6/29/07: The Laurens-Marathon Charger Women improved to 21-3 and 13-0 in the TLC with a 10-0 skunking of the Manson-NW Webster Cougars here Friday. Winning Pitcher Bryn Johnson surrendered a lone single in the first inning and from that point on she, and the Chargers, were perfect as no other Cougar batters would reach first base safely. The Chargers were flawless in the field shutting down the Cougars at every opportunity with absolutely no errors in the field.

At the plate the Chargers ran 10 runs across the plate racking up a total of eight hits on the night. Johnson helped her cause with a pair of doubles and 3 RBI. Charger catcher, Bryn Larson, also drove in three runs on two hits with a double while Kelsey Meyer went 2-4 with an RBI. Meyer scored 4 runs for the Chargers!

The Chargers have one TLC game remaining with WLVA on Monday night and hope to complete the conference schedule undefeated at 14-0 as they depart for the Northwest Conference this coming season.

Johnson Named IA Network Services Player of the Week

Laurens-Marathons senior pitcher, Bryn Johnson, has been named an Iowa Network Services Softball Player of the week for the week of June 25, 2007.

During the week Johnson posted a 6-1 record losing only to 5th ranked 3A Sergeant Bluff Luten. During the seven game stretch Johnson struck out 49 batters with two walks while allowing only 4 earned runs.

The Chargers have been on a roll behind Johnson and currently stand at 22-3 overall, with five regular season games remaining.

With 22 wins thus far, Johnson needs 7 more wins to reach the 100 win mark for her career.

Boys Pony League wins Graettinger-Terril Tournament



L-M Boys Pony League Wins Tournament!

The L-M Boys Pony League weekend tournament team won the Graettinger tournament on June 23rd. The Chargers started out with a close 4-3 win over a very good Carroll, Iowa team. Next up in the winners' bracket for the Chargers was the Emmetsburg Irish team. L-M defeated the Irish 3-1. This set up a rematch with Carroll for the championship if L-M could win their third game that day. However, the Chargers lost a close one to Carroll 4-3. This resulted in a "rubber match" game for the championship in this double elimination tournament.

Not willing to let their fans down, the Chargers doubled the score on Carroll by winning 12-6. The tournament team consisted of Case Bieri, Schuyler Bechtel, Mike Hertz, Ryan Hudson, Evan Carl Johnson, Kolby Joynt, Devin Lind, Skyler Rice, Alex Runneberg, and Austin Stumbo.

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Charger Pony Leaguers Split at Flag Fest

The Laurens-Marathon Boys Pony League weekend tournament team won 2 and lost 2 in the Spencer Flag Fest tournament on June 9th. They started the day by beating Alta 4-3. They then lost to a very good Carroll Kemper team 7-0 in their second game of the day. The third game was a loss to Clay Central Everly on a late inning 3-run blast, 7-4. However, the Chargers came back to win their fourth game against Spencer 10-0. The Chargers who played in this tournament were:

Case Bieri, Schuyler Bechtel, Mike Hertz, Ryan Hudson, Evan Johnson, Devin Lind, Bryce Maschino, Skyler Rice, Austin Stumbo, and Carleton Tapley.

L-M Boys Pony League Finishes 2nd!

The Laurens-Marathon Boys Pony League team completed a successful regular season in the Spencer Pony League on June 19th. Their league record was 7 wins and 1 loss for a second place finish. The team's only regular season blemish was a 3-2 loss to Clay Central Everly Gold (all 8th grade) on the road. Their wins were as follows: 2-0 over the Spencer Logistics, 23-3 over Ruthven-Ayrshire, 11-3 over the Spencer Industrialists, 14-5 over Spencer Dynos, 11-7 over CCE Red (7th grade), a 1-0 forfeit from Emmetsburg 1, and 11-7 over Emmetsburg 2.

The players on the L-M Charger Team and the positions they played were as follows:

- Case Bieri SS, C, P, 2B
- Schuyler Bechtel OF, 2B
- Drew Crotty 3B, OF
- Austin Hanson OF, 3B, 2B
- Mike Hertz OF, C, P
- Ryan Hudson 3B, SS, C, P
- Evan Johnson P, 3B
- Kolby Joynt OF
- Devin Lind OF, 2B, P
- Bryce Maschino 2B, OF
- Alex Runneberg 1B, P, OF
- Dalton Runneberg OF, 3B, 2B, P
- Austin Stumbo 1B, P
- Carleton Tapley OF, C
- Ben Zylstra P, 3B, C, OF

The team started the Spencer League double-elimination tournament as the second seed on Tuesday, June 26th in Spencer and will play the rest of the week in the tournament at the Spencer baseball complex.

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