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## Local News

### Chargers Tournament Champions!

The 2008 Cornbelt Pee-Wee Tournament was held in Laurens on June 27 and 28. Seven teams participated from the Cornbelt Conference including: Laurens, Albert City, Storm Lake Rehab, Storm Lake Villager, Storm Lake (Buena Vista), Peterson, and Rembrandt.

In the tournament opener Friday night the Chargers defeated Peterson 11-0 in 4 innings. The Chargers won their 2nd game in 4 innings against Storm Lake Rehab 15-4.

In the 3rd game of the tournament the Pee-Wees beat Rembrandt 8-0. The championship game was against Storm Lake B.V. as the Chargers won another game in 4 innings 11-1 to capture the Cornbelt Championship. The Chargers had great pitching performances throughout the whole tournament only allowing 5 runs in 4 games. The hitting by the Pee-Wees really improved throughout the whole year and it showed during the tournament as the Chargers scored 45 runs.

The Chargers Boys Pee-Wee team went 16-0 in the regular season, adding 4 wins in the tournament for a 20-0 season. This is the 2nd year in a row the Charger Pee-Wees have gone 20-0 in the Cornbelt and won the Cornbelt Tournament. The team members include: Keton Alexander, Riley DaSilva, Jordan Japenga, Riley Maschino, Caleb Pierce, Noah Anderson, Noah Paepke, Jason Wood, Cody Rohrbaugh, and Mariano Martinez. Coaching the Chargers are Bill Alexander and Todd Maschino.



*Biggest Little Paper In Town!*

## Bryn Johnson to be Honored July 18th

On Friday, July 18th, eight young women will be receiving the 100 Game Achiever Award at the 100 Game Achievers Ceremony at Harlan Rogers' Park in Fort Dodge.

The ceremony recognizes softball pitchers that have won 100 or more games in their high school careers. As of today, 305 pitchers have qualified for the award among all the girls who have played softball since 1955.

Bryn Johnson, daughter of Rod and Anita Johnson of Laurens, is one of the eight players who will receive the 100 Game Achiever Award. Her record over five years (2003-2007) of high school varsity softball action ended at 100-30, including a 4-2 record at the State Softball Tournament.

Bryn will begin her second year at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, in the fall, where she participates in the softball program under head coach Henry Christowski.

Others receiving the award this year include Brittany Becker of Don Bosco, Katie Goetzinger of Harlan, Katie Heuer of North Butler, Kelsey Knutson of I-35, Katie Murphy of West Delaware, Megan Pederson of Lake Mills, and Courtney Strang of Solon.

The ceremony will take place prior to the 2A Semifinal game at 4:30 p.m. on Diamond 1.



Bryn Johnson

## Celebrate Laurens Festival

"Celebrate Laurens" is coming to town July 18th and 19th.

The festivities will kick off July 18th at Sportsmen's Park. Kids Korner will serve a meal consisting of hamburgers, chips, pudding cup and a drink. There will be the unveiling by Bogenrief Studios of our gift to Laurens, France. The Senders will start playing at 6:30 and you are invited to dance on the tennis courts. The evening will end with a fireworks display at dusk.

Saturday will start off with a parade at 10:30. Line up at the firestation at 10:00. Kids are invited to play on six inflatables which will be set up on 3rd Street. \$6 will purchase a wristband. They can also ride on the Hilmer Kiddie Train, enjoy free swimming at the pool, enter the Kids Pedal Pull Contest, which will take place at the firestation at 1:00 P.M. and also enter the Good Samaritan Smile Contest, which will be right after the Pedal Pull contest.

Adults can enjoy the Wine Festival and Market which will be located on Walnut Street. There will be a Co-Ed Softball Tournament at the softball field. To enter that, call Pat Duran. Floyd Winter will present "The Rest of the Straight Story" at the Methodist Church at 2:00 P.M. The evening ends with two bands at the Reservation. Planet Rock will play at 5:00 P.M. and 2.4.1 at 9:30 P.M.

No festival would be complete without food. Kiwanis will start Saturday off with a pancake breakfast at

the firestation. After the parade, food booths include a hamburger meal at the Shelterhouse by the Masons, Ribfest at Rumors, chicken filets by Ressler HyVee, wraps and smoothies at Bauble Heads, hamburgers and hotdogs at Food Pride. Deb's Country Kettle will be open regular hours and Pizza Ranch will have a lunch and evening buffet.

The United Methodist Women will serve homemade pies and ice cream at the Methodist Church, vocal music students will make cotton candy and the Golden Horizons 4H Club will sell frozen pops. Starting at 5:00 P.M., the Sister City Commission will serve brats, nachos/cheese and pop. Sunday morning the Country Club will wrap everything up with brunch.

## Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull

Kids, get ready to enter the Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull which will be held July 19th during the Celebrate Laurens Festival. The contest starts a 1:00 P.M. in front of the firestation. Kids 4-11 compete against kids from their own age group.

Each child will receive a participation ribbon and trophies for the top three places are awarded. The trophies are sponsored by Laurens Equipment and Iowa Trust and Savings Bank.

After the Pedal Pull contest, stay for the Good Samaritan Smile Contest. This is for ages 0 to 8. Prizes will be awarded.

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## *L-M Football Camp Dates Set*

Laurens-Marathon Football Head Coach Mike Ehn and the Chargers coaching staff will be holding a pair of instructional youth football camps this summer from 9-11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7 and Friday, Aug. 8 at the L-M High School Practice Complex for students in grades 3-12.

Kids in grades 3-8 will participate from 9-11:15 a.m. and kids in grades 9-12 will participate from 6-8:15 p.m. The program will include individual fundamental instruction by position, team concepts and specialty techniques, along with physical and mental preparation. Cost of the camp, which includes instruction and a camp t-shirt, is \$25 per camper, or \$50 for more than 2 campers. Registrations will be accepted through the first day of camp if necessary.

Registration forms will be mailed to campers soon, or a copy can be picked up at the L-M school after July 14. Reminder to Jr. & Sr. High Players: Please complete your physical exam prior to the beginning of the season. Forms are available at the school. Mail completed camp forms and registration fees to coach Mike Ehn at 320 Oak St., Laurens IA 50554. For further information or questions regarding the camp, please contact Mike Ehn at 841-5000 ext. 124 or 841-2333.

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## *School Board Nominations*

Don't forget to file your nomination papers for the Laurens-Marathon Community School Board! Nomination papers can be filed until Thursday, July 31st. The school board elections will be held on September 9, 2008.

This year there will only be one vacancy on the board as Brett Bargloff's term expires in September. Starting in 2009, terms will be lengthened to four years (currently 3 years) and elections will take place during the odd years only.

You can pick up your nomination papers from Sue Wenell, School Board Secretary at the Laurens-Marathon School. Candidates must obtain signatures from one percent of the qualified electors of the district or 50 electors, whichever is less. (10 signature minimum).

Make a difference in your community and pick up your school board nomination papers today!

## *Retirement Reception for Dr. Eugene Mullins*

Please join us on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at the Pocahontas Hospital Conference Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to celebrate with Dr. Mullins. Dr. Mullins is retiring from the hospital and Trimark.

*Best of Luck, Dr. Mullins!*



Dr. Eugene Mullins

# Celebrate Laurens!

## July 18th & 19th

### FRIDAY, JULY 18th at SPORTSMEN'S PARK

**5 - 7:00 pm - Meal by Kids Korner**  
(hamburgers, chips, pudding cup, drink)

**Unveiling** by Bogenrief Studios of our gift to Laurens, France

**6:30 pm - Concert by Senders** sponsored in part by Bieri-Christensen, DDS PC, Town & Country Floral and Good Samaritan Society - Hovenden of Laurens

**Dusk - Fireworks** sponsored by the Citizens of Laurens (cans), Laurens State Bank, Laurens Equipment, Laurens Plumbing, Roy Koenig (DeKalb Seed), Tom Madsen (Kruiger Seed), The Reservation, Can Worker Bees (Denny and Rose Tate, Gary Finnestad, Matt Tate and Clarence Siepker)

**5 - 10:00 pm - Chamber** selling popcorn, pop and water

### SATURDAY, JULY 19th - DOWNTOWN LAURENS

**7:00 - 10:00 am - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast** at the Firestation.

**10:30 am - Parade** (line up before 10:00 at the Firestation, call Clarence Siepker at 841-4663 to enter or just show up.)

**12:00 - 6:00 pm - Inflatables**, Third Street, \$6 for bracelet; **Hillmer Kiddie Train** sponsored by Pocahontas Mutual Insurance

**11:00 - 5:00 pm - Wine Festival Market**, held on Walnut Street

**1:00 pm - FREE Swimming** at municipal pool

**Co-Ed Softball Tournament** - Softball Field, \$5 per person, contact Pat Duran

**1:00 pm - Kids Pedal Pull Contest** - trophies sponsored by Laurens Equipment and Iowa Trust and Savings Bank.

**After Pedal Pull, Good Samaritan Smile Contest** (ages 0 - 8) Firestation - prizes

**2:00 pm - Floyd Winter "The Rest of the Straight Story"** at United Methodist Church

**5:00 pm - Planet Rock** - The Reservation

**9:30 pm - 2.4.1.** - The Reservation

### Sunday, July 20th

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Breakfast Brunch** at Laurens Country Club, public welcome

### FOOD VENDORS:

**MASONS** - noon, shelter house in City Park, hamburger meal;

**RUMORS** - noon, ribfest;

**RESSLER/HYVEE** - noon, chicken fillets

**BAUBLE HEADS** - noon - wraps/smoothy; evening - taco/smoothy

**FOOD PRIDE** - 11:00 - 1:00 pm, hamburgers & hot dogs

**DEB'S COUNTRY KITCHEN** - open regular hours

**PIZZA RANCH** - 11:00 - 1:00 lunch buffet; 5 - 7:30 pm evening buffet

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** - 1:00 pm homemade pie and ice cream at the Methodist Church

**WINE FESTIVAL MARKET**

**GOLDEN HORIZONS 4H CLUB** - frozen pops

**VOCAL MUSIC** - cotton candy

**SISTER CITIES COMMISSION** - 5:00 - 11:00 pm, brats, nachos/cheese, pop

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**224 W Section Ln Rd**-4 bdrms 2 baths, family room, attach garage historic home



**114 W Garfield**- 3 bedrooms new kitchen and living room close to school

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**331 S 1<sup>st</sup> St** – 2 bdrms, 1 bath, hdwd floors

**340 S Harrison** – 3 bdrms, 2 ba, update kitchen

**221 Austin** – 3 bdrms, 1 ½ baths, full fns bsmt

**519 W School** – 3 bdrms, 2 ba, , 3 + 1 garage

**305 Sadie St** – 3 bedrooms, 1 ba, attach garage

**106 W Myrtle** – 3 bdrms, 1 bath, hdwd floors

**110 W Section Ln Rd** – 2 bdrm, 1 bath, new windows, siding, roof

**508 Aschenbrenner** – 4 bdrms, 1 bath

**219 W Myrtle** – 4 bdrms, wood trim

**325 S 1<sup>st</sup> St** – 4 bdrms, 1 ½ baths, full basement

**518 Nelson** – 3 bdrms, 2 ba, FP, 2 + 2 garage

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

**262 Nelson** – 3 bdrms, 1 bath, bsmt, garage

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

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## *Albert City Grocery Store Destroyed by Fire*

A three alarm fire did extensive damage to Albert City's grocery store on Sunday, July 6. The fire was spotted by Fire Chief Pat Cronin around 8:30 p.m. when he was downtown checking on the amount of rain that had fallen.

The cause of the fire at the City Market grocery store is likely an electrical malfunction. The state fire marshal's office was called in to assist in investigating the fire, and determined water leaking through the roof got into a light fixture, which shorted out, causing the fire. There reportedly is no insurance on the building or contents.

Firefighters from Albert City, Marathon and the Storm Lake ladder truck helped battle the blaze, and were on the scene for about four and a half hours. No one was hurt in the blaze. The building is considered a total loss.

*Photos by Bryn Johnson*



## Aftermath of the Blaze



*These photos show the damage caused to the City Market grocery store in Albert City following the fire on July 6th. It is very apparent from these photos why the building is being considered a total loss.*

*Photos by Lynn & Jan Nehring*



## *New Baby*

Lauren Kristine Cox was born to Joe and Robin Cox on Friday, June 13, 2008 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. Joe is the son of Vicki (Miller) Glenn and the grandson of Joe and Dorothy Miller. He is also the great nephew of Mike and Phyllis Marietta.

## *Thank You*

Words cannot express all the acts of kindness showed to our family during our Father, Grandfather and Brother's illness and recent passing.

Thank you to everyone that sent cards, dropped off food, paper items and prayed.

A special thank you to the Pocahontas County Hospice gals Heidi, Rachel and Barb, you helped us through a difficult time, we won't forget you.

To Ken Powers, Rev. James Little, the Pocahontas VFW members Bob Bunda and John Anderson for a beautiful Memorial Service.

Last but not least Barb and Mike Eichler and the people that helped with the preparation of the luncheon afterwards at the Home Plate.

There is nothing like living in a small community where people care.

*The Family of Teddy Tate (Captain Ted)*

## *Thank You*

Thank you to all the businesses who donated and friends and family. We want to thank everyone who came to the benefit to support Dalton. It's nice to know you have such a caring community. A special thank you to Tanya for all the work she did for the benefit.

*Thanks Again,  
The Dalton Burger Family*

## *Griffin -Hyde Wedding Shower*

A community come and go bridal shower honoring Toni Griffin, bride-elect of Joshua Hyde, will be held on Saturday, July 26, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. Toni is the daughter of Scott and Tammy Griffin of Laurens and Joshua is the son of Brad and Rhonda Hyde of Albert City. Toni is registered at Heart & Home in Laurens, Sugar Bowl in Storm Lake and Target. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

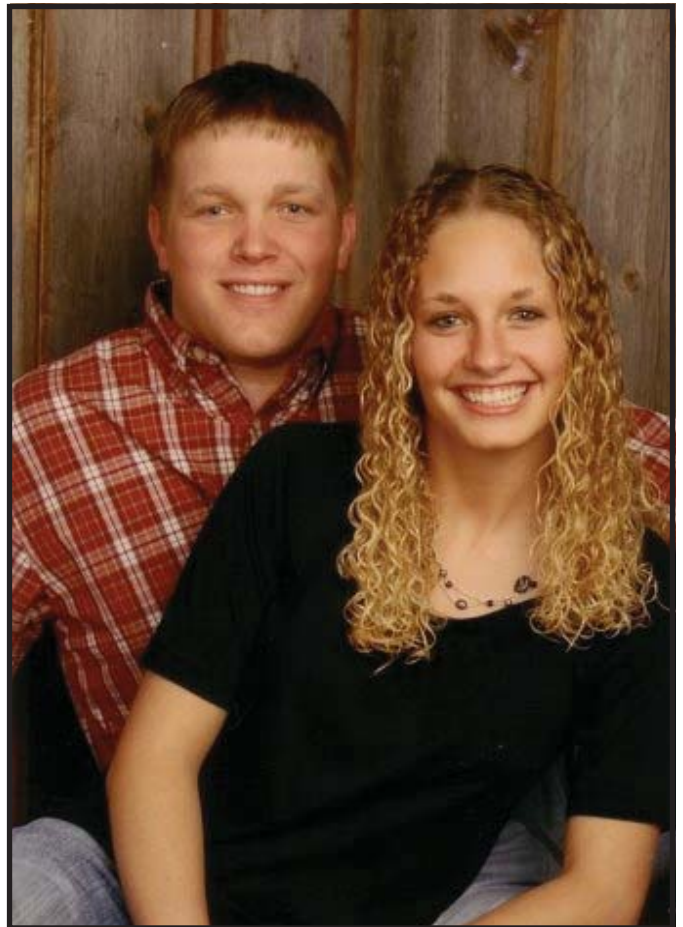
## *Local & School Calendar*

**July 9** ~ Boys District Baseball Continues

**July 14th** ~ Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## *Bridal Shower*

Come & Go Bridal Shower for Miranda Blankenship on Sunday, July 27th, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Miranda is registered at Heart 'n Home, JH Design, Town and Country Floral, Target and Wal Mart.



Joshua Hyde and Toni Griffin

# Laurens United Methodist Church

**Wed. July 9**  
7:00 p.m. ~ NO 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



**Sun. July 13**  
9:30 a.m. ~ Worship lead by DS Bernie Colorado  
10:30 a.m. ~ Brunch  
SPRC to follow brunch

**Wed. July 16**  
12:00 p.m. ~ Leadership  
7:00 p.m. ~ Worship  
7:30 p.m. ~ Finance  
8:15 p.m. ~ Ad Council

**Fri. July 18**  
7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study

**Sat. July 19**  
2:00 p.m. ~ Floyd Winters - Speaker  
"The Rest of the Straight Story"

# This Week at First Christian Church

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

**Sun. July 13**  
9:30 a.m. ~ Worship  
11:30 a.m. ~ Snack 'n Yack Fellowship

**Wed. July 16**  
1:00 p.m. ~ Willing Workers  
7:00 p.m. ~ Elder's Meeting



# 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.

**Tuesday July 15th**  
6:30 p.m. ~ K-C Meeting

# This Week at Bethany

**Wednesday, July 9th**  
9-11AM ~ Pastor @ VBS/Grace, Marathon

**Thursday, July 10th**  
9-11AM ~ Pastor @ VBS/Grace, Marathon

**Friday, July 11th**  
Church Office Closed for Day  
9-11AM ~ Pastor @ VBS/Grace, Marathon

**Sunday, July 13th**  
9AM ~ Morning Worship  
10AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

**Tuesday, July 15th**  
12noon ~ Pastor @ Text Study

**Wednesday, July 16th**  
9AM ~ Staff Meeting  
9AM to 12noon ~ Pastor's Office Hours



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## At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 9, 2008

We tallied up the guesses in the kids' jar of straws. Nathan Enger was the closest so he got to take home the candy grabber machine. I wonder if his Mom will ever talk to me again – that machine is obnoxiously noisy! Becca Madsen and Kendall Evans were the next closest guessers so they got prizes too. Our caterpillar that measures the number of books our kids have read has reached the fourth bulletin board. He's huge and will continue to grow for the rest of the month.

The library catalogers have been busy entering new materials to our collection. New fiction includes *A Summer Affair* by Elin Hilderbrand, *13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher, *Chasing Darkness* by Robert Crais, *Spies of Warsaw* by Alan Furst, *Exile Trust* by Vincent O'Neil, *Where Memories Lie* by Deborah Crombie, *Story of a Marriage* by Andrew Greer, *The Dawn Patrol* by Don Winslow, *Deceived* by Brett Battles, *After River* by Donna Milner, *Death Angel* by Linda Howard, *House and Home* by Kathleen McCleary, *The Last Patriot* by Brad Thor, *Chasing Harry Winston* by Laura Weisberger, *Hit and Run* by Lawrence Block, *Handbags and Homicide* by Dorothy Howell, *Mind's Eye* by Hakan Nesser, *The Sister* by Poppy Adams, *Sacrifice* by S.J. Bolton, *Silent Thunder* by Iris Johansen, *Sun Going Down* by Jack Todd, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski and 5 new paperbacks in J.D. Robb's Death series. New

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nonfiction includes *Doris Day: the Untold Story of the Girl Next Door* by David Kaufman, *Drunkard: A Hard-Drinking Life* by Neil Steinberg, and *Always by My Side* by Jim Nantz. I also found some great new kids picture books that we will have lots of fun with. The other area we've added a few titles to is our DVDs collection. New titles include *The Bucket List*, *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, *National Treasure 2 - Book of Secrets*, *Bonneville*, *The Last Wagon* and *Guns of the Magnificent Seven*. Actually we got the DVDs a while back, but I forgot to tell you about them!

Stop in and pick up a copy of our July book choice, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Then join us Monday, July 28th as we talk about this book. Let me know if you'd be willing to be our discussion leader.

*Stop in and check it out!*



## From The Heart

The town is starting to gear up for CELEBRATE LAURENS! I simply adore when our fair town puts its best foot forward and shows off a little!

First of all...the food. You don't have to go to far too try different foods. I know, the diet thing will be put to the test, but sometimes giving into temptation is a good thing? Ribs, tacos, nachos, brats, homemade

pie, cotton candy, and chicken sandwiches. That is all tempting.

And then all of the things to do. Friday night is the Senders and fireworks. Plus a meal in the park. I know I will find time to enjoy all of that.

Saturday is the parade which I will have to enjoy from the doorway. The wine festival will be going on all afternoon. That is a must-partake event! There will even be artisans demonstrating their craft and food vendors. Remember to bring a cooler with a little ice to keep your purchases cold. Wine doesn't appreciate a warm car!

There is a kids' pedal pull contest, a smile contest, and Floyd Winter is doing a speech that he has perfected many times. It is in the characteristic of reflections on Laurens; I believe the title of his speech is "The Rest of the Straight Story". I wasn't here in Laurens when Mr. Winter was a coach and teacher...but people speak so fondly and highly of him.

Then Saturday night it looks like this town will be able to "rock out" downtown. Not just one...but TWO bands!

We know what that means for Sunday...rest! But it is amazing that while some of us get to rest...the others get to start picking up garbage, returning picnic tables, and simply restoring our town back to the way it was. Perhaps if we see someone needing a little help, we could just pitch in!

So call your friends and family and remind them to come to Laurens on July 18th and 19th. It will be a great time to get together and reminisce. See you there!

*From a Celebrating Heart,*  
Julie Wurr

## Duran Awarded First Premier Scholarship

Jaret G. Duran of Laurens, Iowa was awarded the First Premier Bank and Premier Bankcard Scholarship in Support of the Jackrabbit Guarantee 2006 Challenge for the 2008-2009 school year at South Dakota State University.

Jaret is an incoming freshman forensic psychology major at SDSU this fall. He is the son of Janci



Jaret Duran

Duran and Pat Duran of Laurens and is a 2008 graduate of the Laurens-Marathon High School, where he was active in FFA (president), golf, Character Council, and was a youth mentor.

First Premier Bank and its sister organization, Premier Bankcard, have more than 2,300 employees. It was recognized in 2001, 2002, and 2003 by the *ABA Bank-*

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## Cleveland Awarded Rhea Scholarship

Megan Cleveland of Laurens, Iowa was awarded the George Rhea Scholarship Endowment for the 2008-2009 school year at South Dakota State University.

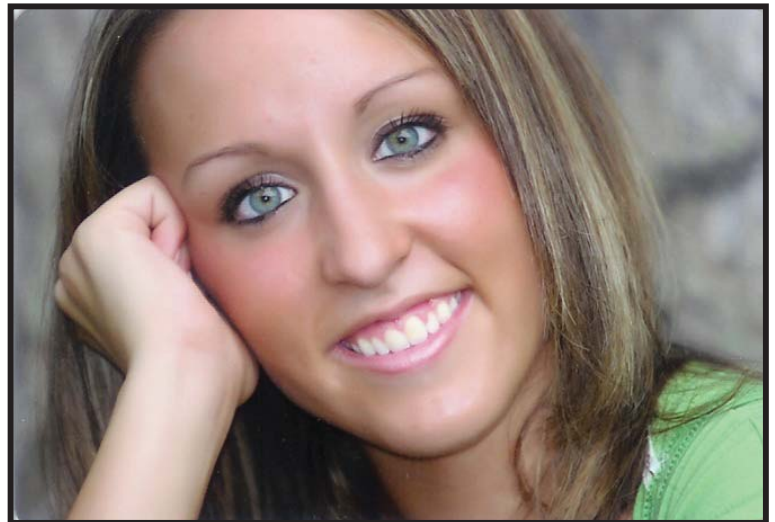
Megan is an incoming freshman pre-pharmacy major at SDSU this fall. She is the daughter of Chad and Brenda Cleveland of Laurens and is a 2008 graduate of the Laurens-Marathon High School, where she was active in student office, National Honor Society, Y-Teens Organization, basketball, volleyball, softball, track, drill team, speech, show choir,

jazz band, pep band, choir and was a class officer.

George Rhea began farming and raising livestock in 1951 on his family's farm near Cherokee, Iowa. This farm had been in Mr. Rhea's family for 150 years, beginning with his great-grandfather, George Funk. Mr. Rhea inherited this land in 1964 from his grandfather, Arthus Funk. At Mr. Rhea's retirement, he gifted an 82-acre parcel from that farm to the SDSU Foundation. The Rhea farm was inducted in the

Heritage Farms program at SDSU in 2003. In addition to agriculture, Mr. Rhea had special interests in history, music, dancing and theatre.

George Rhea passed away on November 24, 2006.



Megan Cleveland

## *Fit Exercise Members Run for a Stand Against Violence*

Members of the FIT Exercise Studio Running Club participated in the recent 5K held in Pocahontas. The run was to take a stand against violence. Members of the team include: Nicole Peterson, Albert City; Kayla Snow, Dawn Jamison and Kelley Newgard, all of Laurens. The ladies brought home 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishes in their respective age groups.



Nicole Peterson, Kayla Snow, Dawn Jamison and Kelley Newgard

## *IPTV Comes to Pocahontas County*

Iowa Public Television comes to Pocahontas County! You will have an opportunity to join "Dan's Reading Road Trip".

Meet Dan Wardell as he travels throughout Iowa this summer. We are so happy he will stop at the Pocahontas Public Library (14 2nd Ave, NW, Pocahontas) on July 10th at 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

The wonderful thing about Dan coming to our county is that we can be featured on the IPTV web page. Dan takes pictures and posts them on his web site. You can also post your messages to Dan on the web site. This is available all around the world! Anyone can connect with *Our Town Our Paper!*

<http://www.iptv.org/kids/dantastic/blog/index.cfm>  
and see the pictures and the messages.

Please come to see Dan! Let's make him feel welcome! This is a "Dantastic" opportunity!

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Pictured: Dan Wardell with Soren Larson, Grimes, Iowa Grandson of Don & Helen Beneke

## A "Wunnerful" Trip Down Memory Lane

by Nancy Kunickis

"Wunnerful! Wunnerful!" were words used to describe the trip we took down memory lane last Sunday, as my folks, Millie and Harvey Burnham, along with my husband,

Lawrence Welk Show that aired each week for over thirty years. The concert continued with Mary Lou Metzger, who was best known as a singer and dancer on the show. She charmed the concert audience with her singing and dancing talents and her radiant smile. After The Lawrence Welk Show ended its regular run on television in 1982, Mary Lou continued to perform with the Welk show reunion tours, and now each week she hosts reruns of the show featuring

interviews with the musical family on the PBS stations.

"Big" Tiny Little Jr., who had appeared on the Welk show for four years, entertained the crowd next with his amazing ragtime piano style. Finishing out the two hour program was a farewell performance by Jack Imel, a singer, dancer, and marimba player with the Lawrence Welk Orchestra. He wowed the crowd with his marimba playing and tap dancing (even after having knee replacement surgery), and all of this at the age of 76! After the program, the stars met, reminisced, and signed autographs for the many concert attendees. The Sentimental Swing orchestra continued to play for the many that chose to stay and dance.

The Surf Ballroom and Museum in Clear Lake, Iowa is probably best known for being the last place Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper performed, on February 2, 1959, during the Winter Dance Party Tour, before they died in a plane crash at a nearby field. Being a part of the Lawrence Welk Show Sunday night, truly was a "wunnerful" evening of entertainment and a sentimental journey for all those that were there.



Jack Imel, Welk Band member name unknown, "Big" Tiny Little Jr., Mary Lou Metzger, and Dick Dale.

Ken and I, traveled to Clear Lake, Iowa, to attend the "Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show" concert. Part of the Surf Ballroom's 60th Anniversary Celebration, the "Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show" along with the big band sounds of Sentimental Swing performed for a crowd of several hundred people.

The show opened with Algona's own Dick Dale serving as the master of ceremonies. Dick Dale was best known as a featured singer and saxophone player on the popular



Dick Dale and Millie Burnham

### *4-H Endowment*

Do you have wonderful memories as a 4-H member or as a 4-H family? Has 4-H helped your children grow in confidence and become leaders in their club, school and community? Would you like to see Pocahontas County 4-H continue to grow and increase its programs?

Then you may want to consider a contribution to the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment fund. The Pocahontas County Extension Council and the 4-H Youth Committee started the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment in 2007. With the beginning funds from 2007, 15 4-H members received financial support to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus trip. The funds will also be used to support activities, camps, and awards for 4-H members in Pocahontas County. The endowment is managed by the Iowa 4-H Foundation, which is a 501c3 qualified tax deduction foundation.

Donors may make a contribution in memory or in honor of someone. It may be a one time donation, or an annual donation. All donations will enhance our outstanding Pocahontas County 4-H program. As the fund builds, there are plans to offer one or more 4-H scholarships to graduating Seniors.

In appreciation, all 2008 donors will receive a supper ticket for the pork sandwich supper at the 4-H food stand on July 17 from 5:00-6:45 PM at the Pocahontas County Fair. Donors are welcome to bring their donations that evening. Donation checks should be made payable to the Iowa 4-H Foundation. For questions, contact Nancy Jenson at the Pocahontas County Extension Office, 712-335-3103.

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### *Engagement Announced*

Sheldon & Linda Bieri of Laurens, Iowa along with Rick & Bonnie Patzke of Apple Valley, Minnesota are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of Elise Bieri to Jeff Patzke.

Elise is a 2001 graduate of Laurens-Marathon High School and a 2005 graduate of Luther College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. She is currently employed with Mayo Clinic as the Quality/Education Specialist in the Neuroimmunology Laboratory.

Jeff is a 2001 graduate of Apple Valley High School and a 2005 graduate of Luther College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management. He is currently employed with Midwest MasterCraft as the Parts Manager.

The bridal shower will take place on Saturday morning, August 9, 2008 from 9:30-11:00 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens, Iowa. The wedding will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 3:30 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens, Iowa.



Elise Bieri and Jeff Patzke

### *4-H Pie Auction*

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 4-H pie auction on July 17 at 6:45 P.M. at the arena on the Pocahontas County Fair grounds. Show your support for 4-H by buying a pie made by 4-H members. Proceeds will go to the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment to support 4-H programs.

## Services Held Recently for Cpt. Teddy W. Tate

Teddy W. Tate age 68, passed away Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at his daughter's home in Laurens, Iowa.

Services were held at the Powers Funeral Home in Pocahontas, Iowa on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. James Little officiating.

Teddy William Tate was born March 28, 1940, in Pocahontas, Iowa. He was the son of Archie and Louise (Cox) Tate. He attended Pocahontas High School. In 1957, Teddy enlisted in the U.S. Army. On June 12, 1959, he married Patricia Mackey in Germany. In 1968 and 1969, he served in Vietnam where he received the Purple Heart. During his 20 years in the Army, he was stationed at Ft. Hood, TX, Ft. Knox, KY and in Germany. On March 21, 1970, Teddy married Suzy Matheney in Kentucky. He retired from the Army as a Captain in 1977 and settled in Kentucky where he operated Tate's Electric for many years.

Teddy was a member of the VFW Post #10281, American Legion Post #113, and the MOAA in Ft. Knox, KY. He enjoyed golfing and working part-time as a farm saving specialist.

Survivors include his daughters, Kathy "Kate" Ellis; Donna (Kenny Jr.) Sindergard and Diane "DeeDee" Meier (fiance, Rick Wittmaack) all of Laurens; five grandchildren, Travis Rauhauser, Ashley Sindergard, Jonathan Meier, Joshua Meier and Shand Sindergard; brothers, Corky

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(Virginia) Tate of Worthington, MN; Jerry Tate of Capitan, NM; Dan Tate of LaConner, WA and Dennis (Rose) Tate of Laurens. Teddy was preceded in death by his parents.

## Reese Gets 3rd Place in Bike Race

Bruce Reese, son of Ron and Pat Reese, received the third place trophy, in the

Men's division, at the Johnston Greendays Criteria Race on June 21st. This race was held the night before the Hy Vee Triathlon. Bruce also biked on a team in the amateur division of the Hy Vee Triathlon. His team placed 7th in the men's division.

Bruce's brother, Joel Reese, also competed in the triathlon. He did the 10k run for his team, which came in 2nd in the co-ed division and 4th over all.



Bruce Reese

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## Dear Roxer AKC and Purebred Dogs

Often times, over the years, I have heard a dog owner complaining about the American Kennel Club. They have purchased a purebred dog and the dog may have developed some health problems. The owner will say, "Well, it's registered with the AKC. Why did they

allow this to happen?" Sorry folks, but the AKC is not the Good Housekeeping seal of approval for dog breeders.

Think about your car. You do research, you visit car lots. You look over newspaper ads, internet, etc. You talk to friends to see where they may have purchased a car. You check mileage (especially nowadays), along with warranties. When you purchase a particular car, you register it with the state. If something goes wrong, do you go back to the state to complain? After all, they registered the car, did they not? No, you go back to the dealer from whom you purchased the car. Many people will do more research in purchasing a car, than they do in obtaining a dog. All too often the dog is purchased on impulse. And a dog may live with you and your family for at least 10 to 15 years!

Now, back to the dog and the AKC. The AKC serves many purposes. They keep records of litters, sires, dams, number of litter. They keep records of wins in the various dog show rings. The AKC does quite a bit of work in cities and states trying to pass laws affecting dogs and their owners. The AKC sponsors many events and awards. Over the years that I have shown dogs,



I have seen the AKC incorporate modern techniques such as DNA identification. The AKC is also very active with research for canine health and responsible pet ownership. There is also an advice column that you can find via the AKC web site.

When you chose to buy a purebred dog, the AKC website is a place to begin.

<http://www.akc.org/> I cannot stress enough the need to look for a conscientious breeder. This is the breeder who truly wants to improve the breed. They may be active in showing. Conformation showing is a way to know that the breeder makes an effort to seek out the opinion of experienced judges. Obedience and agility or rally will help you to see that the breeder has a trainable line, plus the dogs are socialized, which is so important! There are also specific events that show the ability of the breed to perform a job that it was bred for (hunting trials for sporting dogs, lure coursing for sight hounds, herding trials, etc.)

A conscientious breeder should provide proof of screening for potential health problems, BEFORE they breed. All dogs have an Achilles heel (even mixed breeds). The breeder should ask you as many questions as you ask of them. The conscientious breeder should be concerned for the well-being and future of this puppy, before taking your money. This breeder should ask you, why do you want this particular breed of dog? Are you aware of the care, training, grooming and exercise needed to give this dog a healthy and happy future? You should also visit with the adult dogs on the premises.

Be sure that the dam and sire have friendly temperaments. Temperament is an inherited trait that is molded as you train and socialize the puppy.

Also, beware of the current "Fad" breed. The Disney movie, 101 Dalmatians, portrayed adorable puppies. As with all Disney movies, the dogs were anthropomorphized. The Dalmatian club of America did a wonderful job of getting the message out that this is not the breed for everybody! Dalmatians wander, they may be deaf, they are a challenge to train and they are independent. The Dalmatian club did its best to prevent these dogs from ending up in shelters once the novelty wore off.

I could go on and on citing examples from each breed. Do your homework. Research what the dog was bred to do. Many guard dogs are wonderful, faithful, trainable companions, but in the hands of a novice, they may become unmanageable or worse, a liability due to the protective nature. Also be aware of grooming needs. Lassie looks pretty, but unless groomed regularly, such a breed will become a matted mess. (Perhaps the smooth collie would be a better choice). Also consider size. (The 8 week old cute Great Dane puppy will be a BIG dog!).

You may utilize the internet and try to find rescues. Of our 7 dogs, we currently have 3 different breeds of dogs that are rescues. They are neutered or spayed and two of them did need steady & firm training, but they are wonderful, loving companions. The rescue groups will also help you to understand the particular dog's needs and whether or not this particular breed will work for you and your family.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: [cdedriver@scrtc.com](mailto:cdedriver@scrtc.com)

*Ann Katona*

# 2008 POCAHONTAS COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

## Wednesday, July 16, 2008

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. ~ Sheep Weigh-in  
4:30 p.m. ~ Dog Obedience & Dog Agility Show  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ~ Market Beef Weigh-in  
No hogs weighed-in until Thursday

## Thursday, July 17, 2008

6:30 - 9 a.m. ~ Swine Weigh-in/Check-in  
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. ~ Advanced Feeder Pens Weigh-in  
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ~ Judging of Home Economics Exhibits (By Clubs) plus Visual Arts, 4-H Photography, Science & Engineering & Personal Development  
11:00 a.m. ~ Swine Scan  
11:00 a.m. ~ Rabbit & Poultry check-in  
Animals must be checked in before being put in cages  
11 am -3:00 p.m. ~ Open Pantry Exhibits entered  
12:30 - 4:30 p.m. ~ 4-H Photography Challenge Judging  
1 - 5:00 p.m. ~ Open Needlecraft Exhibits entered  
1:30 p.m. ~ Judging of Poultry followed by Judging of Rabbits  
1:30-8:30 p.m. ~ FORD TRUCK RAFFLE  
3 - 4:30 p.m. ~ Open Pantry Exhibits judged  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. ~ State Fair Selection 4-H Exhibit Building closed  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. ~ Bucket Calf & Sheep can be stalled  
5:00 -7:00 p.m. ~ Pork Tenderloin Supper  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. ~ Citizens State Bank Serving FREE Ice Cream  
6:45 p.m. ~ Opening Ceremony followed by Food Challenge Pie Auction  
7:00 p.m. ~ Little Miss Pocahontas & County/Fair Queen  
5:30 -9:00 p.m. ~ 4-H Exhibit Building open



## Friday, July 18, 2008

7:30 a.m. ~ Swine Showmanship followed by Swine Judging  
8:00 -10:00 a.m. ~ Open Genealogy entries due  
9:00 a.m. ~ Open Needlecrafts Judging begins  
9 am. -12 noon ~ 4-H and FFA Garden entries due  
8:30 -11:30 a.m. ~ Open Farm and Garden and Flower entries due  
10:30 a.m. ~ Genealogy judging begins  
12:00 p.m. ~ Open Farm and Garden Judging  
12:00 p.m. ~ 4-H and FFA Garden Judging  
1:30 p.m. ~ Pet Show Check-in  
2:00 p.m. ~ Pet Show  
4:30 p.m. ~ Swine Carcass/Derby Presentation-Expo Building  
3 - 5:00 p.m. ~ Farm Credit Services serving FREE Ice Cream  
3 - 9 p.m. ~ Commercial Exhibits Open  
3 - 4:30 p.m. ~ Open Class Photography, Photography Challenge, and Fine Arts Entered  
5:00-7:00 p.m. ~ Lamb Burger Supper  
5:00 p.m. ~ Open Class Photography and Fine Arts Judging  
5:30 p.m. ~ Sheep Showmanship Followed by Sheep Show, Open Jr. Sheep Show - immediately following 4-H show  
6:00 p.m. ~ Open Horse Show  
9:00 p.m. ~ All Exhibits Close

## Saturday, July 19, 2008

7:30 a.m. ~ Judging of Advanced Cattle Feeders  
9:30 a.m. ~ Beef Showmanship followed by 2nd Year Bucket Calf followed by Judging of Market Beef followed by Judging of Breeding Beef followed by Feeder Calf Judging  
10:00 a.m. ~ Bucket Calf check in Dairy & Beef; 4-H & Open-EAST door of Beef Building  
11:00 a.m. ~ 4-H Bucket Calf followed by Open Jr. Bucket Calf Show  
11:00-1:00 ~ Farm Bureau Free Watermelon  
3 - 9 p.m. ~ Commercial Exhibits Open

## Saturday Continued

4:00 p.m. ~ 4-H Horse Show  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. ~ Beef Steak Sandwich Supper  
5:00-7:00 p.m. ~ Pocahontas Community Hospital serving FREE ice cream  
7:00 p.m. ~ Cow Pie BINGO - Pocahontas Cattleman's Association  
6:00 p.m. ~ 4-Wheeler Pull  
9:00 p.m. ~ All Exhibits Close

## Sunday, July 20, 2008

1 - 4:00 p.m. ~ Commercial Exhibits Open  
2:00 p.m. ~ Fair Olympics  
3:00 p.m. ~ Spelling Bee  
4:00 p.m. ~ Check out of Open Farm & Garden Exhibits, Open Needlecrafts/Photo/Fine Arts/Pantry  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. ~ Turkey Tenderloins served by Fair Board  
5:15 p.m. ~ Clothing Event Rehearsal  
5:45 p.m. ~ Pictures of Individuals who have State Fair Exhibits/Honorable mention/Outstanding Juniors  
6:00 p.m. ~ Kiss a Goat Contest followed by Closing Ceremony Clothing Events - Style Show  
7:00 p.m. ~ All 4-H check outs immediately after Style Show- all livestock and static exhibits will lose premiums if removed before 7 p.m. (except livestock sold at auction)  
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. ~ Teen Dance in Expo Building

## Monday, July 21, 2008

8:30 a.m. ~ Livestock Auction (beef, swine, sheep)  
Clean-Up of Fairgrounds and Livestock Barns. After sale of your animal, you are responsible to help clean the livestock barn.

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**Laurens Golf & Country Club Thursday Night Special** will be mushroom steak with potato and a vegetable on July 10th. *Public Welcome!*

**Stoner's Prime Produce** will be at HWY 10 Hardware 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays with seasonal produce. Something new every week! **See you there!**

**Come & Go Bridal Shower** for Erica Schuttler, bride elect of Brent Svuba. Saturday, July 12th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Wesley Room of the Laurens Methodist Church. Bring your favorite recipe for Erica.

**Yard Sale!** 15611 450th Street. Approximately 2 miles East of Laurens on Highway 10. Friday, July 11th 8-5 and Saturday July 12th 8-2. Furniture, household items, clothing and much, much more!

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- The Quilt Raffle was won by Sheila Anderson of Marathon
- The Rifle Raffle was won by Larry Yeager of Marathon

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