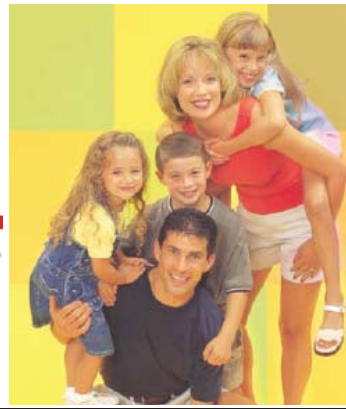


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## Local News

### *Eight-Man Football?*

The Laurens-Marathon school board will vote on whether to change from 11 player to 8 player football on Monday, November 12th. To qualify for 8 player football, a school must have 115 students or less in grades 9th-11th. District assignments are for two years. A drop in the enrollment number must be proven for one of these two years.

Laurens-Marathon will have 119 students in 2008 but will drop to 105 students in 2009. These numbers will allow Laurens-Marathon to enter 8 player football and be eligible for playoffs. The trend will continue and the high school enrollment for grades 9th-11th will decline to 87 students in four years. With declining enrollment, fewer students will be available to participate in football.

This is a key component in this decision. Eight player football becomes a great option because it will allow Laurens-Marathon to keep our football program and will allow us to compete with schools our size on a weekly basis. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Mike Ehn at 841-5000, ext. 124.

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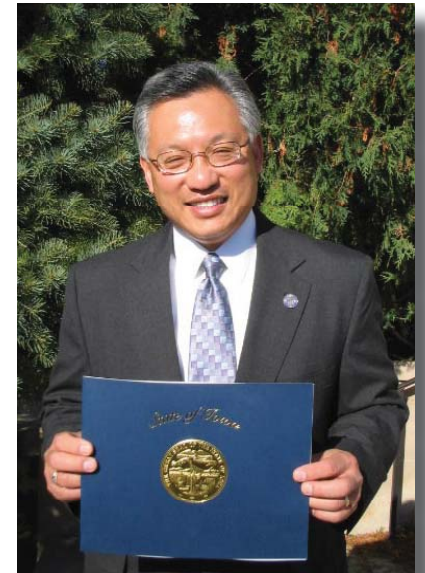
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### Peter Hong Receives Governor's Volunteer Award

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 31 at the Buena Vista University Schaller Memorial Chapel. Peter Hong was recognized for his outstanding volunteer service to the community of Laurens, Pocahontas County, and the State of Iowa. Included in this recognition was the service he has performed as being a member of the Laurens Industrial Foundation. As a member of the foundation, he has played a key role in bringing industry into the City of Laurens. Pete has served as the Chairman of the Pocahontas Board of Health for 15 years. Pete, along with the Board of



Health team, have insured the health and medical services needed by the residents of Pocahontas County have been satisfied. Pete also chairs the Iowa Department of Economic Development Advanced Manufacturing Council and serves on the Technology and Commercialization Committee. The purpose of these boards is to encourage innovation from Iowa's small and medium sized businesses by improving the business environment and providing grants to deserving businesses.

Please congratulate Peter Hong on receiving this well-deserved award and for recognition of his willingness to volunteer.



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Somebody is 60!

## Thank You

Thank you for the many kindnesses shown to us in so many ways at the time of Arnie's death. The outpouring of love and concern from this community and beyond has been both humbling and a comfort. Arnie's death leaves a hole in our lives and in the community he loved so dearly. He was a "home town boy" through and through and very proud to be. Thank you to Father Allan Reikes for the beautiful service, touching on a very difficult subject with honesty and compassion. Thanks also to the women of the parish for the lunch afterwards. If I miss anyone as I continue to send out cards, I apologize. There have been some unsigned and others with no address attached. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Angie Hersom and family, Vivian Hersom and the Hersom and Triggs families.

## Thank You

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped to make our 40th anniversary such a special day. A special thanks to our children and families who planned the day for us. Richard and Ann Main

## Pocahontas Co. Historical Society

The Pocahontas County Historical Society will meet at the County Conservation Building in Pocahontas at 7 p.m. on November 12. Program will be "Highlights of 2007 in Review" and roll call will be to share a fun memory or story relating to any 2007 historical society activity. Committee will be Aimee Devereaux, Helen Beneke and Joe Sobotka. Guests are welcome.

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## Welcome Amira Mae!

Megan Pomeroy & Greg Mouw of Hospers, IA are the proud parents of a baby girl born on October 19, 2007 in Sheldon, IA. She has been named Amira Mae Mouw and weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19 1/2" long at birth.

Grandparents are Dan & Alice Pomeroy of Laurens and Al & Lorene Mouw of Sheldon. Great grandparents are Helen Caskey of Laurens, Daroll Caskey of Arkansas, Jean Brodale of Laurens, George & Deloris Pomeroy of Dakota City, Floris Pomeroy of Iowa Falls, and Edith Visser of Sheldon.



## It's a Girl!!!

Micah Paige Linder was born to Terry & Sarah(Prins) Linder on October 29th. She was born at 12:20 a.m. and weighed 9 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Due to an infection she was flown to Sioux Falls and will hopefully be home on Nov. 3. Proud grandparents are Reid and Dory Prins and proud aunt is Crystal Prins. Terry and Sarah live in Spirit Lake, Iowa.



### Town & Country Floral Holiday Open House

**Nov. 15th 6-8 p.m. (by candlelight)**

**Nov. 16th 9-5 p.m.**

**Nov. 17th 9-Noon**

Coffee & Goodies - Door Prizes  
50% Off All Fall Decor  
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## Promotion

Panama City native Cmdr. Charlie Phillip was promoted to his present rank Oct. 1. The Navy veteran recently took over as officer in charge of Navy Munitions Command, Sewell's Point Detachment, Norfolk, Va., after having served as the tactical action officer on USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) in Yokosuka, Japan. Kitty Hawk is the only Navy aircraft carrier permanently operating overseas. As tactical action officer, Phillip was responsible for the defense of the 1,062-foot, 80,000-ton warship. During his tour on Kitty Hawk, the ship made multiple deployments throughout the Western Pacific and India region, working with regional partners such as Australia, Japan, Singapore, India and Thailand. Kitty Hawk is the Navy's oldest active warship, having been commissioned on April 29, 1961. Charlie is the son-in-law of Ron & Yvonne Wenell of Laurens. He is married to their daughter Jill, and they have two children, Nate 10 and Ava 4.



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## Halloween Night

Magician Larry Dunbar entertains the spooks at the Laurens Public Library Halloween night. A crowd of almost a hundred gathered after Trick or Treating to enjoy the show. Much fun was had trying to figure out how he did his tricks!



## “Keeping It In The Family” – Estate Planning Meeting

Gilmore City, IA—Are you interested in learning more about ways to keep your farm in the family, do you have questions about trusts, or other estate planning issues? If so, join us on November 14th, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Gilmore City for an Estate Planning meeting with Attorney Nola Jenson.

Nola will discuss the basics of Estate Planning and will focus on methods used to transfer the farm from one generation to the next. It is never too early to ensure your family will be taken care

of should something happen to you or your spouse.

This event is being sponsored by the Humboldt and Pocahontas County, Women, Land & Legacy Committee.

For planning purposes, please call your local NRCS office to reserve your seat. The meeting is at no charge to the participant, but seating is limited. For more information regarding the Estate Planning meeting or to line up a car pool, contact your local NRCS at the following numbers:

Allison Orr or Terri Christensen  
-515-332-3337  
Larrette Kolbe or Suzie Leeper –  
712-335-4790

## ISU Afterschool

Second and third grade students from Pocahontas Catholic and Pocahontas Area Elementary Schools participated in the ISU Extension after school program Thursday, October 25. The students had a relay race, enjoyed apples, and carved pumpkins for the Pocahontas County Conservation's annual Halloween Hike.



# Happy Halloween from the Madsen Girls!

Thanks to all the downtown businesses for staying open for the little kids when it was still warm and light out! We had a lot of fun.



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## Bethany Lutheran Church Soup Supper

The Bethany Lutheran Church will have their annual soup supper on election night, Nov 6th from 4:30 to 7:00. Chili, chicken noodle, and broccoli cheese soup, plus pie and bars! See you there!!!

## More Banana Bread!

This past week I pulled into my driveway and as I hopped out of my vehicle, someone came around the corner of the house—it was Dale Frantz and he was carrying a small package. I hadn't a clue what it was, but when I got inside and opened it up, I was quite surprised to find a loaf of banana bread and the following note.

*To Rod Johnson,  
First, I want to thank you for starting The Paper, I look forward to reading it every Tuesday. I moved away from Laurens in March of this year. I am now living in Arlington, SD, and I work in the bakery at the Plagman Food Center, owned by my son, Donnie, and his wife Vicki (Frantz) Plagman.*

*I read your articles about your trip to Hawaii and your travels looking for the World's Best Banana Bread. So I am having Dale Frantz deliver a loaf of banana bread, which is made in the Plagman Food Center, to you to see if it compares at all with the kind in Hawaii. Hope you enjoy it.*

*Still miss all my friends in Laurens, but I enjoy being near my family. Keep The Paper going.  
Gail Plagman*

I'd like to thank Gail for her thoughtfulness and for the banana bread! This is more than I expected when I asked people to "submit something to The Paper"! The bread was super-moist, delicious and very much appreciated! Now, if I only had a little Maui sunshine and an ocean road to go along with it.... Rod



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### Upcoming Events

November 21  
Karaoke 9 p.m.

841-6986

Downtown Laurens



Lee Bailey graduated from PHS in '65. Now he is turning "60".

He is going to celebrate by dancing the night away to the "Senders" on Saturday, November 10th at the Marathon Community Center from 8-12:00. Please come and join the fun.

## *Thank You*

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I would like to personally thank Gloria Newell. I submitted an article to this publication, as well as the school newsletter, informing the public about the new reading classes being offered at L-M and asking for help purchasing high interest/lo level books to help beef up the classroom libraries that are used for these classes. Mrs. Newell stepped forward with a \$200.00 donation. The donation enabled the district to move 30 books closer to the classroom library goal of 300 books. Her contribution is greatly appreciated. The kids were excited to get new books, and many of them have already been read. Acts like this benefit students by providing them with new materials to enhance their academic learning, but these acts also serve

as models for the importance of community by acting as examples that will hopefully inspire our youth to similar acts in the future. Our district/community is lucky to have many people like Mrs. Newell; people that understand the idea of planting a tree for the future. In a community of this size, these people bear a heavy burden, but their donations and their time and their efforts to get involved make our community better and are greatly appreciated by all that they touch--even though they don't always receive proper thanks. I believe their efforts, though not immediately, do inspire our young people to some day do the same. Thank you Mrs. Newell.  
*Troy Oehlertz, H.S. Language Arts Teacher, Laurens-Marathon CSD*

## Local & School Calendar

Nov. 6 - 9th Grade Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Media Center; Election Day.

Nov. 10 - All Day Drill Team Practice, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; NCIBA Middle School Honor Band at Humboldt.

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day; American Education Week, Nov. 11-17.

Nov. 12 - Veterans Day Program, 10 a.m. in the Old Gym; Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m.

## Veteran's Day Program Monday, November 12 at the Laurens-Marathon School

Monday, November 12, the Laurens-Marathon Community School will be hosting the annual Veteran's Day Program. This program will be held to honor all those men and women who served our country. The program will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the old gym, and everyone is invited to attend. The Laurens-Marathon high school band, vocal, and speech departments, along with special music by high school vocal teacher Joan Enockson will all be sharing their talents to honor our veterans. Retired Command Sergeant Major Steve Waller from Spencer, Iowa, will be the guest speaker. Please make plans to attend this important event. Coffee and cookies provided by the Laurens Chamber of Commerce will be available in the lobby after the program.

### *Notice of Proposed Relocation of Branch Office*

Notice is hereby given that Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, Emmetsburg, IA has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for its written consent to relocate its Laurens Office from 104 North 3rd Street, Laurens, IA to 200 West Main Street, Laurens, IA.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office located at 2345 Grand Boulevard, Suite 1200, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. Comments by interested parties must be received by the appropriate Regional Director not later than November 16, 2007. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request

## Laurens Country Club Special

*Thursday November 8th*

The special at the Laurens Golf and Country Club on Nov 8th is meat loaf pattie with potato, vegetable and tea biscuit.

## At the Library

Join us for our Library Foundation's Annual Pancake Supper on Thursday evening, November 8th at the Christian Church. The Kiwanis will be flipping pancakes for us from 5 until 7. As a new fund raiser this year we will also be selling canvas book totes. These will be available at the pancake supper and after that they can be purchased at the library. Ongoing projects funded by the Library Foundation include leasing CD audiobooks, delivering outreach tubs for the daycare providers, and sponsoring programs at the library. This year's funds will also be used to purchase a ceiling mount pulldown screen in our meeting area and a new DVD rack.

New fiction this week includes *All Through the Night* by Suzanne Brockman, *3 Sisters* by James Doss, *A Christmas Beginning* by Anne Perry, *Stone Cold* by

David Baldacci, *Chase* by Clive Cussler, *3rd Degree* by Greg Iles, and *Creation in Death* by J.D. Robb. In nonfiction we received *Come on People: On the path from Victims to Victors* by Bill Cosby. Our youth fiction readers seem to enjoy series books. For them we received the latest *Halo* book by Joseph Staten and Darren Shan's *Blood Beast*. New DVDs include *The Jungle Book*, *Meet the Robinsons*, *Surf's Up*, *Evan Almighty* and *Transformers*.

Come to the library to see the five beautiful paper angels made by Mrs. Saunders' 3D Art Class. These angels are being sold by silent auction. The auction ends November 9th, so stop in soon to bid on one! *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus is our November Book of choice. Join us at 7 pm Monday, November 26th to talk about this book. Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

## Laurens United Methodist Church

201 W Main St. Laurens, Phone 841-4476

Tues. Nov. 6	7:00 p.m. ~ Endowment meeting
Wed. Nov. 7	4:00 p.m. ~ Confirmation 7:30 p.m. ~ Seekers
Thur. Nov. 8	9:00 a.m. ~ Apple Dumpling Gang 2:00 p.m. ~ Dorcas 7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study
Fri. Nov. 9	7:00 a.m. ~ UM Men
Sat. Nov. 10	9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School
Sun. Nov. 11	9:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship 7:00 p.m. ~ Choir practice
Wed. Nov. 14	4:00 p.m. ~ Confirmation 6:00 p.m. ~ First COOP meal 7:00 p.m. ~ Christian Ed 7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. UMYF
Thur. Nov. 15	9:15 a.m. ~ Rachel 7:30 p.m. ~ Rebekah
Fri. Nov. 16	7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study
Sat. Nov. 17	Bazaar 9:00 a.m. ~ Coffee Shop 10:00 a.m. ~ Booths open 11:00-12:30 ~ Lunch served

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## Successful Community Blood Drive

We appreciate the Laurens community residents who generously donated 18 units of blood at the Oct. 25th drive! It is through your efforts that the Siouxland Community Blood Bank is able to supply your local hospitals and 35 other area hospitals with the 1,500 units of blood needed weekly! The Holiday season is upon us and people sometimes feel too busy to take time out to donate. But the hospitals never take a holiday—they are dealing with accident victims, premature babies, cancer patients, and surgeries every day! Perhaps the greatest gift you can give this year is a most personal, and precious gift, remember when you donate at your local blood drives, you are literally saving up to three lives each time! We cannot survive without generous folks like the people of Laurens! Sincerely, the Siouxland Community Blood Bank

## The Golden Compass

Please research the movie "The Golden Compass" before lining up at the box office. This is in direct contradiction with Christian teachings. On the author's own website, he says he is the enemy of organized religion. I challenge you to boycott this movie, or at the least, research it for yourselves before exposing young minds to the atheism it endorses. The movie has been described as "atheism for kids" and is based on the first book of a trilogy entitled "His Dark Materials" that was written by Phillip Pullman. "Caveat Emptor" (let the buyer beware). *Susie Mayou*

# Laurens Chamber of Commerce

## *Holiday Open Houses*

Thursday Nov. 15 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Friday Nov. 16th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday Nov. 17th 9:00 AM to Noon

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Saturday Nov. 17th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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## Country Store

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Nov. 16th: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Nov. 17th: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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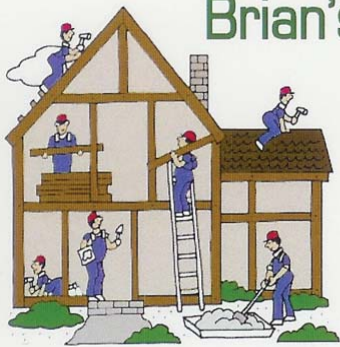
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**For Sale on Sealed Bid** Selling 2 - 1998 Chevrolet 2500 pick-ups: reg cab, 4x4, 350, V8 Automatic transmission, both with around 100K miles. Sealed bids must be received by Nov 14 to: Pocahontas Co Conservation, 702 NW 7th Street, Pocahontas, IA 50574. For more information contact 712-335-4395. Please call for a time to view the vehicles if interested.

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