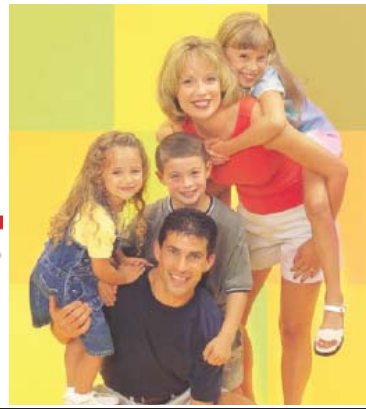


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Local News



Mariah and horse Dancer

Clay County Jr. Pole Champion

Mariah Orwig, 11 years old, obtained the title of Clay County Jr. Pole Champion during the 4-H game division at the Clay County Fair with a time of 27.88. Pole bending consists of 6 poles 15 feet apart in which the exhibitor has to run to the opposite end of the poles, turn and weave in and out of the poles, turn at the last pole, weaving back through and running down the opposite side of the poles that they started on. Mariah is the daughter of Steve and Becky Orwig, formerly of Laurens.

Thank You

We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of well wishes by so many people in our church family and community. While we will miss my father, Van Hong, greatly, we are comforted in his peaceful, quiet passing after almost 98 years of a full, rich life. It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and prayers of support that we say, thank you. -Peter and Annette Hong

Support Your Local Firefighters

Fire Prevention Week is October 7th through the 13th, 2007. Please join us at the Fire Station for our annual pancake and sausage feed October 7th from 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon or later! We truly need and appreciate your support...Thank You All!



Pictured from front left: Pete Runneberg, Tim McKiernan (Safety Officer), Denny Leuer (Crew Captain), Denny Sandvig (Crew Captain), Jake Graff, Brian Hoffman, Julian Johnsen

Pictured from back left: John Runneberg, Mike Sangwin (Crew Captain), Brent Leuer (Junior Fireman), Brad Tendal, Cody Hubbell (Junior Fireman), Ben Storms, Matt Tate (Truck Captain), Tim Hawley, Clarence Siepker (Fire Chief), Troy Stockwell Not Pictured: Pat Murray (Assistant Fire Chief), Mark Stewart, Al Sandvig, Dave Bailey

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Christmas Festival of Trees

Laurens in Progress will again sponsor the Christmas Festival of Trees in 2007. Registration for trees will begin early in October. The theme for this year's Festival will be "Ring out the 125th Year". We will consider this the closing for the Laurens Quasquicentennial Celebration. Anyone wishing to decorate a tree may use any decorations for the tree, even those used in past years. The Festival will be located in the Laurens United Methodist Church complex. Many people have expressed encouragement for the Festival of Trees, so now we need to really get into the project to make Laurens a "Christmas Town to Remember".

Festival registration forms will be available from Lanore Thumma after October 5, 2007. The Festival of Trees will be ready to open to the public on Saturday, December 8, 2007, with reduced hours tentative this year. Lanore Thumma, 712-841-2359 or 712-845-6021



Flu Shots

Trimark Physicians Group will again be offering Flu Shots. Flu shots will be given Tuesday, October 16, 8:30-Noon and from 2:00-4:30 pm in Pocahontas; October 17 from 8:30-Noon in Laurens. Appointments ARE necessary on these dates. All those over 50 years of age and patients with chronic diseases should be vaccinated. Please call 712-335-5632 for Pocahontas appointments and 712-841-4516 for Laurens appointments. Please be sure to bring insurance

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Engagement Announcement



Joe and Cathy Pohlman of Laurens and Jeff and Sherrie Elbert of Marathon would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Elbert to Michael Grund, son of Robert and Gina Grund of Ruthven. Jillian is a 2005 Allan College graduate and is a nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. Michael is a 2007 graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and is a Contractor Representative for Menards in Des Moines. The couple plans to reside in Des Moines after their October 27, 2007 wedding.

Amber Griffin and Andrew Helgeson Wed

Amber Griffin and Andy Helgeson exchanged vows on August 25, 2007 at the St Peter Lutheran Church in Pocahontas, IA. Parents of the couple are Kevin and Rhonda Griffin of Laurens and Ronald and Marion Helgeson of Kensett, IA. Andy is employed as a loan officer at the Pocahontas State Bank and Amber is attending school at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. The couple will reside in Pocahontas.



POSTPONED!!!!!!

"Pick Your Own Pumpkin" at the Laurens-Marathon FFA pumpkin patch on Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM and on Sunday, September 30, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM was POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT Saturday, October 6th from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday, October 7th from 1:00-5:00 PM. The patch is located east of Laurens on Section Line Road



Chargers Down Newell Fonda

Jordan Sunblad went 28-32 in hitting with 16 kills to help the Chargers to a 25-23, 25-16, 23-25, 25-19 win over Newell Fonda on Monday, September 24. Kacie Woodley went 39-43 in hitting with 19 kills, was 14-16 in serving with two aces and also charted 22 digs and five blocks. Shelby Heuton was 26 for 31 with 11 kills, Kim Kenobbie was 16 for 19 with three kills. Amanda Zylstra was 11 for 13 with two kills and Kylie Woodley 14 for 15 with four kills.

Kylie Woodley charted 40 set assists, was 11 for 11 with two aces in serving, while Sunblad and Chelsea Anderson added 18 digs each. Diana Johnsen had 19 digs, Megan Cleveland 18, Zylstra 15 and Kylie Woodley 10. Heuton went 13 for 15 in serving and Zylstra 18 for 21 with two aces. Johnsen and Kenobbie were each 9 for 10 in serving.

Another Successful Charity Cookout!



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Cross Country Boys Win Again at Alta

The Laurens-Marathon cross country boys won the Alta Invitational on September 24, finishing with 65 team points in the field of 11 teams. The highlight was beating BC/IG by only one point and South O'Brien, who is ranked 12th in 1A. Individual places: David Jones, 4th place; Trent Kischer, 11th; Chad Kischer, 12th; Case Bieri, 17th; Bennett Bargloff, 21st; Justin DePew, 23rd



Chelsea Musjgerd with her 2nd place medal at the Alta Cross Country Invitational



The Iowa Trust & Savings Bank Annual Charity Cookout was a success again this year. With the help of many local business donations and donations at the event, \$2,646.49 will be donated to the Laurens Family Aquatic Committee. Iowa Trust & Savings Bank also matched the first \$500.00 donations given at the event! Thank you to the many businesses

and community members who have supported the Charity Cookout for the past 10 years. Iowa Trust and Savings Bank is proud to be a part of such a vibrant community! Pictured are Laurens Aquatic Center committee members; Jackie Stelter, Amy Saunders, Christy Ehn, Susan Oehlertz, Mary Pohlman, and Dale Hoffmaster. If anyone is interested in more information about the Aquatic Center, members would be glad to share information with you



2007 Homecoming Queen & Court

Freshman Class Pyramid

*Charger
Pride!*



Pictured Front row, left to right: Megan Cleveland, Kylie Woodley, Queen Diana Johnsen, Krista Fredricks, Taryn Kay

Pictured Back row, left to right: Spencer Lind, Keton Joynt, Ryan Sernett, King Travis Leuer, Andrew Hanson

L-M edged out by Newell-Fonda

9/28/07

The L-M Chargers came up short at their Homecoming against Newell-Fonda. It was a disappointing 6-7 loss. The only score for N-F came in the second quarter on a 44-yard punt return and the extra point to follow with just 55 seconds left on the clock before halftime.

The Charger defense gutted it out all night. Gary Brechler lead the pack with twelve tackles. L-M gave up 190 yards of total offense to N-F. The Chargers totaled 180 yards for the night with 95 yards rushing and 85 yards in the passing game. The only Chargers points to be put on the board came from Ryan Stumbo's nine-yard run into the end zone in the third quarter. L-M had their chance in the zone once again but it was ruled incomplete.

Travis Leuer led the receivers with 83 yards while Keton Joynt led in rushing with 53 yards on 19 attempts. L-M is now 3-2 overall, 2-1 in the district. They take on undefeated Alta this week on Alta's home turf.



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Walk Now For Autism!

Dear Family & Friends: On Saturday, October 6, 2007, I will be participating in Cure Autism Now/Autism Speaks' Walk Now For Autism in Minneapolis to raise funds to find a cure for autism. I am proud to share with you that Cure Autism Now/Autism Speaks is my charity of choice because it is the leading provider of support for autism research and resources in the country. They have pioneered scientific research in the field of autism and are doing what was once thought impossible: hurrying science to find a cure for current and future generations. WHY I WALK: Every 20 minutes another child is diagnosed with autism affecting one in every 150 children. Autism is more prevalent among children than juvenile diabetes, cystic fibrosis or childhood cancer. Autism is a national crisis affecting at least one million Americans and costing the country more than \$90 billion annually. I need your support in order to reach my personal fund-raising goal of \$1,000 and any amount is greatly appreciated! To make a tax-deductible donation online, please visit my webpage at www.walknowforautism.org. Click on Minneapolis and under DONATE at the top of the page, click on Support a Walker. Put my name in the box and then click on my name when it comes up on the page. You will be taken to my webpage where you can make a donation. Also, 75 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to fund autism research and outreach! Lastly, check to see if your workplace has a matching gifts program, if they do, follow your company's guidelines and you could double your donation! Together with your help, we can bring hope and a brighter future to the millions of children, adults and families affected with autism. Thank you for your consideration! *Sincerely, Jaci (Stoullil) Kunkel*

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Update on Quasqui DVD

Our quasquicentennial videographer is working to provide us with a quality product! He was not satisfied with the video portion of the DVD at first, so he has been working with it to make it the best it can be. He will then send it to the

company that will replicate it for us. An announcement will appear in "The Paper" when the DVDs are ready for pick up at the Laurens Public Library. Thank you for your patience!



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Class of '42 Reunion

The Laurens Class of '42 held their 65th Reunion, Saturday, Sept. 15th at Deb's Country Kettle with cocktails at 5:00 and dining at 6:00. During the cocktail hour, several friends of class members dropped in to visit, reminiscing country school days as well as the days in school at Laurens Public. Memorabilia was also displayed for the members' enjoyment. The graduating class had 35 members. There are 12 deceased at this time. The nine members attending the 65th Reunion were as follows: Margery Bartley Crotty, Pocahontas; Ruth Coffman Jafvert, Okoboji; Doris Reynolds Gustafson, Emmetsburg; Patricia Ford Payne, Oceanside, CA; Dorothy Gustafson Franseen and June Wiley Richardson, Spencer; Lee Pomeroy, Spirit Lake; Joyce Moline Siddall and Darrel "Odie" Oleson, Laurens. Those in attendance voiced their desire to get together again before the next 5-year anniversary.



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Surfer Girl

On this morning Anita informed me that Surfing was something that she'd longed to do for many years. She'd done the homework and we were soon in the SUV and headed to Front Street in Lahaina. Maui Waver Riders--the beginner's package.

We arrived to find a smallish building, about the size of a larger two-car garage, just a block or so off the beach. After a brief introduction and a swipe of the credit card, the would-be surfers were outfitted in rash gear (like Under Armour for water sports) and reef shoes. We marched single file, like ants, to the beach following the instructor—Bully. I, the only non-participating spouse, followed along dutifully carrying the travel bag—that's what men call a purse if they're carrying one!

Bully was about 5'8" tall and built like a piece of pie. Wedge-shaped, that is—wide at the shoulder like any good cage fighter (he was a martial arts kind of guy). Covered with tattoos, shaved head and tanned so dark you could barely see the ink! Bully looked tough, but he was as nice as could be, patient and understanding with a smile and demeanor that put all the students at ease.

Everyone was issued a 12' soft top board and then buddied up to carry them to the beach a few yards down the way. With the boards on the beach, Bully dropped to the sand and started



drawing like a coach diagramming plays for a backyard game of football. With coral and stones as landmarks, he drew up a game plan.

Now the surfers climbed upon their boards, still on the beach, and practiced the moves that would turn them into a surfer. I knew right away that Anita was going to be able to master this because the required moves looked just like the sort of things she'd been working on at the gym—balance ball, squats, etc... As it turned out, I was right.

Now into the water they went, gliding effortlessly in the surf as Bully led the way into the surf zone. The surfers would stick together floating in the "parking lot" outside of the surf zone waiting for Bully's distinctive whistle. They'd then paddle into the "on ramp" and into the surfing lanes. I stood on the rocks and watched as Anita's turn approached. Then came Bully's whistle. Gliding into the surf zone, Anita lined up with the oncoming waves with Bully in the water behind her. As a rideable wave came on, Bully gave the "up" command, along with a nice shove and Anita was in motion. Now, riding the crest of the wave, she arched her back as instructed, one leg came forward into position and she popped up into the perfect surfer girl position and rode the wave all the way in—just like a pro!

Anita would make several more successful rounds before hauling it in to the beach, tired, hungry and very happy. Hang ten, Wahine!



Local & School Calendar

Oct. 2: Volleyball with St. Mary's, JVR, JV & V, 6:00 p.m. at Laurens; JH Volleyball at Storm Lake, 7th & 8th, 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 4: JH Football with Clay Central/ Everly, 7th & 8th, 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 5: Football at Alta at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 6: Charger Cross Country Invitational, B & G, JH, JV & V, 9:30 a.m. at Laurens.

Oct. 8: Volleyball, 9th at Hartley at 5:30 p.m., JV at Laurens at 5:30 p.m., V at Paullina at 5:30 p.m.; Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Hunter Education Class to be Offered Through Pocahontas County Conservation Board

A hunter education course will take place on Sat., Oct. 13, 2-7 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 14, 2-7 p.m. at the Nature Center Education Room located at the Pocahontas County Conservation Board main office, 702 NW 7th St. (Hwy 4), Pocahontas. Iowa residents born after July 1, 1972, and non-residents born after Jan. 1, 1968 must be certified in hunter education to purchase a hunting license in Iowa. A person who is 11 years old or older may enroll in this two-day course and upon successful completion, will be issued a certificate which will become valid on their 12th birthday. There is no charge for this class. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call (712) 335-4395 or > e-mail pokyccbnat@evertek.net



Quarterly Chamber Meeting

The Laurens Chamber of Commerce had its third quarterly meeting, Monday, September 24th at the Country Club. Representatives from Dallenbach Insurance, Wenell Insurance, VanGendern's, Pocahontas County Mutual, The Bottom Line, Laurens Equipment, Laurens Plumbing, Highway 10 Hardware, Jolliffe's, Beneke Law, Town and Country Floral, JH Design, Kids Korner and Country Store attended. The mission of the Chamber was reviewed. It states "The Laurens Chamber of Commerce cultivates, promotes, and supports economic opportunities and community enrichment by providing leadership and services to its members and the community." Some goals the Chamber would like to pursue include

recruit more associate members, advertise those businesses who are members, print a new brochure to hand out to visitors and new people to the community, update the chamber webpage, create a new city map, sponsor a speaker and sponsor a fund-raiser to purchase an electronic information sign for Laurens. The Chamber will sponsor a celebration July 19th, 2008. It was decided to call it "Celebrate Laurens." The theme can also be used for other Chamber promotions. The Chamber would like to thank all members that participated in and helped with the Quasquicentennial and RAGBRAI this summer. We need your continued help and ideas to promote Laurens.

Don't Let The Bus Leave Without You!

Tickets are still available for the 2007 Women of Faith Conference, Amazing Freedom, which will be held at the Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, MN, on October 19-20. A group of area women has formed a committee that has put together a package, which includes a ticket to the conference, motorcoach fare, hotel accommodations and two meals. The cost of the package is \$140. Women of Faith is a faith-based organization that provides hope and encouragement to women of all ages and stages of life. As North America's largest women's conference, Women of Faith draws thousands of women to arena events each year--but it's more than that.....Women of Faith is an experience! Featured speakers this year include Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, Sandy Patty and Thelma Wells. They will be joined by dramatist, Nicole Johnson and Christian comedienne, Anita Renfroe, with special guest Nichole Nordeman.

The group will leave Laurens United Methodist Church at 9:30 Friday morning, October 19. Culver's in Clear Lake,

Iowa, will be the lunch stop. The group will stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Vadnais Heights, MN--just minutes away from the Xcel Energy Center. The Friday evening meal will be at Perkins (within walking distance of the hotel). The motorcoach will transport the group to the arena for the Friday evening session.

On Saturday morning there will be a complimentary breakfast at the hotel. The group will then board the bus for the Saturday session of the Conference. The evening meal will be a buffet catered by Famous Dave's in Owatonna, MN.

The conference experience is indescribable--we invite any area woman to experience it first hand. For more information, please contact Jan Hersom, representing Bethany Lutheran Church, Laurens (841-4585 or 841-4705); Phyllis Anderson, representing Sacred Heart Catholic in Laurens (841-4361); or Marilyn Stoner, representing United Methodist Church, Laurens (845-2003). The group is known as United Churches of Laurens.

Pocahontas County 4-Her's In PAC Homecoming Parade

Several Pocahontas County 4-Hers rode in the Pocahontas Area Community School Homecoming Parade held Friday, September 21 in Pocahontas. Candy and ISU Football posters were distributed to the parade goers.



Pictured (l-r) Dominic Johnson, Sam Brinkman, Blake Zeman, and Nick

Wiemers. To join 4-H, contact the Pocahontas County ISU Extension Office at 712-335-3103.

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder
October 2, 2007

Did you miss me last week? Well, my vacation is over and I'm back in the swing of things. We were invaded by a pirate birthday party last Wednesday. Those scallywags must have heard about those new kids' pirate books we got in.

New additions to our fiction department include: *Garden Spells* by Sarah Allen, *The Bone Garden* by Tess Gerritsen, *Night Work* by Steve Hamilton, *Dexter in the Dark* by Jeff Lindsay, *Intruders* by Michael Marshall, *Biting the Apple* by Lucy Jane Bledsoe, *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham, *High Season* by John Loomis, *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo, *Pontoon: a Lake Wobegon Novel* by Garrison Keillor, *Flawed* by Jo Bannister, *Skin* by Ted Dekker, *The Choice* by Nicholas Sparks, *Mothers and Daughters* by Gwen Madoc, *Dark of the Moon* by John Stanford, and *Shoot Him if He Runs* by Stuart Woods.

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New nonfiction includes *The World without Us* by Alan Weisman, *Elephant in the Playroom* by Denise Brody, and *Knit Together Discovering God's Pattern for Your Life* by Debbie Macomber.

We also received a shipment of large print books thanks to the Elmer Bringle Memorial. These include: *The Rescuer* by Dee Henderson, *Loop Group* by Larry McMurtry, *Miss Julia Stands her Ground* by Ann B. Ross, *Predator* by Patricia Cornwell, *The Two Minute Rule* by Robert Crais, *Consent to Kill* by Vince Flynn, *Fire Sale* by Sara Paretsky, *Chill Factor* by Sandra Brown, *Born in Death* by J.D. Robb, *Memory in Death* by J.D. Robb, *Dance of the Gods* by Nora Roberts, *Morrigan's Cross* by Nora Roberts, *Valley of Silence* by Nora Roberts

Grace Hertz led a lively discussion about Fried Green Tomatoes. She even served us a southern treat – pecan tassies. She also sent us home with a mix so we can make fried green tomatoes at home. Yum. We're definitely

4-H Open House

Stop by the ISU Extension Office Monday, October 8, from 3:30 to 5:30 and enjoy some refreshments. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions families might have about joining 4-H, help filling out enrollment forms, or finding the club that is right for your family. Celebrate 4-H in Pocahontas County!

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feeling spoiled now! Our October choice is *Pigs in Heaven* by Barbara Kingsolver. If you'd like to lead the discussion, give me a call. Otherwise you'll have to put up with me as a leader again next month! We'll get together Monday, October 22nd to talk about it.

*Check it out at the Laurens
Public Library!*

Classifieds

Please wish our mom, Lila Galloway, a happy 90th birthday Oct 4th. Her address: 317 W Arthur, Laurens, 50554. Thanks! Elberts, Galloways, & Godfreys

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Help Wanted: Positech Corporation is seeking a PT person to perform data entry duties and other clerical duties as needed. Requirements include computer skills and attention to detail. Please apply at Positech Corporation, 191 N. Rush Lake Road, Laurens, IA E.O.E.

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