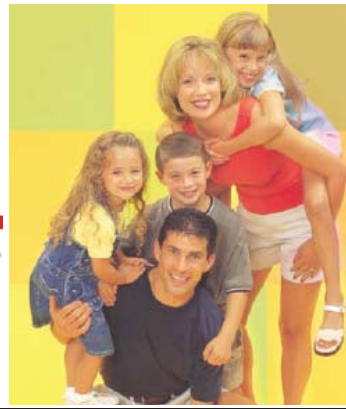


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Local News

Hy-Vee Buys Ressler Drug!

Des Moines, Ia - Officials with Hy-Vee Inc. have announced the purchase of Ressler Drug Company at 606 Lake Ave. in Storm Lake and its pharmacy in Laurens. *Full details inside The Paper on Page 9!*

Senator Biden Visits Laurens



Presidential candidate Joe Biden spoke to Laurens residents at the home of Lois and Karl Jirgens on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Fall Fun with Fathers or Friends

On October 12th, we enjoyed a special time with Fathers, Grandfathers or special male friends. We had breakfast together. We enjoyed playing in the shaving cream and making fall decorations. Miss Merideth read a book about Dads. Thanks for the special day!



Jones Advances to State!

Chargers Just Miss Qualifying

Laurens Charger David Jones used a ninth place finish to advance to the State Cross Country meet in Fort Dodge (Sat Oct 26th). Jones' time of 17 minutes 49 seconds placed ninth overall in the District meet this past Monday in Holstein. With a top ten finish, Jones advanced to State.

As a team, the Chargers placed fourth in the District behind Woodbine, Ar-We-Va and South O'Brien. The Chargers just missed the cut with the top three teams advancing on to State competition. Trent Kischer was the second highest Charger finisher coming in 17th overall followed by Chad Kischer 30th, Justin Depew 31st, Bennett Bargloff 39th, Case Bieri 54th and Mark Griffin 74th.

Congratulations to the Chargers for their successful CC season and, although his State competition will be completed by the time of this printing, we wish David the best of luck in his quest for an individual championship!

Update: Jones finished 39th in the 1A State Meet with a time of 17 minutes 32 seconds--17 seconds better than his qualifying time. Congrats David!!

Griffin-Peterson to Wed

Kevin & Rhonda Griffin of Laurens, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Griffin, to Lukas Peterson, son of James & Dian Peterson of Albert City. Nicole is a 1997 graduate of Laurens-Marathon High School. She graduated in 2000 as a Registered Nurse from Iowa Lakes Community College and from La James College of Massage Therapy in 2003. Her massage therapy business is located at Fehr Chiropractic in Laurens. Lukas is a 1998 graduate of Albert City-Truesdale High School and a 2002 graduate of Iowa State University with a

degree in Agricultural Studies. Lukas farms with his dad and uncle near Albert City. The wedding date is set for November 24, 2007 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City.



4-H Quilt

Pocahontas County 4-H members made the blocks for this quilt as a county fair project. The quilt was quilted by Quilting on Main. It will be raffled at a drawing on 4-H Awards Day, November 18. Chances are available at the Pocahontas County Extension Office and Quilting on Main. Proceeds will support 4-H awards in Pocahontas County.



To Iraq and Back

Virginia Otto's daughter, Diane (Davis) was in Laurens for a visit after returning from Iraq. We were blessed to have her as a guest at FIT Exercise Studio (Virginia is a member) while she was in town. Diane is a Naval officer and served as a nurse with the marines in Fallujah, as the marines do not have nurses in their branch of the service. Diane served as a helicopter nurse, and saw many of the tragedies that come with war. Yet she did her job with pride, sacrifice, and dedication. Her husband also served in Iraq while she was there, but he was in AlQain, another part of the country. While she was in Fallujah for seven months, she never saw her husband once, yet they were sent home only ten days apart. They will be stationed stateside at Port Smith Naval Hospital near Norfolk, Virginia. I wish everyone could have the chance to talk to Diane, and put a face on someone who is contributing to our military progress and changing the lives of others half way around the world. Thanks for your service, and God Bless the USA. Welcome Home!



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Laurens Golf and Country Club

The special for November 1st is potato bar with ice cream sundaes.

Card Shower

Darwin & Jerlynn Svuba will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on November 6th! Please help them celebrate by sending anniversary wishes to: 43653 150th Ave., Laurens, IA 50554 Thank You! Brent, Erica, Brad, Amanda & Ava

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Ms. Rose Davis Selected As The IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator Of The Year

OCTOBER 23, 2007 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Iowa High School Speech Association presented the IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator of the Year, October 12, 2007 at the Fort Des Moines Hotel in Des Moines. The award was conceived in 2005 by the Executive Committee of the IHSSA. It is presented to a distinguished individual of statewide reputation and outstanding accomplishments. This is the highest honor the Iowa High School Speech Association may confer on an administrator. The contribution and service given by the inductee stem from dedication and commitment to the IHSSA and other arts activities in their school beyond normally expected and superlative identification. This year's recipient is Ms. Rose Davis, Principal Laurens-Marathon High School

Ms. Rose Davis has been involved with school activities for over 35 years. She has been at Laurens-Marathon as a Principal and teacher for over 18 years. She has been a passionate believer in the Arts at Laurens-Marathon High School and a true support for all programs in the school. She has the belief that speech, music, and drama teach students valuable lessons they can learn no other

way. Ms. Davis has made it her mission to ensure the students of Laurens-Marathon will have access to quality, thriving arts programs for years to come.

Ken and Nancy Kunickis who nominated Ms. Davis stated, "Ms. Davis has always been there for the arts and the IHSSA in our school. When we have hosted contest, many times Rose has worked the office and even taken over the contest when Ken was dealing with some health issues. Ms. Davis's plate is so full, but she always has time to look at a selection, help a student, or talk over a concept with us. We are so fortunate to have Ms. Davis as an educational leader in our community!"

It is with pleasure that the IHSSA welcomes Ms. Rose Davis as the IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator of the year for 2007. If more information is need please contact the IHSSA at 515-288-9741.

Not Elderly Yet!

Aletha Workman Alstott will celebrate her 85th birthday on December 4. She and her husband, Maurice, moved to Arvada, Colorado last month to be closer to family. The Alstott's live at 9555 West 59th's Ave., #148, Arvada, CO 80004. They are learning their way around Denver and quickly becoming Rockie's fans Regarding her approaching birthday, Aletha told her family, "I'm not elderly yet. When I get there I'll let you know."

Local & School Calendar

- Oct. 30-Regional Volleyball Finals
- Oct. 31-Happy Halloween!
- Nov. 4-Daylight Savings Time Ends

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Funeral Services for Arnold Hersom

Arnold "Arnie" Hersom - age 65, passed away Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at Laurens, Iowa. Funeral Services were 10:00 AM, Monday, Oct. 15, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens, with burial in Calvary Cemetery near Laurens, Iowa. Smith-Loterbour-Powers Funeral Home in Laurens was in charge of arrangements. Arnold Ray Hersom was born January 2, 1942, in Spencer, Iowa. He was the son of C.I. and Vivian (Swanson) Hersom. He graduated from Laurens High School in 1960. On Sept. 24, 1965, Arnie married Charmaine Koele in Spencer. They lived in Laurens where he worked as Vice President of operations for C. I. Hersom Construction Co. for many years. On August 10, 1984, Arnie married Angela Olberding in Des Moines. The couple settled in Laurens where he operated Laurens Lumber Co. and most recently was the manager of the Laurens Golf & Country Club. Arnie was a member of the

Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was very civic minded and was a strong supporter of the Laurens community. He served on the Laurens City Council, Laurens Fire Department, served as District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts and on many other boards and organizations. Arnie loved his children fiercely, was a fun and loving grandpa and a softhearted gentle teasing husband. Survivors include his wife, Angie of Laurens; sons, Brett (Julia) Hersom of Mahomet, IL and Breck Hersom of Sioux City; step-daughter, Jennifer Edge of Springfield, SD; five grandchildren, Nate, Cora, Carter, Sydney and Taylor; mother, Vivian Hersom of Laurens; sister, Eileen (Vincent) Triggs of Laurens and brother, Ron (Jan) Hersom of Laurens. Arnie was preceded in death by his father, C.I. Hersom and step-daughter, Sarah Kelly.

Timber!

Tracy McCallum from Emmetsburg works to down this dead tree on Garfield Street. The same day, he also trimmed another tree away from the house across the street. He is a pro at running that bucket around branches!!



Robin Adair Stockwell

March 21, 1939 – October 19, 2007

Age: 68

Residence: Greeley, Colorado

Tribute: Robin A. Stockwell was born in Iowa City, Iowa to Ralph and Elizabeth (Otteson) Stockwell. He grew up on a farm in Laurens, IA and graduated from Laurens High School in 1957. After graduating from high school, Mr Stockwell entered the U.S. Navy in November of 1957 and later being honorably discharged in September of 1961. Mr. Stockwell began working for Mountain Bell in October of 1963, and later retired from US West (Mountain Bell) in February of 1993. He enjoyed the outdoors and helping others. Mr. Stockwell often went to Red Feather Lakes to fish. Mr. Stockwell was an Assitant Scout-

master as well as the Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop #3 for many years.

Mr. Stockwell died after a brief battle with cancer on Friday, October 19, 2007 at the North Colorado Medical Center Hospice Unit.

Survivors: wife, Marlys Stockwell of Greeley; sons, Scot Stockwell of Greeley, and Ryan Stockwell and wife Angie of Thornton, CO; granddaughter, Summer Stockwell; sister, Sharon Edmonds and husband Jack of Sioux Falls, SD; father-in-law Arthur Heiser of Greeley; and many nieces and nephews.



Preceded in death by: parents
Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at St. Paul's Congregational Church.

Visitation: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at St. Paul's Congregational Church

Interment: Linn Grove Cemetery.

Note: Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society c/o Adamson Funeral & Cremation Services, 2000 47th Ave., Greeley, CO 80634. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.adamsonchapels.com.

Hillary Clinton Visit

Hillary Clinton gave a rally at the Storm Lake Middle School October 20th. Kayla Josephson was lucky enough to get a chance to shake her hand and pose for a very quick picture with Senator Clinton.



Pan Fried Pheasant with Gravy

You may have noticed in last week's issue that Connor brought home his first pheasant. I was in charge of cooking it. I had never cooked a pheasant before--so I started asking around and looking for a good recipe.

I came across this one at the website www.cooks.com and it worked very well. I guess I chose this one thinking that if things didn't go well with the pheasant, at least we'd have some bacon ready to eat. Nothing like cooking in bacon fat! While tasty, it's probably not the best for those seeking a heart-healthy recipe!
Rod

- 2 pheasants, cut up
- 12 slices bacon
- Flour
- 1 tbsp. cornstarch (I used Wondra)
- 2 cups light cream (I used Half & Half)
- 2 tsp. salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Cook bacon in large skillet until bacon is crisp. Remove bacon, drain and save it. Dust pheasant lightly with flour and season with salt and pepper. Fry pheasant in 1/2 cup bacon fat over high heat for 20 minutes, turning frequently. Reduce heat, cover pan and simmer for about 20 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove pheasant and keep hot.

Add cornstarch dissolved in 2 tablespoons water to the pan juices and mix well. Add cream gradually and cook, stirring constantly, until gravy is thickened. Serve gravy and bacon slices with pheasant. Serves 6.

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Dallenbachs in Des Moines Marathon

Four years ago my dad, four of my five brothers, my three daughters, eight nieces and nephews and I hiked the Grand Canyon rim to rim. I was thinking it was time for another challenge so this spring I mentioned to my daughter Tiffany that I would like to walk a marathon some time. She looked around and said the Des Moines Marathon was a walker-friendly marathon. She said she would walk with me as her Christmas present to me and agreed to slow down her cross-country/track running pace.

Sunday morning, October 21st, 7:00 A.M. found us at the starting

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line of the Des Moines Marathon. Two oranges, an apple, some trail-mix, some granola bars, a good-for-you-but bad tasting cookie, several cups of water and Gatorade later we crossed the finish line.

We met our goal of completing the race and even made it while the finish line was up.

The best part of the whole race was when we were about a block from the finish line. We heard "Way to go Dallenbach's" and looked up to see Greta (Pedersen)Southall cheering us on.

We both agreed it was great but would be a one time only deal. We'll figure out our next challenge later.



Every Friday

Twofers - 5-6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Karaoke

Nov. 21 - 9:00

841-6986

Downtown Laurens

VOTE HONG

As Mayor for the past eight years, Peter Hong has accomplished many things for the community of Laurens.



- ❖ Maintained a balanced budget while replacing needed city equipment to provide services: New garbage truck, new backhoe, new ambulance, new fire truck, two new police cars and a new city truck.
- ❖ Overcame a 30% decrease in state tax funding without cutting services.
- ❖ Participated in developing a 20-year plan for Laurens as a blueprint for future administrations.
- ❖ Directed the survey of water lines to upgrade or replace water lines to provide water service for the citizens and businesses of Laurens.
- ❖ Supported the growth

of industrial and commercial expansion through grants, city investment and infrastructure changes; including upgrading streets and underground utilities downtown, new streets and upgrading Lagoon for Jack Links.

- ❖ Directed the upgrade of city streets and worked to improve truck access to businesses in Laurens.
- ❖ Provided leadership to replace personnel from retirement or termination without interruption to city services. Re-established the position of city administrator and conducted search and hired new police chief and officers to maintain full time law enforcement for the community.
- ❖ Provided incentive pay to city employees and increased health care for city employees.
- ❖ Has represented the city in a professional manner with his participation as a director of the Laurens Industrial Foundation, participation

in committees for the Iowa Department of Economic Development, participated in bringing RAGBRAI to our community, and participated in developing the Sister City relationship with Laurens, France.

- ❖ Established programs to improve the city community including a nuisance abatement program, installation of curbs to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, negotiated contracts with County Conservation in support of Sportsman Park, established a new pet ordinance for animal control, participated in developing an emergency plan for the community, and supervised replacement of city wells to avoid water crisis.

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GET OUT AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH

Separation of Contaminated Grain

Fungal toxins are frequently concentrated in a few highly contaminated kernels. Individual kernel levels of aflatoxin have been reported up to about 8,000 ppb. Removal of the infected seeds to reduce mycotoxin levels prior to milling is a

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fairly common practice. Limited research has also been conducted on corn separation, but industrial applications are less common due to typical lower mycotoxin levels and the commodity nature of the product. A portion of infected kernels

can frequently be removed using more advanced cleaning devices to remove low density and/or discolored kernels. Both methods have been fairly effective at reducing mycotoxin levels by removing kernels with different physical or optical properties.

HONOR ROLL LAURENS-MARATHON MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER 2007-2008

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must maintain a "B" average in the core academic subject areas, with no D's or F's on his/her Report Card in any subject. To be listed on the "A" Honor Roll, a student must earn an "A" or "A-" in ALL classes/subjects taken.

6th

Jeff Auld, Levi Bechtel *, Annie Butler, Thomas Erickson, Maranda Hil, Allison Hofmaster, Kristina Hotovec, Brittany Jones, Ben Kenobbie, Ann Lovig, Ben Mahoney, Madyson Main *, Chase Oehlertz *, Courtney Post *, Rachel Potter, Tiffani Reese, Jason Tinajero, Justin Valentine and Blake Willer.

7th

Kristen Alstott, Brady Bailey, Devon Bringleston, Matt Cleveland, Will Cleveland*, Justin DaSilva, Angela Dawson, Ben Fuchs, Cameron Graff, Ciri Gunnarson, Seth Hersom, Caitlyn Heuton *, Taylor Jensen, Ivy Johnson, Alex Jordan, Carly Lampe, Dalton Lappegard, Collin Lind, Danielle Mahoney, Christina Mowry, Kaitlyn Pinney, Ashley Reese, Tyler Stockwell and Kylie Sundblad.

8th

Megan Dvorak, Katie Evans, Trisha Griffin, Regan Grossnickle, Laura Hansen, Austin Hanson, Luke Hersom, Ryan Lovig, Kelsey Nagengast, Alex Runneberg *, Janae Smith and Brice Wenell.

2007 District Champions!



Chargers Fall To The Mavericks

10-19-07

The L-M Chargers won the statistical battle but lost on the score board. The Chargers came up with 353 yards of total offense on 69 plays while the Clay Central-Everly Mavericks managed 221 yards of offense on 49 plays. The Chargers did not seem to play with much passion this week and the result was a disappointing 12-14 loss.

CC-E took advantage of Chargers miscues and fumbles. The Chargers fumbled twice in the first quarter. The second fumble set up the Mavericks on the Chargers 14-yard line and allowed them to march in for the first touchdown of the night with 4:47 left in the quarter. The Mavericks easily came up with the two-point conversion to lead 8-0. The Chargers controlled the ball the rest of the quarter ending on the Mavericks 5-yard line.

Changing ends of the field didn't

change the flow of the game. The Chargers fumbled once again and the Mavericks took over on the 8-yard line. L-M did show some spark coming up with an interception by Adam Woodin on the Charger 23-yard line. The Chargers managed five first downs on a soggy night but couldn't get past the Maverick 14-yard line.

The third quarter clock was controlled by the Chargers but to no avail. The Mavericks ran three plays and scored on a 75-yard touchdown putting them up 14-0 with 1:14 left in the quarter.

The Chargers started the fourth quarter on the Maverick 27-yard line and finally got on the scoreboard five plays later on a Zach Lovin 16-yard run making it 6-14. CC-E was only allowed four downs before L-M got control of the football. L-M charted five first downs before turning it over to the opponent. Maverick control of the ball was short

lived with only four plays when the Chargers took over on the Maverick 11-yard line. Keton Joynt hit pay dirt on a four yard run into the end zone with 1:46 left in the game. A miscue on the two-point conversion left the Chargers short on the scoreboard ending the game with a disappointing 12-14 loss.

L-M hurt their own cause with nine penalties for 105 yards for the night. They managed 202 yards passing and grounded out 151 yards. Senior, Andrew Hanson, led the defensive attack with 10 tackles. Cody Hubbell, Rueben Wenell, Gary Brechler and Travis Leuer aided the team effort.

Ehn's Chargers will need to re-focus and correct mistakes this week before traveling to Rockwell City/Lytton for their final game of the season this Friday night. Let's bolster some enthusiasm for the Charger team and cheer them on to a victory. Game time is 7:30 p.m. in Rockwell City.

8th Grade VB Season Ends

2007 Awards

Top 5 Serving % Top 5 in Reception,

1. 92 % Tyler M. (46-50)
1. 59% Janae
2. 91 % Katie E. (94-103)
2. 53% Tyler
3. 88 % Ashley (68-77)
3. 45% Katie
4. 87% Candace (86-99)
4. 43% Kelsey
5. 84 % Janae (94-112)
5. 41% Candace

Top 5 in Serving Aces Top 5 in Spiking Aces

1. 47 Katie
1. 19 Katie
2. 39 Ashley
2. 11 Trisha
3. 38 Janae

3. 5 Janae.
4. 31 Tyler
4. 5 Megan
5. 27 Megan
5. 4 Ashley

Super Attitude - Trisha Griffin, Ashley Dvorak & Megan Dvorak

Hustle Award - Janae Smith, Finger Spreader Discount Cards - Katie, Trisha, Candace, Janae, & Briana

The Most Appreciated Sucker Award - Laura Hanson Control Patch - Kelsey Nagengast

2007 Volleyball Roster

8th Grade 1 Ashley Dvorak, 2 Megan Dvorak, 3 Katie Evans, 4 Trisha Griffin, 5 Regan Grossnickle, 7 Janae Smith, 8 Kelsey Nagengast, 9 Candace Braze,

10 Briana Anderson, 11 Tyler Mowry, Manager: Laura Hanson

8th Volleyball Record

Team Player/s of the Game
Alta 25-14 25-20 Kelsey Nagengast, 25-9 15-3, 25-12; Sioux Central 25-21 25-23 Janae Smih, 20-25 25-10, 25-9 25-15, PAC 25-3 25-6 Candace Brazel 25-16 25-15 Katie Evans 15-5 15-13 Newell-Fonda 13-25, Regan Grossnickle 25-5, 15-12 , Aurelia 25-12 5-15 Katie Evans 25-12

St. Mary's 25-20 13-15 Tyler Mowry 18-25

Schaller-Crestland 25-21 26-24 Trisha Griffin, 25-7 Caitlyn H., N-F 24-26 15-8 Katie Evans 25-22 WB-M 14-21 15-5 Tyler Mowry, 10-21 , Total Game record 27-8, Total Match Record 7-2

Ressler Drug Stores Sold to Hy-Vee!

Complete Details!

Des Moines, Ia - Officials with Hy-Vee Inc. have announced the purchase of Ressler Drug Company at 606 Lake Ave. in Storm Lake and its pharmacy in Laurens. Both businesses will remain in their current location and operate as satellite pharmacies of the Storm Lake Hy-Vee beginning November 12.

The company also announced plans to remodel the Storm Lake store and expand the pharmacy area. When the remodel is complete, the drug store on Lake Avenue will close and those prescription files will be moved to the grocery store.

Mike Porsch, the drug store's owner, said he's excited to place the often-overwhelming business aspect of the company into Hy-Vee's capable hands. "Teaming up with Hy-Vee is going to provide me with the opportunity to be a pharmacist again, and get in-touch with customers," he said.

All Ressler employees will continue working as part of the Hy-Vee family. Porsch will be rejoining the company; he was an employee for Hy-Vee in the early 1980's. "I know a lot has changed since I was a part of the Hy-Vee team, but I am excited to rejoin a company with such strong values and business qualities.

Kerry Sherlock, Storm Lake Hy-Vee store director, said he's dedicated to making sure the Storm Lake and Laurens customers continue to receive the impeccable service they've become accustomed to. "Customers will see the same familiar faces behind the counter and receive the same personal care they expect," Sherlock said.

Plans for the Storm Lake store remodel are still in the drawing stage and a construction timetable has not been established yet.

Hy-Vee Inc. is an employee-owned corporation operating 223 retail stores in seven Midwestern states. For 2006 the company recorded total sales of \$5.3 billion, ranking it among the top 20 supermarket chains and the top 40 private companies in the U.S. The company was named 2006 Retailer of the Year by Supermarket News, the authoritative voice of the food industry.

At the Library



What fun we had on Friday! We took advantage of a "No School" day and scheduled a story time. We decided to use a worm theme, since we have a few left. We learned more about worms than I really needed to know from the nonfiction book *Wiggling Worms at Work*. Then we switched to fiction for the Leo Lionni classic *Inch by Inch*, then *Diary of a Worm* and *Bob and Otto* which taught us the difference between worms and caterpillars. Then the craziness began as we walked like inchworms and had a Wiggle Worm Race. Thanks to the 4H volunteers - we couldn't have done it without you!! To top it off, we all made worm bracelets and we sent the kids on their way with a package of Bookworms.

Our library catalogers have been busy this week. We got a lot of new books in. In fiction we received: *When She Was Bad* by Jonathan Nasaw, *The Race* by Richard

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North Patterson,
Toehold by Stephan
Foreman, *No Time*

For Goodbye by Linwood Barclay, *Interred With Their Bones* by Jennifer Carrell, *Home to Holly Springs* by Jan Karon, *Just Beyond the Clouds* by Karen Kingsbury, *Killer's Kiss* by William Lasher, *The Almost Moon* by Alice Sebold, *Midnight Rambler* by James Swain, *Heir* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *A Week From Sunday* by Dorothy Garlock, *Everlasting* by Katherine Woodwiss, *The Wednesday Letters* by Jason F. Wright, *Amazing Grace* by Daniel Steel, *Christmas Beginnings* by Anne Perry, and *All Through the Night* by Suzanne Brockman. In nonfiction we received *I Am America (and so can you!)* by Stephen Colbert. We also got in *The Dangerous Book for Girls*. This and *The Dangerous Book for Boys* are very interesting books to look through. They both contain great information and projects for kids.

We invite ghosts and goblins of all ages to join us at 6:30 Halloween night for Magician Larry Dunbar. His show

has become a Halloween tradition at the Laurens Library. It's also a good chance to see all the kids dressed in their costumes. Join us for the fun!

Stop and pick up a copy of *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus so you can join us at 7 pm Monday, November 26th to talk about this book.

Halloween Magician!

Magician Larry Dunbar will again entertain spooks of all ages at the Laurens Public Library. You will be amazed as you try to figure out his tricks. You might even learn one to try to fool your friends and relatives! The show starts at 6:30.

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

Joynt Carries Chargers to Victory

Rockwell City 10/26/07: Senior, Keton Joynt pounded out 192 rushing yards for the Chargers to close out their season with a 28-14 victory over Rockwell City-Lytton. L-M finished their final game with 304 yards of offense. Ryan Sernett gained 57 yards, Zach Lovin ran for 16 yards and Ryan Stumbo added ten. Travis Leuer handled 29 receiving yards and hauled in two interceptions.

Cody Simpson kicked off for the Chargers to start the game putting the Wildcats on their own 28-yard line. RC-L didn't have the ball long before they had to punt allowing the Chargers to take possession on the L-M 46-yard line. After three running plays by Joynt, two by Sernett and a pass to Leuer, the L-M squad scored their first touchdown on a Lovin to Leuer pass with 7:07 on the clock.

The Wildcats scored after six plays putting them ahead on the scoreboard 7-6 with 4:16 left in the first quarter. After three Charger first downs, RC-L recovered an L-M fumble and kept possession through the end of the quarter.

The Wildcats had possession of the ball to begin the second half. After falling short on a fourth down and 16, RC-L punted to L-M only to recover a Charger fumble after one play which set the Wildcats up for another touchdown putting them ahead 14-6 at the 8:13 mark.

The Chargers answered with a run by Keton Joynt into the end zone with 7:54 left in the second quarter. A pass from Lovin to Jamison was good, tying the score at 14-14 at the end of the half.

L-M came back from the half-time break with renewed vigor. The Chargers scored on a quarterback keeper by Zach Lovin and the two-point conversion run by Joynt was good putting the Chargers in the lead 22-14 at the 4:57 mark.

After allowing the Wildcats to travel down field with three first downs, Travis Leuer leaped for an interception sapping the life out of the Wildcats and putting the ball in Charger hands to end the quarter.

The final Charger touchdown came in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. Senior, Travis Leuer went airborne for one last interception to set up a 3-yard run by classmate Keton Joynt to stop the Wildcats with a 28-14 win.

Defensive leaders for the night were seniors, Andrew Hanson and Cody Hubbell and juniors, Gary Brechler and Rueben Wenell.

The Chargers end their season with a 5-4 record. This may be the end of an era at L-M as they may be moving over to play 8-man football next season. It has been an exciting year of football watching a great group of young men display their talents. Way to go Chargers!

7th Grade Volleyball Season Comes to an End

The Seventh Grade girls volleyball season came to a close. They had a great season and look forward to playing AAU volleyball this winter. Below are the participants and some awards given throughout the season as well as the season record. Participants Kristen Alstott, Marissa Brockman, Rebekah Erritt, Ciri Gunnarson, Caitlyn Heuton, Becca Hubbard, Taylor Jensen, Ivy Johnson, Carly Lampe, Danielle Mahoney, Kaitlyn Pinney, Ashley Reese, Nicole Reese, Kylie Sundblad

Awards

Player of the Game - Nicole Reese, Caitlyn Heuton, Ashley Reese, Kaitlyn Pinney, Ciri Gunnarson, Taylor Jensen, Kristen Alstott, Carly Lampe

Top 5 Servers Top 5 Receivers

1. Caitlyn Heuton - 92.9% 1. Caitlyn Heuton - 78.2% 2. Ciri Gunnarson - 91.4% 2. Kaitlyn Pinney - 66.7%, 3. Marissa Brockman - 90% 3. Taylor Jensen - 59%, 4. Kristen Alstott - 82.8% 4. Marissa Brockman - 53.8%, 5. Ashley Reese - 75.4% 5. Ashley Reese - 52.9% Perfect Attendance Top 5 Ace Servers, Kristen Alstott 1. Caitlyn Heuton - 54, Taylor Jensen 2. Marissa Brockman - 21, Ivy Johnson 3. Ciri Gunnarson - 19, Carly Lampe 4. Carly Lampe - 18, 5. Ashley Reese - 15, Game Record Match Record, 22 - 15 6-3

Library Foundation Fundraiser

The Laurens Public Library Foundation will hold its fifteenth annual fund raiser on Thursday, November 8th, 2007. Proceeds will be used to purchase a DVD rack and a ceiling mount screen. The vendor that usually supplies books for the foundation book sale is unavailable so instead, the library will be offering canvas book totes with the Laurens Library logo on the front. These can be purchased at the library or the pancake supper. The Laurens Kiwanis will serve a pancake supper at the Christian Church from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. A free will donation will be accepted for the supper. The

Library Foundation was established as a non-profit corporation under Iowa law. Gifts to the foundation are deductible not only for income tax purposes but also for Federal estate and Iowa inheritance tax purposes. The mission of the foundation is to benefit the community by raising, managing and distributing funds to enhance the services and collections of the library. Projects sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation this past year included a Halloween Magic program by Larry Dunbar and Code Talkers program by Rob and Diana Roberts. The foundation

continued on-going projects which included theme tubs to day care providers, audio book lease and the summer reading program. Many people chose to give memorials to loved ones through the foundation. This past year books, large print books and videos were purchased with memorial money. These purchases were valued at \$2,064. Members of the foundation board are Brooks Anderson, president; Pat Boughey, vice-president; Connie Dalenbach, secretary; Dorothy Lambert, treasurer; and Jane Christensen, Jon Jensen and Jan Hersom.

Library Inchworms

After we read some worm books, we practiced being Library Inchworms. After that we made worm bracelets and ate worms!



4H Club

Some of the members of the Golden Horizons 4H club are sharing their projects by displaying them at the Laurens Public Library.

Pictured are the kids who volunteered to help with the worm story time at the Library.

Back - Reuben Wenell and Carly Lampe. Front - Laura Hanson, Brice Wenell, Addy Boettcher and Megan Jensen.



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Local Bookworms

Students gathered at the Laurens Public Library recently to celebrate a day off from school. They are shown here learning more about worms.

Mayor and Councilmen Candidates Get Chance to Speak

The Laurens Kiwanis Club extended the opportunity for the candidates for Mayor (Peter Hong and Dennis Tate) and the candidates for City Council (Randy Hopkins, Rich Newgard, Don Schossow, Dan Koench, and Kent Radford) to address the club and answer questions at the regular club meeting on October 23, 2007 at the Good Samaritan Center. Those who were able to take advantage of this opportunity were Peter Hong, Randy Hopkins, Don Schossow and Kent Radford.

Mayor Hong addressed the challenges the city has faced during his administration and those that will be faced during the next four years. Included in his discussions were those things that have been accomplished such as the down town and Charles Street projects along with the hard work expended by the City and the Industrial Foundation to bring Jack Links into town to occupy the Flemming Complex. He explained that many hours were expended coordinating with state and county officials working on grants and other incentives to attract Jack Links. Mayor Hong explained that close coordination between the city, county and state governments needs to continue in order for us to obtain the funding we need over the next four years. This is one of the functions that a mayor needs to be involved in. He

wants to continue to be the person who does that.

Randy Hopkins addressed the accomplishments of the City Council during his four year term. Randy also provided an excellent presentation on all the effort that has been expended on the major street and infrastructure improvements that had been completed.

There were questions from the audience regarding delays in the some of the projects and he was able to explain exactly what caused the delays and why they occurred.

He also explained what he feels needs to be accomplished during the next four years. Randy explained that he desires to run for office again because there are other projects that need to be accomplished and he wants to see that they are completed.

Don Schossow noted his experience working with city government and that his experience such as having been part of the Laurens Police department will be very valuable if he is elected. He has a desire to be elected to the city council so that needs of the city such as street improvement and infrastructure will be accomplished. He stated that he wants to insure that each question or issue

address by the citizens of Laurens is answered. The Kiwanian's were very interested in his business as a private investigator.

Kent Radford explained his background is in finance and how he has applied this to overseeing the city finances. He noted that the City Budget has been balanced over his term of

office. He provided a good discussion of the issues facing city and county governments regarding finances, especially declining tax revenues. He also explained the

challenges faced by the City of Laurens in obtaining grant and tax monies to fund the improvements that need to be made within the City. Included was a discussion regarding upcoming projects to replace the aging infrastructure and the need to provide an improved water supply to the Good Samaritan Center. He also provided a short discussion on the equipment needs of the Laurens Police and plans to coordinate with the school and the county on mutual surveillance equipment. Kent wants to continue to work the finance and law enforcement issues if reelected.



Wet Weather Raises Corn Quality

Concerns

AMES, Iowa -- Rain has caused significant delays and potential damage to the Iowa corn crop. As of Oct. 14, 63 percent of the nearly 14 million acres of corn in the state remained mature yet unharvested. Little has been harvested since then. Several Iowa State Univer-

sity (ISU) Extension crop and grain quality experts offer advice on how to handle the extreme moisture affecting the unharvested corn crop in Iowa.

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Thur. Nov. 1

12:45 p.m. ~ UMW Exec.

2:00 p.m. ~ UMW General

Fri. Nov. 2

7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study

Sat. Nov. 3

7:00 p.m. ~ Murder Mystery "Celebrity Celebrations"

Sun. Nov. 4

9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School

9:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Coffee

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

11:30 a.m. ~ Potluck meal with Saddle

Bag kick-off

Mon. Nov. 5

9:00 a.m. ~ Bread Baking

7:00 p.m. ~ Quilt Club

Wed. Nov. 7

4:00 p.m. ~ Confirmation

7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. UMYF

Thur. Nov. 8

9:00 a.m. ~ Apple Dumpling Gang

2:00 p.m. ~ Dorcas

Fri. Nov. 9

7:00 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study

Sat. Nov. 10

7:00 a.m. ~ UM Men

Small World

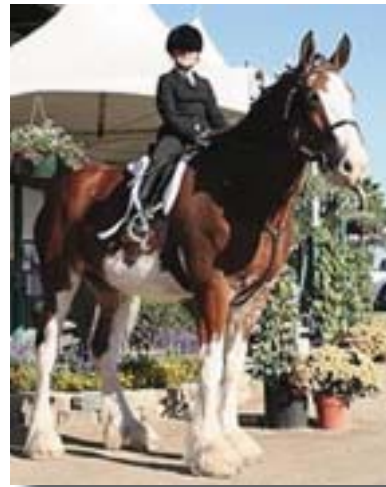
Submitted by Susie Mayou

While surfing the net for news about how and if the recent California wildfires were affecting Tehachapi (my brother lives there), I came across this article about Brittani & Grace. I am such a "Curious George", that I wrote to the paper to find out if perhaps these folks had heard of HorseTech. I ask this strange question, because on my last visit to Tehachapi, I saw advertisements from Laurens on the local bulletin boards there, and found out that HorseTech serves many customers in that town. Small world! Although Grace is not yet a HorseTech customer, I did find out that Brittani is a student in my brother's sixth grade class! So, thanks to the internet, and the world at our fingertips, I have received permission to reprint this article that has ties to our small town. Here's the article: (From the Tehachapi News) Brittani & Grace

Local youth, Brittani Street, recently returned to Tehachapi from her final horse show of the season. Brittani does not show just any ordinary horse. At just 11 - years - old, Brittani is showing a 1700 pound, 4 - year - old Clydesdale

mare named Grace. Brittani and Grace have had a busy show season. This is the second year that this team has been working together and they have had a fabulous year. Their show season started at the Ventura County Fair Draft Horse Show in August. This show proved to be a challenge for the team.

Brittani and Grace competed in the Youth Bareback Walk-Trot class. The combination of the crisp, salty air and too loud speakers spooked Grace leading her to break gait. Brittani rode like a pro, keeping her cool and her head the entire time. Where most adults would have given up and pulled out of the class, Brittani kept going and finished the class. The two came out of the class with a 9th place ribbon and a lot of experience. Brittani received a multitude of compliments after the class on how wonderfully she handled herself in a difficult situation. Later, in August, the team traveled to Ogden, Utah for the Rocky Mountain Regional Clydesdale Show. They made their debut as a driv-



ing team at this show in Youth Cart. Brittani and Grace took 3rd place in this class. September took this team to the International Draft Horse Show in Pomona, CA. They competed in four youth classes, including Bareback Walk-Trot, Under Saddle, Cart, and Single Reinsmanship. Brittani and Grace placed 8th in Reinsmanship and 4th in

Under Saddle. Brittani and Grace finished out their show season at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The team attended and competed at the World Clydesdale Show on Oct. 12 to 14. This was the first time this show was held in the United States in over 100 years. These two competed against riders from all over in the Youth Under Saddle and Youth Cart. They placed 3rd in Under Saddle and reserve, 11th, in Cart out of nearly 30 drivers. This young team anxiously awaiting next years show season. These two have several years of showing in youth classes ahead of them. Brittani and Grace are becoming a well oiled team and are on the path to becoming the team to beat. We are excited to see where this team will end up in a few years and congratu-



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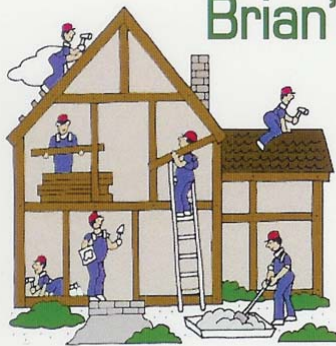
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