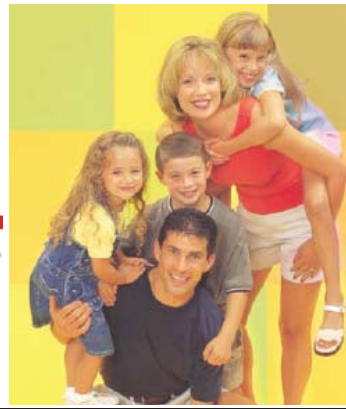


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Local News

Homecoming Court 2007



Congratulations to the 2007 Homecoming Court

Front row L-R:

- Krista Fredricks – daughter of Brian & Peggy Fredricks of Marathon
- Diana Johnsen – daughter of Harlan & Flor Johnsen of Laurens
- Ryan Sernett – son of Mark & Kathy Sernett of Laurens
- Keton Joynt – son of Pat Joynt of Emmetsburg & Barb Johnson of Webb
- Andrew Hanson – son of Craig & Sue Hanson of Laurens

Back row L-R:

- Megan Cleveland – daughter of Chad & Brenda Cleveland of Laurens
- Taryn Kay – daughter of Todd & Marcia Kay of Albert City
- Kylie Woodley – daughter of Rick & Kerrie Woodley of Laurens
- Spencer Lind – son of Steve & Karen Lind of Marathon
- Travis Leuer – son of Vickey Leuer of Laurens

The high school is celebrating Homecoming this week with various themes throughout the week. Monday was Color Day (each grade will wear a different color), Tuesday – Twin Day, Wednesday – Wacky Day, Thursday – Pajama Day and Friday – Spirit Day.

Coronation will be held Thursday evening, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a parade Friday afternoon at 2:30. The FFA will be hosting their annual barbeque before the game from 5-7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Charger football team will host Newell-Fonda Friday night so come out and support our school this week!

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L-M Rips S-C 64-18!

Details inside...!

The Road to Hana

617 corners, 56 bridges, 52 miles ...



Our first day on Maui and what do we do—head away from the beach and drive the infamous Road to Hana. As we departed from Kahului, (we were told that the Hawaiian

alphabet contains only 8 letters—so, there's lots of repetition and the names are difficult to pronounce and remember) speeding along on a four-lane past the sugar cane fields, the road sign said "Hana 52". Just 52 miles away—piece of cake, I thought. Just 52 miles, no need to be concerned about food or water. We'd be back in time for lunch and a pina colada by the pool—or so I supposed.

Just a few miles up the road past Pa'ia, the gateway to Hana, the smooth four lane road gradually changed into a narrow, twisting serpent with constant climbing, descending, switchbacks, one-lane bridges and blind hairpins. Fun! Thankfully, we were in a nimble little Jeep Wrangler and we'd gotten off to an early start.

Our first trip on Maui, it was, and

Hana, continued on next page...

Hana, continued from page 1...

Anita was in the navigator's chair with the travel guide that she'd been studying for weeks now. As we approached the mile markers, I was instructed to look for a "turn-out" where we would park and walk a few yards into the wilderness to see the most beautiful waterfalls, beaches, banana trees, etc., in the whole world. Try as we might, we couldn't find a turn-out, much less a waterfall—we could hear 'em but couldn't see them. We were now at mile marker 14 and had supposedly missed about 14 turn-outs and as many breathtaking sights. I was about ready to take the guide book and throw it out of the window when a mile after mile marker 14 we encountered mile marker number "1"! Now, the turn-outs appeared as noted, everything matched up with the travel



guide and we were on our way.

Just past half-way, we turned off into the village of Ke'anae in search of a roadside stand that promised some of the best banana bread on the island. We swung down the narrow twisting road and into the village—a village that some years ago had been erased from the map by a huge Tsunami. There on the edge of town was our banana bread. No bigger than the concession stand at Sportsman's Park, the stand offered fresh (still warm) banana bread for just two bucks a loaf—water and pop, a buck a bottle. I should have told them that here, in the middle of nowhere, they could have sold their water

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for two or three dollars, easily. With bread in hand, we went down to the oceanside—perhaps as beautiful as any place on the island. Simply stunning! A quick look around, back in the Jeep...

We continued on towards Hana and slowly nibbled away at the banana bread as we progressed. Stopping occasionally to see the sights—we even encountered Boomhauer from the *King of the Hill* show! Finally, we wheeled into Hana, bought a burger and an ice cream cone at a roadside concession stand which appeared to be the only game in town and then made the turn for home.

I explained to

Anita, that departing Hana too late in the day was a bit like conquering Mt. Everest, only to die alone and in the dark having made the summit too late in the day to allow for a safe retreat. We headed for home knowing that we had a good three hours of driving ahead of us and that the sun went down at 6:30 sharp.

As we again neared the half-way point, we made a decision to swing back down into Ke'anae for another loaf of banana bread.

Now nearing 4:00 we were hopeful that they would still be open. As we headed down the winding path we encountered four locals in an ATV and they shouted "SLOW DOWN" and gave us the "stink eye" as we hurdled past. I checked the speedometer and I was going a bit too fast—25 mph, whoa! We rode the brakes into town only to find our banana bread stop closed up tight for the night. Dang!

Further down the road we found another "paved" one-laner that we'd missed on the way up to Hana. This one was supposedly the most beautiful stretch of wilderness on the face of the earth. It was where the beautiful plants and flowers went when it was their turn for paradise! Twenty five minutes later we

were on the rocky shore of a spectacular, secluded "beach". Absolutely stunning. A quick Clark Griswold-like look around and we were back in the Jeep and ready to go.

We rolled back into Lahaina just in



time for the sunset—spectacular! The next day I read in the paper that one unlucky driver had missed a turn that day and did, in fact, end up in paradise on the way to Hana. I can now proudly wear my "I Survived the Road to Hana" T-Shirt. 52 miles, 617 turns, 56 bridges, 3 hours! Awesome!

Anita and I celebrated 25 years of marriage this year with a trip to Maui. We returned last week and I thought you might enjoy hearing about some of the things we encountered in our travels. Next week, Surfer Girl... Hope you enjoy it. Rod



Bridal Shower

You are invited to a community come-and-go bridal shower honoring Nicole Griffin, bride elect of Luke Peterson, on Saturday, September 29th, from 9:30-11:30 A.M. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City, Iowa. There will be a short program at 10:00. Nicole is the daughter of Kevin and Rhonda Griffin of Laurens, and Luke is the son of James and Diann Peterson of Albert City.



Craig Hetrick Funeral Services Held Recently

Craig Allen Hetrick, age 51, of rural Drakesville, Iowa, passed away September 10, 2007, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. Graveside services were held on Friday, September 14, 2007, at the Valentine Cemetery in Unionville, Iowa, with Bill Eakins officiating. Online condolences may be directed to: www.waglerfuneralhome.com. He was born February 14, 1956, in Burlington, Iowa, to Lyle and Gert Devereaux Hetrick. He had lived in Drakesville since 2004 and was a meat inspector for the USDA. He is survived by a daughter, Autumn Hetrick of Dallas, Texas; a granddaughter, Jayda Kemp; and 2 sisters, Pam Miller and Deb Hetrick, both of Laurens, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bridal Shower Being Planned for Nicole Griffin

A Community Bridal Shower is being planned for Nicole Griffin, bride-elect of Luke Peterson, on October 27. The shower will be held in Laurens. More information will be published at a later date.

L-M FFA's "Pick Your Own Pumpkin" Patch

Pick your own pumpkin at the pumpkin patch Saturday Sept. 29th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Sunday, Sept. 30th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We are located on the east edge of Laurens at the intersection of N28 and Section Line Road.



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4:00 PM Charger JH V/B Aurelia at

Laurens 7th & 8th

5:30 PM Charger V/B Aurelia at Aure-

lia JVR, JV & V

September 27, 2007

4:30 PM Iowa Trust & Savings Charity

Cookout 4:30 - 6:30 PM at the L-M

school

7:00 PM Homecoming Activities and

Cornation

September 28, 2007

7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ United

Methodist Church

5:00 PM FFA B-B-Q 5:00-7:00 PM in
the L-M lunchroom

7:30 PM Charger F/B Newell/Fonda at

Laurens

September 29, 2007

9:00 AM Charger C/C Pocahontas

Invite at Pocahontas B & G JV & V

9:00 AM Charger V/B Estherville Intvie

at Estherville V

October 1, 2007

6:00 PM Charger V/B Ruthven/

Ayrshire at Laurens JVR, JV, V

6:00 PM Charger JV F/B Pocahon-

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We Can All Help Get Senate Bill 491 Passed This Session

Domestic violence murders and attempted murders: One is too many

There have been 155 domestic-violence murders in Iowa over the last 10 years. Twenty of the victims were children. Twice that number in Attempted Murders. As domestic-violence victim, Heather Fredrickson recently said when she was informed of these sad facts, "That is too many. One is too many."

In Iowa, it is possible for someone who has been convicted of the crime of assaulting a spouse to possess a gun without violating Iowa law, even when the assault was committed with a firearm. Possession of firearms by domestic abusers is prohibited by federal law, but federal laws cannot be enforced in state court, and our federal courts do not have the capacity to handle more than a tiny fraction of these violations of the law.

I have asked the Iowa General Assembly to pass a law this year that would fill this enforcement gap by making it a state crime for a domestic abuser to possess a firearm. Such laws are already on the books in 24 other states.

Senate File 491, if enacted, will not take guns away from law-abiding citizens. The prohibition on purchasing or possessing guns only would apply to those convicted of domestic abuse and those for whom a no-contact order prohibits contact with a spouse or intimate partner. It is important to note that this only would apply to orders for which the alleged abuser was given notice and an opportunity to appear at a hearing (the firearm prohibition could not occur without due process to the gun owner.) And when the no-contact order expired, the gun would be returned upon demand.

This law would simply provide some measure of safety to spouses and children during the most volatile and dangerous

time of their lives. This legislation makes common sense. It would make Iowa a safer state.

This is a nonpartisan public-safety issue. Disarming domestic abusers has been a top priority of both the Clinton and Bush administrations. In the U.S. Senate, the federal law received overwhelming support, including that of Iowa Sens. Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley. Former U.S. Attorney Charles Larson Sr. joined me recently in visiting the State Capitol to urge lawmakers to support this bill. The bill passed the Iowa Senate Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support, but it still faces an uncertain future in the Legislature.

I ask you to urge Iowa lawmakers to give our peace officers and courts the tools necessary to disarm domestic abusers. Preventing domestic abusers from possessing firearms will save lives. Far too many avoidable murders and attempted murders such as the one of Tristan Guidry, a 2 year old toddler, who was shot in Pocahontas, Iowa in August of 2005, have occurred already. It is too many to have 155 murder victims. Twenty murdered children is too many. Even one Attempted murder victim is too many. One murder is too many.

Tom Miller Iowa Attorney General

**Reprinted by Holly Newhouse-Guidry with permission of Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller whom she is working closely with to get senate file 491 passed.*

Please write to your lawmakers and tell them to support this bill. Together we can pass this bill and protect future victims that may not otherwise be here to tell their stories of survival.

Holly-Newhouse-Guidry

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Thanks from Rumors Pub

As Bette Midler once said, "People are not the best because they work hard. They work hard because they are the best." And you are ALL the best!! Know that we appreciate you all very much! Rumors Pub has so many wonderful friends and supporters.

We are so fortunate to live in a community where friends help friends. Appreciation and deepest thanks go out to so many of our "family": Millie and Harvey Burnham (your support never wavers); Katie, John, and Ashley Stumpf and Calil Neme; Connie Dallenbach; Matt Vanderpool; Scott Madsen, "guest bartender"; Charity Madsen and Lynn Bouska, our "Bacardi Girls"; the summer "parents meeting" group; our "matinee group"; Deb and Dean Oleson; Spencer and Parker Sones; Adam and Andrew Hanson; Larry McAlpine; Amy Salton; Matt Hertz; John Stone; Jan Hartley; Bonnie Heetland; Florence Pohlman; Chrissy and Cody Oleson; Don, Sarah & David Winkler; Dave Alstott; Laurie Hudson; Luke Benson; Chad Clausen; and for so many people we may have forgotten to mention who have been here for us, to help create Rumors Pub and get through our first year of business.

We especially want to thank our "special pub family" and "Friday Friends" Sue and Craig Hanson for always being there for us no matter what, we can't even find the words to thank you for all you have done, you two are the BEST, and we couldn't do any of this without your continued help and support. We can't even begin to find the words to express our thanks and gratitude daily for the things you do for and with us, and for making Rumors Pub a success. Your thoughtful and kind nature surprise us daily.

Finally, a huge thanks to all our loyal customers who have been supporting Rumors Pub this past year, we truly appreciate your business and look forward to seeing all of you as we move into our second year of business. Thank you to all who came out for the one year anniversary party and for helping Nancy celebrate her birthday with the Bacardi Girls on Friday night.

*Ken and Nancy Kunickis,
Owners of Rumors Pub*

Al Marvin Mathison

Marv Mathison of Bellevue, Nebraska passed away 9-13-07. Mr. Mathison was born in Spencer, Iowa 8-2-28 and lived in the Chicago area as a child. He moved to Spencer, Iowa at age 14 to live with grandparents and lived there when he met his wife of 59 years, Lillie Johnson. Lillie and Marv were married in 1948. They lived mostly in the Spencer area until 1959 at which time they moved to Laurens, Iowa where Marv drove truck for M. and JR. Hakes.

Marv worked for Hakes for over 40 years between the Spencer and Laurens Hakes operations. Marv played an active role in the building of the Laurens Sportsman club (during the 1960-'s-1980's) and was an active hunter, trapper, and fisherman. In 1993 Marv and Lil retired to Harrison, Arkansas where Marv enjoyed his fishing hobby. Then in 2002 they moved to Bellevue, Nebraska near daughter Jolene Mathison-Roberts and her family.

Marv was the son of Alfred and Rose Mathison Lohse. He had one brother, Arnold Lohse who was killed on the USS Forestal in 1967 during the Viet Nam war. He is survived by wife Lillie of Bellevue, Nebraska, son Tom and wife Renee Mathison of Kansas City, Missouri, son Randy and wife Shelly of Belle Vista, Arkansas, and daughter Jolene Mathison-Roberts and husband John Roberts of Bellevue, Nebraska. Marv had four grandchildren, Jason Mathison and Lisa Galazzei, Melissa Mathison, and Jordan Roberts and three great grandchildren, Jeffrey, Hannah and Abigail. A private burial was held 9-17-07 at NorthLawn Cemetary, Spencer, Iowa.

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HorseTech Visits Customers in Maui



While traveling in Maui earlier this month, Rod and Anita Johnson were able to visit with some of HorseTech's Hawaiian customers! Pictured here with Rod are Robin and Jymmie Ann of the Haku Baldwin Center. The facility caters mainly to dressage, but is also involved with some therapeutic riding activities. It was a beautiful day upcountry and quite exciting to meet with HorseTech customers so far away from Laurens!

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 is 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 fundraising 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

L-M CC Team Wins Sioux Central Invite

The Laurens Marathon varsity boys won the Sioux Central Cross Country Invite on Thursday, September 13 with a team score of 67. David Jones lead the team with a 4th place finish. Way to go Chargers!



L-M Yearbook Gears Up For Homecoming Week

The L-M Yearbook Staff is selling Charger bandanas coupled with a free wristband for only \$5. These will be available for purchase during Homecoming week at the high school, at the booth in the lobby before Coronation, and before school in the lobby Friday morning. Everyone, young and old alike, can show their school spirit by purchasing their Charger gear while supporting the publication of the 2007-2008 Yearbook.

FFA Homecoming BBQ



Our annual Homecoming BBQ will be held before the football game on Friday, Sept. 28th in the L-M lunchroom from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

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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Sernett leads Chargers to 64-18 Win!

Ryan Sernett ground out 302 yards rushing Friday night against Schaller-Crestland. The senior running back took advantage of every opening he could squeeze through. Sernett scored five touchdowns in the 64-18 win over the Wildcats!

The first quarter ended with Schaller-Crestland on top 6-0. The Chargers came out strong in the second quarter and never let up. L-M tallied four td's before halftime. Sernett scored on a 7 yard run with 11:54 on the clock. Forty seconds later junior quarterback Zach Lovin connected with a 25 yard pass to Travis Leuer. Lovin then found Ryan Lovin in the end zone for the two point conversion. Adam Woodin ran for the third touchdown of the evening on a 17 yard pass from Lovin. Leuer got the credit for the extra two. Tyler Smith intercepted a pass with 5:39 left in the half and scored on a 32 yard run with Woodin scoring the two point conversion. The Wildcats scored a minute later. The Chargers went to the locker room ahead 30-12.

Schaller-Crestland opened the third with a 25 yard pass from Johnson to Murra giving SC their last score of the night. Ryan Sernett scored twice in the third quarter. Once on a 28 yard run and then with a 69 yard run minutes later with Ryan Lovin receiving the pass for the extra points.

The Chargers lit up the fourth quarter. Sernett scored on a 40 yard run with Keton Joynt running into the end zone for the extra points. Sernett then capped off his grand performance on a 97 yard run with 6:08 on the clock. Joynt would put the icing on the cake with a 27 yard run with 3 1/2 minutes left on the clock.

L-M lost 25 yards on 4 penalties for the night while Schaller-Crestland buried themselves with 11 penalties for 85 yards. The Chargers totaled 580 yards of total offense. 133 yards came through the air and 441 yards gutted out on the ground.

The Chargers meet up with Newell-Fonda Friday night for Homecoming in Laurens. Come out and support our home team!



Coach Jamison gives some last minute advice to the women's cross country team prior to the Sioux Central meet.



The L-M girls were paced by Chelsea Musjger who placed 3rd in the meet.

Charger Volleyball Knocks off Pocahontas

The *ninth ranked* Laurens-Marathon Chargers knocked off Pocahontas for a non conference win with scores of 25-19, 25-16, 25-16.

Kacie Woodley went 29 for 31 in hitting with 17 kills, 10 digs and 4 blocks. Kylie Woodley went 10 for 11 in hitting with four kills and 18 set assists, seven digs and three blocks. Shelby Heuton went 17 for 20 in hitting with four kills and added five digs.

Kim Kenobbie went 8 for 9 in hitting with three kills and Jordan Sunblad went 10 for 16 in hitting with four kills and seven digs.

Amanda Zylstra was 14 for 16 in hitting with three kills and seven digs. Megan Cleveland charted 14 digs while Dinana Johnsen had 10.



Senior, Kacie Woodley gets the dig while Holly Hofmaster looks on vs PAC

3rd & 4th Grade Football

1st Row: Chase Newgard, Nicholas Christensen, Eric Carter, Noah Anderson, Braden Ehn, Gunnar Arends.
2nd Row: Jason Wood, Ryan Sundblad, Mariano Martinex, Riley DaSilva, Johanthon Reese, Bradley Butler, Corbin Hopkins.
Back row: Coach Todd Maschino, Ben Gardewin, Levi Gardewin, Keton Alexander, Tyler Colee, Riley Maschino, Jordan Japenga, Coach Dirk Crotty. (absent Coach Pat Hopkins)



5th Grade Football

Front row: Jordan Gunnerason, Todd Pratt, Nick Wiemers, Keegan Jamison, Hayden Anderson, Devin Grossnickle, Isaiah Harrington, Wyatt Shannon

Back row: Ryan Grebner, Tyler Stumbo, Mike Hawley, Dalton Simpson, Wyatt Hovick, Jebb Winegarden, Blake Ziemann, Coach Brett Stumbo (absent Coach John Jamison)

6th Grade Football

1st Row: Levi Bechtel, Brandon Brazel, Cody Speelmon, Gabe Podraza, Spencer Benna, Dalton Arends, Garrett Parr, Blake Willer.
2nd row: Coach Peter Runneberg, Christopher Arnold, Ben Mahoney, Chase Oehlertz, Kristina Hotevec, Justin Valentine, Ben Kenobbie, Thomas Erickson, Mady Main.
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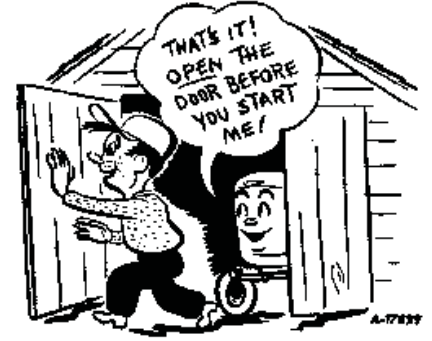
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