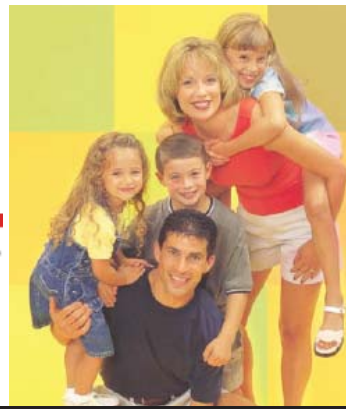


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Local News

FFA Sells Butter Braids

The 9th grade FFA students are selling butter braids and cookie dough in order to earn money for their FFA jackets. The butter braid flavors include: apple, bavarian creme w/ chocolate icing, blueberry cream cheese, cream cheese, cherry, cinnamon, raspberry, and strawberry cream cheese. The cookie dough flavors include: chocolate chip, double chocolate, macadamia nut, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, and sugar. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please call the L-M school at 712-841-5000 ext. 119. Thanks!

Marathon Class of '57 Reunion

The Class of '57 of Marathon High School met August 18th for an evening of fine dining and reminiscing and picture taking at Deb's Country Kettle. Ten classmates and spouses and one former classmate were present as well as two former teachers, one being Geneva Tussing Clark, who taught third grade.

On Sunday morning the group met once more for the brunch buffet and more visiting at the Wild Rose Casino in Emmetsburg. Four members of the class are deceased, and all living members except one attended.



Pictured are: Front row: Geraldine Clauson Williams, Sharol Forstrom Anderson, Shirley Hoover Forry, Diane Bailey Anderson, and Ida Beth Salton Freitag. Back row: Larry Weishaar, Dwaine Petersen, Palmer Olson, Gary Moore, Carol Bahde Schulz and Preston Raynie.

Pocahontas County Barn Quilt Bus Tour

Sept. 29: Plan to join the Barn Quilt bus tour throughout Pocahontas County on September 29 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM! The tour will begin and end at the high school parking lot in Pocahontas and will travel through the county with a mid-morning refreshment break and a late lunch in Palmer. The group will see the 25 full-sized barn quilts in Pocahontas County as well as learn trivia and history about the County. Along the way, there will be many points of interest to see, including a stop at Weigert Farms. Come to hear the stories of the barns quilts, the barns and farms, and the County!

Pre-registration for the bus tour should be made before September 15 with a payment of \$30. After September 15, the fee is \$35. Register at the Pocahontas County Extension Service, 305 N Main, PO Box 209, Pocahontas, IA 50574. Payment must be received to hold your seat.

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Welcome Home Amy Shimon

Sat. Sept. 8th • 5 to 7 p.m.

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Leona Schulz is 100!!

Leona Schulz of Emmetsburg celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and church friends. She would enjoy cards and hearing from old friends and acquaintances. The family formerly lived in Laurens and were the parents of John, Marguerite, Philip and Carol Schulz.



Come and Go Baby Shower



A come and go baby shower honoring Ava Francis Tendal, daughter of Amanda Svuba and Brad Tendal will be held on Sunday, September 16th at the Methodist Church in Laurens. It will be from 2-4 p.m. in the Wesley Room. She is registered at Target and Wild Child in Laurens.

Pedersen- Draeger Engagment



Alexis Pedersen and Brad Draeger would like to announce their engagement. The Bride is the daughter of Dean Pedersen of Laurens, Iowa and Leslie and Harlan Balsley of Webster City. She is the granddaughter of Joyce Majorowitz of Palmer and Myles and Shirley Pedersen of Laurens. She is a 2001 graduate of Laurens Marathon High School and is currently employed at the Webster City High School.

The Groom is the son of Karen Draeger and Rick Leeper and the late Glenn Draeger. He is the grandson of Mary and Russel Powell and Melvin and Vera Draeger, all of Webster City. He is employed at Webster City R.V. as Service Manager. An October 20 wedding is planned at 7-B Ranch.

In Search of the Leprechauns ...



Mariah, Joyce, and Denis Crotty cheerfully searched for leprechauns at Ladies' View, near the lakes of Killarney, Ireland on a recent trip. Joyce and Denis had their

picture taken under the same sign on a honeymoon trip in 1989. Even with Mariah's help, the leprechauns are still a mystery...the search continues! (Denis is the son of Gert Crotty of Laurens.)

State Fair Results

Pocahontas County 4-Hers exhibit at the Iowa State Fair

Many Pocahontas County 4-Hers represented Pocahontas County at the Iowa State Fair August 9 -19. Chance Ferguson and Dustin Movall showed in the market steer class, both received blue ribbons. Brandon Camden and Brenda Camden competed in both the dairy goat and meat goat division; Brandon received 3 blue ribbons and 4 red ribbons in various classes. Brenda received 6 blue and 2 red ribbons. "Youth gain so many positive skills by exhibiting livestock," Mike Anderson, 4-H agriculture superintendent said. "The dedication, responsibility, decision-making and leadership they develop can prepare them for careers that utilize these skills."

The following 4-Hers had exhibits in the 4-H building at the Iowa State Fair:

Food & Nutrition: Austin Behrendsen - blue; Leah Behrendsen - blue; Kate DeWall - blue; Andrew Keller - blue; Christina Rittgers - blue; Alyssa Stoullil - red; Andrea Stoullil - red. **Ag & Natural Resources:** Brittany Behrendsen - blue; Megan Jorgenson - blue. **Clothing:** Leah Behrendsen - blue; Megan Jorgenson - blue; Rachel Proctor - (2) blues. **Consumer & Management:** Leah Behrendsen - blue. **Historical/Family Heritage:** Anne Brinkman - certificate; Megan Jorgenson - certificate. **Science, Mechanics & Engineering:** Tyler Bruns - red; Zach Bruns - red; Megan Jorgenson - blue; Ben Pedersen - red. **Photography:** Caitlyn DeWall - blue; Hannah Goedert - white; Angela Wasko - blue. **Child Development:** Jessica DeWall - red. **Issues:** Jessica DeWall - blue; Megan Jorgenson - blue. **Home Improvement:** Hope Elbert - blue; Melissa Engel - blue; Angela Herman - blue; Megan Jorgenson - blue; Nikkie Seehusen-1 blue, 1 red. **Visual Art:** Jill Jesse - red; Megan Jorgenson - red. **Personal Development:** Bailee Taylor - red Angela Wasko - red.

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Pocahontas County 4-Hers earned recognition in the Iowa State Fair Communicators. 4-Hers compete in three categories of oral communication - educational presentation, working exhibits, and extemporaneous speaking. In educational presentation, the 4-Hers teach their audience about a topic they selected and researched. In working exhibits, the 4-Hers invite passers-by to try a skill they demonstrate. In extemporaneous speaking, the 4-Hers prepare a speech in 30 minutes and deliver it to an audience. "Almost any time fairgoers come into the 4-H Exhibits Building they can learn from a 4-Her participating in a communications activity," said Mitchell Hoyer, program coordinator for Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development. "Effective communication means appealing to the interests of your audience." Pocahontas County 4-Hers giving educational presentations were as follows: Ben Butcher, Palmer; Dan DeWolf, Rolfe; Blake Elbert, Pocahontas; Hope Elbert, Pocahontas; Christopher Keller, Rolfe; Nikki Seehusen, Pocahontas; and Chelsey Wiemers, Pocahontas. Hope Elbert and Nikki Seehusen represented Pocahontas County in the working exhibit division.

Pocahontas County 4-Hers performed during the Share-the-Fun event in the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair. Share-the-Fun participants perform vocal or instrumental music, dance, humorous skits, monologues and specialty acts. Performers receive evaluation comments from a judge, but are not ranked. The purpose of the show is to entertain the audience and have fun while you're doing it. About 100 youth perform each day of the fair, according to Mitchell Hoyer, program coordinator for Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development. "Our judges give skill-building pointers in several areas including presence, performance



Jessica DeWall (l) and Kelsey Fey (r)

techniques and interpretation." Representing Pocahontas County during the state fair Share-the-Fun performance was Jacob Nickles, Anne Brinkman, Erin Brinkman, Mitch Brinkman, Dan DeWolf, James DeWolf, Kelly De Wolf, Andrew Keller, Christopher Keller, Jocelyn Keller, Kathryn Keller, Allie Kleespies, Brooke Peters, Travis Pratt, and Todd Pratt.

"Everyone is eligible to participate in 4-H learning," said Chuck Morris, Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development director. "To discover how 4-H can benefit you, contact the ISU Pocahontas County Extension office at 712-335-3103."

Jessica DeWall (l) and Kelsey Fey (r) represented Pocahontas County at the Iowa State Fair Style Show. Jessica constructed her garment and Kelsey selected her dress. Jessica and Kelsey competed at the county level and were selected for the state fair. Kelsey received special recognition at the state fair for her clothing selection entry. Kelsey was one of the 4 4-H members recognized. There were 40 4-Hers in the competition.

Minor leaf spot diseases of maple: Tar spot and leaf blister

Rosanne Healy, Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic

Hey, who splashed tar all over the leaves of my lovely maple tree?

At least that's what it looks like happened when maples have the aptly named fungus disease "tar spot". It is manifested by shiny black, raised areas on the upper leaf surface that look like tar has been splattered from above. It is caused by several species of fungi in the genus *Rhytisma*. On native maples such as silver, sugar, red maple and box elder, large spots are produced by *R. americanum*, while *R. punctatum* produces numerous small spots, sometimes called "speckled tar spot". *R. acerinum* is found on Norway maple.

In all cases, these spots occur in summer, but spores are not produced until the following spring. The spores are forcibly discharged from the location where they are produced in the black spot (called a stroma because it is actually composed of fungal filaments that are tightly interwoven to form a raised, flat fruiting body), and are carried away by wind. If wind currents bring spores to developing maple leaves, they can germinate under moist conditions and get into the young leaf by growing through the natural leaf openings where gas exchange takes place. Yellowish-green spots develop where the fungus colonizes the leaf, followed by production of the black stroma on the upper leaf surface. The stroma forms ridges that give it a wrinkled appearance. Meanwhile the lower leaf surface, opposite the stroma, turns brown.

Under long periods of moist conditions in spring, many leaves can be infected, and early leaf drop may occur. Fortunately, this disease does not cause

much of a problem for its host, and it cannot infect trees other than maples. Since spores are not produced until spring, the disease is easily managed by raking up all the spotted leaves and destroying them in the fall. Fungicides labeled for this disease can be used when sporulation occurs in the spring, but are usually not recommended because the disease is not usually a problem. Interestingly, the disease that produces the large stromas cannot develop new infections where the air pollutant sulfur dioxide is present.

In addition to tar spot, silver maple is susceptible to a number of other leaf spot diseases. One called "leaf blister of maple" is caused by a couple of different fungi (*Septoria* and *Taphrina*). The one caused by *Taphrina* was submitted to the clinic last week, and as in tar spot, looks just like its name. The "blisters" are caused by a growth hormone secreted by the fungus inside the leaf tissue, which stimulates production of leaf cells in the infected tissue.

Only young leaves can become infected, and infection usually takes place during cool, wet weather in the spring. The infected areas are confined between leaf veins, and do not cross over. The blisters become dark brown, giving the leaf a scorched appearance on the upper surface, and a whitish bloom surrounds the necrotic

tissue on the lower surface. This bloom is where the spore producing structures have erupted through the leaf cuticle from the epidermal cells where they have formed, and released their spores.

The spores are produced in summer, and are dispersed by wind. Some may lodge in crevices between leaf bud scales, where they overwinter and germinate in spring on expanding leaves to cause new infections. The symptoms on the leaves can cause concern, but the disease is not serious unless it is severe for several years in succession. Fungicides labeled for this disease can be used just prior to bud break, but are not usually necessary.



Nightly Specials

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Tuesday - Buffet (Kids Night)
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Wednesday - Any Large \$10.99

Thursday - All you can eat Buffet
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Find a Home in 4-H

AMES, Iowa--Nearly 31,000 youth in Iowa find a home each year in a 4-H club. The new school year brings a chance for more youth to join 4-H clubs, interact with others and pursue common interests, according to Chuck Morris, director of the Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development program.

Once considered an organization for rural and farm youngsters, 4-H now enrolls more urban than rural youth and offers a wide range of projects, from aerospace, computers and the environment to horticulture, photography and visual art, all with an emphasis on leadership and community service, Morris said.

Along with developing character and acquiring knowledge, 4-H youth also build life skills. Such skills as communication, decision making, problem solving, gathering information, managing resources and working with others are important for success in school, in personal relations and in careers. Learning by doing is basic to 4-H. 4-H'ers do things, whether it's assembling and launching a rocket, writing a computer program, giving a speech or conducting a club meeting.

"Past Pocahontas County 4-H members have told me that they are more comfortable giving presentations and being in leadership roles because of their 4-H experiences," shared Nancy Jenson, Pocahontas County Extension Education Director. "Members can be leaders at the

club, county, area and state levels. Our clubs also support many community and county wide service projects," Jenson said.

"Extension and 4-H "extend" Iowa State University to youth throughout the state," added Jack Payne, vice president for ISU Extension and Outreach. "We connect youth to learning and service opportunities – and fun – in the community, county, region and state, as well as beyond Iowa's borders. We help youth find their passion and see how that translates into education and careers."

Enrollment is available for youth in 4th through 12th grade, with programs tailored to three age groups – juniors in grades 4-6, intermediates in 7-8 and seniors in 9-12. Pocahontas County has 12 4-H clubs throughout the county. Iowa has approximately 1,736 4-H clubs, each with its own officers and adult volunteer leaders, and nationwide there are more than 7 million members. Parents also are encouraged to participate.

Experiences outside the club also expand horizons for younger 4-H'ers. There are workshops, day camps, field trips and many fun fair activities for all ages.

To learn more about the Pocahontas County 4-H program, call 712-335-3103.

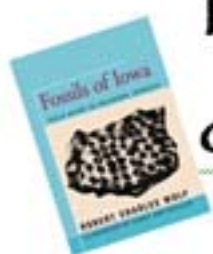
Candidates in Sioux City

On Monday, September 3rd, Sioux City played host to the democratic delegates at the annual Labor Day Picnic. The day's events started at 11 o'clock when former President Bill Clinton addressed the crowd, and succeeding him, was his wife Hillary. After which, candidate Bill Richardson took the stage to address the crowd, and shortly after him, Joe Biden took the stage. *Submitted by Parker Sones*

Cans for Fireworks

I just wanted to let everyone know that we are getting a good response [to the can collection container near the recycling bins]--lots of cans. So keep the cans coming for *our* fireworks. The money is going into Citizens for Fireworks account. Thank You, *Dennis Tate*

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Fossils of Iowa

by
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At the
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7:00 pm Thursday,
September 6th

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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder September 4, 2007

Robert Wolf of Fort Dodge will be presenting a program about Fossils of Iowa at 7:00 pm Thursday, September 6th. The library has the book he wrote by the same name. Fossils have always been fascinating to me and I hope some of our patrons share this interest.

The new book of choice is *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* by Fannie Flagg. Our volunteer discussion leader will be Grace Hertz. I'm looking forward to reading this book. I enjoyed the movie years ago and I know that the book is generally even better! We'll meet the 4th Monday in September to talk about it.

We got a few memorial books. *March* by Geraldine Brooks chronicles the father from the Little Women books. It was donated by Fred & Sandi Neary in memory of Mildred Richardson. The Heetlands



gave the new Joyce Carol Oates book, *The Gravedigger's Daughter* and the Korreects gave youth books *Faithful Elephants* and *The Lotus Seed* in memory of Betty Benz. Grace Hertz donated the memoir *Chosen by a Horse* in memory of her father.

The north display cases are currently home to Amber Evans' Jadite collection. It is set off nicely by her vintage linens. The center display case features Back to School items from the collection of retired third grade teacher Pat Frantz.

New reads for fiction fans include *1st Commandment* by Brad Thor, *Kisscut* by Karin Slaughter, *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson, *Waking with Enemies* by Jerome Dickey, *Almost Dead* by Lisa Jackson,

Agnes and The Hitman by Jennifer Cruise and *Bones to Ashes* by Kathy Reichs.

New in Nonfiction we have *Prince of Darkness: 50 Years Reporting in Washington* by Robert Novak and *Anchored in Love: An Intimate Portrait of June Carter Cash* by John Carter Cash. We also got Martha McCarty's *Five Island Diaries*. This collection of twelve linked stories originates on Five Island Lake in Emmetsburg. It revisits America in the seemingly-idyllic time between World War II and the war in Vietnam. I have talked to this author and she may be visiting our library this fall.

We're one step closer to banishing the 70's décor from the library. Darrell Nichol from the Body Shop painted the panels on the sliding magazine racks. It's so nice to look back there and see these beautiful cream colored racks instead of the screaming orange ones!

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

Join Us At The First CHRISTIAN CHURCH AS WE KICK-OFF THE NEW FALL SEASON

Wednesday, Sept. 5 - 1:00 p.m. Willing Workers meet at the church. 7:30 p.m. Mission Council.

Thursday, Sept. 6 - 2:00 p.m. CWF General Meeting.

Sunday, Sept. 9 - Kick-off of the fall and winter schedule. 9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages.

10:30 a.m. Worship: Church school awards and recognitions. 11:30 a.m. Cook Out: Burgers, Hot Dogs, sides and beverages.

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2007 Charger All-Staters

Left to Right:
Laci Hall, SS; Kelsey Meyer, 3B; Brynn Larson, C; and Bryn Johnson, P.

All State Honorees Pictured at 2007 Softball Awards Banquet

Hall, Meyer, Larson and Johnson Receive All-State Honors

The L-M Charger Softball program has enjoyed much success in the past five years. That five-year run included two trips to State and a white-knuckled grip on the Twin Lakes Conference title. The four former Chargers pictured above played a big part in the Charger's recent success. This past week each of these former Chargers received All-State accolades for their 2007 accomplishments.

Bryn Johnson was named to the 1A First Team. Johnson finished the year with a career best 29-4 record, sporting a 0.65 ERA. At the plate, Johnson hit .417 on the season, leading the team in RBI's (32) and home runs (5). This is Bryn's third consecutive year as a First Team All-Stater. Bryn will play for Simpson College this Spring.

Brynn Larson was named to the 1A Third Team as a catcher. Brynn turned in a strong year defensively and maintained a .291 batting average with 12 doubles and 15 RBIs. This is Brynn's second All State honor, having received an Honorable Mention in the previous season. Brynn will catch for BV University this Spring.

Kelsey Meyer and Laci Hall rounded out the list of L-M honorees, each receiving an Honorable Mention. Kelsey and Laci made up the venerable left side of the Charger infield making life very tough for opposing hitters! Meyer led the Chargers at the plate with a .443 average and a school record 51 hits. Kelsey will play both volleyball and softball for BV University. Hall knocked in 14 runs for the Chargers and popped 4 home runs going .286 on the season. Laci continues her education in Des Moines working towards a degree in surgical tech. Kelsey and Laci had each received Honorable Mention this past season as well.

Congratulations Chargers!

Friday Night Lights?

High School Football really is something special, particularly in a small town whether it be East Texas or Northwest Iowa. Everything about it--the crispness of the fall evening, the smell of the grass, hot chocolate and hot dogs...

I'm hoping that someone in the community will be able to bring that excitement to our readers each week. I know that someone out there has the time and the writing skills and there's certainly an abundance of digital cameras at every game.

Take a few minutes to enrich The Paper with your input--when you do you'll enliven the community and you'll create permanent memories for those who participate as well as their families and friends.

Don't worry about the grammar--we'll clean it up if necessary! Our readers know that our content is coming from contributors all across the country and they are more than willing to overlook a dangling participle in exchange for some exciting news and a photo or two. So, step up and get your game on--"let's see what you got"! Thanks! Rod

Darrow Named to 3A First Team

Morgan Darrow, daughter of Scott and Lori (Peterson) Darrow of Storm Lake, was recently named to the first team All-State in softball for Class 3A. This honor is in addition to her being named 1st team All-State in track. Morgan graduated in May and is currently a student at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Lou Ann Peterson of Laurens and Jack Darrow of Albert City.

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