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A Note From The Publisher!

Well, our first issue has been delivered on April 3rd as promised despite our Editor's trip to the Delivery Room! Congratulations Charity and Scott! Also, a big "Thank You" to Charity and everyone who helped us get this first issue put together & delivered (Mindy Riley-thanks a bunch)!

I appreciate the wonderful comments that we've received about the first issue and I truly hope that each of you will find something to submit for publication in the coming weeks. If we can all make it a habit to report on those things that are important to us I am sure that we'll have a newspaper that will serve the community well!

Thank you once again for subscribing and for submitting your news & photos.

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Local News

Grace Lodge Receives Donation

The members of Grace Masonic Lodge in Laurens Iowa would like to thank all the members of Mishna Lodge in Pocahontas.

Worshipful Master Fred Perkins (left) accepts a \$4,500.00 check from Clint Fogde (right) of Pocahontas. These proceeds will be used to make good men better!



Pictured from left to right; Master Fred Perkins
Clint Fogde

At The Library

*At the Library with Glenda Mulder -
April 11, 2007*

The Laurens Federated Women's Club purchased Collector's Encyclopedia of *American Composition Dolls 1900-1950* in memory of Helen Ducommun. *An Innocent Traitor* by Alison Weir was donated by Joyce Rigby in memory of Lela Nonneman. This book is a fictional portrait of the life of Lady Jane Grey, the great-niece of Henry the VIII who was Queen of England for nine days.

Our April Book Club book is *Their Eyes Were Watching*

God by Zora Neale Hurston. For more information on this book, stop at the library. Or if you prefer, on the Internet follow the Book Club link on the library's Events and Exhibits webpage. We meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth Monday to discuss the book of the month. New fiction this week include *Land of Mango Sunsets* by Dorthea Benton Frank, *Fresh Disasters* by Stuart Woods, *Obsession* by Karen Robards, *Wicked Snow* by Gregg Olsen, *The Spellman*



Files by Lisa Lutz, *Sliver of Truth* by Lisa Unger, *Penny Tree* by Holly Kennedy, *The Life You Longed For* by Maribeth Fischer, *Dead Room* by Heather Graham, *Betrayers* by James Patrick Hunt, *Momzillas* by Jill Kargman and *My French Whore* by Gene Wilder. In nonfiction we received *From Midnight to Dawn* by Jacqueline L. Tobin. This book covers the "last tracks of the Underground Railroad".

Our Elementary school students are coming to the library for monthly Brown Bag lunches. This year we've been using the Which Came First books. Included in this series are books about Transportation, Food, Communication, Sporting Events, Household Inventions and Clothing. They've been a lot of fun, but we're finished with those now. This month I'm using a book called *Now and Ben*. It's about the many inventions and firsts of Benjamin Franklin. Then, when they're almost done eating, I finish off with a book called *Disgusting Foods!* What fun! Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

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Announcements

Davis Birth Announcement #1

Gavin and Lindsay Davis of San Diego are the parents of a son, Gavin Quinn Davis, born Feb. 19 and weighing 9 pounds. Grandparents are Rick and Yvonne Davis of Temecula, Calif., and Vickie Bakki of San Diego and Greg Unruh (also a Laurens native) of Las Vegas. Lorraine Unruh, a longtime Laurens resident who now lives in Storm Lake, is a great grandmother of Gavin Quinn. The newborns are five weeks and two days apart.



Birth Announcement

Sunday April 1st, Scott and Charity Madsen were proud parents of a little baby girl. Kadence Olivia, weighed 5 lbs, 14 ozs and was 19 inches long. Kadence's big sister Bekka is so proud and helping take good care of her!

Grandparents are Tom & Mary Madsen of Laurens and Deb & Gene McGuire of Spencer, Iowa.



Kadence Olivia Madsen

Davis Birth Announcement #2

Ryan and Paige Davis of San Antonio, Texas, are the parents of a daughter, Reagan Riley Davis, born March 28 and

weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are Rick (a Laurens native) and Yvonne Davis of Temecula, Calif., and Judy Lester of San Antonio, Texas

Time With Family!

Julius & Marilyn Halder spent Easter weekend in West Des Moines with their

daughter and family, Julie & Ed Arndorfer, Katie & Eddie. On Saturday they attended a Track Meet at Valley High School where Katie was a partici-

pant for Dowling Catholic High School. They returned home on Monday.

Isaiah Schossow celebrates 1st Birthday!

Isaiah Schossow recently celebrated his first birthday with a party on March 29th, 2007 in Pocahontas. He celebrated his April 10th birthday with his cousins Adrianna Schossow who turned 16 on

the 29th of March and Shawn Schossow who turned 12 on the 23rd of March. Those attending were Isaiah's Mom Julie Schossow, Adrianna's Mom Jodi Schossow and sister Makenna of Pocahontas, Shawn's Mom Shelly Schossow and sister Maia of Rockwell

City, step-father Brent Maguire and step-siblings Emily and Caleb Maguire also of Rockwell City. Also attending the party were Don Schossow of Laurens and Carol Harrison of Pocahontas, Grandparents of the "Birthday Trio".

Letter To The Editor

This Is GREAT!

I love your paper. GREAT JOB! Let's all keep it going by contribut-

ing articles. It is so good to see all the activities going on around in our small community. I wish you the best of luck

on your new adventure. A paper we can call our own.

Submitted by Gail Marshall

Congratulations

I just read my first issue of "The Paper." Congratulations on an excel-

lent job, and thank you for providing all of us with this opportunity to share our news.

Submitted by
Mary Runneberg

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Church

Upcoming Events

FOR THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH,
ALBERT CITY, IA

April 10: 1:00 PM White Cross

April 11: 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Prayer

Midweek Kids Clubs 7-Up (Jr. High Group)

April 12: 1:00 PM FISH group 7:00 PM MOPS

April 13: 7:00 PM The Easter play, "The Difference",
by the homeschool FISH students

Announcements Cont.

Birth Announcements

Eric & Allison Price are the parents of a new son, Alexander Richard, born March 27, 2007, at Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis. Grandparents are: Dick & Lynn Lund, Laurens, Ron & Cindy Price, Alhambra, IL Great Grandparents: Lyle & Helen Lund, Laurens.



62nd Wedding Anniversary

Recently Lois and Joe Roewe former residents of Laurens community celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary at the home of Janet Roewe Fitzgerald in Urbandale, Iowa. They were joined by their four children and several grandchildren and one great grandson. Lois and Joe now reside at the Deerfield Retirement Facilities in Urbandale. They hope to return to Laurens for the big celebration in July when their farm East of town will also be celebrating the 125th year since Joe's grandfather August Roewe bought the farm in 1882. It has been operated by father and son combinations from then till now. They hope to see you all in July.



Submitted by Lois F, Roewe



Birthday Card Shower

Our Dad will be celebrating his 75th birthday on April 13, 2007. Please help us honor him with a card shower. Good wishes may be sent to him at
223 East Section Line Road ~
Laurens, Iowa 50554

Cindy, David, Beverly, Lisa, Dan,
Tony & families

"The Weishaar Bunch"

Returned Home!

Jeanette and Bud Hawley returned home on Friday, March 30th, from Arizona after experiencing the coldest winter Arizona has had in 39 years. They are glad to be back home in Laurens the best small city in Iowa.

Stitchers to Meet

Stitchers will meet on April 11, 2:00 p.m. at Homestead. Hostesses are Florence Pohlman and Marilyn Stoner.

12th Annual Marathon to Marathon

The 12th Annual Marathon to Marathon will be held on Saturday, June 16th, 2007. Events include a Marathon, Half-marathon, Marathon 5 person Relay and 5K Run/Walk.

The Marathon and Marathon Rely begin at 6:00 a.m. at the Storm Lake

High School. The Half-Marathon will start at 7:00 a.m. The 5k Run/Walk begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Marathon Community Center. Food vendors and entertainment will be available throughout the event.



Early registration is available by phoning Lois Lind at 712-289-2246. You may also visit our website at www.marathon2marathon.com T-shirts are given to all participants who register early.

Registration fees increase after June 6th. For more details call Lois Lind at 712-289-2246!

Sports

10th Grade Competes in State AAU Volleyball

by Bryn Johnson -

L-M News Production Class

The 10th grade AAU Volleyball team participated in the Gold State Tournament in

Marshalltown on Saturday, March 30th. It was an all day event that included sixteen teams from all over Iowa. Members of the team included Holly Hoffmaster, Chelsea Musjerd, Kelsey Frerichs, Holly Anderson, Shelby Hueton, Amanda Zylstra, Kim Kenobbie, and Grace Christensen. The girls' first game started at eight in the

morning, with their last game starting in the late afternoon. "The girls were very excited to be in the state tournament, and even though there was very tough competition, they played hard and were good competitors," commented Coach Bryn Johnson. At the end of the day, the girls went home with a 6-6 record.

Soph Cager Tourney Action

by Corrin Brechler -

L-M News Production Class

The Laurens 10th grade basketball team has participated in a couple of tournaments in the last couple of weeks. The team traveled to Fort Dodge St. Edmonds tournament March 10th. They took on St. Ed's, Ballard and Rockwell City-Lytton. They won two of the four games. March 30th and 31st was tournament hosted by Hull. The team stayed in Sheldon after playing Friday night and returned for more

ball on Saturday. They played Okoboji in the first game winning 53-42. They also claimed the second game of the evening 62-51 over Spencer. Saturday morning proved to be a hard fought game but ended up on the losing side by a score of 38-41 to Unity Christian. Laurens took second place in the tournament after defeating Western Christian 48-39 in

their final game of the day. Coach Brett Stumbo was pleased with the teamwork of the boys and commented that the competition was very good. The next outing will be April 21st an 22nd at the Community College in Fort Dodge put on by the Iowa High School Coaches Association.



Front row: Coach Scott Lovin, Adam Woodin, Tyler Smith, Brett Wollum, Zach Lovin. Second row: Kyle Grems, Gary Brechler, Ryan Stumbo, Caleb Jamison, Coach Brett Stumbo

L-M Boy's Golf

by Mitch Frerichs -

L-M News Production Class

On March 19th, the Laurens-Marathon boy's golf team started to prepare for the upcoming season. This year's team consists of three seniors, five juniors, and seven underclassmen; along with one new head coach. Everyone will be competing to play on the varsity and junior varsity teams (each holding six golfers).

The front-runners are likely the returning letter winners (Mitch Erickson, Mitch Frerichs, Tim Umbreit, Jarett Duran, and Tyler Sandvig). These twelve will be chosen by first year Coach Herb Besaw. He will choose the two squads by watching and evaluating the golfers that he feels will compete the best. Coach Besaw is from Storm Lake and lives on the outside edge of the Lake Creek golf course. He has ties to Laurens through his job at Bobalee Hydraulics. This is Coach

Besaw's first time coaching golf, but he has coaching experience in numerous other sports ranging from baseball to basketball. When asked about how he thinks the team will fare, Coach Besaw answered, "The team will be able to compete. We have two golfers doing well and another six that are close." The first golf meet is on April 12, 2007 at the Laurens Golf and Country Club against Newell-Fonda.

Note From The Editor

I would like to take the time to thank everyone in the community for their comments on my work, and how much they enjoyed the first of many editions. I think

this paper is a great idea of Rods and am very happy to be a part of it. As you can see from this edition we have many great articles once again. Remember this is

your paper and your information, so the more you send, the better the paper will be! Keep them coming!



Charity

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School News

L-M School Gets A New Vocal Teacher!

by Spencer Sones -

L-M News Production Class

Starting next year the Laurens-Marathon school will be receiving a new vocal teacher. Mrs. Joan Enockson comes from

the Pocahontas area, and while not having any public school teaching experience, she has taught private lessons for the past twenty years, has her Masters degree in vocal performance, and has taught vocal at Morningside College in Sioux City. When asked about her feelings on coming to Laurens-Marathon she said that she

was, "[looking forward to it] very much." She expects many challenges from coming to a new system of teaching. "I think the most challenging thing will be to get everything done that I want to, and preparing for all the concerts and performances.

Laurens-Marathon School Assembly

by Matthew Garton -

L-M News Production Class

Thursday, April 5, 2007 Laurens-Marathon Community School had an assembly presentation that lasted from 9 to 11 in the morning.

Thursday, April 5, 2007, Camfel Productions put on a presentation addressing substance and alcohol abuse, as well as bullying and character building.

The Elementary was shown an hour presentation called, "Be the Change." It was about character building and bullying. It also included segments about peer pressure. The High School was shown the presentation entitled, "Commitment to Excellence." Its main focus was trying to cope and bounce back from failing or falling short on our goals. It gave advice on how to be able to bounce back from failing and to try and try again. It also talked about how overnight success is

completely a myth and it takes much time to become successful. Both presentations talked about drug and alcohol abuse. How drugs and alcohol can effect and ruin your life. Each presentation was shown on a three panel screen. Each included multiple styles and forms of media. Mr. Kolander said this about the presentation, "Its going to be about Character and how drugs effect our lives." This presentation was interesting, informational and innovative.

Physics Students go to State

Physics Olympics

by Adam Wurr -

L-M News Production Class

The Laurens-Marathon Physics students will be competing at the state Physics Olympics at Drake University on April 25th. Approximately 16 senior students, lead by Mr. Alan Peterson, will be traveling to Des Moines to compete in many complex Physics competitions. They will be competing in math, self-propelled catapult, mouse trap car, human powered

water heater, and the optical slalom. Mitch Frerichs and Spencer Sones will be competing in the math section. Josh Gunnarson, Mitch Erickson, Andy Gerodias, and Austin Lind will be driving their self-propelled catapult. Brittany Anderson, David Brechler, Felicia Wenell, and Crystal Abbas are racing their mouse trap cars. Lewis Wenell, Adam Wurr, and Chance Ferguson will be riding bikes to heat water. Finally, Parker Sones and Brian Josephson are using lasers to hit a target. Spencer Sones says "I think we are going do to well. We have been working

hard on our projects all winter because Mr. Peterson has given us good guidance." ative.



Pictured from left to right: David Brechler and Felicia Wenell

Prom 2007

by Andy Johnson -

L-M News Production Class

The Laurens-Marathon Junior Senior prom will be held on April 21. This year's theme is "Twist The Night Away." The Grand March will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the old gym. The Grand March lasts

approximately a half hour and will be open to the public once again this year. After the Grand March, the participants will head to the United Methodist Church for supper. The main dish consist of either a pork chop or a chicken breast. For the side dish, they will be having cheesy potatoes and corn. Dessert for the evening will be "Better Than Anything" cake. Drinks will be either milk, lemonade, or water.

After that great supper, the participants will be coming back to the school for a dance that lasts until midnight. The dance will be hosted by the local sound company Groove which features Denny Fitchett and Jake Graff on sound and lights. After-prom then starts at 1 a.m. until 4:00 a.m. in the morning. "After prom is by far the best part of prom," Brian Josephson commented.

Local News

No Delivery-Check the Archives!

With our first issue last week we had a few reports from people who did not receive their email delivery as expected. If you've worked with email awhile, you know that sometimes it just doesn't work as expected! Be sure to check your spam filters. AOL and EarthLink users may have a particularly hard time with

SPAM protection filtering out email.

If, in the future, you fail to receive your email notification you can go directly to our website at www.mylaurens.com and open your paper. Just click on the "Archives" button near the top right corner of the homepage.

When the archive page opens up, simply click on the current issue's date and the cur-

rent issue will open in a PDF format-just as it normally would if you had received your email.

So, even if you do not receive email notification you can still open your paper on Tuesday! We hope this added convenience is helpful should your email ever be "lost in cyberspace".

Easter Bunny Visits

Saturday the Easter Bunny visited the library for a story time. More than 50 kids enjoyed the stories, making an Easter craft and frosting their own Easter cookies. Many pictures were taken with the Easter Bunny. This event was co-sponsored by the Laurens Chamber of Commerce and the Laurens Public Library.

Our April Book Club book has arrived. The selection is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. For more information on this book, stop

at the library. Or if you prefer, on the Internet follow the Book Club link on the library's Events and Exhibits webpage.

We meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth Monday to discuss the book

of the month. New fiction this week include best seller *Heyday* by Kurt Anderson,

Finn by Jon Clinch, *Heartstopper* by Joy Fielding, *Cold Day in Hell* by Richard Hawke, *Vinnie's Head* by Marc Lecard,



al period-1863-1912.

Murrays toured the Pinal County Historical Museum, which houses the Arizona State Prison Historic Collection, as well as a Tom Mix collection. Tom Mix was a Western film star who was killed in an automobile accident south of Florence in 1940.

The Murrays also visited St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox monastery south of Florence. This is known as an "oasis in

Falling by Christopher Pike and *Truth Catcher* by Anna Salter. New in the non-fiction *In an Instant* by Lee Woodruff, *Comanche Code Talkers of WWII* by William Meadows, and *Long Road Home* by Martha Raddatz. We received two more football books in memory of Craig Long. Fred and Sandi Neary donated *Let's Play Football* by Jan Mader.

Joyce Rigby gave *The History of the Oakland Raiders* by Aaron Frisch. Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

Murrays Enjoy Arizona Sun

Pat and Jean Murray were in Arizona from March 29 through April 1, visiting with Pat's parents, Dale and Mary Beth Murray in Florence.

While there they toured the McFarland State Historic Park, which includes the courthouse, which was constructed in 1878 and is the oldest standing in Arizona. The building is the largest adobe structure from the territori-

the desert" because of its elaborate system of gardens, pathways and gazebos with Spanish fountains. It consists of seven churches, living and dining quarters for the monks and guest facilities for pilgrims. There is also a citrus orchard, a small vineyard and an olive grove.

They also visited with family-Gene & Alice Sernett, Paul & Carol Sernett and Ken & Ann Sernett.

Senior Dental Student In Laurens

Senior Dental Student in Laurens Dr. Linda Bieri, Dr. Steve Christensen and their staff are hosting senior dental student Dawn Toft for five weeks. Dawn will be graduating from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in June. She and her husband Nate, will be moving to Sioux City, Iowa after graduation, where

she will be an associate in an existing practice. Dawn and Nate are originally from Spencer. Dawn is the daughter of Randy and Sande Geidl. She is an active member in the Iowa Student Dental Association, the American Student Dental Association and the American Association of Women Dentists.



From left to right; Dr. Linda Bieri, Dawn Toft and Dr. Steve Christensen

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Class of 1967 Grandpa

We're all getting older, gang! The Laurens High School Class of 1967 will hold it's 40th-year class reunion this summer during the big all-school reunion/celebration event. By now, everybody in our class is a grandpa (or grandma) just about ~ including yours truly, whose ugly old mug is pictured here with Ruby, the latest edition to our clan. I'm Laurens native Dick Hakes,

now of Storm Lake, who married Laurens native and classmate Joan Fitzgerald. Ruby is the first child of our youngest son, Tony and his wife Nancy. They live near Mt. Carroll, Illinois where Tony runs YMCA Camp Benson. Our daughter Molly lives on Sado Island in Japan with her husband, Nobuhiro Watanabe. She recently spent a terrific two weeks with us, bringing along her daughter Amelie and son Kien. Best

wishes to this new online newspaper!



Pictured; Dick Hakes and granddaughter Ruby

Classifieds

Cards of Thanks

Thanks for the \$75 gift certificate I won during your open house. I appreciate all your store has to offer.

Teresa Snyder

Help Wanted

Kids Korner needs a caring and loving person for a part time slot substitute help. Please apply in person at Kids Korner, 403 West Main, Laurens

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