

# The Paper

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## A Note From The Publisher!

I would like to thank the L-M High School News Production students for submitting several very nice articles for last week's issue of The Paper.

Mr. Oehlertz should be commended for encouraging student participation in our local paper. Thank you, students, for your wonderful articles!

I am sure that everyone in the community enjoyed hearing about what's going on in your lives!

## Local News

### Jack Link's Advisory Board Meets in Laurens

The Jack Link's Distribution Center in Laurens hosted a meeting on April 6th of the Advisory Board for Jack Link's Beef Jerky. A portion of the meeting was focused on the continuous improvement of Supply Chain Management activities, of which the Distribution Center in Laurens is a major part, as well as other agenda items.



"While our company culture is to focus on the continuous improvement of all busi-

ness activities, we are pleased with the progress the Distribution Center team has made since the project began two years ago. With the facility and new warehouse management software being fully operational,

we anticipate continued gains in efficiency and accuracy in the weeks, months and years to come. We are proud to be a contributing member of this vibrant community and would like to thank our Distribution

Center team for their continued hard work and dedication." - Troy Link, President of Jack Link's Beef Jerky

### Pocahontas County Historical Society

Pocahontas County Historical Society met at the First Christian Church in Laurens on Monday evening, April 9. A report was given concerning the Wiegert Prairie Farm. Sixteen members answered

roll call with their personal memories of Laurens. Marcia Leu presented the program, outlining plans for the Laurens quasiquicentennial celebration. The group discussed ideas for the Society's participation in the event. Lunch was served by Eileen Triggs, Phyllis Aschenbrenner,

Georgine Grund, Ann Beneke and Jeanette Korrekt. The Historical Society's next meeting will be Monday evening, May 14, at the Pocahontas Public Library. Joan Reinhart and friends will present a "cemetery walk." Guests are always welcome.



Pictured L-R: Al Kinnetz (city council), Pat MacGregor (branch manager of CSB-Marathon), Al Patten (Vice President of CSB), Chad McCarty (Vice President of CSB), Kathy Schulz (city council), Dana Snow (Mayor), Tony Rydstrom (city council), Don Skou (city council) & Cindy Richardson (City Clerk).

### Marathon Community Center Accepts Donation from Community State Bank

Community State Bank is proud to present this check for \$5,000.00 to the Marathon Community Center project. We are grateful to be a part of such a progressive community and are excited to be able to contribute to the project.

The new community center will be a great asset to the community.

Mayor Dana Snow has indicated progress is on schedule and they plan to have the building done in time for the annual Marathon to Marathon and the RAGBRAI festivities that will come through town this summer.

## Announcements



### Hopkins & Miedema To Wed

A June 23rd wedding is planned for Missy Hopkins & Tory Miedema.

The couple's parents are Randy & Joann Hopkins, Laurens, and Sid & Kolleen Miedema, Schertz, Texas.

Missy is a graduate of Buena Vista University and is now a loan closing specialist

Pictured; Missy Hopkins & Tory Miedema

for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Sioux Falls. Tory is a graduate of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and is currently working for the City of Sioux Falls as a park development specialist.

The wedding will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Laurens, with a reception and dance to follow at the Laurens Golf & Country Club.

### Roewe's Return Visit

Easter Weekend saw the gathering of the Roewe's at their bson's farm East of town. Those who came were Lois and Joe Roewe of Urbandale, Iowa, Janet Roewe Fitzgerald and

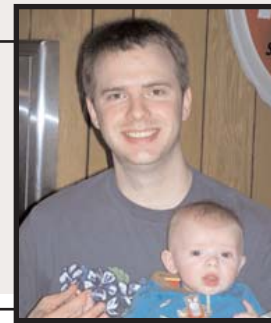
friend Dan Piller of Urbandale, Marcia Roewe Wubben and husband of Forest City, Iowa. On Saturday Joe and Lois Roewe were visited by LJHawley and Dorothy Runnenberg and other friends throughout

the weekend. Dale and his son Taylor and Miranda were hosting the affair. The guests all left on Sunday afternoon to return to their homes

### Birth Announcement

Adam and Jenny Reese of Des Moines, became the parents of a baby boy, Noah Patrick, on November 14, 2006. He

weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. Grandparents are Ron and Pat Reese of Laurens and Joe and Jody Melcher of Nevada, Iowa.



Pictured; Noah and his daddy, Adam

### Request for LHS Memorabilia

Laurens High School memorabilia is needed for a float for the quasquicenten-

nial parade. Items that can be used are any LHS/Elks/Elkettes items that could be easily seen by parade spectators (clothing, signs, pennants, etc.). If you

have any such items to loan, please contact Mary Runneberg: mary.runneberg@gmail.com or 712-841-2007.

## Letter To The Editor

### Genius Idea

The minute I heard of this new online

newspaper I thought what a genius idea it was. Anybody anywhere can read it.

Thanks a million!

Submitted by DEE JACKSON

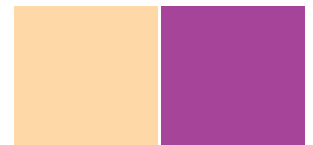
### Good Job

Just read my 1st edition of The Paper and wanted to let the powers-that-be know what a good idea this is! I do keep in touch with some of my classmates (1965!), but it will be fun to read of the goings on of others, also. I'm a Fitzgerald (Sue) and was pretty surprised to see the article, with a photo included,

of my brother-in-law Dick Hakes and our great-niece, Ruby. My husband and I live in Scottsbluff, NE, have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. We may have to miss the big reunion this summer because of a family wedding, but if we can get there for any part of the celebration, we will. Again, good job to all!

### Awesome paper!

Just wanted to say I love the new paper! So nice to be able to keep up on what is going on in my hometown! You are all doing a great job!! Submitted by Cindy (Weishaar) Williams - Class of 1979



## Letter To The Editor

### Thank You

I just wanted to let you know how appreciative we are that there is a newspaper in

Laurens that is geared toward all members of our community. It is nice to know that segregation of society will not

play into your final product! Keep it coming.

Submitted by Vickie Hertz

## Announcements Cont.

### 1996 Class Reunion Update

Missing my class reunion was a real disappointment for me - I guess the letter got lost - so, I thought I would ask for any and all who care to, to email and let me know how your life is progressing since 1996, the last reunion I attended. I think about many of you every once in awhile and wonder what's going on with you.

I retired from the Des Moines Symphony after 38 years of service. Still continue to play with the Ames group, Central Iowa Symphony. Puts me in mind of the times some of us would travel to Fort Dodge in high school to play

there. Music continues to play a large part in my life, I may even take up singing in a church choir soon.

The last 25 years I have been in the apartment business, at one time, in '87 I was responsible for 9 properties and 22 tenants. I have down-sized gradually and currently have only four properties, waiting to close on one hopefully this week. Just too much hassle for a woman. Or maybe anybody.

My son Kent, has four children and teaches orchestra in Stillwater, MN. My daughter recently married and plays violin professionally in New York City.

Funny how I have a problem accept-

ing the fact my children are 38 and 40. Doesn't seem that long ago that I was that age.

I live in a very large 100 year old house and enjoy my pets, 3 cats, 2 dogs, 2 cockateels, 2 fish. Sometimes I feel I am growing towards being a recluse, but then something always happens to wake me up. Aging is an interesting process, one I fought first but now am accepting.

My best to everybody, especially '61 graduates. Please write and fill in the blanks.

Submitted by Karen (Davis) Russell

### Easter Guests

A family gathering on Easter was hosted by Marilyn Mather at Homestead. Those present were Bill and Kristy Mather of

Laurens, Dean Mather, ISU student and Marie Mather who is a nursing student in Canton, Missouri. Steve and Kathleen Van Beek and Ben and Jen Van Beek came from Sheldon. Also in

attendance were Ben and Amy A'Hearn of Cedar Rapids and Keith Van Beek and Katie Haack, students at ISU.

Submitted by Marilyn Mather

## Church

### Events for the week from Albert City Evangelical Free Church

April 18: 6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer  
Midweek Kids Clubs  
7-Up (Jr. High)

April 19: 6:00 AM - Leadership Meeting

April 20: 6:00 PM - FISH

April 22: 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM -

Morning Worship (Homeschool Group)

9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages

4:45 PM - BIC

6:00 PM - Camp Night

April 25: 9:00 AM - MOPS

6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study & Prayer

Midweek Kids Clubs

7-Up (Jr. High)

# Sports

## Charger Boys Take 2nd at Holstein

### Laurens-Marathon Boys Track

It was less than ideal conditions Monday, April 9th for the eleven schools participating at the track meet in Holstein. A "cool" 32 degree breeze didn't help runners stay loose. The L-M boys had a great showing despite the weather. They finished in second place with 596.5 points behind Galva Holstein's 643.5 points. Five first place finishes were recorded for the evening.

Travis Leuer finished 1st in the high jump with a leap of 5' 10" Travis broke the school record last week with a jump of 6'6" at Lake City.

The shuttle hurdle team of Josh Gunnarson, Ryan Sernett, David Brechler and Gary Brechler earned a 1st place finish with a time of 1:03.32. This breaks

the school record which was recorded last week.

Earning a gold in the 200 meter dash was Keton Joynt with a time of 23.94 seconds.

Winning the 4 x 200 meter relay was the quartet of David Brechler, Travis Leuer, Ryan Sernett and Keton Joynt with a time of 1:37.4

A first place finish was also claimed by the 4 x 100 meter relay consisting of Jason Gustafson, Ryan Sernett, David Brechler and Keton Joynt with a time of 46.57

Gary Brechler earned 2nd place honors in the 110 meter high hurdles as did the 4 x 400 relay team of Josh Erritt, Ryan Sernett, Ryan Stumbo and Jason Gustafson.

3rd place finishes were recorded by Josh Gunnarson in the long jump, Keton Joynt in the 100 meter dash and Jason

Gustafson in the 400 meter dash.

Josh Gunnarson finished 4th in the 110 meter high hurdles.

The 4 x 800 relay team finished 5th. Those runners included Tyler Koenig, Caleb Jamison, Zach Lovin and Bennett Bargloff. Josh Gunnarson brought home a 5th place finish in the 800 meter run.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Gary Brechler with a 6th place finish in the discuss, David Jones with a sixth place in the 3200 meter run and CJ Mayou finishing 8th in that event, and Josh Erritt placing 6th in the 400 meter dash.

***Congratulations on a great outing, Chargers!!***

# Local News

## Five Generations

Seated in front is great-great-grandmother, Ethel Cody from Emmetsburg. She is holding Ethan Joshua Halverson of Boone. Great-grandmother, Evelyn Baker from Laurens is standing center

back.

On her right is grandmother, Cindy Lubinus from Grimes and on the left is Ethan's mother Bethany Halverson of Boone.

Pictured from left to right; Front: Ethel Cody and Joshua Halverson. Back row: Bethany Halverson, Evelyn Baker and Cindy Lubinus



## No Delivery~Check the Archives!

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 or it seems to be damaged, you can go directly to our website at [www.mylaurens.com](http://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 current 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".

## Local News

### Victim asks all to help in preventing future violence

My name is Holly Newhouse-Guidry and I am a domestic violence and crime victim survivor as are my children, my son and myself having been shot by my husband in Pocahontas, IA on Aug. 9, 2005.

The week of April 22 is Crime Victims Awareness Week in the United States. I have willingly taken on the challenge to be a voice for those too afraid to speak out, those who are no longer with us and cannot speak their stories and for the innocent children who cannot speak on their own behalf. I have created a Web site of my own personal story and hell through my journey down the road of years of domestic violence and being a survivor of a horrendous attempted murder a year and a half ago.

I would like to get the word out to other victims and other people that it can and does happen more often than you think. Every 9 seconds in the United

states, a man, woman or child is killed through the commission of domestic violence and through the commission of a Violent Crime. To do my part in the war against Violence and abuse, I currently give speeches combined with a PowerPoint presentation to high school students to try to prevent the violence by talking with our kids before it becomes worse and as they get to be adults, to try to prevent them from being a victim or an offender.

Most people just turn their heads away when they see it happen. They see it as a family problem. It is not a family problem, it is a crime! But what many don't understand is that when you turn your back to someone in an abusive relationship, YOU ARE PROMOTING IT! You could also by contacting authorities or DSAOC, be saving an innocent's very life! So I would like to invite all of your readers to come to my site to not only walk down this painful road with me as I

relive it for all who come to my site, but also to answer the question for me, why did I stay with a domestic violent abuser? The Web site address is: [www.newhouse-dvpoetry.com](http://www.newhouse-dvpoetry.com)

I can only pray that my site will help in preventing future abuse and deaths as well as attempted murder.

I also want to challenge everyone in our community and in pocahontas county to take a moment of silence the week of April 22nd, by lighting a candle in your window at least one night this week in remembrance of lives lost and lives shattered by Domestic Violence and Violent Crime. The candle represents hope when you no longer feel there is any.

Take a stand in prevention, everyone can make a tremendous difference in the life of a stranger! Remember, A stranger is just a friend you have not made yet.

Thank you,  
Holly Newhouse-Guidry

## School News

### L-M Students have strong showing at ICCC Business Competition

On Wednesday, April 11, 2007, Laurens-Marathon students competed at the Business Competition Day at Iowa Central Community College. Despite poor weather, students taking college business classes traveled along with teachers Mrs. Milton and Mrs. Oehlertz to Fort Dodge to compete for Business Day. Fourteen other schools also showed up at the competition. Another five were scheduled to attend, but they could not make it because of the poor weather. Laurens-Marathon had at least one per-

son place in every competition for the day. In accounting, Brynn Larson placed tenth and Mitch Frerichs placed fifth. Lewis Wenell took home first in computer objectives and third in introduction to business. In graphic design promotion, Lindsey Siepker placed second and Kelsey Meyer placed first. In a domination of career development skills, Parker Sones and Ryan Lovin tied for fifth, Jamie Hertz placed third, Diana Johnsen placed second, and Ryan Sernett received first. Josh Gunnarson placed second while Megan Cleveland placed first in office calculators. For the vocabulary and spelling competition, Natalie Bailey placed ninth. The web design

team of Emily Lampe, Kelsey Meyer, Brittany Anderson and Lindsey Siepker placed first. The only downfall was not one person received a door prize from the drawing. However, the day was filled with enjoyment which was led by karaoke during the lunch hour. In the end, it was a good day for the Laurens-Marathon business students, and it showed them how much they have actually learned from their college level classes. In a statement by Mrs. Milton, she said "We usually do well at this competition."

# Local News

## At the Library

with **Glenda Mulder** - April 18, 2007

The roof and soffitts are finished!!! Yeah! Roger Collins and his crew did a great job in weather that I didn't even want to be outside in, let alone up on the roof! Money for this project came from the building fund (can you believe there was money waiting there for 30 years!?) and from the Barney Aschenbrenner memorial.

Join us Monday, April 23rd for a discussion on the book *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. For more information stop at the library or visit our web page [www.laurenspubliclibrary.com](http://www.laurenspubliclibrary.com).

We received lots of new fiction books

this week including *The Quilter's Homecoming* by Jennifer Chiaverini, *Laced* by Carol Higgins Clark, *I Heard That Song Before* by Mary Higgins Clark, *The Woods* by Harlan Cobin, *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas, *The Big Beautiful* by Pamela Duncan, *The Land of Mango Sunsets* by Dorthea Benten Frank, *No! I Don't Want to Join a Book Club* by Virginia Ironside, *Bluebird, or The Invention of Happiness* by Sheila Kohler, *What the Dead Know* by Laura Lippman, *Strangled* by Brian McGrory, *The Marriage Game* by Fern Michaels, *We Shall Not Sleep* by Anne Perry, *Obsession* by Karen Robards and *Fresh Disasters* by Stuart Woods

In nonfiction *Medal of Honor - Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty*

was donated by Ralph Reining and *The Love of Baseball* was donated by Lila Galloway in memory of her son, Ervin. I found out this week that I forgot to give credit for our Large Print copy of *Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks which was donated by Bud & Jeanette Hawley in memory of Leona Fuchs. If I have forgotten to give anyone else credit for donations or memorials, I truly apologize.

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!



American Bittern

## Front Porch Visitor

An American Bittern, a bird more commonly found in wetland areas, stopped in for a rest

at the residence of Pat and Ron Harms on Saturday.

Submitted by Pat Harms

## The Siouxland Community Blood Bank Implements New Testing for Community Blood Supply

SIOUX CITY, IA April 9, 2007—On

February 26 of 2007, the Siouxland Community Blood Bank implemented a new test for Chagas Disease which has placed them on the cutting edge in the implementation of this test amongst blood centers across the country. The new voluntary test for every blood product collected is among the extensive testing already utilized.



“In testing for Chagas disease, we are taking a preventative step to protect the community blood supply,” said Janette Twait, CEO of the Siouxland Community Blood Bank. “Keeping up to

date on technology and testing allows us to sustain a safe and dependable blood supply, which is the Siouxland Community Blood Bank’s highest priority.”

Chagas disease originated with a parasite in rural Latin America and the disease can be spread from current carriers through blood, including through blood transfusions. Chagas disease can go unrecognized; however, it is a life long disease that affects the

heart and intestinal tract. Although Chagas disease is not a major threat currently, with only twelve confirmed cases in the United States and Canada, the Siouxland Community Blood Bank takes precedence in maintaining a safe blood supply for the patients in 36 area hospitals that it services blood products to.

“The introduction of testing for Chagas disease adds one more measure to those already taken by the Siouxland Community Blood Bank and other members of the blood bank industry to provide the safest blood possible to hospitals and patients.” stated Dr. Michael Kafka, Medical Director at the Siouxland Community Blood Bank. “Even though testing for Chagas disease is not currently mandated by the Food and Drug Administration, Siouxland Blood Bank is voluntarily undertaking the testing to improve patient safety.”

For more information about Chagas testing, contact the Siouxland Community Blood Bank or blood drives in your area, call 712-252-4208, 1-800-798-4208 or visit their website at [www.siouxlandbloodbank.org](http://www.siouxlandbloodbank.org)

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### Cards of Thanks

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Teresa Snyder

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