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Local News

First Cooperative Association Awards \$7000 in Scholarships

First Cooperative Association, headquartered in Cherokee, Iowa, with 15 locations in Northwest Iowa, has awarded fourteen (14) \$500 scholarships to chosen graduates in their trade area. Since 1997, almost \$80,000 has been given to local graduates to further their education in a variety of fields.

This year's recipients are: Alan Hindeldey, Alta Schools; Ryan Parker and Tanner Winterhof, Aurelia Schools; Chris Smith, Cherokee Schools; Crystal Abbas, Brittany Anderson and Chance Ferguson, Laurens-Marathon Schools; Brian Weber, Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn Schools; Halley Schnell, Newell-Fonda Schools; Vernon Gebers, Jr., River Valley Schools; Elizabeth Schmidt, Schaller-Crestland Schools; and Chris Dean, Nick Sennert and Ryan Chalstrom, all of Sioux Central Schools.

Many of these young people are entering agricultural related and rural study fields and intend to work in rural areas. This is part of a culture that is encouraged by First Cooperative with the hope of continuing and strengthening the rural economy in

Iowa Trust & Savings Bank Donates \$1,000 for Quasqui

Iowa Trust & Savings Bank is proud to be a new business in Laurens and is showing their support of the community by donating \$1,000.00 to the Laurens Quasquicentennial Events.



Cathy Pohlman presents a \$1,000 check to Fundraiser Chairman, Tom Madsen. Others pictured are Karen Lind, Kate Ellis and Kris Ausborn, President and CEO of Iowa Trust & Savings Bank.

Laura Bieri Named to U of I President's List

Laura Bieri has been named to the President's List at the University of Iowa. This honor is reserved for the highest-achieving students, based on stringent criteria. To be named to the President's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student, earn a minimum grade point average of 4.0, and maintain that average for two semesters in a row.

Laura has been accepted to the College of Business and plans to earn a major in marketing. Laura is the daughter of Sheldon and Linda Bieri of Laurens.

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What's Up With the Orange Eyes? More Inside...

Scott Sernett Receives CFP Certification

Waterloo, Iowa: Scott Sernett, CLU, ChFC, CFP(r) Financial Advisor with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network has been authorized by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. (CFP Board) to use the CFP(r) certification marks in accordance with CFP certification requirements.

These marks identify those individuals who have met the rigorous experience and ethical requirements, have successfully completed financial planning coursework and have passed the CFP(r) Certification Examination covering the following areas: the financial planning process, risk management, investments, tax planning and management, retirement and employee benefits, and estate planning. CFP(r) certificants must also agree to meet ongoing continuing education requirements to uphold CFP Boards Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility and Financial Planning Practice Standards. For more information about the CFP(r) certification or what a CFP(r) professional can do for you, visit www.CFP.net

Leadership Forum

The Pocahontas County Leadership Forum concluded its four session series in May with inspirational speaker, Gavin Jerome, The Laughing Leader!. The 19 Pocahontas County leaders were inspired to include laughter in their leadership roles and their daily life, work, and play! Other sessions included learning about Pocahontas County's economic development activities, gaining leadership skills by looking at opportunities, perspectives, and challenges, and learning their personality and leadership styles. The program was organized by the Pocahontas County Extension Service with partnerships from Positech of Laurens, the Pocahontas Community Hospital, the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission, and the Pocahontas County Foundation. The project was made possible by a grant of \$2300 from the Pocahontas County Foundation. Look for a regional leadership program beginning in January 2008.

Barn Quilt for ISU's 150th on "Pocahontas Clock Barn"

The public is invited to attend the June 23 dedication of a barn quilt on the "Clock Barn." The dedication is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Iowa State University. The Cyclone colored barn quilt will be hung on the "clock barn" just 4 miles east of Pocahontas on Highway 3 on the Jason and Kayla Frerk barn. The event is slated for approximately 11:30, following the Heritage Days parade in Pocahontas. This dedication will be one of 99 county projects that are being coordinated statewide by the County Extension Offices. The projects are a way to say thank you to Iowans for their support of ISU since 1858. Each county chose their own projects and include fairground or park additions, garden or landscape plantings, trail construction, and historical displays. The barn quilt will have a special plaque marking the project.

Marathon Dinner Date Celebrates Older Americans Month

Dana Snow, as Mayor of Marathon, proclaimed May 2007 as Older Americans Month in Marathon, Iowa, with the theme "Making Choices for a Healthier Future". During this month the citizens of Marathon, Iowa, recognize older Americans, their families and caregivers. They give tribute to the American family which is the strength of our nation and our hope for the future. They believe older members of our families provide us with the historical perspective that enables us to move forward and contribute to our nation's greatness. We must all work to ensure that health and human services reach across generations because we know stronger multigenerational programs result in stronger individuals who are more connected to communities.

The citizens of Marathon, Iowa are very proud to continue this tradition of celebrating our families and our communities as the foundation of our society as we honor our older Americans.

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L-M Graduate Cast In Spencer Community Theatre Production

Brian Josephson, 2007 graduate of Laurens-Marathon High School, has been chosen to play a member of the troupe in Spencer Community Theatre's production of "Godspell". Brian will be featured in two solos as well as a small speaking part. The production is scheduled for three performances-June 29-30 & July 1.

Brian has extensive experience in theatre throughout high school. He was involved in both large group and individual speech for all four years as well as participating in school plays. Brian has formerly acted in "Arsenic and Old Lace", "The Wizard of Oz", "Donovan's Daughters" and "Godspell". Brian is the son of Dan and Kathy Josephson of Albert City and will be attending Iowa State University in the fall, where he plans to major in Mechanical Design Engineering while continuing to be involved in music and drama.



Pictured; Dana Snow right, with Marathon residents recognizing the older americans month.

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder

Our Kids' Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Join us at 1:00 Tuesday, June 19 as we *Get a Clue!* Chris Collins, will entertain us with *"Inspector Iwannano & the Case of the Missing Mom"* – Discover clues that will help solve a mystery in this exciting and magical trip through the imagination. He blends magic, storytelling, and a variety of other arts into a fast paced program designed to both entertain and educate our kids. Chris has over 15 years of professional performing experience. His ability to blend audience participation with original music and a bit of humor as earned him the title of Magic Comedian. Sound like fun? Come and see for yourself!

New fiction books this week include; *Broken Shore* by Peter Temple, *The Devil Who Tamed Her* by Johanna Lindsey, *The Yiddish Policeman's Union* by Michael Chabon, *Woman in Red* by Eileen Goudge, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, and *Double Take* by Catherine Coulter. If you like true crime, try *Too Late to Say Goodbye* by Ann Rule.

Stop and pick up a copy of *The Secret Life of Bees* so you can join our discussion Monday night, June 25th.

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!



This week at Evangelical Free Church

(Albert City)

Wed.:

7:00 PM Adult Bible Study & Prayer

Sat.:

Short-term mission team leaves for Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota

Sun.:

8:30 & 10:45 AM - Morning Worship

9:45 AM - Sunday School

Wed.:

10:00 AM - FCWM Birthday Party at Shelter House Park for Pastors' Wives

Wed.:

7:00 PM - Adult Bible Study & Prayer

Canner Gauge Testing

Pressure canner gauges will be tested on Wednesday, June 27 at the Pocahontas County Extension Office in Pocahontas from 9:00 AM to Noon and Thursday, June 28 at the Calhoun County Extension Office in Rockwell City from 10:00 AM to Noon. Just bring the lid only with dial gauges or the pop up style. Weighted gauges cannot be tested. If the date does not work in your schedule, you may bring the lid to the Extension office at an earlier date and pick it up after the testing date. There is a \$3.00 testing fee.

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French Connection

A request was sent to Laurens, France for some history of their village. Richard Wilson replied with what he calls "a brief and unofficial account;" parts of which are excerpted here, interspersed with equally brief data about the area where Laurens, Iowa now stands, and corresponding to the same time periods. The Iowa information is taken from the article in the Laurens Centennial book by Ron Harms.

FRANCE: "About 3000 years ago, the site of Laurens, France was inhabited by a tribe of Celts. And following the conquest of the Mediterranean Coast by the Romans about 2000 years ago, the land around the village was given to veterans of the Roman Legions which had fought in Roman Provinces in what is today Hungary. Roman relics (pottery, coins, statuettes etc.) are still frequently found today in the grape plots around the village. The Romans built their homes in what is best described as fortified farms, on the land around Laurens."

IOWA: From 1000 B.C. to 1200 A.D. the Woodland Indians made small settlements of from 1 to 4 acres in the area of what is now Laurens, Iowa. They survived primarily by hunting and gathering, and possibly some early agriculture. Some fragments of pottery are to be found on these sites, as well as projectile points and stone knives. These artifacts were not only functional, but were the earliest art forms of the area. FRANCE: "In the 'Middle Ages' a fortress was built, for defensive purposes, on the hill between the junction of two rivers. This is the site of Laurens as it is today. The peasants around the area built their houses at the foot of the Castle for protection. And the village of Laurens was born. At the end of the 12th century the castle was converted from a fortress into the residence for the "Seigneurs" of Laurens. They came from the family of neighboring nobility in Fouzilhon. And they stayed for a few centuries."

IOWA: About 1300 A.D. or around the end of the 12th century, a spectacular cultural development occurred to which the term Oneota was given. Long houses, more advanced pottery, and more advanced agriculture characterized this time. The Oneota Indians were the people present at the beginning of written historic time in the Laurens area. Succeeding historical periods of the two Laurens will be noted later.



Sernetts Attend Montana Wedding

Alice and Gene Sernett attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Angie White, and James Maxson in Red Lodge, Montana on June 2nd. They were joined by their children, Sue Johnson, Mary Runneberg, Kathy Keane, Barb and Dan Edmonds and their family, and Joe and Amy Sernett and their family.

Angie is the daughter of Pat Sernett McCormick and Dennis White, both formerly of Laurens. The marriage celebration, dinner, and dance were held at the Red Lodge Golf and Country Club. While there, they also visited with Katie and Chad Bernard and family. Katie is the Sernetts' granddaughter, and sister of the bride. Alice and Gene and their children visited points of interest in the Black Hills during their trip home.

Sports

Charger Women Defeat Southern Cal 9-0

Johnson Charts 15 K's

Just like a golfer playing into a stiff wind, the Laurens-Marathon Charger women had to put the driver back in the bag a go to work on the short game *Our Town Our Paper!*

in order to put up runs against Twin Lakes Conference foe Southern Cal 9-0. In the face of extreme headwinds, the Chargers relied on their team speed to chalk up nine runs with the benefit of only one extra-base hit—a Kelsey Meyer triple. It was a punch, slap and bunt affair (13 walks, too) as Megan Cleveland, Megan Hofmaster, Holly Hofmaster, Jordan Sundblad, Kylie Woodley, Kacie Woodley and the rest of the Charger crew simply ran wild on the Mustang defense. BV recruit, Brynn

Larson, drew five walks in five trips to the plate as the Mustangs struggled to keep the Chargers off the base path. At the end of the contest the Chargers had left eleven runners on base. Charger pitcher, Bryn Johnson, charted her first no-hitter of the season striking out 15 Mustang hitters on the night without issuing a walk. The Chargers stand at 6-1 overall and 3-0 atop the TLC with Alta and Pocahontas in their sights.

Cleveland Sees the Field a Little Differently!

If you'd have taken a look at Megan Cleveland's eyes after last Monday's game with Rockwell City you might have thought that she'd been hit with the ball--bright orange pupils--almost red, in fact!

Apparently Megan was trying some new contacts that allowed for improved visual performance in sporting activities--high contrast. This allows the bright yellow ball to really jump out at the hitters giving them the best possible look at the ball--and the best opportunity to hit it!

Megan has come up with a couple of timely hits in the past week, so maybe it's doing the trick! When you see Megan at the field, have a look!



Chargers Fall to Alta 4-3

Hall Belts 1st Homer of Season

Alta: The Charger women fell to 6-2 with a tough loss to non-conference foe Alta here on Thursday evening. In the end, the Chargers paid the price for five errors committed and a 6th inning home run allowed.

For the second consecutive game, the Chargers were held to just one extra-base hit—a 4th inning homer off the bat of shortstop, Laci Hall. Hall made it look easy driving the ball deep over the left



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L-M beats Humboldt in Thriller!

An exciting game that was closer than the final score would indicate. We got up early 6-1 then in the top of the 3rd, Humboldt plated home 8 runs to take a 9-6 lead. The Chargers gained the momentum back in the top of the 4th when Keton Joynt gunned down a runner at the plate trying to score from second off a base hit. In the bottom of the 4th the Chargers took the lead 10-9, only to relinquish it when Humboldt scored 3 in the top of the 5th to go ahead 12-10. The Chargers answered in the bottom of the 5th with 6 runs of their own to go ahead 16-12. Humboldt put up two runs in the top of the 6th to pull within 2, at 16-14. They had the bases loaded with two outs, and Freshman Jake Frye was called upon to make his varsity pitching debut, and he calmly got the hitter to fly out to left. The bottom of the 6th started off poorly for the Chargers, 2 groundouts with one on a horrible call. In one of the most amazing things I've seen, the Chargers proceeded to score 10 runs, all coming with two outs to end the game at 24-14.

Key players: Ryan Lovin, who relieved Travis Leuer in the 3rd, and proceeded to battle on the mound for over 3 innings. Also had 4 RBI's. Jake Frye: Varsity debut, huge 3rd out in 6th (biggest play of entire game) and also RBI base hit in 6th. David Brechler: 4 2B, 3 RBI, 5 Runs, nail in the coffin bases loaded 2B. Ryan Stumbo: Huge lift off the bench, 3 hits 4 RBI's. Chargers 6-1 (2-0)

field fence. This was the first homer of the season for Hall and the third dinger of her career.

The Chargers were in it to the end going into the 6th with the score tied up at 3-3. With two outs and an 0-2 count in her favor Charger pitcher, Bryn Johnson, offered up a rise ball that caught too much of the plate allowing the Cyclone batter to take the

ball deep to left and out of the park. That's all it would take as the Chargers were retired 1-2-3 in the top of the 7th.

Johnson allowed three hits and one earned run in the contest. She fanned 12 and did not issue a walk. The Chargers will attempt to get back on track as they continue with Twin Lakes Conference play.



Charger Men Win Conference Opener

LM 8 SE-Web 2

Winning Pitcher-Travis Leuer (1-1)

4IP 3H 2R 1ER

Save-Mason Reed (1)

3IP 1H 0R 0ER

2B-Reed(2)

HR-Gary Brechler(1)

RBI-G.Brechler-4-(7)

Reed(5)

Ryan Lovin(2)

David Brechler(3) LM 3-1 (1-0)

Charger Men Move to 5-1

Laurens-Marathon 1-1-0 3-1-0 2

Ruthven-Ayshire 1-1-0 1-0-0 0

Winning Pitcher: Gary Brechler (1-0)

5 1/3IP 4H 3R 1ER 5K 1BB 1HBP

Ryan Lovin 1 2/3IP 0H 0R 1BB

2B

Adam Woodin (5)

Andrew Hanson (2)

Travis Leuer (2)

RBI

Andrew Hanson-2-(8)

Adam Woodin-2-(5)

Mason Reed (8)

David Brechler (4)

Travis Leuer (3)

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Chargers Stop Rockwell City-Lytton 12-0

Monday June 4, 2007

Laurens: The Laurens Chargers women's softball team defeated Rockwell City-Lytton in four innings by a score of 12-0 here on Monday evening. The Chargers pounded out nine hits in the victory including a 3rd inning homerun by Charger pitcher Bryn Johnson and a double from battery mate Brynn Larson.

Megan Hofmaster was credited with three stolen bases in addition to two base hits.

Johnson held RCL to just two hits on the night, striking out six. The Chargers now stand at 5-1 overall and have a share of the Twin Lakes Conference lead at 2-0.



Johnson Hits Her Second Homer

Charger Women Shut Out Pocahontas 7-0

The L-M Charger softball team shut down the Pocahontas Maidens here Friday night posting a 7- shut-out. Shortstop, Laci Hall, hit her second home run in the last two outings with a 3rd inning shot. Catcher Brynn Larson and Kaci Woodley each added a double for the Chargers. Charger pitcher, Bryn Johnson, allowed three hits striking out seven with no walks. The Chargers now stand at 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the Twin Lakes Conference. *Ranked 11th in 1A!*

Big 6th Inning Keys Chargers to 11-3 Win Over Rockwell-City/Southern Cal

An eight run 6th inning gave the Chargers all they needed in a 11-3 Conference win over Rockwell-City Southern Cal Monday night. The Chargers moved to 4-1 overall, 2-0 in conference.

RCL/SC 0-0-0 1-2-0 0

LM 1-0-1 1-0-8 x

WP-Adam Woodin (3-0)

6IP 5H 3R 3ER 5K 2BB

Mason Reed

1IP 2H 0R 0ER 2K

2B-Woodin-2-(4)

Gary Brechler-(2)

Ryan Stumbo-(1)

RBI-Mason Reed-2-(7)

Andrew Hanson-2-(6)

Ryan Stumbo-2-(2)

Gary Brechler-(8)

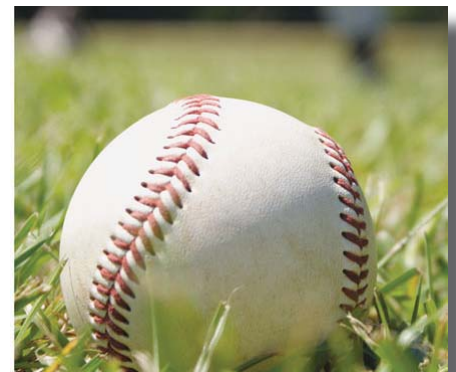
Adam Woodin-(3)

Ryan Lovin-(3)

Travis Leuer-(2)

To view full Charger Stats go to quikstat-siowa.com

Way To Go Chargers!



**HONOR ROLL
LAURENS-MARATHON MIDDLE
SCHOOL
FOURTH QUARTER
2006-2007**

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

Kristen Alstott *
Ben Arnburg
Brady Bailey
Devon Bringleston
Matt Cleveland *
Will Cleveland *
Justin DaSilva
Rebekah Erritt
Ben Fuchs*
Cameron Graff
Ciri Gunnarson
Seth Hersom *
Caitlyn Heuton*
Becca Hubbard
Taylor Jensen
Ivy Johnson
Alex Jordan
Carly Lampe
Dalton Lappegard
Collin Lind
Danielle Mahoney*
Christina Mowry
Kaitlyn Pinney
Ashley Reese
Jake Simpson
Tyler Stockwell
Kylie Sundblad

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Brady Hotovec
Breanna Johnson*
Ryan Lovig
Alex Runneberg
Janae Smith *
Brice Wenell

8th

Ashley Anderson
Schuyler Bechtel
Riley Bell
Case Bieri *
Melissa Cleveland
Brady Ellis
Megan Hertz *
Michael Hertz
Connor Johnson*
Kayla Josephson
Kelsey Kautz
Jill Kinney
Chad Kischer
Trent Kischer
Christian Klatt
Abbigail Larson
Devin Lind
Bryce Maschino
Haley Moore
Paige Potter
Austin Stumbo
John Stumpf
Melissa Swalin
Kelli Willer
Ben Zylstra

7th

Katie Evans
Trisha Griffin*
Regan Grossnickle

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LAURENS-MARATHON MIDDLE SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTER
2006-2007**

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Carly Lampe*
Dalton Lappegard
Collin Lind
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Christina Mowry
Kaitlyn Pinney
Ashley Reese
Jake Simpson
Tyler Stockwell
Kylie Sundblad

Regan Grossnickle*
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Janae Smith *
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