

Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the Wayne County Fair Board will be held October 9th, 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

This is an opportunity for volunteers to step up, as the fair board states they are in need of officers and directors.

Bob's2 Closed

David and Cindy Cooper will have Bob's2 closed Friday and Saturday.

Supervisors Approve Co-Interim Administrators For New Venture Group Home

The supervisors approved a motion to give Al Wilson, Wayne County Attorney, permission to ask for a formal resignation from Halie Spidle as New Venture Director. In further action, Susan Moore and Mendy Middlebrook were approved by the supervisors as co-interim administrators of the New Venture Group Home. Susan Moore gave a status report for New Venture. Susan reported that currently there are three residents, some scheduling conflicts to be resolved, and a certification that needs updating.

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Prairie Trails Museum Fall Pioneer Festival Is This Saturday

It's fall and that means it is time for the Annual Fall Pioneer Festival this Saturday, October 4 at Prairie Trails Museum of Wayne County on the east edge of Corydon, IA., sponsored by the parent organization, Wayne County Historical Society.

Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. Among the activities are several craft stations for children, including painting a pumpkin, make a craft or make a jump rope, a Scarecrow photo booth or win a sweet treat in the cake walk.

Would you like to learn how things were made years ago? There will be several people demonstrating almost forgotten crafts. Try your hand at weaving a rug on the loom with the help of Joan Byrns. Mark Snook will help you make a jump rope on a vintage rope making machine.

There will be a display of quilts in the Prairie to Present gallery. All quilts are part of the museum collections.

Dale Clark will have a display of hand-crafted pottery made in the style of the early peoples of Iowa. Dale creates amazing pottery in the style of the early Paleo-Indians who lived in Iowa from about 500BC to 1650AD.

Other speakers in the main building will be Jeff Snyder with a display of Native American artifacts and Cody Jellison on historic sites found in Wayne County.

Two Many Chiefs food trailer will be in the parking lot. And sweet treat will be available from the bake sale., as well as craft vendors.

Raffle tickets will be for sale for a chance to win one of two prizes, a folding knife, crafted by Terry Jellison, and New this year, a metal rose sculpture "No Decay Bouquet" made by Paul Freeman. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The winning tickets will be drawn at 4:00pm. Need not be present to win. Join us at the museum for an unforgettable day of old-fashioned fun.

County Board of Supervisors Met Friday in Closed Session Per Iowa Code

Wayne County Board of Supervisors met Friday afternoon in compliance with the Iowa Code Section 21.4.

After the meeting was called to order, Lange made the motion to go into closed session per code section 21.5(c). Wilson seconded the motion.

Lange made a motion to approve New Venture to continue operations while striving to thrive, seconded by Wilson. Moore voted Nay.

The board approved Mendy Middlebrook and Susan Moore as co-interim administrators for New Venture.

Halie Spidle, New Venture Administrator has been put on administrative leave effective 9/19/25. Ms. Spidle is to be removed from all accounts pertaining to New Venture, Wayne County, IA, and Ms. Mendy Middlebrook and Ms. Susan Moore will be added to all accounts for New Venture.

Complete proceedings of the Friday meeting are listed on page 5.

Homecoming is This Week

Get ready, Warrior fans Homecoming is here!

The biggest change to note? The Homecoming Parade is starting later this year—at 2:00 p.m. Make sure to plan ahead so you don't miss the fun. Buses will run after the parade, around 2:45 p.m.

The fun doesn't stop there! Friday evening is packed with activities leading up to the big game.

Starting at 6:00 p.m., the Junior Class will be serving up dinner at the football field. It's a free will donation meal with a menu that includes pulled pork sandwiches, party potatoes, baked beans, and dessert—all to raise money for After Prom. Come hungry and support the juniors!

During the game, the Sophomore Class will be holding a Silent Auction to raise funds for their class. There will be some great items up for grabs, so be sure to check it out between plays.

Triple B's is covering the cost for all students to get into the game for free. So grab your friends, wear your Warrior gear, and come be part of the excitement!

Then at 7:00 p.m., the main event kicks off as the Warriors take on Mormon Trail under the Friday night lights. The weather looks perfect, so it's a great night to grab some dinner, cheer on the team, and enjoy the Homecoming spirit.

2025 SHS Homecoming Court



Candidates selected by their high school classmates are pictured: front row, from left – Laudia Carter, Miley Couchman, Reagen Liggett, Gabby Mitchell, and Morgan Robertson; back row, from left – Blake Bellman, Jarrett Moody, Gavyn Jellison, Chase Power, and Callon Spurgeon. The photo was taken Monday during Pajama Day, which might explain the relaxed attire of some students.

The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned Thursday night during Boom Night, which kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Come early at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy the FFA Ice Cream Social before the festivities begin.

Following coronation of the king and queen a bonfire will be held for 7-12 grade students. Students may bring a lawn chair and/or blanket for the bonfire.

The Court will ride in the 2 p.m. Homecoming parade Friday afternoon, and will also be recognized at the football game Friday evening.

Local Area Farm Families Recognized at The Iowa State Fair for Heritage and Century Farms



A Heritage Farm is 150 years of family ownership. Pictured above is the Swan family; Marving Swan, holding the Heritage certificate; at far right, holding the certificate is his son, Tom Swan, wife Sonya, and daughter, Hannah (Swan) and Frank Wiremen, and son, Ollie; behind Marvin is daughter Shalita (Swan) Sales; in front of Marvin is great granddaughters, Saylor and Lila, and Amanda Swan; far left is a cousin, Judy Street, and the couple behind Marvin, Dave and Andi Humphrey, cousins.

The Heritage Farm Program recognizes Ownership and operation of a farm by members of the same family for one hundred and fifty years or more is a significant accomplishment. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in conjunction with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation established the Heritage Farm Program for farm families that have owned at least 40 acres for 150 years or more.

The Century Farms Program recognizes and honors those individuals who have owned the farm land for 100 years or more. The program began in 1976 as part of the Bicentennial Celebration, when nearly 5,000 certificates and farm markers were distributed across Iowa at local ceremonies.



Representing the Hancox family, the children of Paul and Kathleen Hancox, for their Century Farm of family ownership of 100 years, in the center, holding the certificate is Paula (Hancox) Poli, and Allen Hancox, holding the Century Farm poster.

Family celebrating with them: from left: Presenter, Kim Hall, Jason Poli, Grayson Poli, Jim Poli, Paula, Allen, Sheri (Hancox) McCormick and her husband Mike, Brandi and Chris Poli, a FB presenter.

The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, with the endorsement of the Iowa American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.