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Wapello Schools plan 'My Hometown Day' activities for community service

By TONY JOHNSON
Wapello MS/HS Principal
WAPELLO — Wapello Middle School/High School students are gearing up for a special day of community service on Wednesday, April 30, as they participate in “My Hometown Day” activities. The event aims to give back to the local communities of Wapello, Cairo and Oakville, with students engaged in cleanup efforts throughout these areas. Students will spend the day working on tasks such as picking up trash, raking leaves and sprucing up public parks and roadways. The initiative is part of a broader effort to honor “Earth Day” by contributing to the maintenance and beauty of the surrounding communities. In addition to public spaces, the students are also offering their assistance to individuals who may need help with yard work. Whether it's raking leaves or tidying up outdoor spaces, this service is being provided at no charge to residents. Community members who have projects that need attention are encouraged to contact the Wapello High School office at (563) 523-3241 to make ar-

rangements for students to assist. The service project is a wonderful example of the school's commitment to fostering civic responsibility and environmental stewardship among our students.

Winfield-Mt. Union seeking volunteers for track meet

WINFIELD — Winfield-Mt Union is looking for volunteers to help run their home track meets on April 17, 24 and 28. Those who are able to help out can contact Leslie at leslie.wilson@wmucsd.org or Jill at jill.blake@wmucsd.org.

School district announces upcoming schedules

Check school websites for changes or updates. Below are activities for April 10-23.
Morning Sun Elementary School
■ Wednesday, April 23 – 4 p.m., preschool/kindergarten registration
Wapello
■ Monday, April 21- 5 p.m. boys/girls varsity soccer at Central Lee High School
Winfield-Mt. Union
■ Monday, April 17 – 4 p.m. varsity

boys/girls golf at WACO; 4:30 p.m. varsity girls track meet at Winfield-Mt. Union high school track versus multiple schools; 4:30 p.m. varsity boys track invitational at Mapleleaf Athletic Complex in Mt. Pleasant versus multiple schools
■ Monday, April 21- 5 p.m. varsity boys soccer at WACO
■ Tuesday April 22- 4:30 p.m. varsity girls track invitational at Mapleleaf Athletic Complex Mt. Pleasant versus multiple schools
Louisa-Muscataine
■ Monday April 21- 5 p.m. Varsity girls/boys soccer at Central Lee High School versus Central Lee
Columbus Community School
■ Thursday April 17 - noon girls/boys varsity golf meet at Flint Hills Golf Course versus Danville; 4:30 p.m.; varsity girls/boys track at Central City Community School; 5 p.m. varsity girls soccer at Wapello High School
■ Tuesday April 22 - noon boys varsity golf meet at Wahkonsa Golf Course
■ Wednesday, April 23 – 9:30 a.m. varsity boys/girls invitational golf at Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club; 6:30 p.m. awards program at high school main gym

LEGALS

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Schlutz, Dwayne Connolly, Adam Shutt, Randy Foor, Randy Schlutz, and Vicki Frank. Attended via Zoom: Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, Secondary Roads, Leah McElhinney, Tammy Malone, Kaitlyn McCleary, Eric Small, Ashley Van Wyk, Selena Gerst, and LCSO. Pledge of Allegiance
Motion Hardin, second Maine, to approve agenda for April 1, 2025, with the changes of striking item #9 and tabling item #11.
Motion Hunt, second Maine, to approve minutes for March 24 & 25, 2025.
Motion Hunt, second Maine, to approve Claims in the amount of \$190,203.14.
Meetings attended: Maine attended the solar meeting regarding canopy setback across from Courthouse. Hardin attended the Community Action meeting.
These payroll changes were reviewed, Dakota Day, Jailer, \$25.03/hr. effective 3/16/2025; Skyler Patrick, Jailer, \$22.90/hr. effective 3/15/2025; Mark Spitznogle, Deputy, \$32.31/hr. effective 3/2/25. Adam Shutt, County Engineer, gave his weekly update.
Scot Hunt joined the meeting at 8:49 a.m.
Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve liquor license for Conesville Event Grounds LLC.
Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve liquor license for Evergreen Entities Limited Liability Co.
A discussion was held with Vicki Frank, Treasurer, regarding the issuance of Driver's Licenses in the Treasurer's office. Maine stated he has received numerous calls concerning the closure of the Driver's License station and wanted to bring it back to the agenda for further discussion. The board inquired about the additional charge for out-of-town issuance. Frank clarified that she planned to implement this charge starting in July, but the discussion surrounding the closure paused the implementa-

tion. Randy Schlutz raised questions about possibly modifying the 28E agreement between the County and Department of Transportation (DOT), such as limiting services rather than offering the full range of services. Frank expressed doubt that the DOT would approve of such changes. Maine informed the Board that he would contact them to inquire about their stance on the matter.
The following claims have been examined and approved:
April 1, 2025
a1 quality tire-tires 3,346.80
abc fire exting -fire exting ... 174.95
absolute software -phone svrs 2,537.67
adam cooper-public educ ... 20.00
alliant -utilities 2,353.91
amanda herick-public educ 10.00
amazon -off supp..... 996.18
anne ball-township clerk 20.00
aron rendon meza-reimb safety boots 136.72
benita grooms-confer bd..... 21.00
bill l minnis-confer bd..... 30.80
bosch pest -pest control 85.00
brandon's body shop -mv equip maint 969.49
3801
bryce hoben-confer brd 25.20
capital one-public educa..... 20.59
centurylink-phone svrs..... 33.95
city of oakville-other machine 2,500.00
col jct library-contrib cj library 6,653.00
coppes pest -extern svrs 75.00
david kauffman-confer brd... 42.00
delzell bro-repairs 1,290.50
dollar general-food provisions 499.85
dr. paul towner-me fee 900.00
electronic engineer -mv equip maint 315.00
eli's highway service -tires... 887.00
farmers elevator -maint..... 86.59
fred weyrick jr-township trustee 20.00
gerald w kirk-confer bd 17.50
gerling repair -mower..... 3,899.00
hicklin matthews pars-office allow 2,584.05
holmes highway -mv equip maint 172.25
ilea-s o i 125.00

ia prison ind -park maint.... 816.38
isac-health ins 103,138.87
inavalon -tech svrs..... 360.48
ia co attorneys-dues 408.00
jacque wolford-public ed 10.00
jon malone-confer bd..... 14.70
keck memorial library-contrib keck library 7,806.00
kemp son -drainage 25..... 1,222.50
letts public library-contrib letts lib 6,077.00
lo co historical soc – contribution 1,500.00
lo co sheriff-service notices 138.80
lo co fair-contribution 7,500.00
lucas comm-data process maint 1,669.61
mark huston-confer bd..... 21.00
martins flag -operating maint 286.53
mason matthews-township trustee..... 20.00
mellinger library-contrib mellinger libr 7,230.00
midtown towing-towing 625.00
m g b-health ins claims... 8,995.16
pannier graphics-park maint 3,623.50
postmaster-postage 146.00
principal-health ins prem ... 250.35
r. samuel braden-confer brd 21.00
radar road tec-mv equip maint rpr 812.00
red lion renew -utilities... 3,066.33
reed dowell-township trustee..... 20.00
robins ag inc-drainage 12 814.53
rock valley p t-med health svrs 173.00
us cellular-phone services 1,815.86
visa-soi health supp 236.94
wapello co auditor-rent court admin 534.60
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting on motion adjourned at 9:15 a.m.
Susan Schnedler, Auditor
Shawn Maine, Chairman of Board
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LETTS CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting April 10, 2025

Public Hearing for Budget 25-26. No public present. Motion to approve, Resolution #4-10-25 J Starkweather Jr-yes D McManus-yes J Brockert-yes J Barnes-yes and M McCulley-yes. Motion carried.
Minutes of March 6, 2025 were approved with motion by J Starkweather Jr and seconded by D McManus. Motion carried.
All Bills paid.
Street bid from LL Pelling was approved by J Brockert and seconded by J Starkweather. Motion carried.
DISCUSSION
Update of lagoon
Day of caring April 25th
Doogie bar & grille/license renew (May 1) clean-up day by third grade class April 24th
Motion by J Brockert and seconded by D McManus to adjourn the meeting.
April 10, 2025
General Acct #
Comm Bldg 171.89
Street lights..... 609.04
Park 26.45
Siren 21.31
City Shed 164.13
Wages-K* 812.50
Wages-R* 1,216.64
Wages-B 200.00
Solar..... 413.08
Sheriff 1,151.83
Newspaper 321.75
Printer 113.65
FICA..... 3,146.33
Iprs* 802.18
IA-Tax 21.00
Phone 85.69
Post Off..... 73.00
John Deere * 444.87
Kubota* 300.83
Quill 128.39
City of Muscatine 19.00
Solid Waste -Lo Co 453.75
March-Revenue 1% 1,916.78
Taxes 976.05
RDUse 2,233.33
Misc. 100.00
Sewer Acct #
Lift#1 18.60
Lift#2 113.80
Generator 31.30
City Shed 0

Wages-K* 812.50
Wages-M* 750.00
fuel* 45.58
Solar 446.14
March-Revenue 6,255.00
Library #
Wages-*T..... 1,508.00
Phone* 198.59
RTR 0
Printer 0
Scholastic 156.55
March- Revenue 3,750.00
600.00
Mtg adj.
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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LOUISA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANICE L. LEINBACH, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR017567 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To all persons interested in the estate of Janice L. Leinbach, deceased, who died on or about March 23, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on April 9, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Janice L. Leinbach, deceased, bearing the date of May 21, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Deborah Pytel was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or there-

after be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against said estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 9th day of April, 2025.
/s/ Deborah Pytel
Executor of the Estate
305 Cherry St.
Columbus Junction, IA 52738
Phil Parsons
Attorney for Executor
206 West Main Street
P.O. Box 308
Washington, IA 52353
Date of second publication April 24, 2025.
Published in the Wapello Morning Sun April 17 and April 24, 2025.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MORNING SUN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Morning Sun Community School District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Library of the Morning Sun Elementary School, located at 311 E Division Street, Morning Sun, IA. The purpose of the public hearing will be for the purposes of receiving input on the proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar in accordance with Chapter 279.10 of the Code of Iowa.
Eric Small Interim Secretary,
Board of Directors
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Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast

THURSDAY
Scattered T-storms
High: 71 Low: 58

FRIDAY
Scattered T-storms
High: 74 Low: 47

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 65 Low: 45

SUNDAY
Few Showers
High: 67 Low: 48

MONDAY
Cloudy
High: 66 Low: 45

TUESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 65 Low: 46

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 61 Low: 40

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 55% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 60%. Southeast wind 13 to 17 mph. The record high temperature for today is 75° set in 1899.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	45	32	59/38	0.00"
Tuesday	50	23R	60/38	0.00"
Wednesday	68	41	60/38	0.00"
Thursday	64	34	61/39	0.00"
Friday	57	37	61/39	0.00"
Saturday	64	34	61/39	0.00"
Sunday	79	50	62/40	0.00"

Rainfall..... 0.00" Average temp.. 48.4°
Normal rainfall . 0.76" Average normal 49.6°
Departure -0.76" Departure -1.2°

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Last 4/20	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		First 5/4
		Thursday	6:23 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	Prev Day	8:35 a.m.		
		Friday	6:21 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	12:53 a.m.	9:24 a.m.		
		Saturday	6:20 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	1:46 a.m.	10:23 a.m.		
		Sunday	6:18 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	2:30 a.m.	11:29 a.m.		
		Monday	6:17 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	3:07 a.m.	12:39 p.m.		
		Tuesday	6:16 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	3:38 a.m.	1:52 p.m.		
		Wednesday	6:14 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	4:05 a.m.	3:06 p.m.		

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 74 in Quincy, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 88 in Tampa, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 99 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 76 in Grants Pass, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 94 in Jal, N.M.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Serendipity

While talking the other day with Dr. Keith Wood, Assistant Professor of Practice in Physics, who came to Moravian in 2022, a remarkable coincidence evolved in our discussion. Wood received his BS and MA from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. As a graduate student, Wood and a colleague, David Koerner, researched low-mass stars and brown dwarfs at Lowell Observatory. Wood explained, "The idea was that widely separated [low mass] binary systems would appear to have a common proper motion, so with sufficient time between observations, we could identify candidate systems. Since few low-mass stars had distances known via parallax at that time, we could potentially learn a lot about the nearby stellar neighborhood." * Historically, Lowell was the first US observatory site tested before its founder, Percival Lowell, commissioned Alvan Clark and Sons to construct a 24-inch aperture refractor in 1895. It was here that Lowell and others popularized canals and life on Mars. Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto, now a dwarf planet, at Lowell in 1930, while the work of Vesto M. Slipher (1912-14) found the universe to be expanding. Somehow, our conversation shifted to eclipses because it had been virtually a year since the April 8, US eclipse had transpired. Wood's two young twins prevented him from seeing it, but the chat continued something like this: Becker: Did you see the 2017 August 21 total solar eclipse? Wood: Yeah, I did. Becker: Where? Wood: Wyoming... I had just completed my PhD at Auburn (Alabama) University when I received the opportunity to view it. Becker: Where in Wyoming? Wood: Eastern Becker: Me too! I volunteered with a friend, Pete Dettlerline, in Guernsey State Park for the Wyoming Park Service. We were up by the yurts. Wood: Me too! Becker: This is crazy. Were you in the yurt section of the park with the University of Hawaii group, which was right next to my group, with telescopes and cameras in a large tent-like enclosure? Wood: That was us! Becker: Unbelievable We were probably no more than 250 feet apart from each other for three or four days... Read more at www.astronomy.org

Local UV Index


0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme Exposure

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Weather Trivia

How strong were the peak winds in Hurricane Andrew?
Answer: The highest recorded peak gust was 160 mph.



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