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Humeston native CJ Porterfield new store director

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Falcons beat Mohawks during Fall Festival Game

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Around the Area

September 19-20 Allertonworld Fair September 19, 20, 21

Wayne Theatre, showing The Naked Gun
September 19
WCHS Football vs.
Winfield-Mount Union, 7
p.m. at Winfield.

September 1-October 3

FCCLA Pampered Chef fundraiser

September 20

WC marching band at Allertonworld Fair WCHS choir at Allertonworld Fair

September 22

No School - Staff Learning Day WCJH Football vs. Central Decatur, 4 p.m. home WCSD Homecoming Boom Night, 7 p.m.

September 23

WCJH Volleyball vs. Lamoni, 4 p.m. at home WCJH/HS girls and boys XC, 4:30 p.m. at Creston

WCHS JV/Varsity Triangular, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Southeast Warren (POI Triangular vs. SEW, EU)

Upcoming Around the Area

Russell Sportsmen's Club will conduct a free trap shoot for high school and middle school youth on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.

Clay targets, shells, eye/ear protection, safety instruction and shooting fundamentals will be provided by the Club. There is no need to register. Youth need to show up at the range by 2 p.m. for the safety meeting. A number of firearms will be available for loan if needed.

For more information, call 641-203-5296.

Briefs

Truth and hope in Christ, a memorial for Charlie Kirk, Saturday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at the Corydon square courtyard.

Support Local Animal Shelter

Looking for a furry friend to become a part of your family? Consider adopting a dog or cat from your local animal shelter. An adopted pet will provide unconditional love and companionship to all.

Furever Friends Rescue, Centerville, view website at fureverfriends.info or call 641-856-9455 or Almost Home Animal Rescue, Chariton, view website at almosthomear.com or call 641-774-2840

WCHS 2025 Homecoming Court



The 2025 WCHS Homecoming court front row L to R: Kloie Sims, Ella Pruiett, Emersen Guzenhauser and Natalia Brown. Back row L to R: Fischer Buckingham, Jaedyn Schoolcraft, Layten Anderson and Max Pollock. (Submitted photo)

Kloie Sims Writer

Wayne Community
School is preparing for a
week of Homecoming activities, and to kick it off,
the Homecoming Court
has been announced.
This year's court includes: Natalia Brown,
Emersen Gunzenhauser,
Ella Pruiett, and Kloie
Sims, Layten Anderson,
Fischer Buckingham,
Max Pollock, and Jaedyn

Schoolcraft

These remarkable students were selected by their peers in recognition of their leadership, friendliness, and dedication to our vibrant school community. Congratulations to all!

Homecoming Events include Boom Night and the crowning of the king and queen on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Homecoming Parade will be held on Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. and is open to the

community.

The Wayne Falcons will take on Baxter for the Homecoming game on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. This year, the Homecoming theme is "White Lie." After the football game, a bonfire will take place and is open to students in the seventh grade and up.

The week will end with a dance on Sept. 27, 7–10 p.m. in the old gym for high school students only.

Medicare open enrollment pitfalls

Teresa Evans Associate Editor

The monthly meeting of the Wayne County Hospital was held on Sept. 15. At the meeting the annual financial audit results were discussed and were very positive. Although they do face challenges with collecting payment from some of the Medicare Advantage Plans. The challenges include denials, slow payments, and under payments. One strategy being utilized is recruiting and hiring experienced Medicare billing personnel who have worked with the Advantage plans and know the ins and outs of billing the Medicare Advantage plans.

As October approach-

es, Medicare Open Enrollment begins. So starts the increased phone calls, the obnoxious commercials, and the non-stop social media blitz about the Medicare Advantage plans, all with the promise to cover more and cost less than supplemental providers.

The downside is some of Medicare Advantage Plans are no longer accepted by healthcare providers. As of June 18, 2025, according to Becker's Hospital Review, 27 health systems this year either have dropped or will be dropping some of the Medicare Advantage plans. Most notable in Iowa is MercyOne (including MercyOne Genesis). While MercyO-

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Wayne County Democrats Fall Fest

The Wayne County
Democrats are hosting
a FALL FEST/WEINER ROAST at 6 p.m. on
Thursday, Sept. 25 at
the Dan and Sue White
Farm 2.5 miles east of
Humeston on Highway
J22. (1577 Highway J22).

Bring bug spray and lawn chairs. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, potato chips, dessert, drinks and tableware will be provided. A gas grill will be provided for "bring-your-own" burgers, steaks, etc. Wear outdoor shoes for the short walk from the parking area

into the timber. A utility vehicle will be available for those requiring a ride to the weiner roast site. Port-a-potty will be available as well. Free will donation will be accepted. All statewide and third district candidates are invited to come and speak. We encourage anyone from surrounding counties to attend.

Please text RSVP to chair Phil West at 641-870-0663. In case of inclement weather we will try to notify you if event has to be canceled.

Behavioral Health and Disabilities Services system changes

Teresa Evans Associate Editor

In August Board of Supervisor Vice-Chairman Tod Willson attended a conference in Des Moines to learn about the newly implemented Behavioral Health System. The major changes consist of creating seven Behavioral Health Districts and merging Disability with Aging services.

Disability services now include a Disability Access Point located in each region. Iowans of any age who need help with disability services can now call either their local Disability Access Point, the Aging and Disability Resource Center network or Your Life Iowa to figure

out how to get help The Disability Access points provide: Information, Assistance with identifying individual needs, Counseling for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers/family, Receive guidance to make informed choices about long-term supports, and Long-term services and supports service coordination.

Wayne County is in District 5 with the local Disability Access Point located in Leon at the Decatur County Public Health on NE Idaho Street (641) 446-6518.

All Behavioral Health services can be accessed through the state's website https://yourlifeiowa.org/, phone (855) 581-81111, or text (855) 895-8398.

District 1: Lyon, Osceola, Sioux, O'Brien, Plymouth, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Woodbury, Ida, Monona, Crawford, Carroll and Harrison

District 2: Dickerson, Emmet, Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Clay, Palo Iowa Behavioral Health Districts



Alto, Hancock, Pocahontas, Humboldt, Wright, Sac, Calhoun and Webster

District 3: Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Chickasaw, Fayette, Clayton, Franklin, Butler, Bremer, Hardin, Grundy, Marshall and Tama

District 4: Shelby, Audubon, Guthrie,

Pottawattamie, Cass, Adair, Mills, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Fremont, Page, Taylor and Ringgold.

District 5: Hamilton, Greene, Boone, Story, Dallas, Polk, Jasper, Madison, Warren, Marion, Clarke, Lucas, Decatur and Wayne.

District 6: Benton,

Poweshiek, Iowa, Mahaska, Keokuk, Washington, Monroe, Wapello, Jefferson, Henry, Appanoose, Davis, Van Buren and Lee.

District 7: Black Hawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Linn, Jones, Jackson, Johnson, Cedar, Clinton, Muscatine, Scott, Louisa and Des Moines.

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