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Around the Area

September 26, 27, 28

Wayne Theatre, showing Downton Abbey, The Grand Finale, Rated PG.

WCHS Homecoming football game vs. Baxter, at home, 7 p.m.

September 26

FCCLA Pampered Chef fundraiser.

Homecoming Parade starting at 2:30 p.m.

September 27

FCCLA Pampered Chef fundraiser.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WCJH/HS Band at Pancake Day Band Competition, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 28

FCCLA Pampered Chef fundraiser.

September 29

FCCLA Pampered Chef fundraiser.

Jostens Announcement/C&G Presentation HS Library, 1-2 p.m.

Jostens Class Jewelry & Letter Jacket Presentation for Sophmores, HS Library, 1:30-2 p.m.

WCJH Volleyball at Mormon Trail, 4 p.m.
WCJH Football at Moravia, 5 p.m.

WCHS JV Football at Moravia, 6:30 p.m.

September 30

WCJH/HS Girls/Boys XC at Knoxville, 4:30 p.m.

WCJV/Varsity Triangular @ Southwest Valley (POI Triangular vs. SWV, MSM), starting at 5:30 p.m.

October 1

FCCLA Pampered Chef fundraiser.

October 2

FCCLA Pampered Chef fundraiser

WCJV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Chariton, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming around 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.

Circle of Freedom's Annual Celebration Fund-raiser Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Event Center in Corydon, dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Annual Fall Pioneer Festival on Oct. 4 at Prairie Trails Museum of Wayne County on the east edge of Corydon. The festival is held the first Saturday in October each year and sponsored by the parent organization, Wayne County Historical Society. Activities will begin at 10 a.m.

WCHS crowned royalty at Boom Night



Homecoming kicked off Monday evening with Boom Night and the crowning of the 2025 Queen, Kloie Sims and King Max Pollock, Princess Emily Strickland and Prince Wyatt Garrison. Each day provided fun activities such as dress up days through out the week, and Homecoming game Friday night against Baxter and a post game Bonfire sponsored by Corydon Fire Department. (Photo by Adriann Anderson.)



Wayne County woman faces charges for attempted murder

Becky Maxwell
Publisher

A Wayne County woman faces charges after allegedly introducing Algaecide and brake cleaner chemicals into a victim's injectable medication.

Court documents state that 36-year-old Halie Spidle has been charged with attempted murder and administering harmful substances. Two bonds have been set: \$50,000 cash only for the attempted murder charge, and \$10,000 cash only for the administering harmful substances



charge.

She was taken into custody on Sept. 18. The alleged crime occurred between Aug. 1 and Sept. 18.

Spidle is due in court on Sept. 26 for a preliminary hearing.

Wayne Board of Supervisors call for closed session about New Venture

Becky Maxwell
Publisher

The Wayne County Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on Sept. 23 starting at 3 p.m. and proceeded as a regular meeting with the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. Following a quick discussion of agenda items, the board immediately called a closed session as permitted by code section 21.5, which allows certain discussions to be held confidentially regarding specific circumstances such as personnel issues.

The meeting was convened to discuss and

approve future plans for New Venture, discuss and approve the New Venture Interim Administrator, and discuss and approve Resolution 26-05 for removing and adding authorized signors for the New Venture Payee account and credit card.

New Venture, also known as New Venture Group Home, is a group home for individuals with mental disabilities located in Corydon. The home provides a supportive and welcoming environment for its residents. Recently, a serious incident occurred that led to a drastic change in leadership. On Sept. 18, the administrator

of New Venture, Halie Spidle, was charged with attempted murder and administering harmful substances.

The closed session lasted nearly one hour before the meeting reconvened. The board reviewed the items discussed in the closed session and voted to approve them. Lance Lange, board member made a motion to keep New Venture operating to ensure its continued success. Todd Wilson, vice chairman seconded the motion, and Chris Moore, board chairman, was the only one to object; however, the motion passed.

New Venture will continue under the co-interim administrators, Susan Moore, Wayne County Public Health Director and Mendy Middlebrook, Wayne County Community Services Director. Their immediate priorities will include assessing the current state of the group home operations, ensuring the staff maintains high standards of care, and stabilizing the administrative processes during the transition period. The interim administrators will also focus on reinforcing communication channels with residents' families and relevant stakeholders. This motion passed

with the support of all three supervisors.

The board had a quick discussion on how to move forward with removing and adding authorized signors for the payee account and credit card. Alan Wilson, county attorney, was present and advised the council to remove Spidle as an authorized signor immediately and add Moore and Middlebrook as signors. Lange made a motion after Wilson's recommendation to remove Spidle and add Moore and Middlebrook. The motion passed.

There were no public comments, and the meeting adjourned.

The Allertonworld Fair: A celebration of community and resilience

Mackenzie Miner
Correspondent

The Allertonworld Fair celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2024, opening the door to endless opportunities for growth in the years ahead. As the town prepared to continue the celebration into 2025, the weather forecast predicted seven consecutive days of rain.

Despite the looming clouds, Friday night offered a welcome break in the weather—perfect conditions for live music, delicious food, and the much-anticipated Glow Walk. You could feel the excitement in the air as crowds gathered at the

central gazebo in Allerton, greeting one another and kicking off the festivities with enthusiasm.

Saturday morning arrived with intermittent showers throughout the day. While some might have seen the rain as a damper on the celebration, I witnessed something far more powerful: resilience and the true spirit of community. Neighbors came together, undeterred by the wet weather, determined to keep the festivities alive.

A full schedule of events unfolded, featuring games for all ages, open tournaments, food vendors serving all day, and much more. Community members showed

up in force, their spirits undiminished. Activities were rearranged, buildings opened to provide shelter, and—inevitably—a mountain of laundry awaited many attendees.

As a newcomer attending my first Allertonworld Fair, I initially felt a twinge of disappointment and a fear of missing out. But I shook it off, stepped outside, and witnessed the very best of what this town has to offer: a community that shows up, adapts, and finds joy in the moment—rain or shine. I felt a renewed appreciation for the place I now call home and the familiar faces that make it so special.



Kynlee Irving watching James Boggs and another friend splashing in the puddles. (Photo by Mackenzie Miner)

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