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and crumb-topped pies. All pies must be made entirely from scratch, including crust and filling. Recipes must be submitted with each entry.

Registration begins Friday, July 18th, at 11:30 a.m., with a \$1 entry fee per item. Cash prizes include \$25 for first place, \$15 for second, and \$10 for third. Following judging, all pies will be auctioned during Saturday’s swine show, with proceeds supporting fairgrounds improvements.

King Arthur Baking Company is again sponsoring a special division focused on muffins. Muffins may be any flavor but must include four muffins per entry, the recipe, and either the UPC from the King Arthur flour bag or the flour bag itself with a purchase receipt. Prizes for adults include King Arthur gift cards of \$75 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. Youth prizes include gift cards of \$40 and \$25 for first and second place, respectively, and a King Arthur tote bag for third.

The open-class baked goods competition will take place on Friday, July 18th, with entry check-in from 10 a.m. to noon at the 4-H Exhibit Building. Judging begins at 1 p.m., followed by a bake sale at 2 p.m. Full competition rules, times, entry fees, and other details are available in the Union County Fair Open Class Fair Book online at *Union-CountyFairgrounds.com*.

For decorating enthusiasts, Cupcake Wars will be held Monday, July 21st, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Exhibit Building. Up to 10 participants may compete by selecting a theme and bringing two decorated cupcakes and one undecorated cupcake. The third cupcake will be decorated on-site during the contest. Contestants may bring their own decorating supplies, but some materials will be provided. Winners will be determined by a People’s Choice vote from fairgoers.

For more information, visit unioncounty-fairgrounds.com for the Open-Class Fair Book.

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1961 - Paul Tucker, Kenny Dudney; class of 1962 - Glenn Grandfield, Sheryl Grandfield Ainslie, Pat Denly Bennet, and husband Marvin, Gayle

Smith Jordan and Larry; class of 1963: Beth McVay McGrath, Phylis Reynolds Shepherd, Wayne Tucker, Sandi McKinney Tucker, Maxine Eckels Kilpatrick; class of 1964 - Glenn Norris, Terry McDowell, Ron Goodrich, and Gary Becker and Maureen. Class of 1965 celebrated its 60-year anniversary with Craig Wearmouth and Della Scarberry representing.

Class of 1966 - Donna Kirk Williams and husband Bob, class of 1976 - Julie Wearmouth and Tom Davison, and class 1986 - Michelle Grandfield.

Other business, 12 new flags, and poles were added to the avenue of flags

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Bonnie has been watering the roses at the fairgrounds. Sharon has replaced some of the roses as needed. Connie planted some grass in the butterfly garden. David and Rhonda have been watering the flowers around the square. Bonnie will check to see if Jesse is watering the flowers. If so, when and how often?

We need to make some changes to the Lorimor garden. No decision has been made as to what we want to do. More discussion on this subject at future meetings.

On July 11th, members will meet Mike at Walmart in Osecola by the garden center at 8:30 a.m. to begin our wildflower tour. We will be sitting on hay bales. Some may want to bring a blanket to keep from getting scratched.

Shirley and Bing attended the state meeting in Cedar Rapids. They gave feedback on that meeting.

Saturday, June 14th, five of our club members plan to attend the Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication ceremony in Mt Ayr. Shirley Wallace, one of our club members and a veteran, got with the American Legion, the Auxiliary, and other necessary people to make the marker a reality

for Ringgold County. Shirley saw this project through to completion. She and our club members will be involved in the dedication ceremony. Awesome job, Shirley!

We briefly discussed the fall luncheon and a possible 95th birthday party. Bev will contact a person she knows who may be interested in being our speaker for the luncheon.

The flower show at the Union County Fair is July 17th. Club members need to be there at 7:00 a.m. We need to meet on Thursday evening, the 16th, to clean up and set up. Watch for emails with the time to meet.

The meeting was closed, and the Conservation Pledge was recited.

Refreshments were provided by Marilyn and Gwen. Yummy treats!

Shirley gave a presentation on her Tour of London Gardens. It looked like it was an amazing trip. Very nice presentation, Shirley.

- July 11th: Club tour - wildflowers in Clarke County;
- Next meeting: August 8th;
- Hostesses: Loretta and Connie;
- Program: Connie - yard design and flower arrangements;

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too much trouble as we roamed the town, finding time to duck into Sheets or Sales Drug for a quick pop, candy, or ice cream bar. (Never me!)

Sixty-five years! A lifetime! A blink of an eye! A good time at EU High!

Jeanne Bryson,
Class of 1984

Elementary School Days at East Union

Back in the 1970s when I went to elementary school, there were two centers. One was in Arispe, and the other in Lorimor, and each building was a former high school building. I went to Arispe for grades 2-6, and that old building had its advantages.

First, the building itself. It was two stories. The second-grade classes were on the first floor, and we never got to venture up those stairs until we reached third grade. Some of the rooms in the upper story had doors opening to a fire escape, which, of course, were strictly off limits, but on the last day of school, the teacher might open the door and let us go down the stairs. The classrooms were heated by radiators, which was a great way to dry out gloves and mittens in wintertime.

The gymnasium was glorious, and street shoes were absolutely forbidden! There was a stage we could use for Christmas concerts and a balcony where the upper grades sat during school assemblies (anyone remember Al Bell?) It’s hard to imagine adults actually letting us kids go up to that balcony, but no one fell off that I remember. Apparently, in its high school days basketball games happened there, but I have no idea where the crowd sat. There was no room on the gym floor; maybe everybody sat on the balcony.

The school grounds were pretty spacious compared to what kids probably have today. There was just a lot of space to run around. There was playground equipment in the front and side of the building, and behind the building was a big concrete slab where we could shoot baskets and play dodgeball (I have no fond memories of dodgeball). There was a lot more space to run around and do whatever we did back then. There was a sidewalk that went around the building and out to the slab, and when there was snow on the ground, and you didn’t have boots, you had to stay on the sidewalk. I guess the teachers meant it for good, but it was somewhat pathetic to be stuck on the sidewalk while all the other kids were running around frolicking in the snow.

Our school lunches were absolutely delicious, and I was introduced to the delectable dish of chili and cinnamon rolls. We were required to take two bites of everything on our tray. I can still picture the stewed tomato sitting on my lunch tray like a big red globe. I’m sure I never took a bite—I must have mangled it with my fork so the teacher would think I tried it.

When we finished sixth grade, we moved to the junior-senior high school and left the old building behind. No more fire escapes, gym balconies, radiators,

long school bus rides, walks to the Lorimor park, trips to Sweets Grocery store for candy, or big playgrounds. The building was eventually torn down, and now I can hardly tell where it even was. All traces of it seem to be gone. Even the big tree in the front of the building is gone. It’s a shame.

East Union High School and Elementary School are consolidated in one location now. I guess that is progress, but those old buildings were great while they lasted.

David Oregon
(Heaivilin)
Class of 1986

I can say that East Union Jr/Sr High meant a lot to me and my family. Best time of my life.

Lisa Groth Pitt
Class of 1986

My family moved outside of Thayer, Iowa, when I was in 5th grade to go to Lorimor, from the Des Moines school district.

During my time at East Union, I made several good friends and was involved in Volleyball, Softball, basketball, Choir, Show Choir, and Musicals. As a Junior, we went to State Volleyball and took several buses with fans to watch us play in Des Moines, my family rode the bus too, and I will never forget that experience.

I am glad my family moved so we could go to East Union, congratulations on 65 years, East Union School District.

K’Lea Siddens Johnson,
class of 1986

I started at EU in Kindergarten and attended the building that sits up off Highway 169 (the old primary). I had Mrs. Hoffman for Kindergarten. When I returned for first grade, Mom had to drag me past her room to Mrs. Jennings’ room. I loved Mrs. Hoffman. Her room smelled like Play-Doh, and her inflatable alphabet people were so fun. I stayed at the Afton Primary for 2nd grade, but others in my grade went to Arispe. I had Mrs. Stalcup, who taught 1st and 2nd grades, so we had a mixed class. She didn’t like me much, but I made it through and went to Mrs. Beaman’s third-grade class in Arispe the next year.

Mrs. Beaman had the best introduction speech, ending with, if you need to use the restroom, go. Then she elaborated with a story that ended with a student throwing up into the pockets of her smock. She always wore a smock in my memories.

We didn’t have school buses running all over town back then. The town kids would walk to the “old primary building” where the buses would pick them up and deliver them to their schools. I lived where my dad still lives, only three blocks away, and I walked each morning until I started riding with my friend’s mom out to the middle school. Mom probably walked with me the first day or maybe even a week, but after that, I walked by myself and even crossed the highway with the old mobile stop signs that the school (probably Mrs. Lucille Jones) rolled out into the highway each morning and afternoon.

I hope to see a lot of people Saturday. Just come for an hour or two or make a weekend of it. You may see someone you haven’t in a long time.

Union County Supervisors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 11, 2025

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Wednesday June 11th, 2025, at 9:00AM, with the following Board members present, Dennis Hopkins, Rick Friday and Dennis Brown.

AGENDA: Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Friday to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Friday and seconded by Hopkins to approve minutes from Wednesday, June 4th, 2025. All voting aye, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: No comments were made in open forum.

INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIES: Carol Smith, CFO Heartland and Joni Brammer, Administrator of CARE presented and discussed the Wm Eadie Res Services Balance Sheet and detailed Expense and Revenue report. Brammer updated the board on CARE building and repairs being done and needing to be done.

SECONDARY ROADS: Union County Roads Superintendent, Al Hysell, presented and discussed the weekly maintenance activity report and spray map.

CLAIMS: Motion by Friday and seconded by Hopkins to approve Claim #155855 - Claim #155994 at a grand total of \$635,910.82 as follows:

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	1,553.45
ACCESS SYSTEMS	27,065.99
ADAM D HANSON	4,450.00
ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	6,332.02
ADVANCED AG SEED LLC	443.10
AFTON STAR ENTERPRISE	2,690.05
AGRI LAND FS INC	19,732.78
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GROUP LLC	169.52
AKIN BUILDING CENTER	21,539.32
ALLIANT ENERGY	4,005.54
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS	
MIDWEST, LLC	188.50
BOGGS, KEN	1,400.00
BOMGAARS	342.82
BRETT STREET	
POWERWASHING INC	450.00
BSM ENTERPRISES LLC	386.60
BUTTERFIELD SALES & EQUIPMENT	216,019.89
BYERS LOCK SHOP	38.25
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC	1,857.50
CAPITAL ONE	93.16
CAROLINA SOFTWARE INC	685.30
CCG SAFETY GEAR LLC	8,967.00
CENTRAL PLAINS ELECTRIC	45.00
CERRIS SYSTEMS IOWA, INC	1,348.01
CINTAS CORPORATION NO 2	575.67
CITY LAUNDERING COMPANY	374.41
CITY OF AFTON	63.75
CITY OF CRESTON	15,799.15
CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	585.00
COTT SYSTEMS/VALSOFT CORPORATION	1,690.04
CRESTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	604.64
CRESTON PUBLISHING COMPANY	2,820.27
CULLIGAN OF SOUTH IA	246.55
CUSTOM INTERIORS	10,126.00
DAN'S CATERING	4,120.00
DERRICK EXCHANGE CO LLC	1,600.00
ECHO GROUP INC	1,097.17
ELLIPSIS, INC.	606.45
EMBLEM ENTERPRISES, INC.	462.00
EVERYSTEP/VISITING NURSE SERVICES OF IA	1,636.18
FARMERS ELECTRIC COOP	1,438.48
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	28.51
FIRSTNET/AT&T MOBILITY	91.28
FRANKS SERVICE	1,498.11
GALLS LLC	393.35
GELHAYE, GARY	117.91
GINGERICH GUTTERS & INSULATION	340.00
GLEN DENNING MOTOR CO.	485.86
GRAINGER/W.W. GRAINGER, INC.	93.40
GREATER REGIONAL BUSINESS HEALTH	306.00
GREEN VALLEY PEST CONTROL & LAWN	223.70
H&H COMMERCIAL SERVICES	71,106.60
HARRIS, TINNEAL	200.00
HEARTLAND TIRE & AUTO	76.95

HYSELL, SANDY	197.82
INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIES	262.00
INSTITUTE OF IOWA CERTIFIED ASSESSORS	990.00
IOWA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POOL	500.00
IOWA DEPT OF AG & LAND STEWARDSHIP	499.08
IMWCA	301.00
IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION	100.00
IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE	30.00
IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	275.00
IOWA TOOL & MANUFACTURING INC.	43.72
IOWA WASTE SERVICES LLC	57,484.00
IOWA'S COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM	1,500.00
JIMS SANITATION & TRUCK REPAIR	370.00
KARL EMERGENCY VEHICLES	840.00
KELLYS FLOWERS	250.00
KEUL ELECTRIC LLC	1,225.00
KING'S MATERIAL INC.	2,412.50
KINKADE, TODD	139.05
L.J. ROTH RESTORATION INC	5,050.80
LEXISNEXIS/RELX INC1	359.00
LOCKRIDGE NETWORKS LLC	198.00
LYNAM LAWN CARE LLC	5,442.24
MADISON COUNTY CLERK OF COURT	19.90
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS OF IOWA LLC	20.00
MASTERCARD/ISSB	691.48
MEDIACOM	1,776.83
MEDICAP PHARMACY	24.90
MELISSA S LARSON PC	6,150.00
MICHELE M. CHASE, RPR, CSR	11.50
MIDAMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	634.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CREDIT COMPANY	297.00
NAPA/CRESTON MOTOR SUPPLY INC	7,512.54
NEW COOPERATIVE INC.	407.51
NORSOLV SYSTEMS	199.95
NORTH RISK PARTNERS	1,220.00
OCV APPS	12,506.00
PAUP ROOFING LLC	1,781.00
PC CONSTRUCTION	2,250.00
PERU QUARRY INC	20,424.32
PJ GREUFE & ASSOCIATES LLC	1,600.00
POKORNY BP & AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	128.21
POWESHIEK COUNTY SHERIFF	47.40
PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES, PLLC	400.00
RED OAK WELDING SUPPLIES	22.80
ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS INC	719.05
RON'S PEST SOLUTIONS	225.00
SCC NETWORKS	42.16
SCHILDBERG CONSTRUCTION INC	21,027.44
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL LLC	7,356.00
SCS ENGINEERS	935.00
SOLID WASTE ASSOC. OF NORTH AMERICA	223.12
SOUTHERN IA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT	2,476.67
SOUTHERN IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	804.00
STAPLES	231.90
STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	155.44
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY-A/R	80.00
T&S INDUSTRIES INC.	5,094.00
TAC10 INC/GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,500.00
THATCHER, CARL V	180.00
THE TONER PLACE	101.00
TK ELEVATOR CORP	355.20
TRUE VALUE	309.77
UNION COUNTY EMA	1,350.00
UNION COUNTY ENGINEER	2,652.45
UNION COUNTY LEC FUND	2,620.48
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	66.06
US CELLULAR	417.92
VICKER PROGRAMMING & SERVICES	480.00
VISA/ISSB	1,654.64
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF IOWA INC.	880.70
WOLFE, MICHAEL J.	120.00
ZIEGLER INC	6,647.04
All voting aye, motion carried.	
ORDINANCE WORKSHOP: Board will be working on County Ordinances to make sure all still in compliance for future approval.	
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.	
BY:	
DENNIS J BROWN, CHAIRMAN	
ATTEST:	
SANDY HYSELL, AUDITOR	



"I walk around like everything's fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off." — Anonymous