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Thurs, July 17, 2025 Thurs, July 24, 2025 11a -Chair Strength Training 11a -Chair Strength Trainw/FBT (Chris Doster), GML; ing w/FBT (Chris Doster), Noon -Senior Meal, Hot GML; Turkey Sanwich meal, noon -Senior Meal, Gou-Comm Center; lash, Community Center; 1:30p -Teen SRP "Yarn monster friends",GML; UNION COUNTY FAIR 6p -Queen's Contest -ISSB Arena; 7p -Bill Riley Talent Show - Small Animal Barn; 7p -Live Music - Grand 6:30p - Afton Lions, Community Center; Fri, July 18, 2025 -National Sour Candy Day Program, *sign-UNION COUNTY FAIR 10a -Plein Air Painting, UC Fairgrounds; 2p -Bake Sale, 4-H Building; 7p -Live Music - Grandstand Arena; 7p -Capture the Flag, UC Fairgrounds; Sat, July 19, 2025 9a -Ladies Invitatioinal, Lakeshore Golf Course; **UNION COUNTY FAIR Kids Day** Noon -Play for the Palace Mud Volleyball Tournament, Grandstand Arena; 4p -Live Music, Grand 5:30p -UC Fair Queen Pa--Demo Derby, Grandstand Arena; Sun, July 20, 2025 Class 1A State Softball Tournament at Fort Dodge; UNION COUNTY FAIR 4:30p -Live Music, Grand 5:30p -Truck & Tractor Pull, Grandstand Arena; Mon, July 21, 2025 1A State Softball Tournament at Fort Dodge; Class 1A Baseball Quarterfinals at Carrol; 6:30p -EU School Board Meeting, EU CLC; 5p -The Friends of the Library Board meeting, GML; UNION COUNTY FAIR 5p -Mutton Bustin', Grandstand Arena;

1:30p -Teen SRP "Puzzle piece monograms", GML; Class 1A State Softball Tournament at Fort Dodge; 5p -Afton Development Corp, Afton WiFi Center; \cdots FORECAST \cdots Thu, July 17, 2025 Mainly cloudy with a thunderstorm in the afternoon High: 73 / Low: 61 Precip: 55% Wind(mph): NNE 9 Fri, July 18, 2025 Humid; turning cloudy in the morning followed by low clouds High: 81 / Low: 68 Precip: 17% Wind (mph): SE 8 Sat, July 19, 2025 Times of clouds and sun with a thunderstorm; very humid High: 87 / Low: 68 Precip: 80% Wind (mph): SW 9 Sun, July 20, 2025 Uncomfortably humid with variable cloudiness; a couple of showers in the afternoon High: 86 / Low: 69 Precip: 60% Wind (mph): SE 8

Mon, July 21, 2025 Uncomfortably humid with times of clouds and sun High: 90 / Low: 70 Precip: 5% Wind(mph): SSE 9 Tue, July 22, 2025 Uncomfortably humid with

plenty of sunshine High: 89 / Low: 69 Precip: 1% Wind(mph): SSW 8 Wed, July 23, 2025 Mostly cloudy and uncomfortably humid High: 89/ Low: 69 Precip: 1%

Wind(mph): SSW 7 Thu, July 24, 2025 Very humid with periods of rain and a thunderstorm High: 87 / Low: 67 Precip: 69% Wind(mph): SW 6 Forecast information



East Union Board of Education Meeting Agenda

Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting **East Union Community School** District

1916 High School Drive Afton, Iowa 50830 Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call
- 2. (AI) Approval of Agenda
- Public Hearing 3. School Calendar Welcome 4. (**IO**)
- Visitors 5.
- (AI) Consent Agenda Minutes Financial Reports
 - Invoices
 - Staff Resignations
 - •Staff Contract/Letter of Assignment Approval
- •Open Enrollment Request
- •Out of State **Overnight Trip**
- Fundraisers
- Contracts
- 6. (DI) Board Reports •Early Childhood Center Director •Elementary Principal
 - Gordon: Secondary Principal
 - Riley: Board Secretary/SBO
 - Superintendent
 - Board Members

- (AI) School Calendar 7. (AI) East Union CSD 8. and Joyful Sparks Preschool
- 9. (AI) Food Service between Contract **ECC and East Union Food Service**
- 10. (AI) Milk Bids
- 11. (AI) Tech Policies
- 12. (AI) Senior Sponsor 13. (AI) Employee Handbook
- 14. (AI) Closed Session Superintendent **Evaluation**
- 15. Communication/ Correspondence/ Comments (IO)
- 16. Confirm Date and Time of Next Meeting (IO)
- •Regular Board Meeting: August 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm • Regular Board Meeting: September 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- 17. Adjournment Time:

BOARD GOALS Goal 1: Growth

Achievement Goal 2: Engaging **Partnerships Goal 3: Optimal Climate** (Culture) **Goal 4: Quality Staff Goal 5: Resources**

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Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of pants? In case he got a hole in one!

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Down Memory Lane

by Forrest Austin Published July 20, 2025

"All I know is what I read in the newspapers." That's not my quote. I think it was Will Rogers'. I'm not sure, maybe it was Bill Clinton's, I don't know. Anyhow, I read in the paper that they were thinking about raising or doing away with the speed limit on the highways. Well, I remember when there were no speed limits except in the towns or cities, just safe and reasonable. Of course, there were not so many cars as there is now, and the roads were not near as good. We had no teachers, so we had to learn to drive ourselves according to conditions.

The roads were not graded down like they are now. Just over the hills and through the swales, somewhat like Missouri's secondary roads are yet. So, about the first thing we learned to stay on the right side when you topped a hill.

There was nothing nicer to drive on than a dirt road that was dragged up nice and smooth. No gravel gringing, no paving joints, a flopping, and no potholes. You could just cruise along like a whisper. Of course, when they were muddy, you had to learn to drive different. You had to learn when to pour it on to make the hill and slack off so you had control downhill. Then you had ruts and mudholes to maneuver through. Snow and ice were problems to be learned, too.

We carried a shovel so we could shovel out if we got stuck in a snowdrift. But the ice was worse. No sand or maintenance on the roads them days. I think the hardest part for me to learn was to keep off the brake when I would rather stop right quick. The kids got cranky. But you had no control Well, I had heard about at all if your wheels were sliding. So I learned. In the late '20's and early '30's they started paving and graveling or rocking some of the roads. The paving was really nice, but the gravel L.A. roads were something to be reckoned with. Loose gravel or rock was hard to control, and people learned to slow down on gravel roads. I think this younger generation think you can drive as fast on a big city. gravel as on pavement. Anyhow, a lot of them seem to lose control and flip them over. Maybe the Driver's Ed Teacher ought to tell them to slow down on rock or gravel roads. Maybe they do tell them, but it doesn't seem like it when you meet them or get one on your tail. The Depression slowed the rocking and up paving, and then the war ended it for the duration. The government asked people to only drive 35 down on the pickup. M.P.H. to save on gas and tires. I don't remember any signs, but most people Madison County.' obeyed it. I didn't have any trouble with that because my old Chevie had so many boots in the tires that it humped and bumped and shimmied if I got to going too fast. During the war, I worked winters in the newspaper plant at Winterset. I had a couple miles of mud, five miles of rock, and six miles of pavement. And the ice was just as bad on the pavement as any place else. We were on fast time, so I left before daylight and went home "Aw shucks".

after dark. The old Chevie only had one windshield wiper about six inches long, and it worked on vacuum, so when the motor was pulling, it didn't run. When the motor was running loose, it would take a few swipes, but it didn't do much good because there was no defroster. In fact, there was no heater either. I drove a lot with my head out the window. But I kept her between the ditches.

Then they got signs, "No passing for six hundred feet." I don't know how to measure six hundred feet riding in a car, but I never passed unless I could see I had room. Then they painted a yellow line right down the center of the lane in the passing zones. My cousin drove down from Minnesota, and when he found them lines, he didn't know what to do, so he drove down between them 'til he met a car and decided he'd better straddle them. Soon they moved them over where they are now. I remember when they put stop signs at all the corners of the square in Winterset. I thought, what on earth do you need to stop for if there's no one coming? But I stopped.

In the fifties, while I was running the "Best Little Junk Yard in S.W. Iowa,' we took two weeks vacation every summer and did a lot of traveling. The main roads went right through the towns, big or little. One time we hit Sacramento at rush hour, and it took about two hours to get through town. Sometimes the lights would change, and not one car could move; it was terrible hot. No air conditioning them days.

Interstates, but the first one I found was out in California. I got along pretty good 'til I got on that famous Mixmaster. All of a sudden, I found we were in downtown I circled a few blocks and saw a sign that said 'Interstate North', so I took that and got back on. I still like the country roads, but the Interstates are a blessing to get through or around Well, I've done a lot of driving and haven't ran into anything or anybody yet, but my wife keeps saying I'm going to. But I back into things. Like when I parked at a restaurant in Missouri and they set a power pole behind me while we were eating. I have to watch them. Sometimes they will even set a fire plug behind me. I even wiped out our son-in-law's grille because I forgot the tailgate was Just one more note about "The Bridges of Ι haven't seen the show, but I did read the book. I read in the paper that there is a moral there. Francesca stayed faithfully with the family instead of running off with Kinkade. "Oh, yeah." I think if old man Aesop had wrote that story, the moral would have been something like "when the cat's away, the mice will play". Well, if I had written that story and was rolling in Waller's millions, I wouldn't care whether that was a moral or not.

7p -Rodeo, Grandstand Arena;

Tues, July 22, 2025 NO TUESDAY NIGHT **IN THE PARK**

1:30p -Kids/Tweens SRP "Bee Bot Coding Challenge", GML:

Class 1A State Softball Tournament at Fort Dodge; UNION COUNTY FAIR 9a -Senior Day, 4H building; 5p - Mutton Bustin', Grandstand Arena;

5p -Live Music, Grandstand Pavilion;

Grandstand 7p -Rodeo, Arena;

Wed, July 23, 2025 **RECYCLE PICK UP DAY** 1A State Softball Tournament at Fort Dodge; Class 1A Baseball Semifi-

nals at Carrol; 1p -Every Step Hospice Grief Support, Afton Community Center;

4:30p - Movie Night, Movie is TBA, GML;

UNION COUNTY FAIR 1p -Parade of Champions

followed by Livestock Auction;

is obtained from accuweather.com. \cdots LAST WEEK'S \cdots WEATHER Wed, July 09, 2025 High: 85 / Low: 58 Precip: 0" Wind (mph): 7-14 Thu, July 10, 2025 High: 81 / Low: 67 Precip: 0.39" Wind (mph): 20-39 <u>Fri, July 11, 2025</u> High: 89 / Low: 72 Precip: 0" Wind (mph): 16-30 <u>Sat, July 12, 2025</u> High: 81 / Low: 66 Precip: 0" Wind (mph): 11-13 Sun, July 13, 2025 High: 83 / Low: 69 Precip: 0 " Wind (mph): 10-21 Mon, July 14, 2025 High: 87 / Low: 65 Precip: 0" Wind (mph): 11-20 Historical weather information found on localconditions.com

East Union is once again offering free summer meals to all kids 18 years old and younger throughout much of the summer.

Meals served in Afton will be at the School building from June 2nd through July 24th, Monday through Thursday. Breakfast will be available from 8-8:30 a.m.; lunch will be served from 11 a.m. noon. The meals must be eaten on-site.

The Meals delivered to Lorimor will be delivered on Mondays, June 2nd, and continue through July 21st from 12-12:30 p.m. Four breakfasts and four lunches will be given to each child or teen 18 years old and younger to take home and eat throughout the week.



Congregate Meals

Afton **Community Center** 60+ years Call Richard at 712-890-9412 by 9 a.m. the morning before to reserve or cancel a meal. To get on the waiting list for home delivered meals call: 800-432-9209 ext 8118



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