

Community News

Free pancake breakfast on April 4 in Morning Sun

There will be a free pancake breakfast before the Easter Egg hunt on April 4 from 8-10 a.m. at the Community Center (106 N. Main St., Morning Sun).

Bring those kids out and “carb load” them so they will have the energy to find those eggs. Bring friends, neighbors, grandparents — anyone is welcome.

This event is completely free of charge and sponsored by The Way Church in Morning Sun.

Sheriff's Report

March 12 through March 18

- Richard Lee Weber, 64, of Mediapolis was arrested at 10:29 p.m. on March 12 for failure to appear.

- Rogelio Alexander Rodriguez, 19, of Columbus Junction was arrested at 1:32 p.m. on March 13 for failure to appear.

- Andrew Jeffrey Buffington, 43, of Columbus Junction, was arrested at 9:51 pm on March 13 for driving while barred.

- Joshua Lee Genung, 36, of Muscatine was arrested at 12:34 a.m. on March 14 for operating while intoxicated (first offense).

- Jose Manuel JC Gallegos, 23, of Pasco, Wash., was arrested at 11:19 a.m. on March 14 for violation of no-contact order (domestic).

- Yahdidah Jimenez, 33, of Columbus Junction was arrested at 1:08 p.m. for contempt (violation of a no-contact order).

- Perla L Nunez Carrasco, 44, of Madison, Ala., was arrested at 12:43 a.m. for operating while intoxicated (first offense).

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Charges are accusations and defendants are presumed

Students of the Week



The Wapello Tribe Pride winners for the week of March 16 are (front row) Presley Cooley, Raegyn Strickland, Daniel Wheeler, and Crew McClea; (middle row) Archer Grimm, Axel Zepeda, Warren Lanz, and Allison Lentz; (back row) Mrs. Leonda Frieden, Alexa Vazquez, Gabbie Howell, Ryder Newcomb, and Kyler Black.

Winfield-Mount Union Honor Roll

First Semester

Sixth Grade

Miah Alvarez
Evelynn Arnold
Eli Bender
Brianna Calvin
Audrey Carroll
Gunner Finke
Tynley Finke
Emilia Gaither
Aubrey Loyd
Maelie McAllister
Carver McMullen
Howard Meeker
Leston Oliar
Owen Pogmore
Kelly Rees
Karlle Remick
McCartney Scott
Blaedon Starkweather
Lane Wilson

Seventh Grade

Matilda Anderson
Bryson Canseco
Sadie Conrad
Finley Dean

Laurelei Fowler
Madelynn Giese
Hayden Haines
Riley Huston
Brylee Kellogg
Zandra Lorenzo
Cort McCabe
Olivia Newport
Parker Putnam
Kody Remick
Rayna Rice
Taelyn Samuels
Laney Sloan
Taos Smith
Payton Thornton
Claire Truitt
Rylee Wilson
Barrett Wonders
Hanna Zambrano-Ruiz

Eighth Grade

Luciana Browning
Cade Buffington
Coen Buffington
Jazmyne Bui
Shaeley Cockerham
Jacob Cummings
Cooper Dickerson
Mayla Kerr

Brinley Kinneberg
Lucy Kleemeyer
Easton Kruse
Madden McAllister
Micah Nelson
Kenny Nguyen
Ryder Rice
Khayden Robertson
Camille Rowe
Emery Schlee
Kashlyn Thomson
Mariah Wade

Ninth Grade

Tate Beard
Arabella Coberley
Briar Connop
Elizabeth Giese
Graham Haines
Baylie Heacock
Alyssa Huston
Treyton Kellogg
Sofia Lorenzo
Abigail Loyd
Mackenzie McSorley
Lydia Meeker
Shaye Nelson
Alden Peck
Collin Pogmore

Treyor Samuels
Eben Truitt
Damian Valencia
Maycei Venghaus-Phelps
David Wakefield

Tenth Grade

Shye Adams
Colin Anderson
Garrick Ball
Ashlyn Bender
Isaac Bender
Kynlee Buffington
Cale Burgus
Brayden Cline
Rebecca Given
Cruz Hagmeier
Kale Kerr
Arlo Kline
Marek McAllister
Noah Piper
Bella Ray
Josslyn Roen
Ashlyn Snook
Kade Sweezer
Jagger Thomson
Aubrey Valencia
Adlin Wilkerson

11th Grade

Kai Ball
Ethan Bergthold
Isaac Egli
Josie Ford
Brian Fox
Cameron Giese
Lilly Heckethorn
Emma Jennings
Kaylynn Kellogg
Justin Knipfer
Cody Milks
Eli Oley
Wyatt Palmer
Kevin Perez
Tayson Samuels
Suttyn Schlee
Brylee Sloan
Keaton Starkweather
Carter Thornton
Emily Weiskircher
Parker Wilson

12th Grade

Grant Anderson
Jaiden Beeding
Gabriel Cummings
Max Edwards

Piper Faler
Isaac Giese
Kinsley Gunnison
Taegen Hobbs
Jaxton Jones
Ella Kann
Madisen Kellogg
Konner Kinneberg
Lily Kleemeyer
Isabella Martinez
Kellee Milks
Katie Miller
Jayda Nichols
Brynn Pogmore
Gavin Prior
Kaitlynn Schnieder
Lennon Scott
Quinn Smith
Nicholas Sparrow
Bowen Thomson
Karilyn Titus
Kaelyn Townsley
Gunnar Wibstad

Roundabout From page 1A

they had received.

Council member Nathan Belzer said he had asked 10 people to view potential intersection designs without providing any additional information and to pick their preferred design. He reported that all 10 had chosen a roadway that came straight into town rather than the roundabout.

Council member Bill Stigge said he had also talked with 10 people and reported they favored a straight intersection.

Although he did not provide any numbers, council member Gene Arnold said people had talked to him about the roundabout idea, and a few had said they supported it.

Arnold said a four-way stop option, similar to what is now being used in Mediapolis, would not work, especially between the construction of the bypass south of Wapello and the stretch north of the city.

“If a roundabout is made right, nobody knows they are there because they are easy to go through,” he said during the meeting.

Shafer also said he had heard from supporters, though some wanted to ensure the roundabout would be large enough to accommodate large farm equipment.

All the city officials agreed it would happen, with city clerk Mike Delzell noting that the DOT and county engineer Adam Shutt would be involved in planning the roundabout as part of the bypass construction.

Meanwhile, there were even some comments provided during the meeting that were reported by Delzell and other city officials.

Council member Tony Hammer said he had received a text from a farmer who liked the idea of a large roundabout. Delzell reported former mayor and current county supervisor Shawn Maine had also texted support for the roundabout.

“Shawn Maine just posted (a) roundabout makes the most sense. It helps keep traffic moving in line with the major traffic to the town and its streets. Please stop being so scared of something different,” Delzell quoted Maine.

Maine’s comment drew some chuckles from the council members, and a few delivered their own re-

sponses.

“I’m not afraid of anything,” Stigge said, while Belzer joked about Maine being the former mayor.

“That’s why we got rid of that guy,” he said, adding he loved the idea of a roundabout, only wanted it to be straighter than the initial proposal.

Eventually, the proposal was presented for a vote, and Arnold, Hammer, and council members Jason Marshall and Troy Mitchell supported moving forward with the roundabout planning, while Stigge and Belzer opposed it. Council member Larry Wagg was absent from the meeting.

Shafer said after the vote,

the council will still need to make a final decision, especially if costs come in higher than expected or other issues develop.

In other action, the council met with Louisa Development Group (LDG) Executive Director Cori Milan and Louisa County Extension Service Director Adair Lents. Part of their discussion included the benefits provided to Wapello through the LDG program and a request to continue the city’s annual \$10,000 support for Milan’s position.

The city is apparently planning to cut that support to \$2,000, but Shafer said more meetings are planned

and that could change.

The council also:

- Set an April 2 public hearing on specifications and other details related to a Community Development Block Grant façade improvement project;
- Set another public hearing on the city’s proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for April 16. The proposed budget calls for \$3,791,521 in Total Expenditures/Transfers Out and \$5,306,748 in Total Revenue/Other Sources. The estimated property tax levy for FY 27 is slightly over \$13.29 per \$1,000 taxable valuation.

The council also agreed to purchase a trash basket system for the Patrick’s Subdivision Lift Station for a combined cost of \$5,645. The council acted after officials reported that city residents have been flushing baby wipes down the sewer and plugging the lift station pumps.

Delzell said letters have been sent to all the homes in the subdivision asking residents to stop the practice, but it has continued.

Thanks for reading!



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