

Mondamin's

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Mission: To help residents learn what is happening in town and around the area.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Mondamin City Council met on September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mondamin City Hall. The council reviewed Pay Applications from RP Constructors and Armodus and voted to pay them subject to review and concurrence from the USDA.

Mondamin Community Partners had been asked to explore possible options for the development of the acres around the water treatment plant. The group's recommendation was that the land be sold for the purpose of constructing family housing.

The council's evaluation committee reported that both Steve Hinkel and Alyx Hirst received exceptional ratings. The council voted that both employees receive a 5% pay increase which would be retroactive to July 1, 2024.

The council voted unanimously that they would not grant extensions on customer accounts that are delinquent. "Residents are expected to pay their utility bill each month and if there is a grievance, customers need to bring it to the city council meeting to speak with us," said council member Karen Breyfogle.

Other business concerned the discussion of tree removal, repair of Cedar Street, purchasing a new bench swing for the park, and getting a quote for rock to be put around the city shed.

The commercial freezer in the Mondamin Community Center broke and it would be extremely expensive to repair it so the board purchased a freezer from Bonsall Appliance in Dunlap until a new commercial freezer can be purchased.

The council voted to put a 20% down payment on having bounce houses at next year's Heritage Day.

Mike Kelley will work on the city's old maintainer to see if he can get it running again.

The complete city council minutes are available in the Missouri Valley Times - News and posted on the bulletin board in the post office.

The next council meeting will be October 7, 2024.



The residents of Mondamin say **THANK YOU to Steve Hinkel** who has retired as the public works supervisor. Steve worked for the City of Mondamin for over ten years. Enjoy your retirement, Steve!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Harrison County Home & Public Health has scheduled **flu shots to be given on October 2 from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Mondamin Community Center.** You must have your insurance card available when you arrive. Online pre-registration is not required, but is preferred. Use this link and ID to register for the clinic you plan to attend:

<https://patients.vaxcare.com/registration>

Use enrollment code ID: IA23588

If you can't attend the flu clinic in Mondamin, check their website, www.harrisoncountyhealth.org for other locations. Call 712-644-2220 for more information.



If you are registered to vote, you can now request absentee ballots for the 2024 general election. Absentee

ballot request forms are available on the Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html> You simply download the form, complete and sign it, and submit it to your county auditor. You are encouraged to provide a phone number or email address on the form, but it is not required.

The county auditor will begin mailing absentee ballots on October 16, 2024, to those who have requested them. One very important thing to remember about absentee ballots is that they **MUST** be returned to your auditor's office by the time the polls close on Election Day, November 5. October 16 is also the first day of in-person absentee voting in the auditor's office.

Election officials are encouraging you to plan ahead by checking your voter registration status, find your polling place, and requesting an absentee ballot if you chose to do so.

If you have questions, contact the county auditor or visit VoterReady.iowa.gov.

The annual Women's Night at the Little Sioux Church of Christ will be October 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. It's an evening of worship, ministry, and fellowship with Christine Clausen Cannon as the guest speaker. Supper will be provided. All ladies of the community are invited.



The next American Legion Fish/Chicken Dinner is October 5 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Come to the Mondamin Community Center to enjoy a delicious meal.

Each Monday afternoon bring your own beverage and stop by the Jimmy King Shelter in the park at 1:30 p.m. to meet friends for fun conversation.

Happy Birthday to Modale! Congratulations, Modale, on celebrating your 150th birthday and the wonderful celebration you had on September 14.



**Harrison County Welcome Center
Farmer's Market**
2931 Monroe Avenue
Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555
Thursdays, May 16 to
October 17, 2024
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Local produce, baked goods, eggs,
honey, and crafts.



If you see a crime, call **1-866-901-0357**.
Your report is anonymous.

Harrison County Crime Stoppers holds a monthly meeting the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in **Trunk or Treating in Mondamin on Halloween**, contact Alyx Hirst at 712.646.2431 or email clerk@mondaminowa.com. There is room to set up by the city hall.



Mike Kelley
Public Works Supervisor
by Donella Pauli and Maggie Rains

Do you know someone who likes mowing, fixing things and keeping busy doing various kinds of work? Meet Mondamin's new public works supervisor, Mike Kelley.

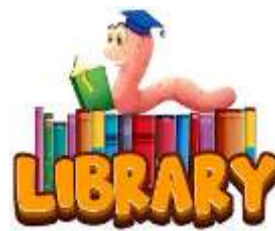
Here is just a bit of information about Mike. He is married to Brandi and is a proud dad to five children: three

daughters and two sons. He has lived in Mondamin since 2015.

Mike has an extensive work portfolio of working in sales of agricultural equipment, an agricultural worker, owning his own trucking company and working as a plumber. Mike began working for the City of Mondamin on August 6. He said he likes to keep busy and challenging his skills. When asked why he applied for this position, Mike's reply was that by working in town, he'd have less driving, he could make use of his versatile skills, and that every day presents a new variety of jobs to perform. He likes that he can make decisions of what tasks he needs to do each day. One of these tasks he wants to do is more weed control management on city grounds. He wants Mondamin to be an attractive community.

Mike, as residents of Mondamin, we will appreciate your dedication to your position at maintaining the town's appearance and the operations to keep it providing essential services.

When you see Mike, introduce yourself or give a friendly wave. Welcome to the City of Mondamin staff, Mike!



LIBRARY NEWS

The book club for 3rd and 4th graders is off to a great start. Seven West Harrison students met with Christine and Donella Pauli on September 30 to get their first book, *Niagara Falls, or Does It?* and discuss guidelines for the club. If any other 3rd or 4th graders want to join, they can just call the library or talk to their teachers.

The next Coffee with Castillo will be held on October 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome as the group discusses emergency preparedness.



The book club will meet October 9 to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. If you are interested in joining the book club, please stop by the library and talk to Christine.



Just to bring a little smile . . .

What is a sea monster's favorite lunch?

Fish and Ships

What did the little monster ask for when he was scared?

His Mummy

Why are spiders so smart?

They can find everything on the web!

What do you call two witches who live together?

Broom-mates

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?

Frostbite

If you have an event that you'd like to have mentioned in a future newsletter or someone you'd like us to write about in our Spotlight section, contact Mondamin City Hall or email clerk@mondaminiowa.com



SCHOOL NEWS

West Harrison students in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to join a new club, Builder's Club, which is sponsored by Kiwanis. This club, like K-Kids, also emphasizes leadership and service only it is geared for middle school students. The Kiwanis' sponsors for this group and K-Kids are Karen Breyfogle and Deb Kuhlman. RaeLea Herman, West Harrison Guidance Counselor, serves as the faculty sponsor for both clubs.

Watch for information throughout this school year to learn about projects from both of these groups.



West Harrison's National Honor Society members will be sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on

October 23 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the east gym at school. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen more than 25% since July 1 and is rapidly dropping as hospitals are needing more blood than what is being donated. Remember that you have the power to save lives. Give life by donating blood! For more information about donating blood or to

find out if you are eligible, go to
<https://redcrossblood.org>.



West Harrison and West Monona music departments will have a 9-12 choir concert and an 8-12 band concert in Onawa on October 29, at 7:00 p.m. Support the music department!

Last month part of the West Harrison staff was listed in the newsletter. Here is the rest of that list:

ATHLETICS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Football	Cody Tyson
Asst. Football	Jason Allen
Volleyball	Delaney Mentzer
Wrestling Boys	Anthony Nunez
Asst. Wrestling	Cody Tyson
Girls Basketball	Andrew Stevenson
Boys Basketball	Julius Michalik
Girls Track	Troy Maasen/Amy Stolz
Boys Track	Troy Maasen/Amy Stolz

HIGH SCHOOL

***Denotes Head Coach**

AD	Troy Maasen
Football	*Andrew Stevenson
Asst. Football	Cody Tyson

Volleyball	*Kathy Glennie
Asst.Volleyball	Amy Stolz
Cross Country	*Julius Michalik
Wrestling	*Anthony Nunez
Asst. Wrestling	Cody Tyson
Boys Basketball	*Rowdy Evans
Boys Asst. BB	Andrew Stevenson
Girls Basketball	*Julius Michalik
Girls Track	*Steve Forbes
Boys Track	
Boys Asst. Track	Jason Allen
Baseball	
Asst. Baseball	
Softball	
Asst. Softball	

OTHER SPONSORS

FB Cheerleaders	Melissa Etter
BB Cheerleaders	Melissa Etter
Dance Team	Melissa Etter
FCCLA	Stacey Clark
Junior Class	Tasha Haag
Musical Director	Logan Merley
Nat'l Honor Society	Ben Nuzum
Senior Class	Gina Birdsall
Speech	Gina Birdsall
HS Student Council	Delaney Mentzer
MS Student Council	Tasha Haag
Yearbook	Gina Birdsall
Junior EMS	Anthony Nunez

Prom Sponsors	Delaney Mentzer
	Samantha Bieler
	Stacey Clark
	Tasha Haag

DID YOU KNOW?



Do you like pizza? What is your favorite kind? Do you make your own, buy it frozen and bake it at home, or do you have a favorite pizza shop?

What type of crust do you like? Thin? Original? Stuffed?

Since 1984 America has celebrated National Pizza Month in October. It's a wonder that the celebration didn't start sooner because history tells us that in the Neolithic Age, which began about 10,000 BC, it was called the pre-pizza era because even then humans used toppings to flavor baked bread. The ancient Greeks were known to bake bread, dunk it in oil and top it with herbs and cheese. As early as 997 AD, the word pizza appeared in Latin text.

Today's pizza is much different than any of the early forms, but how much do you actually know about it? Here are a few interesting tidbits:

- America's favorite pizza topping is pepperoni. (Is it yours too?)
- America's least favorite pizza topping is anchovies! Forty-two percent of people don't like the healthy little fish. Do you?
- Five billion pizzas are sold worldwide each year.

- Three billion pizzas are sold in the United States alone.
- The five biggest days for the sale of pizza are Super Bowl Sunday, New Year's Eve, Halloween, the night before Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.
- Statistics say that Halloween is actually becoming more popular than the other days.
- The state that likes pizza the most is Connecticut. They have the most pizza restaurants per capita that any other state. (Some sources say it is Rhode Island which is unusual since that state is so small.)
- The state that dislikes pizza the most is Hawaii. Their favorite pizza isn't even Hawaiian!
- Children aged 6-11 and adolescents ranging in age from 12 – 19 eat the most pizza.
- The pizza restaurants with the most sales are Domino's, Pizza Hut, Little Caesar's and Pappa John's. (Not sure we'd all agree. Statistics were found at www.statista.com 2023.)
- So what's for supper tonight? Pizza with pepperoni and anchovies?
- Make sure you have pizza during National Pizza Month and you can have whatever toppings you like!

NOW YOU KNOW!

EVENTS

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

10:00 a.m.- noon Flu Shots at
Mondamin Community Center
(see article)

Saturday, October 5, 2024

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. American
Legion Fish/Chicken Dinner at
Mondamin Community Center

Sunday, October 6, 2024

2:00 p.m. **BOO BASH** in the
Mondamin City Park

Monday, October 7, 2024

7:00 p.m. Mondamin City Council
Meeting at City Hall

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

7:00 p.m. Book Club at
Mondamin Public Library

Thursday, October 17, 2024

9:00 a.m. Coffee with Castillo at
the Mondamin Public Library

Thursday, October 17, 2024

6:30 p.m. Women's Night at
Little Sioux Church of Christ

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

8:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. NHS Blood
Drive at West Harrison East Gym

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

7:00 p.m. WH/WM Music
Concert in Onawa at West
Monona School

Thursday, October 31, 2024

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating in Mondamin

