

# Mondamin's

## April 2025



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

### CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Mondamin City Council had a full agenda at its regular monthly meeting held on March 3. Mondamin's building inspector, John Harrison, gave a report about abatement issues of various properties that he and the city attorney have been addressing. Letters will be going out to homeowners reminding them that if they have unwanted furniture or appliances, May 18 is the town's Spring Clean Up Day when they can get those items removed from their property to avoid property code violations.

The property owners of 401 Cedar Street brought their renovation plans to the council. They have hired contractors. The council agreed to their plan as long the owner meets the council's requirement that they sign an agreement with the town's building inspector and file monthly progress reports.

The council has been looking for alternative companies who would provide insurance coverage for the city. The current company ICAP has had dramatic and expensive premium increases in recent years. One alternative insurance company has sent a quote for reduced premiums for the council to consider. Dependent on USDA approval, the council voted to pay ARMODUS the final

payment of \$17,484 for their work on the water meters. Council also paid water treatment contractors \$41,800, dependent on USDA approval.

Other business on the agenda was discussions for Heritage Day events and the Spring Clean Up Day. Maintenance Supervisor Mike Kelley, reported that he is on the waiting list to take water and waste water certification classes. He has been helping with the start up for the new water treatment plant. He stated that the water quality is great! The last few weeks, Mike has been busy keeping streets and sidewalks clear of snow that fell in the recent blizzards.

City Clerk, Alyx Hirst, reported that she is working on the FY25/26 budget. She will be sending reminder letters to dog owners to register and license their pet/pets. When a dog is registered, a rabies vaccination form for the animal is required.

The next council meeting is Monday, April 7 at 7:00p.m.at City Hall.

IN ADDITION: Since the latest blizzard on March 18 and a major power outage, Maintenance Supervisor, Kelley, and City Clerk, Hirst, have been extraordinarily busy performing additional duties brought on by this storm. The city council and Mondamin residents are grateful for the sacrifices they made to their personal time to help residents through this situation.



Mike and Alyx, your efforts to keep the citizens updated by forwarding information

you were given by other entities was greatly appreciated!

## COMMUNITY NEWS






The American Legion will be **hosting a fish/chicken fry** on Saturday, April 5, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Mondamin Community Center. Come enjoy a delicious meal and visit with your neighbors and friends.

Last month's fish fry set a record of 164 meals served! Suppose the community can top that number this month? Thanks to everyone who attended and helped set the new record.



**Loess Hills Lancers 4-H Club will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 5** starting at 1:00 p.m. in the Mondamin City Park. The children will be divided into age/grade groups as follows:

-  0 Years – Preschool
-  Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
-  3<sup>rd</sup> graders – 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Come enjoy the fun provided each year by the 4-Her's.

## HERITAGE DAY

June 14, 2025

### Plans are underway for Heritage Day 2025!

It takes numerous volunteers to host a fun day. Start thinking now how you'd like to participate.

- Think about being in the parade!
- Think about talking to your children about decorating a bike, wagon, or pet and being in the parade.
- Think about baking something for the auction.
- Think about paying an outrageous price for some chocolate chip cookies or a pie at the auction. (This money is what helps us fund the next year's event.)
- Think about helping run a game in the park.
- Think about purchasing raffle tickets.
- Think about attending the American Legion Fish Fry.
- Think about inviting your family to come to Mondamin for the day.
- Think about how yummy that sno-cone will taste!

Now that you've had time to think and if you agree to do any of the above, contact Lary Clark (402-290-2312) from the Mondamin Community Center Board or Mary Seago from Mondamin Community Partners at [mcp@bettermondamin.org](mailto:mcp@bettermondamin.org) to see how you can help.



**If you see something, give Crime Stoppers a call. Your call remains anonymous.**

**The Loess Hills Choir Presents  
The King Is Coming!**

An Easter Cantata in the style of Gather Music will be presented on

- Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Community of Christ Church, 605 Weare St. Woodbine
- Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 311 E 6<sup>th</sup>, Logan
- Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The Center, 116 N 4<sup>th</sup> St. Missouri Valley (Spaghetti Dinner will be served following the performance at The Center.)
- Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Church Service, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Missouri Valley

Refreshments will be served following each performance.

**Harrison County Home and Public Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025,** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley in celebration of National Public Health Week April 7 – 13, 2025. Entry is

free; health screenings are free; raffle prizes are free; blood pressure screenings are free; and lunch is free. Come learn about what health programs are available to you in Harrison County.

**Avenue of Flags**



In April subscribers will be receiving their Avenue of Flags renewal forms in the mail. The annual renewal fee of \$15.00 per flag will be due May 15. If you are not a subscriber for a flag to be flown along Maple Street, around the park or at West Harrison School and would like to be one, contact the city clerk at (712-646-2431) for a form. The first year's cost is \$35.00 per flag. For more information about this service and how it supports the West Harrison students, contact Maggie Rains at (712-420-6036) or Ben Nuzum, Becky Coyle or Bobby Neill.



**Just a reminder DO NOT flush any type of wipe even if the label says it is OK to do so!**

**A Blizzard of Thoughts  
from Maggie Rains**

The March 18<sup>th</sup> blizzard was a wake up experience for all of us to be prepared for emergencies.

We can't always depend that electrical, water, and telecommunication services will always be available. In a situation like the latest blizzard, there is only so much that can be done immediately, so for future storms prepare yourself, your family, and your community.

What can you do?

- Help your neighbors.
- Check on them to be sure that they are safe.
- Be patient and think about your words before you speak unkindly or jump to conclusions. In times like this when rumors abound. GET the FACTS first.
- Think how you can volunteer your skills or share your resources in an emergency.
- Even the songbirds were chirping so loudly to be heard above the drone of homes that had generators.
- Let's be grateful for the crews that came to help restore electricity; for the many organizations and individuals who provided food and water. Some came from many miles away and gave up their time and comforts to help our community!
- Perhaps you have the means to make a donation to the Red Cross or the Salvation Army who came to our aid.
- Shop at Family Fare or HyVee who both made donations to help us.
- Shop locally to help the stores who had losses due to loss of electricity.
- Thank you to Bonnie Costello and the Harrison County Emergency Management, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, and the Mondamin Fire and Rescue.

- When things are back to normal and you see some of the city employees or volunteers who helped during the crisis, tell them how much you appreciated their help!



## **Buss Regional Center**

by Maggie Rains

Because some of our Mondamin Newsletter readers had asked, "What is the Buss Center and how is it connected to West Harrison High School?" It was decided to ask West Harrison Principal, Mrs. Jackie Fonley, some questions about the center. She provided many details about the programs and what educational benefits are available for the students.

First here's a little background on the founding of this hands-on learning setting. According to the Larry and Bunny Buss Regional Center's website, "It is a modern facility located in Missouri Valley to serve surrounding communities with a wide range of programs and classes."

Mrs. Fonley elaborated with a few more details about how the partnership among Iowa Western Community College, the local school districts, and the Buss Center developed. Iowa Western Community College was awarded a \$1 million grant from the state's Career Academy Incentive Fund which allows colleges to increase accessibility to career academy programs in high demand skills. In addition, the center

received a \$300,000 donation from Larry and Bunny Buss of Missouri Valley to build a center to meet the need for skilled labor in area businesses.

The Buss Center opened in the fall of 2022. The partnership serves Missouri Valley Community Schools, West Harrison Community School District, Logan-Magnolia Schools, and Tri-Center Community Schools.

West Harrison students are now receiving an early advantage in career technical education that prepares them for up-to-date career technical programs that will connect them to high-demand, well-paying jobs that meet community needs. Local businesses are active in the education of the students at the center by providing input on the skills, and types of jobs that are most needed to make sure that it matches employment opportunities in this area.

When asked if the students receive credit that corresponds to Iowa Western Community College, Mrs. Fonley replied that students are able to earn an Industry Certificate along with roughly eighteen Iowa Western Community College credits. All Iowa Western Community College credits can and will transfer to all community colleges in Iowa and also to Nebraska community colleges. Credits can be earned in Construction Management, Electrical Technology, Welding, and Precision Agriculture all provided by the Buss Center's instructors who are certified by Iowa Western. Beginning in fall 2025, students will have the opportunity to earn an Electrical Technology Certificate, and agriculture courses will be offered online for anyone interested at West Harrison High

School. For an individual to be certified to teach these courses, he or she must either have a Master Degree in the particular subject area or have accumulated the required number of hours in professional, hands-on experience in that field.

Mrs. Fonley related that there are currently seven West Harrison high school students attending the Buss Center. Two students are earning their second Industry certificate. There are two students pursuing an Industry Certificate and Iowa Western Community College credits in welding skills. One student is earning a second certificate by registering during both the junior and senior year of high school. The courses that are available in this field are Gas Metal Arc Welding, Print Reading and Welding Symbol Interpretations, Fundamentals of Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Introduction to Fabrication, Oxy-Acetylene Welding and Brazing and Technical Math. One student is enrolled in Precision Agriculture courses of Introduction to Crops Science, Precision Farming Systems, Pesticide Application Certification, Integrated Pest Management, FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot, Crop Development, Production and Management, and an Agribusiness Internship. Four students are pursuing credits and Industry certificate in Construction Management by choosing two sets of courses that are year-long courses: Building Construction Techniques, Principles of Building Construction and Tech Math; or Blueprint reading and Construction Safety. Another Industry Certificate and credits that are offered to students is the Electrical Technology Program have courses of Basic Electrical Principles, Basics of Wiring, Electrical Blueprint Reading, Advanced

## Wiring Systems and Residential Electrical Systems.

When students register at West Harrison for junior and senior classes, the Career Technical Education classes at the Buss Center are explained to them. The courses are listed in the school's course handbook. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students receive career exploration classes and the counselor meets with students to help them complete their 4 year education plan which is revisited each year to make revisions as needed. West Harrison teacher, Mr. Goodwater, also takes classes on a tour of the Buss Center.

A typical day for a West Harrison student enrolled in classes at the Buss Center is that he/she must arrive at 8:00 a.m. either by being at the high school by 7:30 a.m. for transportation from the school to the Buss Center or by personal vehicle. The students have a fifteen minute break during the two and a half hour block of instruction. The classes at the Buss Center end at 10:30 a.m. with students reporting back to the high school by 11:00 a.m. where they must sign in at the office. The rest of the day is spent taking classes at West Harrison. Regular grade checks for Buss students are held with Mrs. Fonley, Mr. Goodwater or Ms. Herman.

The Buss students follow Iowa Western's calendar. That means that those students begin the school year one week earlier than when West Harrison classes begin. As was experienced in the recent weeks, if there is a closure at West Harrison, or delayed start for inclement weather, West Harrison students do not attend Iowa Western Community classes. On early dismissal days, Buss Center students follow a standard

school day schedule. When these students return to West Harrison, they must check with their regular teachers to catch up on missed assignments.

This spotlight article provides a snapshot of this new addition to West Harrison's curriculum. This is an exciting opportunity for West Harrison students to gain an edge acquiring skilled careers and employment! If you have a student or know of a student who would like to enroll in these courses, contact the West Harrison School at 712-646-2231 to register with Ms. Herman or Mrs. Fonley.

In addition to providing education opportunities for high school students, the Buss Center also offers Continuing Education programs and High School Equivalency (HISSET) classes. For more information, check the website at <https://www.iwcc.edu/business/larry-and-bunny-buss-regional-center>.

**If you have any suggestions** for our Spotlight section or the newsletter in general, please let us know.



## LIBRARY NEWS

**Meet and Greet; Meet the New Librarian**  
Stop by the library on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to meet Marla Rife, the recently hired Mondamin Public Library Director. You can say hello to the Marla and find out what the library has

to offer. Cookies, coffee, and lemonade will be served.

**The elementary book club** met for the last time this school year on March 31. It will resume next fall after school starts. We had four very loyal students this year and hope to have more readers next year.

Thanks to Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Stevenson, and Mrs. Kuhlman for their help in making book club successful.

**The adult book club** is currently reading *The Overstory* which is a 2018 novel by Richard Powers. Weaving together numerous character narratives, it is the story of a collection of environmental activists and their struggles to make their protests heard by society. It won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. This group will meet again on May 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the library.



### **Just to Bring a Smile ....**

Did you hear about the submarine that sank on April Fools' Day?

Someone left a window open.

What did the mama cow say to her baby after he stayed up too late on April Fools' Day?

"It's pasture bedtime."

What did the ocean say to the beach on April Fools' Day?

Nothing, it just waved.

What kind of bean can't grow in a garden?

A jelly bean.

What is Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music?

Hip-hop!



**Although April Fools' Day** has been observed for centuries, its true origins are unknown. Have you ever played a great April Fools' Day prank on anyone? Have you ever fallen for one that was played on you?

## **Mondamin Memories**

Information submitted by Larry Stevens & article written by Donella Pauli

**“The Omaha World Herald is offering a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of shooting William Edwards, the Mondamin, Iowa, farmer.”**

It wasn't often that this was seen in our community, but this was printed in the Omaha World Herald following the murder of 51-year-old William Edwards on February 22, 1954. Edwards lived with his sister, Florence Edwards, in their farmhouse about five miles east of Mondamin.

On the evening of Monday, February 22, about 8:30 p.m. three robbers wearing stockings over their heads and carrying revolvers entered the Edwards' home via the kitchen where his sister, Florence, and a cousin, Mattie Meyers, who was visiting from Marcell, MN, were doing dishes. One robber stayed with the ladies and the other two went into the living room where William was resting and demanded that he open his safe. (Mr. Edwards distrusted banks, so he kept his important papers and cash in a safe in his home.) William refused to open his safe, so one of the bandits shot him with a revolver in his left breast. They demanded again that he open the safe, but he was too weak to get up to do that and he refused a second time, so they shot him again at about the 8<sup>th</sup> rib back of the right arm perforating his lung with the bullet.

When the ladies heard the shots, they went into the living room. William asked Florence to call the doctor, but as she was dialing the phone, one of the men grabbed the phone from her, pulled out the wires from the wall, struck her, and tied her up. Their cousin was locked in a closet. Soon William had gone into shock and was hemorrhaging internally.

After the bandits had secured the women, they realized Edwards had passed away so they drug the safe to their vehicle, loaded it, and left the farm.

The ladies were able to get loose and took off in a car to find a phone to call for help. They drove to three homes before they found a phone.

Authorities from across Iowa were involved in trying to solve the crime and find the three robbers/murderers. Early on Tuesday the 500 pound safe was found near North Sioux City, SD. The criminals had used a hammer, chisel, and a punch to open the safe. Bonds amounting to \$7,800 were found near the safe. Other papers recovered were warranty deeds, insurance policies worth \$6,000, contracts dating back to 1913 and receipts. Cash amounting to \$9,000 was gone.

Tuesday afternoon following the murder, the gun, a .38 caliber revolver used to kill Edwards, was found in the mud under the Little Sioux River Bridge on Highway 75 (now Austin Ave.) near Mondamin. Clothing the men had worn was found discarded on the other side of the river.

By Friday, Harold Henderson, 36, and Maurice Moody Walsh, 39, both bartenders from Sioux City, had been arrested and a federal warrant had been issued for David Keegan, 35, also a bartender from Trent, SD. Murder charges were filed against all three men and Keegan's warrant also charged him with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for murder, but Keegan could not be found.

Henderson pled guilty, but Walsh denied any participation in the crime. Following a trial, both men were found guilty and sentenced to life in prison at the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Dodge.

Law enforcement officers continued to look for David Keegan and by December of 1954 his name was placed on the FBI's Ten Most

Wanted List. After years of federal, state, county, and local agencies searching for Keegan, in June 1963 his name was taken off the list which rarely happens. He was never found.

Information obtained from newspaper articles taken from the [Omaha World Herald](#).

## DID YOU KNOW?

**“Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to be durable; but, in this world nothing is certain except death and taxes.”**

Benjamin Franklin

Most of us are familiar with the last seven words of Benjamin Franklin’s quote especially the part about taxes. If you mention the date, April 15, there is probably one thing that pops into everyone’s mind: National Tax Day.

Did you ever wonder why tax day for federal individual income tax filers is April 15? President Abraham Lincoln first added a federal income tax with the Revenue Act of 1861 to help fund the Civil War. The taxes were based on assessments, not voluntary tax returns and the dates they were due varied. This Revenue Act was later repealed, re-adopted and then held unconstitutional.

In 1913 the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution was ratified which gave Congress the power to tax all incomes. At that time not many taxpayers needed to file a return. Only single filers with incomes of \$3,000 and married filers with income over \$4,000 had to file. (That’s about \$90,000

and \$120,000 in today’s dollars.) Actually, only about the top 4% of earners had to file a tax return.

The first filing deadline was March 1, then it switched to March 15 in 1918, and finally in 1955 it was changed to April 15 which was to give more time for people to prepare returns. April 15 has remained the deadline unless the 15<sup>th</sup> is on the weekend or a holiday. If that happens, tax day is the next business day.

Many state taxes are also due on April 15. (Iowa’s state income taxes are due on April 30.) There are also other dates associated with filing taxes depending on your filing status, but it seems April 15 is here to stay as the deadline for federal individual income tax. And that is certain! Don’t miss the deadline!

Information was taken from [www.smithsonianmag.com](http://www.smithsonianmag.com) and [www.usatoday.com/story/money/taxes/2024/04/15](http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/taxes/2024/04/15).

## NOW YOU KNOW!



## SCHOOL NEWS

***How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery*** will be presented April 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Gym at West Harrison. A free will offering will be taken.

**K-Kids and Builders Club are hosting a vendor fair on April 5, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.**

**until 2:00 p.m. in the West Gym.** The cost to attend is \$1.00 person or one item for Matthew's House Food Pantry. (Like last year, all proceeds are going to the food pantry.) Stop by to support these two groups; you will certainly find something that you need!



**West Harrison's Prom** will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025. The theme this year is *Starry Night*.

**Speech students attended the Individual State Speech Contest in Ames on March 15.** Division I ratings were earned by Devyn Harris in Radio News & Poetry. Receiving Division II ratings were Zoey McWilliams – Literary Program, Brooke Cooper—Poetry, and Kendel Baldwin—Musical Theater & Literary Program. Congratulations to these students! Gina Birdsall is the speech coach.

**Middle School students Lexie Flint and Payton Stevenson** were recently selected to attend an honor choir. Those selected for the honor band were **Natalie Thomas and Matthew Work**. Mr. Merley is their music instructor. Congratulations to these West Harrison students!



**West Harrison alum, Dr. Rod Earleywine, was inducted into the Iowa High School Wrestling Hall of Fame** at this year's State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines. Earleywine wrestled for the Hawkeyes from 1973-1977 earning a career record of 99-8, a four-time state qualifier, a two-time state champion, and records of 30-0 both his junior and senior years. Rod went on to have a successful wrestling career at Drake University. He taught and coached at West Sioux Community School. In 2007 he was selected for the IHSAA Officials Hall of Fame. Currently, Dr. Earleywine is the superintendent at Sioux City Community School District and serves on the IHSAA Board of Control.

Information and pictures courtesy of the Facebook pages of West Harrison CSD, West Sioux CSD, and West Sioux Fans and Friends.



**Preschool Roundup for West Harrison is set for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** If you have a child that will be 4 years old by September 15 or the current year and will be attending preschool for the 2025/2026 school year, please call the

elementary office (712.646.2016) to **schedule an appointment**. All 4-year-olds who will be attending preschool next year are required to attend the roundup.

Information courtesy of West Harrison CSD Facebook page.

**8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in National History Day on March 10<sup>th</sup>.** These two entries, Khloe Smith with her Historical Paper entitled *All- American Girls Professional Baseball League* and a group exhibit, *Jesse Owens: Running against the World*, by Aiden King, Justin Cooper, and Easton McIntosh, will advance to the next level of competition at Iowa State University at Ames on April 28, 2025. Congratulations and good luck! Mrs. Samantha Bieler is the teacher for these students.

**Congratulations to West Harrison senior, Tylar Stirtz**, for receiving the following post season basketball awards:

- Academic All-State Award
- The E. Wayne Cooley “You Can” award for demonstrating character and leadership in the sport of basketball presented by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association
- KMA’s Defensive Player of the Year for WIC.

Ty played for the Lady Reds in Missouri Valley this season. The Hawkeyes are very proud of you, Ty!

The following pictures of West Harrison athletes and the information about the teams were taken from West Harrison CSD’s Facebook page. The information came from Tony Nunez (Head Wrestling Coach), Julius Mikalik (Assistant Girls Basketball Coach), Andrew Stevenson (JH Girls Basketball Coach), and Rowdy Evans (Head Boys Basketball Coach).



**High school boys who wrestled this season** were Landon Carritt, Taven Hussing, Austin Johnson, Julyson Tyson, Hunter Hussing, and Noah Cox. All wrestlers gained valuable experience and improved over the season. Hunter Hussing lead the team with 19 wins. Xander Johnson served as the team’s manager.



### Junior high boys wrestling had three

**wrestlers:** Wayne Larson, Michael Ortiz, and Colt Stolz. Larson led the team with 10 wins (7 pins) and 15 takedowns.

The coaches for both wrestling teams were Tony Nunez, head coach, and Cody Tyson, assistant coach.



**One week into the basketball season West Harrison decided to seek a merger** due to low numbers. The combining of the Missouri Valley team and the West Harrison team went very smoothly and led to the best season for the Lady Reds in ten years. With higher numbers, the girls were also able to play a JV schedule which was very beneficial to the younger players. West Harrison girls who played with Missouri Valley were Kaitlyn Evans, Ty Stirtz, Rylee Evans, and Danielle Cooper.

Assistant Girls Coach  
Julius Mikalik



The Junior High girls basketball players did a great job of being team players and playing different roles this year. They improved from week to week. "They were a great group to work with," said Coach Andrew Stevenson.



"The 2024-25 West Harrison High School boys basketball season was one of learning and growth. With only three upperclassmen and two seniors, the underclassmen were not afforded the option of dipping their feet into the varsity waters and were thrown in headfirst. Over the course of the season, we saw a lot of improvement and growth from the underclassmen as our seniors provided great leadership. While the win/loss record (1-22) didn't reflect a season of accomplishment, the season did set the program up for future success as the underclassmen got valuable experience that will be beneficial in future seasons. The success of a season can't always be measured in wins and losses for that

particular year as one season of suffering can lead to bigger and better results in future seasons. The 2024-25 season was a successful year even if the wins and losses tell a different story.”

Head Coach Rowdy Evans

### **Missouri Valley Times News Article**

February 19, 2025

#### **West Harrison & Missouri Valley to enter into extra-curricular sharing agreement.**

On February 13, the West Harrison School Board approved a collaborative agreement with Missouri Valley to share all 7-12 athletics for the 2025-2026 school year. Additionally, both boards agreed to share 9-12 track, soccer, and golf for the spring season of 2024-2025. Missouri Valley's School Board had previously approved this sharing arrangement on February 10 during its regular meeting.

This cooperative effort follows earlier agreements to share baseball and softball 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons. Both districts recognized the importance of making these decisions early to facilitate logistical planning, allow students to participate in off-season programs, and ensure a smooth transition for all student-athletes.

West Harrison has previously shared several sports with neighboring schools due to low participation numbers, often making these arrangements mid-season, as seen with girls' basketball in 2024-2025. To proactively provide families with a more predictable outlook for future sports seasons, the West Harrison Board began

exploring options in the fall. This process included engaging students, surveying parents, and holding a community meeting. The surveys indicated strong support for partnering with Missouri Valley.

When approached about the potential for athletic sharing, Missouri Valley expressed enthusiastic support for expanding access to athletic programs for West Harrison students. The sharing of girls' basketball has yielded positive results, and last summer's baseball collaboration was also successful. All parties involved hope that these previous agreements will serve as a successful model for all other sports. While sharing may result in changes in classification for some sports, increased participation is anticipated to enhance team success.

#### **Joint Plan Highlights:**

- West Harrison will provide in-season transportation for students and an assistant coach who will be integrated into the Missouri Valley coaching staff. This initiative aims to help students transition smoothly by ensuring they know someone on the coaching staff at practices.
- Teams will compete under the name "Missouri Valley Big Reds."
- Teams will have access to West Harrison facilities for practice scheduling if needed.
- All contests will primarily take place in Missouri Valley, with West Harrison facilities available for scheduling purposes, though this is not expected to be routine.

“Like all schools, we would prefer to have an independent team; however, we recognize that our first responsibility is to ensure our students are provided the opportunity to participate in the programs they enjoy,” stated West Harrison Board President Randy Wohlers. “We are excited about this partnership with Missouri Valley and the opportunities that it provides for our students into the future.”

Missouri Valley Superintendent Christi Gochenour added, “The Missouri Valley School District is very excited for this opportunity for all of our athletes. We have had a great experience (with West Harrison) sharing last summer's baseball season and this winter's girls' basketball, and believe we will continue to have great success going forward.”

Article from *Missouri Valley Times News*, February 19, 2025.

## EVENTS

Tuesday, April 1 April Fools' Day

Friday, April 4 7:00 p.m.  
*How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery* West Harrison  
 West Gym Free Will Offering

Saturday, April 5 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
 K-Kids and Builders Club Vendor Fair at West Harrison West Gym.

Saturday, April 5 1:00 p.m.  
 Loess Hills 4-H Club Easter Egg Hunt in the Mondamin City Park

Saturday, April 5 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 Health Fair at Harrison County Fair Grounds in Missouri Valley

Saturday, April 5 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
 American Legion Fish Fry at Mondamin Community Center

Sunday, April 6 6:00 p.m.  
 Loess Hills Lancers meet at Mondamin Community Center

Monday, April 7 7:00 p.m.  
 City Council Meets at City Hall

Wednesday, April 9 5:00 -6:00 p.m.  
 Preschool Roundup at West Harrison

Saturday, April 12  
 Prom at West Harrison

Tuesday, April 15 7:00 p.m.  
 K-8 Spring Concert at West Harrison

Tuesday, April 15  
 National Tax Day

Friday, April 18 No School

Sunday, April 20 EASTER

Monday, April 21 No School

Saturday, April 26 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Meet and Greet at the Mondamin Public Library

**West Harrison's athletic schedules for track, softball, baseball, and golf are attached. Please tear them off for future reference.**

## Missouri Valley Lady Reds

### Girls Track & Field 2024/2025 Schedule

April 8, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Riverside Girls Track Meet	Riverside
April 14, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Treynor Track Meet	Treynor
April 17, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Tri-Center Girls Invitational	Tri Center
April 22, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Ace Nelson Relays	Denison
April 24 – 26, 2025	8:00 a.m.	115 <sup>th</sup> Drake Relays	Drake Stadium Track
April 29, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Lady Red Relays	Missouri Valley
May 1, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Woodbine Girls Invite	Woodbine Track
May 6, 2025	4:00 p.m.	WIC Track Championships	Treynor
May 12, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Trojan Relays	TriCenter

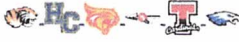


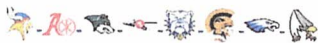


## Missouri Valley Big Reds

### Boys Varsity Track and Field 2024/2025 Schedule

April 1, 2025	4:15 p.m.	Audubon Boys Early Bird Meet	Audubon
April 7, 2025	4:30 p.m.	49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Jerome Howe Relays	Treynor
April 10, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Big Red Relays Senior Night for Boys and Girls Track	Missouri Valley
April 15, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Tri-Center Boys Invitational	Tri-Center
April 17, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Underwood Eagle Relays	Underwood
April 22, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Ace Nelson Relays	Denison
April 24-26, 2025	8:00 a.m.	115 <sup>th</sup> Drake Relays	Drake Stadium Track
April 24, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Cowboy/Cowgirl Relays	Sidney Football Field
April 28, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Phil Hummel Relays	Woodbine
May 1, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Griswold COED Relays	Griswold
May 6, 2025	4:00 p.m.	WIC Track Championships	Treynor
May 12, 2025	4:00 p.m.	Boyer Valley Meet	Dunlap
<b>May 22-24</b>		<b>2A Boys &amp; Girls State Track Meet</b>	<b>Drake Stadium Track</b>



## Junior High Girls and Boys Track and Field- 2024-25

4/8/25	Underwood Eagle Early JH Relays 	<u>4:00 PM</u>	Underwood High School Eagle Stadium
4/17/25	JH COED TRACK MEET 	<u>4:00 PM</u>	Woodbine Athletic Complex
4/22/25	Underwood Eagle Late JH Relays 	<u>4:00 PM</u>	Underwood High School Eagle Stadium
4/24/25	JH Spartan Relays 	<u>4:00 PM</u>	West Monona High School West Monona Football Field
5/1/25	Tri-Center JH Track Meet 	<u>4:00 PM</u>	Tri-Center Community Schools Tri-Center Athletic Complex
5/8/25	WIC JH Track Meet 	<u>4:00 PM</u>	Underwood High School
5/12/25	Little Red Relays 	<u>4:00 PM</u>	Missouri Valley High School MVHS Athletic Complex



# Missouri Valley Lady Reds and Big Reds

## Golf Schedule 2024-2025

April 7, 2025	vs. Treynor	4:00 p.m.	Logan-Mo.Valley Country Club
April 10, 2025	vs. West Monona	4:00 p.m.	Logan-Mo.Valley Country Club
April 11, 2025	vs. Riverside	4:00 p.m.	Oakland Country Club
April 14, 2025	vs. IKM-Manning	4:00 p.m.	Manning-Manilla Golf Course
April 17, 2025	vs. Griswold	4:00 p.m.	Logan-Mo.Valley Country Club
April 21, 2025	vs. Tri-Center	4:00 p.m.	Logan-Mo.Valley Country Club
April 22, 2025	vs. AHSTW	4:00 p.m.	Avoca CountryView Golf & Grille
May 1, 2025	vs. LoMa	4:00 p.m.	Logan-Mo.Valley Country Club
<b>Senior Night for both schools.</b>			
May 2, 2025	Kuemper Invite	9:00 a.m.	Carroll National Golf Club
<b>GIRLS ONLY</b>			
May 3, 2025	MV Golf Invite	8:30 a.m.	Logan-Mo.Valley Country Club
<b>BOYS ONLY</b>			
May 5, 2025	Audubon	4:00 p.m.	Audubon Golf and Country Club
May 7, 2025	WIC Golf Meet	9:00 a.m.	Nishna Hills
May 8, 2025	vs. Underwood	4:00 p.m.	Logan-Mo.Valley Country Club



# MISSOURI VALLEY BIG REDS

## JUNIOR VARSITY RESERVE BASEBALL - 2024-25

### Schedule

Date	Opponent(s)	Result	Caption	Location	Transportation
5/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Glenwood</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Glenwood</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">Boyer Valley</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">Boyer Valley</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		605 Lincoln Hwy	
6/5/25	@  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		AHSTW Community School Baseball Field	
6/5/25	@  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		AHSTW Community School Baseball Field	
6/11/25	@  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Tri-Center Community Schools Tri-Center Athletic Complex	
6/11/25	@  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		Tri-Center Community Schools Tri-Center Athletic Complex	
6/12/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/12/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/17/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/17/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/19/25	vs  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/19/25	vs  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/25/25	vs  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/25/25	vs  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		605 Lincoln Hwy	
7/2/25	@  <a href="#">Glenwood</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		GCSD Activities Complex	
7/2/25	@  <a href="#">Glenwood</a>	<u>1:00 PM</u>		GCSD Activities Complex	



# MISSOURI VALLEY LADY REDS

## JUNIOR VARSITY RESERVE SOFTBALL - 2024-25

### Schedule




























Date	Opponent(s)	Result	Caption	Location	Transportation
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">Lewis Central</a>	<u>11:00 AM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">Lewis Central</a>	<u>12:30 PM</u>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/9/25	@  <a href="#">Lewis Central</a>	<u>9:00 AM</u>		Iowa Western Community College	
6/9/25	@  <a href="#">Lewis Central</a>	<u>10:30 AM</u>		Iowa Western Community College	
6/27/25	@  <a href="#">Atlantic</a>	<u>10:00 AM</u>		Atlantic Middle School Softball Field	
6/27/25	@  <a href="#">Atlantic</a>	<u>11:30 AM</u>		Atlantic Middle School Softball Field	



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## VARSITY SOFTBALL - 2024-25

### Schedule

Date	Opponent(s)	Result	Caption	Location	Transportation
5/27/25	vs  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/28/25	vs  <a href="#">Atlantic</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/29/25	vs  <a href="#">MVAOCQU</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Treyvor</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/31/25	<b>Clarinda Clash of Classes Tournament</b> 	<a href="#">9:00 AM</a>		Clarinda Lied Recreation Center	
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/3/25	@  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		AHSTW Community School Softball Field	
6/5/25	vs  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/6/25	@  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Riverside High School	
6/9/25	vs  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/10/25	@  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Logan Magnolia Community Schools	
6/11/25	vs  <a href="#">St. Albert</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/12/25	@  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Underwood High School Eagle Diamond	
6/13/25	@  <a href="#">Woodbine</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Woodbine Athletic Complex Softball Field	
6/14/25	<b>Underwood Softball Tournament</b> 	<a href="#">9:00 AM</a>		Underwood High School Eagle Diamond	
6/16/25	@  <a href="#">Treyvor</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Treyvor Community School	
6/17/25	@  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		IKM-Manning Softball (Irwin)	
6/19/25	vs  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/20/25	@  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Tri-Center Community Schools Tri-Center Athletic Complex	
6/23/25	vs  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/24/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/26/25	vs  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Westwood</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
7/2/25	@  <a href="#">Fremont-Mills</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Fremont-Mills High School	
7/3/25	@  <a href="#">Lewis Central</a>	<a href="#">2:00 PM</a>		Iowa Western Community College	
7/3/25	@  <a href="#">Lewis Central</a>	<a href="#">4:00 PM</a>		Iowa Western Community College	
7/7/25	@  <a href="#">Glenwood</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Glenwood Softball Field	






























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5/27/25	vs  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/28/25	vs  <a href="#">Atlantic</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/29/25	vs  <a href="#">MVAOCO</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Treydor</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/31/25	<b>FM JV Softball Tournament</b> 	<a href="#">10:00 AM</a>	5 innings Round Robin	Fremont-Mills High School	
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/3/25	@  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		AHSTW Community School Softball Field	
6/5/25	vs  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/6/25	@  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Riverside High School	
6/9/25	vs  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/10/25	@  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Logan Magnolia Community Schools	
6/11/25	vs  <a href="#">St. Albert</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/12/25	@  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Underwood High School Eagle Diamond	
6/13/25	@  <a href="#">Woodbine</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Woodbine Athletic Complex Softball Field	
6/16/25	@  <a href="#">Treydor</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Treydor Community School	
6/17/25	@  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		IKM-Manning Softball (Irwin)	
6/19/25	vs  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/20/25	@  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Tri-Center Community Schools Tri-Center Athletic Complex	
6/23/25	vs  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/24/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/26/25	vs  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Westwood</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
7/2/25	@  <a href="#">Fremont-Mills</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
7/3/25	@  <a href="#">Lewis Central</a>	<a href="#">12:00 PM</a>		Iowa Western Community College	
7/7/25	@  <a href="#">Glenwood</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	



























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## VARSITY BASEBALL - 2024-25

### Schedule

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5/20/25	vs  <a href="#">Red Oak</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/22/25	vs  <a href="#">Hinton</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/27/25	vs  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/28/25	vs  <a href="#">Shenandoah</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Treydor</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/3/25	@  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		AHSTW Community School Baseball Field	
6/5/25	vs  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/6/25	@  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Riverside High School	
6/9/25	vs  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/10/25	@  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Logan Magnolia Community Schools	
6/12/25	@  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Underwood High School Eagle Field	
6/16/25	@  <a href="#">Treydor</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Treydor Community School	
6/17/25	@  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		IKM-Manning Baseball Field	
6/19/25	vs  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/20/25	@  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Tri-Center Community Schools Tri-Center Athletic Complex	
6/23/25	vs  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/24/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/26/25	vs  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">7:00 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Westwood</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
7/1/25	@  <a href="#">West Monona</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		West Monona High School West Monona Baseball Field	
7/2/25	vs  <a href="#">MVAOCO</a>	<a href="#">7:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	



























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5/22/25	vs  <a href="#">Hinton</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/27/25	vs  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/28/25	vs  <a href="#">Shenandoah</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
5/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Treydor</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/2/25	vs  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/3/25	@  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		AHSTW Community School Baseball Field	
6/5/25	vs  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/6/25	@  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Riverside High School	
6/9/25	vs  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/10/25	@  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Logan Magnolia Community Schools	
6/12/25	@  <a href="#">Underwood</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Underwood High School Eagle Field	
6/16/25	@  <a href="#">Treydor</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Treydor Community School	
6/17/25	@  <a href="#">IKM-Manning</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		IKM-Manning Baseball Field	
6/19/25	vs  <a href="#">AHSTW</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/20/25	@  <a href="#">Tri-Center</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Tri-Center Community Schools Tri-Center Athletic Complex	
6/23/25	vs  <a href="#">Riverside</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/24/25	@  <a href="#">Audubon</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Audubon Community School District High School	
6/26/25	vs  <a href="#">Logan-Magnolia</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
6/30/25	vs  <a href="#">Westwood</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
7/1/25	@  <a href="#">West Monona</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	
7/2/25	vs  <a href="#">MVAOCO</a>	<a href="#">5:30 PM</a>		Missouri Valley High School MVHS	

