

MONDAMIN'S



March 2026

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

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The regular city council meeting was held February 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mondamin City Hall. Council members present were Karen Breyfogle, Lacie Rife, Mary Seago, John Glennie and Jim Rains was present via telephone. Staff members who were in attendance were Mike Kelley and Alyx Hirst. No one from the public attended this monthly meeting.

Clerk Hirst informed the council that Christi Jones had contacted her by email to offer to clean, paint and freshen up the park bathrooms. The council welcomed her help so Alyx will follow up with Christi.

Reports from the library and the community center were submitted. The fire department had nothing to report.

The Council would like the maintenance inspector to assess 307 Chestnut. The legal status for 405 Maple and 301 N. Main had been received.

The rate of pay for Crary Huff Law Firm (the city's attorney) was set.

More discussion was held on plans for the land around the water plant. Even though the council would like to develop this area into housing, funding is not available at this time. After considering all their options, Jim Rains moved to lease the land outside the well setbacks to Echo Farms for \$150 per acre.

April 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mondamin City Hall is the date for the public hearing on the property tax rate.

The council will have a budget workshop on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The council discussed the tree stumps remaining following the removal of city trees. There are no current plans to replant in the city's right-of-way. John Glennie made a motion to allow homeowners to pay for stump removal if they wish, but the city will not pay for this. Mary Seago seconded this motion and it carried 5-0.

Mary Seago will contact the Iowa League of Cities to find out if they have an example of a rebate/rewards policy for employees.

Street repairs need to be on the FY26/27 budget. The street commissioner will assess the roads and report back during the budget meeting.

Mary Seago presented an invoice for \$350 to cover the balloon artist for 2026 Heritage Day. K. Breyfogle made a motion to pay this; J. Glennie seconded the motion. It passed 3-0. M. Seago and L. Rife abstained because they are members.

of Mondamin Community Partners who is helping plan Heritage Day for 2026. More discussion took place on whether a planning commission and a board of adjustments for zoning are needed or if the city could continue with a restricted residence district. The city attorney and the representative from SWIPCO both recommended to continue with a restricted residence district until a time that residential development would begin near the water plant. Motion by K.Breyfogle, seconded by L.Rife, and motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Hirst reported on disconnects and property abatements. Discussion took place on bids needed for various city projects, city property sale's conclusion, carpet installation at King's Court, and the new Alyrt system which will be used by the city for mass notifications. CPR training will be available for city staff from the Mondamin Fire & Rescue Department once a day and time have been established.

Mike Kelly, Public Works Director, reported that the walk-in shower and drywall have been installed in Unit #1 at King's Court. The pressure transducer parts for the water tower are now on order. He took a pile of iron from 409 Pine Street to the salvage yard.

K.Breyfogle stated that the Harrison County Landfill is working on a new cell development and that the rates will not increase at this time.

The next meeting will be March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The American Legion will host their first Fish/Chicken Fry of the year on Saturday, March 7, 2026. The event is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Mondamin Community Center.

Come for a delicious meal and visit with your neighbors and friends.



Firemen's Annual Dinner/Dance

The annual dinner/dance sponsored by the Mondamin Fire Department will be March 28, 2026, at the Mondamin Community Center. The dinner will be from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the dance running from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. You will be receiving information in the mail, but you can also purchase your tickets from any fire department member or at the Jiffy Mart. For a \$5 donation you can have a chance to win a TV with installation by Bonsall's, 2nd place is \$100, and 3rd and 4th are \$50 each.

Come support the firemen, have a great meal, and a fun evening dancing!



According to U.S. law, **Daylight Savings Time** begins on the second Sunday in March — running through the fall, when clocks are set back an hour.

This year, we'll be turning our clocks forward earlier than ever. Because March 1st falls on a Sunday, that means the second Sunday of March lands on March 8. It's the earliest possible date for Daylight Saving Time to begin.

Remember to Spring Forward at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8! Daylight Savings Time will last until November 1st when we will fall back!

**Dr. Rod Earlywine Presented 2026
Bernie Saggau Award of Merit**

Former West Harrison student and outstanding wrestler at West Harrison and Drake University, received the Bernie Saggau Award of Merit during the finals of the Iowa State Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

Dr. Earleywine began his career in education as a teacher and coach at West Sioux. Then he moved into school administration as a principal at River Valley and Sergeant Bluff-Luton. In 2007 he became the superintendent at Sergeant Bluff-Luton and held that position for 15 years before moving on to the superintendent's job with the Sioux City Community School District. Earleywine was active on the IHSAA Representative Council and the IHSAA Board of Control. Earleywine has been inducted into the IHSAA Officials Hall of Fame and the IHSAA Wrestling Hall of Fame.

The Bernie Saggau Award of Merit honors individuals whose leadership, service, and support of education-based activities reflect the values of the longest serving executive directors of the IHSAA. The award is considered the highest honor presented by the IHSAA's Board of Control.

Congratulations, Rod, on this high honor!

Just to Make You Laugh



What did the wall clock do after it was adjusted for daylight saving time?

❖ Nothing, it just hung around.

What does an elephant use to pack for spring break?

❖ A trunk.

I've decided to sell my vacuum cleaner.

❖ It was just collecting dust.

What do you call it when it rains turkeys and chickens?

❖ *Fowl* weather

What has many teeth but cannot bite?

❖ A comb

Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?

❖ Corn on the cob.



Churches in Mondamin

by Donella Pauli

Mondamin is fortunate to have three active churches as many small towns

have seen their churches close due to dwindling attendance. If you have recently moved to Mondamin or you are just looking for a church to attend, you are invited to attend one of our churches. A phone number is listed if you would like more information about any of them.

Mondamin Church of Christ worships on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. They have coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. There is no set schedule for the potlucks they host, but usually have 3-5 per year.

Kids for Christ is an after-school youth ministry for K-5th graders held at the Mondamin Church of Christ on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The remaining meeting dates this school year are March 3, 10, 17, 24, and April 7. Parents should contact (712-646-2644) if they are interested.

Wayne Bahr has been the minister since 1999 - 26 years. He was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska - a graduate of Omaha South High School, received his degree in Bible-Ministries from Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, KS, and has been in the ministry for four decades.

Call (712-646-2644) if you want to learn more about the Mondamin Church of Christ.

Holy Family Catholic Church in Mondamin has mass each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The first Sunday of each month, Adoration is held prior to mass. The

members have a potluck once each month. (The particular Sunday varies depending on other happenings at church and in the community.)

Father Dean Nimerichter, a retired priest who lives in Council Bluffs, is the priest at Holy Family.

If you'd like more information, contact Deacon Dennis Lovell by calling him at (402-689-8940).

United Methodist Churches in Mondamin and Pisgah alternate by the month having the weekly services. The Mondamin United Methodist Church will host the services in March, May, July, etc. Pisgah will be hosting the Sunday services April, June, August, etc. At both churches the service begins at 9:00 a.m.

The pastor for both churches is David Godwin who is also the pastor at the United Methodist Church in Onawa.

If you want more information about the United Methodist Church, call (402-690-4692). If no one answers, please leave a message.

March 17th



DID YOU KNOW?

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood! You have the power

to save lives and give back to the community.

Who needs blood? People suffering from chronic diseases, accident and burn victims, organ transplant patients, trauma patients, those having heart surgery, and those battling cancer are just some of the people who need blood in order to live.

You are able to give blood every 56 days (6 times a year) if you are feeling well and in good health. A donor must be 17 years old (16 in some states) and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is more information here about what student donors need to know <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/info-for-student-donors.html>

Complete details about donating blood, where to find a blood drive, and to register online go to www.redcross.org.



If you are ready to donate blood now, West Harrison's National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive at school on March 20, 2026. Call 712-646-2231 for more information.

Your donation can help make a lifesaving difference!

NOW YOU KNOW!



Mondamin Earns First Trip to State

Omaha, Neb., Saturday, March 4, 1961
by Howard Brantz

Mondamin survived a three-minute chill in the third quarter, then played it smart during a stretch run in Council Bluffs Friday night to earn its first girls' state tourney trip.

The Hornets whipped College Springs South Page, a state meet quarterfinalist last year, 69-63, for their twenty-fifth victory of the season. They have lost three.

Although the Harrison County gals carried the lead most of the way, South Page fought back to gain control at 49-47 with 2:28 left in the third stanza.

While the Mondamin gals hit an erratic spell for three minutes, the Rebels outscored the district champs, 7-0.

Jill McClannahan's pair of gift shots knotted it at 49 and Judy Roden got a bucket for a 51-49 Hornet margin.

After Susan McKinley, turning in one of the top games of her career, made it 51-all, McClannahan made another charity shot.

McKinley gave South Page its final lead at 53-52 with a minute to go in the third quarter. Roden exploded for five points in the final minute for a 57-53 lead and Mondamin never trailed again.

South Page, losing for the third time in 26 games, never came closer than two

Have you stopped in the library lately? Money from the Dean J. King Family Foundation grant was used to purchase two new laptop computers, a printer, and many new books for all ages of readers. If you need to use a computer or want to check out the new books, stop by the Mondamin Public Library.

The book club will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the library. They will discuss *In Broad Daylight* by Harry N. Maclean.

This 1988 true crime book details the 1981 murder of town bully Ken Rex McElroy in Skidmore, Missouri, and the town's 21-year reign of terror under his control. The book won an Edgar Award in 1989, became a New York Times bestseller, and was adapted into a 1991 television movie. Just stop by the library and talk to Marla if you'd like to join the group.

Mondamin Memories

Last month *Mondamin Memories* included a newspaper article about the Mondamin Hornets boys' basketball team. It's only fair that this month we highlight the Mondamin Hornets girls' team from 1960-1961. The article came from Larry Stevens' collection.

points after Jan Hogg's bucket made it 59-57 at the start of the stretch run.

After building a 61-57 lead, Mondamin went into a semi-stall the rest of the way.

Roden, a tremendous driver, scored 35 to lead Mondamin. McClannahan added 18 and Deloris Howard 16 to account for all the scoring.

McKinley tossed home 17 baskets and added seven free throws for 40 for South Page points. She didn't have the support needed to make it to Des Moines again. Hogg was restricted to 13 and Cheryl Whigham to nine.

After qualifying for state, the newspaper headlines continued:

Mondamin Girls Hope to Be First Team to Beat Ellsworth

Undefeated Club Meets Mondamin

Mondamin Gals Face Ellsworth

Mondamin 'on Spot' in Iowa Girls' Play

And the last game of the season

Fouls Squelch Mondamin Bid 65 – 52



Do you have clothing items that need to be dry cleaned?

Take them to the Jiffy Mart by Tuesday and they will be returned by the following Tuesday by Max I. Walker.



Matthew's House Food Pantry

If you are in need of assistance, the food pantry is open each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m.

Donations are accepted during those times as well. They always need canned fruit, vegetables, cleaning products, condiments, and personal hygiene items.

If you have any suggestions for information to put in the newsletter, please let us know. Especially if your organization or church is having an event, we are happy to publicize it for you. You can text Donella (402-659-1299). We print the newsletter at the end of each month so try to get your news to us by the 28th or earlier.



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Kendel Baldwin, Izzy Ely, and Jerzey Kraft for receiving 3 division I ratings in Group Improv at the Large Group State Speech Contest on February 7.

Kendel and Izzy also competed in Musical Theatre where they received an overall II rating.

Congratulations to the Missouri Valley Show Choir for receiving a Division I rating at the State Show Choir contest on Monday, February 9. West Harrison students, Kendel Baldwin and Erin Lewis, are members of that group.

Valentine's Day was celebrated a couple of days early at West Harrison. Parents, grandparents, and friends were invited to come have lunch with West Harrison students on February 12. After lunch, the students and their guests decorated a homemade Valentine's Day cookie. The lunchroom was decorated with a Valentine's Day theme and even had a photo area to capture the experience. Over 100 guests dined with the students. What a fun time!

Thanks to the students and staff who helped decorate the lunchroom, prepare

the food, and serve the special lunch! A special thank you to Kathy Glennie and the kitchen crew for this fun day!

Hunter Hussing, West Harrison sophomore, qualified for the Iowa State Wrestling Tournament by winning the 106 pound weight class at the district tournament held in Underwood on February 14th. He competed in Class 1A in Des Moines beginning February 19th as the first West Harrison wrestler to qualify since 2010.

Hunter's results in the state tournament are as follows:

- Bye in the 1st round
- Won by a Fall in the 2nd round
- Lost by a Tech Fall in the quarterfinals
- Won by a Fall
- Lost in a 12-5 Decision
- Lost by a Fall in the 3rd period

Hunter placed 8th and became the first WH place winner since 1991. What an achievement, Hunter!

Other Missouri Valley wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament in Des Moines were Luke Schroeder (138 pounds) and Owen Becerra (126 pounds).

Congratulations to these three young men; their hard work paid off!

West Harrison Congratulates Rod

Earleywine for being awarded the Bernie Saggau Award of Merit! (See the complete article in Community News.)

Happy Anniversary to West Harrison's

TeamMates! To celebrate their 10th anniversary, TeamMates will have an ice cream and cake celebration on Sunday, March 22, 2026, in the high school commons at 2:00 p.m. All past and present TeamMates' mentors and board members, as well as current mentees are welcome to join in the celebration!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with TeamMates these past ten years. A special thank you to Kim and Tony Nunez for spearheading the group. For more information about TeamMates, go to <https://teammates.org/>.

PLANNING AHEAD:

April 8 is Preschool Roundup from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Contact the office to set up an appointment (712-646-2016). This is for all children who will be 4 years old on or before September 15, 2026.



High school and junior high track and field schedules for both boys and girls for 2026 are attached to this newsletter. Keep them for future reference. The schedules for the other spring sports will be attached next month.

Major Observances & Celebrations in March:

- Women's History Month (U.S.): The entire month celebrates women's contributions.
- St. Patrick's Day (March 17): Celebrates Irish heritage and culture.
- Spring Equinox (around March 20): Marks the start of spring.
- Daylight Saving Time (U.S.): Typically begins the second Sunday in March.

Fun & Themed Days:

- Dr. Seuss Day (March 2): Celebrates literacy.
- Johnny Appleseed Day and everything Apple (March 11)
- Pi Day (March 14): Celebrates mathematics.
- The Ides of March (March 15) Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March!

Dr. Seuss Quotes

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not".

"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive that is youer than you"

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?".

"Oh, the places you'll go!".

"How did it get so late so soon?".

EVENTS

Sunday, March 1 6:00 p.m.
Loess Hills Lancers 4-H Club at
Mondamin Community Center

Monday, March 2 7:00 p.m.
Mondamin City Council Meets at
City Hall

Wednesday, March 4
National History Day Regionals at
IWCC

Saturday, March 7 4:30 -6:30 p.m.
American Legion Fish/Chicken Fry
at Mondamin Community Center

Monday, March 9 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Elementary Family STEM night

Thursday, March 12
End of 3rd Quarter at WH

Friday, March 13
No School at WH

Thursday, March 19 7:00 p.m.
National Honor Society Induction
and Academic Awards Night at WH

Friday, March 20
National Honor Society Blood Drive
at West Harrison. Call school for
more information – 712-646-2231

Sunday, March 22 2:00 p.m.
10-Year TeamMates Celebration at
West Harrison

Thursday, March 26 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Middle School Presentation Fair

Friday, March 27
Tiefenthaler Meats PK-8 fundraiser
begins. Delivery is April 27.

Saturday, March 28 5:00 p.m.
Mondamin Firemen's Dinner &
Dance at the Mondamin
Community Center

Monday, March 30
First Varsity Girls Track Meet at
Audubon

Monday, March 30 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Freshman Orientation at WH

Tuesday, March 31
First Varsity Boys Track Meet at
Audubon

2026

Missouri Valley Lady Reds

Varsity Girls Track & Field



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| March 20 | Wayne State College | | Wayne, NE |
| March 30 | Audubon Girls Early Bird | 4:15 p.m. | Audubon HS |
| April 7 | Riverside Girls Track Meet | 4:30 p.m. | Riverside HS |
| April 16 | Tri-Center Track Meet | 4:30 p.m. | Tri-Center HS |
| April 20 | Ace Nelson Relays | 4:00 p.m. | Denison HS |
| April 23-25 | 116 th Drake Relays | 8:00 a.m. | Drake Stadium |
| April 28 | Lady Reds Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Missouri Valley HS |
| April 30 | Underwood COED Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Underwood HS |
| May 5 | WIC HS Track Meet | 4:00 p.m. | Missouri Valley HS |
| May 8 | Westwood Meet | 4:00 p.m. | Sloan |
| May 11 | Trojan Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Tri-Center HS |
| May 14 | State Qualifying Meet | TBD | |
| May 21-23 | State Track & Field Meet | | Drake Stadium |

Junior High Girls & Boys Track & Field

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| April 7 | JH Early Eagle Relays | 4:00 p.m. | Underwood HS |
| April 16 | Woodbine Invite | 4:00 p.m. | Woodbine HS |
| April 21 | JH Late Eagle Relays | 4:00 p.m. | Underwood HS |
| April 23 | West Monona | 4:00 p.m. | Onawa |
| April 30 | Tri-Center JH Meet | 4:00 p.m. | Tri-Center HS |
| May 7 | WIC JH Track Meet | 4:00 p.m. | AHSTW HS |
| May 11 | Little Red Relays | 4:00 p.m. | Missouri Valley HS |



Missouri Valley Big Reds
Varsity Boys Track & Field
2026

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| March 20 | Wayne State | | Wayne, NE |
| March 31 | Audubon Boys Early Bird | 4:15 p.m. | Audubon HS |
| April 6 | Jerome Howe Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Treynor HS |
| April 9 | Big Red Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Missouri Valley HS |
| April 14 | Tri-Center Invitational | 4:30 p.m. | Tri-Center HS |
| April 20 | Ace Nelson Relays | 4:00 p.m. | Denison HS |
| April 23-25 | Drake Relays | 8:00 a.m. | Drake Stadium |
| April 23 | Cowboy/Cowgirl Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Sidney |
| April 27 | Woodbine Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Woodbine HS |
| April 30 | Underwood COED Relays | 4:30 p.m. | Underwood HS |
| May 5 | WIC HS Meet | 4:00 p.m. | Missouri Valley HS |
| May 8 | Westwood Meet | 4:00 p.m. | Sloan |
| May 11 | Boyer Valley | 4:00 p.m. | Dunlap |
| May 14 | State Qualifying Meet | TBD | |
| May 21-23 | State HS Track Meet | | Drake Stadium |