MONDAMIN'S



October 2026

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

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Mondamin City Council meeting was called to order on September 9, 2026, by Mayor Pro Tem, Karen Breyfogle. Council members present were John Glennie, Karen Breyfogle, Mary Seago, and Jim Rains. Mayor Proskocil and Lacie Rife were absent. Staff members who were present were Alyx Hirst and Mike Kelley. Members of the public who were in attendance at the meeting were William Nelson, Dayanis Velazquez, Maria Martinez, Jose Rosario, and John Harrison.

The agenda, minutes of the August 3rd meeting, and claims as presented were approved by the council. There was no public comment.

The report from the Community Center was submitted by the manager. The board is currently reviewing items for the King Foundation Grant application.

Library board president, Bill Nelson, stated that due to health reasons, Marla Rife had to step down as librarian, but hopes to serve as a board member in the future. The library board hired Helen Carritt to replace Marla, and previous librarian, Christine Hussing, has agreed to work on a temporary basis to train Helen. Their hourly rate of pay was set at $13 per hour.

Misty Gray, the SW Iowa's District Library Consultant from the State Library will be in Mondamin to train the board. Bill also stated that he would like to see the library and the city come together and work cohesively.

There was no report from the fire department.

The property at 301 N. Main was discussed. Clerk Hirst suggested that we put the decision on hold, as the city doesn't have funds to pay for any demo or legal fees at this time. Housing inspector, John Harrison, advised the council that if it's going to sit for a while, the property should be boarded up to keep the animals out.

Under New Business the council issued a building permit for 210 N. Main Street. (A translator was asked to attend the meeting so that there would be no miscommunication between the owners and the council.)

Repairs to Unit #1 in King's Court Housing has been completed and a new tenant has moved in. Alyx and

Mike each reported on what repairs each of them had handled. The apartment has been completely remodeled so in the future the only thing this apartment might need is a new water heater.

Resolution 2026-12: A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute and Record FY 2026-2027 Interfund Transfers for the City of Mondamin was postponed to a later date and the resolution number will be held.

The Council scheduled Fall Clean-Up Day for Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Council went into closed session to discuss the real estate known as 409 Pine Street. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Council authorized the city clerk to publish a notice of public hearing on the sale of the property at 409 Pine Street.

Discussion continued with the possible motion regarding site preparation at 409 Pine Street. Councilman Glennie asked the council if removing the stumps and making the property more appealing would benefit the city for the sale. It was stated that the city would need to receive new bids for stump grinding and it may not be worth the associated costs. No action taken.

There was no mayor's report.

In the clerk's report Alyx went over the year-end financials and discussed the disconnect notices and the customers who have asked for extra time. The Council stated that the customers have been behind for months and no extra time is allowed. The Clerk also mentioned that the city needs to watch spending due to planned projects; the city can't overspend.

In the Public Works report Mike stated that all the street signs were installed and he had received mostly positive reviews. He also told the Council that the parts for the splash pad had arrived and that he would work on this during the winter. New aerators arrived for the sewer lagoon. A new 12-inch drain tube was installed at the east end of Cedar Street for drainage. Mike also told the Council that he had tried a new weed killer that is safe around the wells and uses safe ingredients. He stated that while it worked, it was costly.

There were no commissioner reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2026, at 7:00 at the Mondamin City Hall.

Just a note: In addition to the *Harrison County Times-Reporter* you can also find the minutes of the Mondamin City Council at www.iowapublicnotices.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



There will be an American Legion Fish Fry on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Delicious fish and chicken will be served with all the trimmings.

Come have a great meal and visit with your neighbors and friends.

Fall Decorating Contest

Mondamin Community Partners announces its first-ever fall decorating contest. A prize will be given in each of the following two categories: Best Traditional Fall Display and Best Halloween Display. Each of those winners will receive a $50 gift certificate to the Jiffy Mart in Mondamin. Judging will take place the evening of October 25, 2026, so be sure to have your pumpkins glowing and your lights turned on!

Winners will be announced via Facebook and in the Mondamin November newsletter.

BOO BASH Is Back!



MCP's annual BOO BASH will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Mondamin City Park. This year will feature new games along with some of your favorite old ones. (Have you ever played Granny Pants? It will be a hoot! Can you balance candy corn on a popsicle stick? How about stacking apples?) Prizes will be given!

Just for fun, come dressed in your Halloween costume! Try to guess the weight of a very, very large pumpkin! Raffle tickets will be available for some great prizes! (A $50 Gift Certificate donated by Family Fare Grocery Store, a Beverage Basket, and 2 Passes to Vala's Pumpkin Patch.) The Post Prom Parents will be selling warm chocolate chip cookies. Other refreshments (popcorn and bottles of water) will be available free of charge.

Bring your family and friends and join the BOO BASH fun! We will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. so don't be late.

What do I do at BOO BASH?

_____ Find Someone Who… (game)

Play these games in any order.

_____ Football Toss

_____ Ring Toss

_____ Boo Bash Olympics

_____ Bean Bag Toss (Frankenstein)

_____ Granny Pants

_____ Bean Bag Toss

_____ Water Balloon Toss

_____ Guess How Much the Pumpkin Weighs.

_____ Purchase Chocolate Chip Cookies if you want to.

_____ Purchase raffle tickets if you want to.

_____ Before you leave get FREE refreshments: popcorn & water.



The Harrison County Home and Public Health will be at the Mondamin Community Center on October 8, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. to administer flu shots. Please bring your insurance card with you.

Millions of flu cases and doctor visits are stopped by the vaccine every year. If you do catch the flu despite being vaccinated, your symptoms will likely be much less severe.

West Harrison's Student Council and FCCLA will **Feed the Farmers on October 7 and 14.** See the complete story in SCHOOL NEWS.



Boss's Day is Friday, October 16. It was created in 1958 by Patricia Bys Haroski at State Farm Insurance in Illinois. She chose October 16 because that was her dad's birthday and he was also her boss!

Illinois Governor Otto Kerner officially proclaimed the day in 1962.

Remember your boss on the 16th!



Important Dates Concerning Your Right to Vote

The first step in voting in November's election is to register to vote.

Registering to vote is a legal requirement to vote in an election in Iowa. To register you:

- Must be at least 17 years old.
- Must be a United States Citizen.
- Must be an Iowa Resident.
- Cannot be a convicted felon (unless your voting rights have been restored by the Governor, including through Executive Order, after a felony conviction—for more information visit RestoreYourVote.Iowa.Gov
- Cannot be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law.
- Cannot claim the right to vote in any other place.

You may register to vote online, by mail, in person at the auditor's office, or at the polls the day of the election. Completed voter registrations must be mailed to your county auditor and must be received by 5:00 p.m. CT or postmarked fifteen days prior to the election. Registrations submitted online must be completed at or before 11:59 p.m. CT 15 days prior to the election.

When pre-registering to vote at your county auditor's office or by mail, you'll need either your driver's license, non-operator ID, or to know the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

When pre-registering to vote online, you'll need either your driver's license or non-operator ID, and the last FIVE digits of your Social Security Number.

Once you are registered to vote, you may vote Absentee in Person, (20 days prior to the election at the Auditor's office) Absentee by Mail, (Request form must be received by 5:00 p.m. CT 15 days prior to the election.) or the day of the election at your assigned voting precinct. Absentee ballots must be mailed back to the Auditor's office so that they receive your ballot by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or hand deliver it by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you have questions check online or call the auditor's office at 712-644-2401.



Whichever method you choose to use, just remember to vote on November 3, 2026.

Iowans to Vote on Constitutional Amendment in November

When you go to the polls, don't be surprised that in addition to competitive races on the ballot this November, Iowans will also vote on a proposed amendment to the state constitution. This amendment would require a two-thirds majority in both the Iowa House and Senate to

increase state individual or corporate income tax rates, rather than just a simple majority. Simply put, it will require lawmakers to get more “yes” votes in order to pass a tax increase than is currently required.

Those who support the amendment say it would give taxpayers more protection from future tax increases.

The Iowans who say to reject the amendment argue that the two-thirds requirement could allow a minority of lawmakers to block a future tax increase if the state needs additional revenue.

There are many lawmakers, unions and organizations supporting both sides of this issue. In late August at least 37% of voters were undecided. It’s up to the voters to learn how to vote on this amendment to best help the State of Iowa.

Women’s Night Scheduled for October 22, 2026

The annual Women’s Night sponsored by the Little Sioux and Mondamin Churches of Christ will be held at the Little Sioux Church (403 Mulberry Street) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22. Supper will be provided followed by the featured speaker, Becky Gomez. This will be an evening of worship, ministry, and fellowship. All women in the community are invited.

Spring Forward, Fall Back

There has been much talk lately about Congress making changes to Daylight Saving Time, but at this time nothing has changed.

Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m. Before you go to bed, set your clocks back one hour.

Just to Make You Laugh



Why was the broom late for school?

It over-swept!

Why do leaves fall down in October?

Gravity

What kind of candy do you get on Halloween?

The free kind

What is a mummy’s favorite music genre?

Wrap

What is the name for witches who live together?

Broom-mates

What’s even worse than finding a worm in your apple?

Finding half a worm

More Bizarre State Laws

There are some more crazy, bizarre state laws that exist in the United States. Maybe they made sense when they were written, but now we wonder why they were ever created. Last month's newsletter had a few examples. Here are some more:

- In Delaware you can't sell dog or cat hair.
- Florida charges parking fees for animals. This started when the Ringling Brothers Circus used Florida as a winter home base in the 1920's.
- Georgia will not allow a person to live on a boat more than 30 days.
- You can't ride a horse faster than 10 mph in Indiana.
- Idaho will not allow people to sweep debris on to the streets, highways, alleys, or any road used for public travel.
- A woman may not marry the same man 4 times in Kentucky. (We have to hope the 3rd time is a charm!)
- No parking in front of Dunkin' Donuts in Maine!

Ladd, Kara. *50 Craziest State Laws from around the United States,* 2020.



Kids for Christ

On certain days after school have you ever seen a large group of elementary students accompanied by adults walking toward Noyes Street and wondered where they were going? What were they doing?

Over 25 years ago collaboration began to provide Christian education to young students in an after-school setting. Seven years later the group was officially named Kids for Christ and the group continues today.

The group is made up of kindergarten through 5th grade area students from all denominations. The students do officially receive a written notice about the group, but much information spreads by word of mouth.

A typical afternoon session runs from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the Mondamin Church of Christ. During that time the children are divided into two groups (K-2nd grade and 3rd- 5th grades). Each group has a time they practice music led by retired elementary music teacher, Mrs. Sharon Shelton. While one group is working on music, the

other group is being introduced to who Jesus is. No one church's doctrine is studied, but rather scripture and the stories and the people of the Bible are introduced to the students. For example, Pastor Wayne Bahr from the Mondamin and Little Sioux Churches of Christ said that two years ago the group memorized the books of the New Testament and last year they learned about the books of the Old Testament. This year the students will become familiar with the names of the twelve disciples and stories involving them. Pastor Bahr commented, "It is rewarding to see the young people's response to learning about faith and Christianity."

After about half of their time is gone, the two groups switch what they are doing. So, during a typical meeting, both groups have a singing time and scripture study time. When both groups are finished, the children receive a treat and, if the weather is conducive, the kiddos have a time to play in the Mondamin City Park.
In addition to Sharon Shelton, helpers include Sheryl Rife, Becky Lewis, Bev Allison, Mary Menard, and Dakota Kuhlman.

If you'd like more information about Kids for Christ, contact Pastor Wayne Bahr.

This month's Spotlight topic was suggested by one of our readers. If you know of a person or a group in our area that should be in the Spotlight, contact Donella at 402-659-1299 or dpauli@iowatelecom.net.

DO YOU KNOW?



What do you know about the Halloween season? Just for fun try these Halloween trivia questions. The answers are following the questions.

Do you know?

1. On average how many seeds are in a pumpkin?

2. What 1925 horror film based on Gaston Leroux's novel by the same name was made into a successful Broadway musical?

3. What Arizona city shares its name with something you'd find in a graveyard?

4. What is the name of the blue and green van used by the Scooby Doo gang?

5. What character in "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" believes in the Great Pumpkin?

6. Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore starred in what movie about the afterlife?

7. What do you call a group of witches?

8. What artist recorded the song, “Ghostbusters”?

9. According to the Sheb Wooley song lyric, this creature is a one-eyed, one-horned, flyin’ what?

10. What is the only mammal that can fly?

11. What friendly cartoon ghost has appeared in dozens of films, TV series, and comic books?

12. Are pumpkins technically a fruit or vegetable?

13. Which First Lady was the first to decorate the White House for Halloween?

14. What state produces the most pumpkins?

15. What is having a fear of Halloween called?

1. 500
2. The Phantom of the Opera
3. Tombstone
4. The Mystery Machine
5. Linus
6. Ghost
7. A Coven
8. Ray Parker, Jr.
9. Purple People Eater
10. A bat
11. Casper
12. Fruit
13. Mamie Eisenhower
14. Illinois
15. Samhainophobia

NOW YOU KNOW!



There are big changes at the Mondamin Public Library!

Library Director, Marla Rife, has resigned due to health reasons and Helen Carritt of Little Sioux has been hired as the new Mondamin Public Library Director.

The community thanks Marla for the time she spent in the library and the excitement she had for promoting reading and bringing new and interesting options to the patrons of the library. We wish her the best.

Stop by the library and say hello to Helen and welcome her to the Mondamin library.

The book club continues to meet. The next title the group will read is *A Man Called Ove: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman about a grumpy 59-year-old Swedish widower who finds his plans to end his life interrupted by a lively community. Ove is a strict, bitter man who loves routines and rules, but his chaotic new neighbors continue to chip away at his tough exterior.

The book club will meet on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Stop by the library to find out more information about the book club and get a copy of the book.

Mondamin Memories

From the files of Larry Stevens

Pupils Strike in Row Over School Head

Hold Building Overnight at Mondamin; Board Is Unyielding

(The World Herald's News Service)

Mondamin, Ia., April 14, 1938—Fifty pupils of the consolidated schools here took possession of the building tonight and vowed no classes would be held until the school board members renewed the contract of Superintendent Gordon Wolfe which expires in June.

All of the pupils who held the building are between 12 and 17 years old. Fifteen of them were girls, but they went home shortly before 10:00 p.m., leaving the boys to hold the fort until morning.

Telephoned at 1:30 a.m. and asked whether the sit-downers would allow classes to start in the morning, one of the pupils replied, "You can't start classes without students."

He said they expected to be reinforced by at least one hundred more pupils by daybreak.

The sit-downers appeared to be in for a long wait, for Dean King, president of the school board, was adamant.

"They'll just have to stay there until they change their minds," he said.

Ignore Wolfe's Plea

The pupils posted lookouts for protection against ouster attempts. They shouted from windows they would post guards at the entrances in the morning to prevent teachers from entering.

Superintendent Wolfe's personal plea to get the students to leave the building "for my sake" was futile. They shouted their refusal.

Reports that Mr. Wolfe's contract would not be renewed have been current in Mondamin since members of the school board met in a secret session Monday night. Although members have refused to reveal what occurred at the meeting, it was reported the board voted not to renew the contract. Mr. Wolfe also teaches several classes at the school.

Call Emergency Meeting

Shortly after noon a group of older pupils decided on a strike. Rushing from one lower classroom to another they shouted to the youngsters that school was out. Over the protest of teachers, the youngsters left the building.

At noon a parade had been staged through main street of the town carrying large signs which said, "We Want Wolfe."

Meanwhile President King had called an emergency session of the school board for 8:00 p.m. Unable to enter the school because of the guards, the board adjourned to the back room of a nearby grocery where they met in closed session. Superintendent Wolfe attended.

Emerging from the meeting room, both Mr. Wolfe and board members refused to say whether any action had been taken on the contract.

No reason for the board's action was mentioned.

NOTE: The members of the school board were Dean King, Albert Knadle, James Earlywine, Eddie Weldon, and Evan Noyes.

Do you want to know what happened? Be sure to pick up a November Mondamin Newsletter to find out!



Do you have items that need to be dry cleaned? Drop them off at the Jiffy Mart by Tuesday, the items will be picked up, cleaned, and returned by Tuesday the next week.



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 can always use

canned fruit, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items.

Every Friday night is PIZZA NIGHT at the Sandbar in Mondamin. Stop by or call 712.646.2300 to order your favorite pizza.

Did you hear these comments from your parents when you were growing up or have you said them to your children?

- Money doesn't grow on trees!
- If everyone jumped off a bridge, would you do it too?
- Ask your father.
- Did you brush your teeth?



SCHOOL NEWS

Just in case you missed this information last month:

Tickets to School Events
To purchase tickets for events (Adult and student tickets are $7 for the regular season and $10 for WIC Championships.) go to https://www.gobound.com/ia/conferences/wic
At the event you may present a digital ticket, credit card, or cash for admission. The exact change would be appreciated.

Interested in Streaming the MV/WH events this year on Hudl?

The Western Iowa Conference will be utilizing a conference streaming pass for the 2026-27 school year. The WIC information lists a $20 conference pass for all 2026-27 WIC events, as well as a $7 charge for an individual game/match option. For more information on streaming activities, go to https://fan.hudl.com/

Feed the Farmers

West Harrison's Student Council and FCCLA members will be serving free meals for farmers on Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 14. These groups are proud to partner together to show appreciation and support for our hard- working local farmers by providing free meals.

If you are a farmer and would like to receive a free lunch, please sign up using the following link: https://forms.gle/kLNf5ZzWVgXxc4qW7

October 7 the menu is Maid Rites, chips, and a Brownie. The menu on

October 14 is Alfredo or red sauce on pasta, garlic bread, and scotcheroos.

Pick up dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday, October 7 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 14 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunches may be picked up at the Mondamin Heartland Coop.

We thank you for all you do to feed and support our communities!

FAFSA Day will be held at West Harrison on October 12 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Students and parents/guardians can sign up for a FAFSA appointment using the link shared through Google Classroom or Infinite Campus.

What is the FAFSA?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students should complete this application to learn about financial assistance that may be available to help pay for college, career school, or other education after high school. Completing the FAFSA may help students qualify for

- Federal grants – Money that generally does not have to be repaid.
- State grants and scholarships
- College financial Aid
- Work-study opportunities
- Federal student loans

Parents may wonder why the FAFSA should be completed.
Completing the FAFSA does not mean you are committing to attend college. It simply means students and families understand what types of financial aid they may be eligible to receive as they explore their options after high school.

Think of the FAFSA as finding out what financial help you could receive for education after high school.
We encourage students and families to take advantage of this opportunity and to get their questions answered.

If you have questions prior to FAFSA Day, contact West Harrison's K-12 Counselor at rherman at w-harrison.k12.ia.us or call 712-646-2231.

RaeLea Herman
K-12 Counselor

TEAMMATES Needs Mentors

If you have ever thought about being a mentor to a student at West Harrison, now is the time to step up! There is a need for mentors for two seniors boys and one elementary female. For more information email knunez@w-harrison.k12.ia.us or text Kim Nunez at 402-677-2079.

EVENTS

Saturday, October 3 4:30-6:30 p.m.
American Legion Fish Fry at Mondamin Community Center

Sunday, October 4 2:00 p.m.
BOO BASH at the Mondamin City Park sponsored by Mondamin Community Partners

Sunday, October 4 4:00 p.m.
Loess Hills Lancers 4-H Club at Willow Lake Education Center

Monday, October 5 7:00 p.m.
City Council meets at Mondamin City Hall

Wednesday, October 7 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Feed the Farmers

Thursday, October 8 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Flu Shots at the Mondamin Community Center

Monday, October 12
FAFSA Day at West Harrison
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Feed the Farmers

Sunday, October 18 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Fall Clean-Up Day in Mondamin

Friday, October 23
End of 1st quarter at West Harrison

Sunday, October 25 J
Judging of Fall and Halloween decorations in Mondamin

Monday, October 26 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
PK-12th Parent-Teacher Conferences at West Harrison

Tuesday, October 27 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
PK-12th Parent Teacher Conferences at West Harrison

Friday, October 30
No School

Saturday, October 31
Halloween

