



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

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Celebrate INDEPENDENCE DAY in West Union!

Join us at the West Union Recreation Center on Friday, July 4th!

**FOOD!
FIREWORKS!
FUN!!**

*The Miles
Adams Band
5 to 9:30 pm*

*Kiddie Train!
Face Painting!*

*NASCAR Figure 8
Inflatable Obstacle Course
& Spiderman Bouncer
4:00 to 8:00 pm*

*Miss West Union
Crowning 7:00 pm
Sponsored by
Old Mill Floral*

*Kids Games!
Petting Zoo!
Yucky Duck!*

THANK YOU to our Red, White & Blue businesses who sponsored the Miles Adams Band & Inflatables...

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Moss Service Center Spahn & Rose Lumber Co.
Heying Firms Moss Roofing & Insulation
Sims TV & Electronics Good Samaritan Society

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Chamber Spotlight: Heying Firms, Inc.

Heying Firms, Incorporated has a long and varied history as a part of the West Union business community. H.L. and Josephine Heying, founders of the company, started in the 1940's as chick sexors (a process of sorting the males from the females). From there, the company moved forward with a chick hatchery, pullet growing and egg processing. Over the years, additional family companies were formed to produce eggs and to further process eggs, such as the diced eggs you see today on salad bars.

In the 1980's the egg processing company, known as Heying Foods, Inc. and operated by son, Terrance, was sold to Cargill, and Heying Firms, Inc. then turned its focus towards pullet growing, hatching and grain farming.



Employees Tristan Miller, Jerome Hayek, Jackie Halstead, Robbie Jacobson, Jeff Langreck, and Therese Slack. Not pictured: John Miller



Just hatched chicks ready to be delivered to a customer.

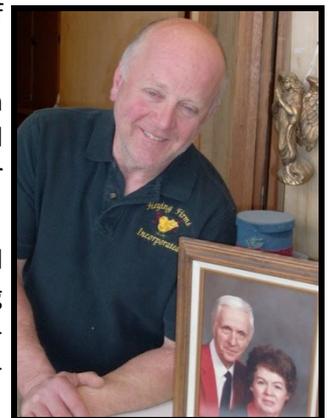
In 1998, Heying Firms started converting their two 840 foot long poultry houses from egg production into pullet growing. Pullet growing is a process of raising a female baby chick to 18 weeks of age, at which time they are moved to a poultry house to lay eggs. Having moved away from being a retail business, Heying Firms now custom grows these pullets for customers, according to their specific needs. Up until 2013, the company offered conventional cage, cage free and organic pullet growing. In 2014, both buildings were converted to all cage free/organic pullet growing, with the ability to grow 350,000 pullets a year.

In addition to pullet growing, Heying Firms also custom hatches approximately a half million baby chicks per year and grain farms 730 acres.

As Heying Firms approaches 70 years in business, the day to day operations are now run by daughter, Therese (Heying) Slack, and her brothers and sister, Terrance, Charles and Sondra, sit on the board of directors. Josephine, who recently turned 98, still keeps her eye on all the operations and meetings.

Most important to the company, however, are its employees. Hundreds of high school students have had their first jobs there, and still do to this day, placing chicks or working on the farm. The company is especially grateful to many long time employees, too numerous to mention, who over the years made their careers with Heying Firms. They extend special appreciation to their current long time employees, and congratulate Jeff Langreck for his 30 years of service.

Heying Firms looks forward to many more years of business in the West Union community! They can be contacted at (563) 422-3804 or stop into their office at 700 West Bradford Street, West Union.



Longtime employee Jeff Langreck next to a picture of founders H.L. and Jo Heying. Jeff celebrates 30 years with Heying Firms this year.

Thank you to Heying Firms, Inc. for your Chamber membership and support!

Hello There!

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone I had the opportunity to work with here at the Chamber. I don't think I've ever had so many bosses (ha ha) but it was a GREAT experience!

I really enjoyed getting to know each business owner and learning about what each business has to offer to our community members. West Union is a fantastic place and we need to keep growing our community by investing in our businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to work for you and I will be seeing you again!

Melissa Fagle



Chamber Bits...



FAYETTE COUNTY FAIR JULY 29th thru August 3rd

Check out the insert with the schedule for the Fayette County Fair! For more detailed information, you can go to www.fayetecofair.com.



The upstairs apartment in the Chamber building will be available for rent June 1st. Contact the Chamber office for more information.

THANK YOU Fireworks Donors!!

A very special THANK YOU to all that have donated to the fireworks fund and to Marge Crandall and Meg Moellering for their fundraising efforts! The annual fireworks display would not be possible without your generosity and their giving of time! The Chamber is still accepting donations for the annual display which costs \$4,300 each year and is payable in advance. If you would like to make a donation, please mail or drop your donation to the West Union Chamber of Commerce and earmark your check "Fireworks" or donate your cans in one of our receptacles.

Fayette Opera House Foundation annual

All Cardinal Reunion and Community Dinner



Saturday, July 19
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Fayette Opera House

All are invited

For more details or to reserve a table for your class or group contact Fred or Arlene Klatt at 563-425-4526 or email aklatt@iowatelecom.net.

Proceeds go towards upkeep and maintenance of this wonderful historic structure. Current projects include a new exterior coat of paint, roof repairs and other minor repairs.

Come and enjoy this opportunity to socialize and support the continued beauty of the opera house.

All you can eat BBQ pork, potato salad, vegetable, dessert and drink
\$10.00 per person



**GREEN
STREETSCAPE
PILOT PROGRAM**

GREEN PILOT UPDATE

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT:

Work is winding down on the Multi-family housing project. Kitchen cabinets are being installed and final finishing touches are taking place. Applications are now being accepted for anyone interested in renting any of these apartments. For more information, please contact the MSWU office.

FAÇADE MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

This project is also nearing the end as final windows and doors will soon be in place. Most of the tuck-pointing is complete and the final windows and doors should be installed in the first part of July. Several buildings are being primed and painted as weather allows. Project end date is August 1st pending no further weather delays.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The City is looking for volunteers interested in helping keep the planting beds looking good this summer. The beds will need a little TLC a couple of times a year and anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact City Hall or Main Street West Union. We also encourage any business interested in adopting the bed outside their business to let the City know. Thanks!

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

The legislature has set aside funding for future Façade and Challenge Grant projects. There is a 50% local match required and West Union will be allowed to submit one grant application for a project located within the downtown district. Projects can include rehab of current buildings, painting, equipment upgrades or new construction with awards ranging from \$15,000 to \$75,000. Anyone interested in learning more about the requirements should contact the Main Street West Union office.

ELECTRIC CAR STATION INSTALLED:

A new feature was added to the downtown in early June when the electric car charging station was installed at the north end of the 100 block of Vine Street. The station allows those with an electric vehicle to re-charge. The station has been added to a national website that allows travelers to know of the location, which should encourage visitors to stop and check out West Union. The unit was funded with I-Jobs grant funding.



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5:05 Community Social!



**Everyone is Invited!
Everyone is Welcome!**



Tuesday, July 8th at 5:05 pm

Stop in at



CITY'S EDGE

Golf & Grill

Located at 10280 Echo Valley Road, West Union

Mingle!

**See what's on the
new menu!**

**Refreshments
will be served!**

**Meet the new
owners and staff!**

**Enter to WIN
Door Prizes!**

Explore what West Union has to offer!

If you are interested in Hosting the August 5:05 Community Social, please contact the Chamber.