



CHAMBER/MAIN STREET NEWS

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Miss West Union Candidates Sought

The West Union Chamber of Commerce/Main Street is now accepting applications for candidates for Miss West Union 2015. Any junior or senior with a West Union mailing address can apply for the chance to represent the community and earn a \$500 college scholarship. Miss West Union serves as an ambassador to the community throughout her reign. Local businesses are encouraged to sponsor a candidate with a \$20 sponsorship fee. Applications can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce/Main Street office at 101 North Vine Street. Applications are due by May 15th, 2015.



Miss West Union will be crowned on July 4th at the West Union Recreation Complex. For additional information please contact Miss West Union chairperson Gail Hackman at (563) 422-5729 or email chamber@westunion.com.

4th of July Plans are Underway!

The West Union Chamber/Main Street is currently coordinating the Fourth of July community celebration and fireworks display! Some of this year's activities will include: The Bruce Beringer Band, Miss West Union Crowning, face painting, an inflatable extreme jungle gym and bouncer, and carnival type games. The fun will take place at the West Union Recreation Center on Saturday, July 4th.

We are currently seeking vendors. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer at (563) 422-3070.

Donations are being accepted for the annual fireworks show; a cost of \$4300 to produce each year. If you would like to make a contribution, please send a check to the Chamber of Commerce with "fireworks" in the memo. You may also contribute by donating your cans in the collection bin located on Highway 150 South, by the Old Mill Redemption Center.

More information to come in the weeks ahead! Thank you for your continued support!

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QuickBooks 2015 Series

This QuickBooks series consists of four sessions which can be attended individually or as a series, depending on the needs of the participant.

QuickBooks 2015: Setup and Basic Use Course #: 38076

Thursday, May 21 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Students will define how to set up a company and accounting system, how to navigate financial statements, set up and organize the chart of accounts, generate and read reports, plus, use basic features of QuickBooks such as writing checks, making deposits and reconciling bank accounts.

QuickBooks 2015: Vendors, Purchase Invoices and Payments Course #: 38084

Thursday, May 28 5:30-8:30 p.m.

This session will focus on the vendor center; adding and editing vendors, entering bills, writing checks, paying bills, and setting up and paying sales taxes.

QuickBooks 2015: Customers, Sales Invoices and Receipts Course #: 38086

Thursday, June 4 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The target of this session is the customer center; adding and editing customers, recording of sales through invoices, sales receipts or statement charges, creating statements, receiving payments and entering deposits.

QuickBooks 2015: Payroll Course #: 38088

Thursday, June 11 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The payroll session will review the setting up of QuickBooks payroll to customize a company's payroll situation, including how employees are paid and various benefit plans a company may offer. The session will also review how to create and edit employees in the system, prepare payroll, record and pay payroll taxes/liabilities and reporting to various government agencies.

Fee: \$25 per session | \$99 for the series

Location: Northeast Iowa Community College | Oelwein Center | 1400 Technology Drive | Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Instructor: Andy Batstone, CPA

**** Class Size Limited! ** Laptops will be provided.**

Andy Batstone founded Batstone CPA, LLC, in Harmony, Minnesota. His practice includes small to mid-sized business clients, farmers and individuals within Southeast Minnesota, Northeast Iowa and Twin Cities market areas encompassing the areas of accounting, financial statement and taxation. Andy's firm also offers bookkeeping and payroll services. Andy's professional experience included large regional accounting firms in Madison and Minneapolis. Andy has worked in a variety of industries which include: car dealers, manufacturers, retail businesses, distribution companies, restaurants and professional practices.

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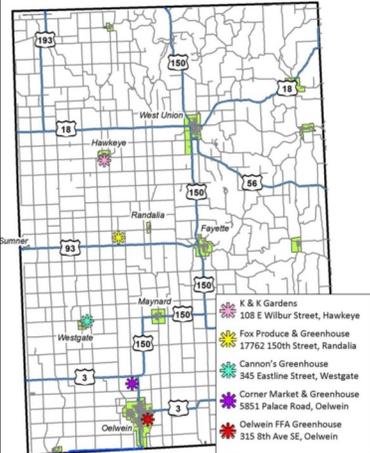
West Union City Wide Garage Sales Through May 2nd



Fayette County Greenhouse Tour May 1 & 2

Take a self-guided greenhouse tour from Oelwein to Hawkeye and visit the following participating greenhouses:

Greenhouse:	Location:	Hours:
Oelwein FFA Greenhouse	315 8 th Ave SE in Oelwein (north of Oelwein CSD High School)	May 1 st : 3 PM to 5:30 PM May 2 nd : 9 AM to 1 PM
Corner Market & Greenhouse	5851 Palace Rd just north of Oelwein (Highway 150/3)	May 1 st : 9 AM to 5 PM May 2 nd : 9 AM to 5 PM
Cannon's Greenhouse	345 Eastline Street in Westgate (off C33)	May 1 st : 9 AM to 6 PM May 2 nd : 9 AM to 4 PM
Fox Produce &	17762 150 th Street near Randalia (corner	May 1 st : 8 AM to 7 PM
K & K Gardens	108 E Wilbur Street in Hawkeye (2 miles south of W14 & Highway 18)	May 1 st : 10 AM to 7 PM May 2 nd : 8 AM to 6 PM



- * Pick up a Travel Sheet at any participating greenhouse
- * Visit at least four of the five greenhouses over the two day period
- * Spend at least \$50
- * Get entered into a drawing for greenhouse gifts and a grand prize of a \$100 gift certificate, to be used at a local greenhouse.

Contact 563-422-5073
www.fayettecountyia.com
For more information



* To enter the drawing without purchase, visit 101 North Vine Street, West Union, IA (563-422-5073). Limit one entry per person, entries must be received by May 4, 2015

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Career Development

Building Effective Teams - May 7, 1-4 pm (\$59)

Can I Just Get a Thank You?: Appreciation in the Workplace - May 27, 10 am - 12 pm (\$49)

Food for Thought: Why You Should 'Like' Facebook Marketing - May 21, 5-6 pm (\$29)

Webinar: SHRM - Essentials of Human Resource (HR) Management - Tuesdays from May 5 to June 9, 6:30 - 9:30 pm (\$425)



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MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM AT PRAIRIE VIEW

The public is invited to attend a Memorial Day program on May 18th at 6:00 pm at Prairie View Management's lower level dining room. The program is being sponsored by the Prairie View Auxiliary. There will also be a meeting and meal at 5:00 pm for Auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining.



With graduation right around the corner, it's a great time to purchase some Chamber Bucks and encourage the graduates to shop local!



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