



# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

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## WEST UNION FEST RECAP

West Union Fest was held on Saturday, June 4th. Fun was had by everyone in attendance.

Many folks came out early to join in the Tour de WU bike ride which started at the West Union Rec Center. Walnut Street and the Court House area were where all the activities took place. Food vendors provided yummy treats for all those in attendance. The parade was rerouted this year due to the Streetscape construction, traveling north on Walnut Street from Spahn & Rose to Holy Name Catholic Church. Many residents enjoyed sit

ting out on their lawns and seeing the various parade entries.

Mallory Weise, Miss West Union 2010, crowned Alycia Jacobsen the 2011 Miss West Union after the parade. The giant ice cream sundae was a hit again with all the parade goers. Kids played games and Mr. Nick made balloon sculptures for the kids around the Court House Square. Main Street West Union's limbo contest and the cake walk were fun for everyone.



## PLEGGENKUHLE CHIROPRACTIC HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

John had a great turn out for his open house at his new full service chiropractic location in Lilac Plaza. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 9:00 until 6:00 and Friday 9:00 until noon. We welcome Pleggenkuhle Chiropractic to West Union.

## FALL OPEN HOUSES

The Chamber Retail committee has set the dates for the Fall Open Houses. They will be held September 22-24. Shop area retailers for special deals that weekend. Everyone is encouraged to decorate a scarecrow to be entered into the contest.

The committee is also in the planning stages for the holiday punch card promotion. More details coming soon!

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## IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS HAPPENING AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE

The Chamber Office received new flooring recently in the kitchen area in the back conference room, which is currently serving as two of our offices as well. The west wall has also been repaired and looks fabulous. The next step is moving the front door and then remodeling the front of the office. Fortunately, we have only had to have the office closed for a few hours one day during all of this construction, when they had to shut off the power in order to move the electric meter. We have a ways to go before we can move into our permanent home, but look forward to the improvements and their completion.



## FIREWORKS UPDATE

A special thank you to all the businesses and private residents who contributed to the annual fireworks celebration in West Union on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to the West Union Rec Center for again allowing the Chamber of Commerce to hold the event on the park grounds. Many of the areas around the site were full of folks gathering to watch the fireworks and celebrate our nation's 235<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you to fundraising chair Marge Crandall for her assistance in helping to raise the \$4300 needed to put on this event. Donations are accepted year round, so if you would like to make a contribution you can do so at anytime. Thanks to the following folks who donated to this year's show: Matt & Janell McElree, Duane & Sue Patterson, West Union CIVIC Club, Jerem White, Garvins LP, Harlen & Mar-

garet Anderson, German Mutual Insurance, Mark & Robin Bostrom, Reliable Agency Crop Insurance, Marge & Bruce Crandall, TAP'T Out Stein & Dine, Fayette County Abstract, Hair Designs, Steege Pharmacy, Wlibur Ford Sales, George & Iris Woodard, Unionland Feed & Supply, Saboe Jewelry, John & Sally Falb, Woodard Insurance, Moss Service Center, Allen & Deb Chensvold, Gary & Marolyn Bostrom, First National Bank, Thomas Bennett DDS, Tom Durnan, Don & Marilyn Mueller, Marilyn Wagner, Vern & Marcy Alcorn, Scott & Shantelle Bohner, West Union Motors, Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank, Mihm Oil Company, TeKippe Engineering, Marjorie Kilburn, Wayne & Carolyn Havenstrite, Lauer & Lauer Insurance, Baumler Implements, Sue Wolf, Dessel-Roach

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## THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!

## GREEN PILOT UPDATE



**STREETSCAPE WEBCAM:** Be sure to check out the progress on the streetscape project on the webcam that is recording all the progress currently taking place on South Pine Street. Check it out at <http://www.iowalifechanging.com/community/west-union-camera.aspx>.

### Street Bricks For Sale

The City of West Union will offer the old street bricks that are being recycled from the streetscape project for sale to area residents on Saturday, July 23. Bricks sell for 25 cents a piece and 5 bricks make up one square foot. Anyone interested in purchasing bricks should come to the city storage lot on South Pine Street from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The West Union Boy Scout troop will be there to assist in counting and loading bricks. Five cents from the sale of each brick will be given to the scout group.

### Energy Efficiency Grant Funding Still Available

Funding still remains in the Energy Efficiency Grant program through Main Street West Union. Any business that is thinking about making energy efficiency improvements to their building should check out this program. Currently funding will pay for 75% of a whole building energy audit, which will be required to access the DOE mini grants that will soon be available to local businesses. Funding can also be used to upgrade lighting, insulation, install new energy efficient windows and doors, and many other items. To date, nine businesses have taken advantage of the fund receiving rebates ranging from \$25 up to \$1200. The grant funding expires on December 31, 2011. Funds are available on a first come first serve basis. For more information, please contact Robin Bostrom at 422-3070.

### Alley Signage Going up Soon

Main Street West Union's Design Committee has been working on signage that will assist customers in locating the rear entrances to downtown businesses, especially during the streetscape construction. New signs listing what businesses are located in each alley will be installed in August. The signs will become permanent and were funded through the MSWU Design Committee's annual budget.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Chamber welcomes Anytime Fitness to the West Union community. Anytime Fitness is owned and operated by Nedra & Josh Blietz. It is located in Lilac Plaza. Staffed hours are Monday thru Thursday, 10 am until 1 pm, 3 pm until 7 pm and Friday from 11 am until 4 pm. Other times available by appointment. Members have 24/7 access to fitness center. Personal training and fitness classes will be available. Look for the Grand Opening in August.

## GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL I-RIDE

Good Samaritan Society's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual motorcycle ride across northeast Iowa and western Wisconsin is scheduled for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The 166 mile trek includes stops at all the centers in Waukon, Postville, and West Union. The community is invited to attend a BBQ-style meal and concert by the Memory Brothers at Cedar Court Senior Living Apartments in West Union at the conclusion of the ride. Cost for area residents is \$5 for the BBQ and the music. Entry fee for the riders is \$25 which includes a t-shirt, door prizes, light breakfast, lunch and dinner. Register the morning of the ride, or on-line at [www.gssiride.com](http://www.gssiride.com).



## CONGRATULATIONS ALYCIA JACOBSEN

The Chamber would like to congratulate Alycia Jacobsen, Miss West Union 2011. We know that Alycia will represent West Union proudly as she attends area community events. Alycia is the daughter of Bob and Deb Jacobsen and will be a senior this year at North Fayette High School. She is involved with Danceline, Basketball Cheerleading and Speech as well as a member of the Art Club and Peer Helpers at North Fayette. On Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Alycia will compete for the Fayette County Fair Queen on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Fayette County Fair. We hope to see everyone there from West Union to root on Alycia.

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## **JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| 3    | Fireworks Shoot in WU  | 21    | Promotions Committee Meeting                             |
| 4    | Happy 4th of July - Office Closed                                      | 23    | 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament-<br>Big Rock Country Club |
| 5    | Fayette County Tourism Meeting<br>City Council meeting<br>TRRC Meeting |       | Swamp Cats at Tap't Out                                  |
| 7    | Ribbon Cutting at Pleggenkuhle<br>Chiropractic                         | 25-30 | Fayette County Fair                                      |
| 9    | MSWU Golf Tournament-Country Hills                                     | 25    | Fayette County Disaster Relief                           |
| 9-16 | Project Aware on the Turkey River                                      | 26    | FCED - Fayette   |
| 17   | Maize Maze Opens-Elgin   | 30    | Sweet Corn Days-<br>Elgin                                |
| 12   | Chamber Board meeting<br>MSWU Board meeting                            |       |  |
| 13   | Business Improvement Meeting   |       |  |
| 16   | Westgate Days<br>I-Ride for Good Samaritan Society                     |       |  |
| 17   | Classic Tractor Ride   |       |  |
| 19   | Multi-Family Housing Meeting<br>Design Committee Meeting               |       |  |
| 20   | FCLHTF Meeting-Fayette   |       |  |

*Happy Birthday, America!*

