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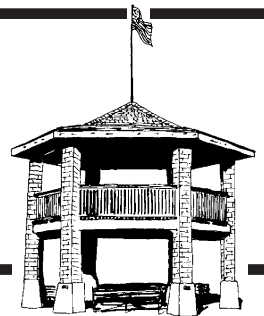
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Milo Newsletter



APRIL, 2023

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Ages: 1 - 12

APRIL 8, 2023 at 10:00 am

MILO CITY PARK

Sponsored by City of Milo, Milo Public Library, People's Bank with volunteer help from Milo Development Corporation
Stop by the Milo Public Library and check out our selection of books and videos!

Fish & Chicken Fry

Saturday, April 1 - 5 PM to 7 PM

The Milo Lions Club Annual Fish & Chicken Fry is scheduled for Saturday April 1, 2023 at Milo's Community Center 5 PM to 7 PM. Adults \$15. Children 3 to 12 \$5. Those under three eat for free!

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL, MILO, IOWA –

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 7:00 p.m. Council answering the Clerk's roll call: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle.

Motion by Mason and second by Kinser to approve the agenda. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved.

Motion by Mason to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of January 16, 2023; accounts payable from January 17 – February 6, 2023, in the amount of \$200,816.36; December 2022 bank reconciliation report; and the January 2023 Warren County Sheriff's Report. Second by Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved.

Public Hearing for the Fy2024 Milo Maximum Tax Levy was opened on a motion by Kinser and seconded by Mason. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved. Mayor Hall called for public comments including oral and written comments. City Clerk said none had been received. Public hearing was closed on a motion by Uttley and seconded by Mason. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved. Then, a motion was made by Kinser to approve Resolution 2023-02 approving the FY2024 Milo Maximum Property Tax Levy. Second by Mason. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved.

Under old business, Mayor Hall reviewed the SRF Loan approval information for the wastewater facility improvements. The storm siren action is waiting on bids from Councilman Eric Rasmussen and was tabled. Mayor Hall shared that Pride Concrete provided a \$14,300 estimate for the Milo Trail extension near Southeast Warren School ballfields; Mayor said that another bid is being submitted.

Council departmental reports: Kinser-public safety: no report/questions. Rasmussen- utilities: absent-no report/questions. Wadle-streets: absent-no report/questions. Uttley-parks: no report/questions. Mason-general items: absent-no report/questions. Doug Hembry was absent. Tony Beck, Milo Fire Chief, reported that there were 277 calls for service in 2022 which is an increase of 50 calls. There are 28 members and 1 new probationary member with

previous experience. Beck said budgeting for the future update of 2016 ambulance in the future has begun. More Personal Protective gear has been ordered and then we will begin the replacement rotation will begin. The department will be writing a grant for a thermal tic, which is a thermal imaging camera and a few extra air bottles for PPE gear. Beck shared that Milo Fire assisted with 2 structure fires for Indianola. Some upcoming fundraising events are the soup supper on February 11th and the cavatelli dinner in conjunction with the Library on March 11th. Mayor thanked Tony Beck for the service of the fire department to our community.

Mayor Hall appointed Colt Mason to the Milo Planning and Zoning Board. Colt Mason will finish the term ending 12/31/2023.

After review of delinquent utility billing accounts, motion by Kinser to approve Resolution 2023-03 authorizing delinquent account to the Iowa Income Offset Program. Second by Mason. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved.

Then, Council discussed the July 1 billing sewer increase of \$10 per household. Motion by Mason to approve amending the sewer ordinance by increasing sewer rates by \$10 on the minimum usage rate for every household/commercial customer. Second by Kinser. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved. City Clerk is directed to prepare the Ordinance amendment for the first reading at the February 20, 2023 city council meeting.

After council discussion, motion by Mason to approve Resolution 2023-04 fixing the date for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder for the 2023 General Obligation State Revolving Fund (SRF) to February 20, 2023. Second by Kinser. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved.

Next, after council discussion, motion by Kinser to approve Resolution 2023-05 fixing the date for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder for the 2023 Sewer State Revolving Fund (SRF) to February 20, 2023. Second by Mason. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved.

Council then reviewed certificate of deposit information from Community 1st Credit Union, Indianola, Iowa. Motion by Mason to approve

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Resolution 2023-07 approving the purchase of Certificates of Deposit with Community 1st Credit Union. Second by Uttley. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved.

Finally, Council reviewed the 2 submissions for volunteer of the year. After discussion, motion by Uttley to choose Laura Benesh was chosen a Milo's 2022 Volunteer of the Year. Second by Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen and Wadle. Motion approved. Council directed the Clerk to order the award and nameplate.

Council tabled budget discussion to the next meeting. There were no public comments. Council and Clerk briefly discussed the rollback program which affects multifamily housing. Council reviewed health and safety handout "How to Reduce Heart Disease".

Motion by Mason to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Second by Uttley. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

— *By Order of the Milo City Council*

Know What's Below

Call 811 Before you Dig

811 is the national number designated by the Federal Communications Commission to help protect homeowners and professional excavators from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects – large and small.

Every digging project requires a call to 811. Hitting an underground utility line can harm the environment, cause serious personal injuries, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially incur fines and repair costs. Some common examples of when to call 811 are: installing a rural mailbox, putting up a fence, planting trees or shrubbery, building a patio or deck, excavating a new garden area, etc.

Call 811 at least two days prior to digging which will start the process of this FREE service. Please visit www.call811.com for more information. Be safe! Call 811 before you dig!

PETS & OWNERS

Milo Ordinance Chapter 55

After the long winter that we have had, Spring is a great time to walk your pets and play outside! Please be courteous of others who may also be enjoying the fresh air and springtime warmth. **Always keep your pet on a leash and do not allow them to wander into others' yards.**

There have been multiple complaints of dogs running loose within the city limits. This is dangerous for the dogs and for Milo citizens. Another issue has been excessive barking at all hours of the day and night. Not only are both of these issues disrespectful, but they are also unlawful.

City of Milo Ordinance Chapter 55 explains the responsibilities of pet owners within the city limits of Milo. If you are a pet owner, please familiarize yourself with this ordinance online at cityofmilo.com under the government tab or stop by City Hall for a copy.

BURNING PROHIBITED

Milo Ordinance 105 & 135

City of Milo Ordinance 135.08 BURNING PROHIBITED. "No person shall burn any trash, leaves, rubbish or other combustible material...". City of Milo Ordinance 105.05 OPEN BURNING RESTRICTED. "No person shall allow, cause or permit open burning of combustible materials...". The complete ordinance is available at www.cityofmilo.com/government.

The Milo City Dump, located at the south edge of Milo, is open for citizens to use. Note that the only items allowed in the City Dump are concrete, dirt and yard vegetation (including trees) – please be sure to follow the posted guidelines! Absolutely no treated lumber, building materials, or trash!

MILO CITY DUMP IS OPEN FOR CITIZENS

As Spring arrives and yard work is a priority, please remember the Milo City Dump, located at the south edge of Milo, is open for citizens to use. Note that the only items allowed in the City Dump are concrete, dirt and yard vegetation (including trees) – please be sure to follow the posted guidelines! **Absolutely no lumber, building materials, or trash!**

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL, MILO, IOWA –

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 7:00 p.m. Council answering the Clerk's roll call: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Rasmussen. Mayor Hall administered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mason and second by Uttley to approve the agenda. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Motion by Wadle to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of February 6, 2023; accounts payable from February 7 - 20, 2023, in the amount of \$7,071.28; and the January 2023 bank reconciliation report. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Public hearing on the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder for the \$975,000 General Obligation SRF was opened on a motion by Wadle and seconded by Mason. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Mayor Hall called for public comments and heard none. Mayor Hall inquired of the Clerk for written comments. City Clerk said none had been received. Public hearing was closed on a motion by Mason and seconded by Uttley. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, a motion was made by Kinser to approve Resolution 2023-08 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$975,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Second by Wadle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Public hearing on the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder for the \$3,787,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes was opened on a motion by Uttley and seconded by Kinser. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Mayor Hall called for public comments and heard none. Mayor Hall inquired of the Clerk for written comments. City Clerk said none had been received. Public hearing was closed on a motion by Uttley and seconded by Mason. Roll call

vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, a motion was made by Mason to approve Resolution 2023-09 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,787,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes. Second by Uttley. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Under old business, Mayor Hall shared that the wastewater project pre-construction meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and contractors, engineer, ISG, Doug Hembry and Mayor Hall will be in attendance. Mayor Hall said that Council is still waiting on pricing and tabled the item to the next meeting.

After reviewing new business, resulting in the following actions: Mayor completed the first reading of Ordinance 2023-03 amending the sewer rates for the City of Milo, Iowa. Motion by Kinser to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-03 and set the second reading for March 6, 2023 at the City Council meeting. Second by Wadle. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, Wadle motioned and Mason seconded to set the Milo Spring Cleanup Days for April 21 and 22, 2023 and directing the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, Kinser motioned and Mason seconded to approve a demolition permit for 212 Main Street, Milo, Iowa. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, Mason motioned and Wadle seconded to approve a demolition permit for 214 Main Street, Milo, Iowa. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Mayor Hall presented Laura Benesh with the 2022 Milo Volunteer of the Year Award and thanked Laura for her volunteerism to our community. Laura thanked Council for the award and presented information regarding the success of the 2022 Milo's Small Town Country Christmas noting that there were some old favorites and a few new things to enjoy. Luminaries were discussed with the committee stating that it costs over \$3,000 to purchase the supplies for the luminaries and that even though they signed up to help, the volunteers don't follow through the evening of the event leaving it up to a handful of people to do the whole community.

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Council discussed the budget ideas for the upcoming fiscal year including purchasing a new copier for city hall and giving the current copier to the library. Also discussed was a Fall trash cleanup day, camera system for the parks and bandstand, and updating City Park bathrooms and park shelter/kitchen improvements. Discussion turned to the trail and Mayor Hall stated that the sidewalk connector needs completed at the north trail head. Uttley asked about money needed to cover any costs beyond the \$230,000 federal grant. City Clerk stated that the general local option sales tax balance is approximately \$80,000. The Lion's Club has promised to contribute \$100,000 towards the trail project. Discussion turned to grant writing that helped create the amenities that Milo has along with local option sales tax. Mayor Hall stated that this Council is very fiscally responsible. Clerk said that this discussion can be geared toward long term planning. Mayor felt the fall cleanup would be good for the community. Clerk shared that a TRM Disposal is suggesting a 1 day drop off at a central location that they would administer. Discussion followed and the Clerk will contact TRM Disposal for more ideas. Doug Hembry informed Council that he had reported an incident that occurred while plowing snow. Discussion turned to budget with the Clerk sharing that the upcoming fiscal year will see the Milo Trail and the wastewater project completed and planning is geared towards these two items. Renee Hembry spoke to Council regarding Warren County budget cuts to rural services including libraries. Currently, Milo Public Library has an annual budget of \$61,000. Warren County provides \$16,000 of that \$61,000 budget. Hembry said that if Warren County cuts this funding, calling it non-essential, then the Milo Library will be forced to possibly cut staff, hours of availability, rural accessibility. Hembry went on to say that rural circulation is an important piece of the library; however, without funding it will end. Discussion followed with Council setting the budget hearing for March 20, 2023.

Public comments consisted Tony Beck shared information that Kinser had requested that the ambulance has a warranty of 36,000 miles on the chassis and lifetime on the box. David Benesh suggested checking pricing with Laser Fax to

compare to Access Systems for the copier. There were no comments from Mayor or Council.

Motion by Wadle to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Second by Kinser. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

— By Order of the Milo City Council

Cemetery Information

The Belmont Township Trustees oversee the following local cemeteries: Belmont (east of Milo), IOOF (north) and Plainville (southeast). Please be aware of the rules for these cemeteries as shown below. These rules are in place to keep the cemeteries looking nice for everyone.

- No digging for burials. Designated gravedigger must be hired; contact the sexton
- Prior to planting flowers, trees or shrubs, or installing any structure please contact the cemetery sexton
- No glass containers
- Clean up dates: 1st Mondays of April and October
- Remove holiday decorations after two weeks
- Please help keep the cemetery clean
- Contact the sexton with any concerns
- Donations welcome

Thank you! Belmont Township Trustees: Heather Anderson, Chair; Duane Ohnemus; DJ Reynolds; Township Clerk: Janet Smith; Cemetery Sexton: LuAnn Ohnemus, 641-745-9995

GO GREEN WITH US...FOR FREE!

Auto Pay your Milo Utility Bill

The City of Milo is asking patrons to GO GREEN this Spring for FREE! Never write another check for your city utility bill and ensure it is always paid on time...no late fees! The City of Milo offers automated payment of your city utility bill from your checking account. The process is simple with over 120 Milo households using this FREE SERVICE! Please stop by City Hall or call 641-942-6241 for more information.

Biscuits and Gravy

Biscuits and Gravy will be served April 2nd from 7:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. For only \$7.00, you can get a great hot breakfast. If you have never attended a biscuits and gravy breakfast, you don't know what you are missing!



T.R.M. Recycling Guidelines



RECYCLABLE



Screw-top Plastics
(with caps) and **ONLY**
Yogurt and Margarine Tubs (NO LIDS)



Newspaper, Glossy Inserts and Magazines,
Mixed Paper (junk mail, phone books, envelopes)
Cardboard (break down flat to fit inside
or beside cart)



Aluminum, Tin and Empty Aerosol Cans



Paper Food Cartons
(no caps) (not cylinder shaped)



Shredded Paper
(place in box or paper sack)



NOT RECYCLABLE



Baking Tins and Aluminum Foil



Garbage or Yard Debris



Plastic Bags or
Recyclables in Plastic Bags



Plastic and Styrofoam Food Containers,
Lids and Loose Caps



Compostable Plates, Containers,
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Food Contaminated Items
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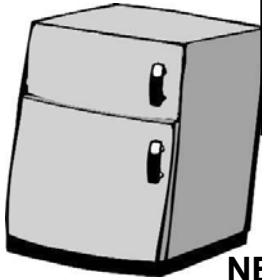
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MILO CITY-WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP



Friday, April 21, 2023
Items to the curb by 6:00 am

*** K3 RECYCLING ***

Appliance/Metal Recycling

NEED AN EARLY PICKUP? Call 515.975.7317 Charlie at K3 Recycling



*Stoves
*Ovens
*Dishwashers
*Refrigerators
*Freezers
*Furnaces
*Washers/Dryers

**Televisions and Computer Monitors

*Air Conditioners
*Microwaves
*Dehumidifier
*Water Heaters
Computer Towers
Metal Sinks
Boilers

Light Fixtures
Small Machinery
Batteries (any type)
Piping
Anything Metal
Fencing

*** Appliances = \$15 fee**

****T.V.'s & monitors = \$25 fee**

**BUY STICKERS
AT CITY HALL**

Checks payable to K3

Saturday, April 22, 2023
Items to the curb by 6:00 am

*** TRM DISPOSAL ***

515-962-2014

LIMITED TO LARGE TRASH ITEMS

(not weekly service trash items)

All bulky items must be cut to 3-foot pieces

- ✓ **NO** construction materials or railroad ties
- ✓ **NO** tires, batteries, paint or household hazardous waste
- ✓ **NO** yard waste or vegetation
- ✓ **NO** appliances or televisions



MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL, MILO, IOWA – MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

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Motion by Mason and second by Kinser to approve the agenda. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Motion by Wadle to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of February 20, 2023; accounts payable from February 21 – March 6, 2023, in the amount of

\$42,791.91; and the February 2023 Warren County Sheriff's report. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Under old business, Doug Hembry shared that the construction is set to begin April 1, 2023. The plan is to start with the valve replacement between cells. Blue Ribbon Builders had said that there could be cost savings could be with choice of fencing and building materials. Hembry said that the current farm fence is in bad shape and would prefer chain link at the top. Hembry said the other cost savings could be the buildings by using panel insulation and OSB sidings and not using concrete and block. Hembry said that Missouri Valley training center is made with those type of panels. Hall stated that she respects Hembry's decision with these cost savings items. Mayor then stated that she had submitted two grants for the storm siren, one to Prairie Meadows and one to Warren County Philanthropic Partnership. Council departmental reports: Kinser-public safety: no report/questions. Rasmussen-utilities: absent-no report/questions. Wadle-streets: no report/questions. Uttley-parks: no report/questions. Mason- general items: no report/questions. Doug Hembry did not have a report.

After reviewing new business, resulting in the following actions: Mayor completed the second reading of Ordinance 2023-03 amending the sewer rates for the City of Milo, Iowa. Motion by Kinser to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-03 and set the third reading for March 20, 2023 at the City Council meeting. Second by Wadle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, motion by Uttley second by Mason to approve Resolution 2023-10 approving and authorizing a form of Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and

between the City of Milo, Iowa, and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of

\$975,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2023A, and providing for a method of payment of said Notes; Approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, Kinser motioned and Mason seconded to set the Milo Egg Hunt for April 9, 2023 and directing the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, Mayor Hall reviewed the Employee Seatbelt/Restraint Policy with all present. Then a motion by Wadle and second by Mason to approve the Employee Seatbelt/Restraint Policy and incorporate the policy into the City Employee Handbook. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, Doug Hembry presented two bids for replacing one of the hanging heaters in the fire department sallyport. The current hanging heaters are original from 1978. The 2 heaters have separate thermostats and work independently of each other. Kinser tabled the item until March 20 to have Rasmussen, who is absent, review the bids. Next, Doug Hembry asked Council about selling the city's old rotary mower and 7-foot sickle mower which are no longer used. Motion by Wadle and second by Kinser to sell the equipment by placing out for sealed bids with a minimum amount accepted. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Clerk shared information from the Iowa Department of Management regarding Senate File 181 which requires the Iowa Department of Revenue to recalculate residential rollback for the 2022 assessment year (affecting FY2024). This will result in a reduction in taxable valuation in certain property classes. The Warren County Auditor will now have to resubmit their taxable valuations and cities will have until April 30, 2023 to file the budget. Due to this, the original budget hearing will not happen and instead at the next meeting the budget will be adjusted and they may review and set for public hearing in April.

There was no public in attendance. Mayor Hall shared that several grants have been written for a storm siren, updating the north sign to an electronic sign, and for park beautification.

Motion by Wadle to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Second by Mason. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

— By Order of the Milo City Council

Milo Library News

How can it be April already? Life has been moving very fast at the Milo Public Library. First off, I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the library and the fire department at our cavatelli supper. I was quite impressed with the turn out for the weather conditions that we were having that evening. You are impressive Milo!

Here is our programming schedule for the month of April:

- Tuesday, April 4th Adult Coloring night at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 6th Preschool/Toddler Time at 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12th Craft Beer Program with Shawn Montgomery and Nick Merfeld at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13th After School Storytime 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 24th BINGO at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. Perennial Herb and Bulb Program with Keisha Thompson

Also, remember the Easter Egg Hunt at City Park on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Summer Reading Program is right around the corner. Starting on April 3rd you will be able to register your kids for Summer Reading Program. This year you will need to register your child for each session. More details will be available at the library or on Facebook on April 3rd. We are going to have some really fun programs this year. The programs we are doing this year are very specific and I need an exact number for supplies. Therefore, you must register your child. Sign-ups will be open until May 22nd unless they fill up before that date. Please call me at the library if you have any questions.

Milo Mobile Food Pantry

2023 Milo Mobile Food Pantry is open at the Milo Community Center from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm on the following dates:

April 13, 2023

June 8, 2023

August 10, 2023

October 12, 2023

December 14, 2023

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Food Bank of Iowa OR Connie Frazier at 515-491-1364. Please bring reusable bags or boxes if you have them. The mobile pantry is delivered on these dates and is available from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

WINTER LEFTOVERS

Culverts and Leaves

Another winter has come and gone and your culvert and ditch need some attention to be ready for the spring rain! Lots of leaves and debris are blocking the culverts and diminishing the depth of the stormwater ditches. For Milo, the culverts and ditches are our only way to move rainwater away from our homes and community which will help prevent water from ending up in your basement or crawlspace.

We will soon be in the midst of Spring rain and we all know that rain is a good thing, unless it cannot flow through the stormwater ditches!

Please take time to assess your property's culverts and ditches, clean and remove the built-up winter leftovers of leaves and debris. All leaves and natural vegetation can be taken to the Milo City Dump. Be part of the solution to ensure that when the big storm passes through town you are not left with a plugged culvert and water standing in your front yard or basement!

SEW Food Pantry Donations

The Southeast Warren Food Pantry is in need of donations. We have seen our numbers continue to increase, helping approximately 40 families/100 individuals every month. Cash or check donations should be directed to the Southeast Warren Food Pantry. They may be dropped off at any school building or mailed to Southeast Warren Schools, 16331 Tyler Street, Liberty Center, IA 50145.

The Food Pantry needs - beef jerky; small cans or packs of tuna; small cans of soup, SpaghettiOs, Beefaroni; packs of animal crackers; pudding packs; snack cracker packs; fruit cups; apple sauce cups; Jell-O snack packs; granola or breakfast bars; small boxes of raisins; Easy Mac; fruit snacks or any other shelf-stable kid-friendly food in individual packages. Popular items include microwave or pre-popped popcorn; pancake mix and syrup; canned fruit, veggies and soup; jam or jelly; Hamburger-Helper or Tuna- Helper; salad dressing, boxes of cereal, trail mix, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, kleenex and personal care items.

Donations may be brought to any of the Southeast Warren School Buildings or dropped off at either the Milo or Lacona Catholic Churches.

Questions should be directed to Dianne Chambers at the High School, 641-466-3331, ext. 225 or Patty Harrington at the Southeast Warren High School at 641-466-3510.

Milo Lions News

Depending upon when you read this, I'm either encouraging you to attend the Milo Lions Fish & Chicken Fry, or I'm thanking you for attending. I'm definitely thanking the FFA folks and their families. The fish is cod, like last year. \$15 for adults. Kids 3 to 12 \$5, and those under three eat for free. We're trying a new technique for the chicken this year. We're at the Community Center in Milo Saturday, April 1st from 5 PM to 7 PM. NO JOKE. NO FOOLING. I'm not saying there won't be surprises.

It seems there will be ONE more Mud Run July 4. You will find the registration sheet in this month's newsletter.

Not all Milo Lions Club members elect to serve as club officers. And that's OK, because, those who don't, contribute in other ways. Those who do serve often rotate through the ranks, returning time and again. When I joined, Dave Benesh served for at least two years. And Dave served a couple decades with Milo's Library Board. In all things, Dave works hard, thinks well, and brings a little humor. Jason DeLay seemed comfortable leading or following, and, to this day. I admire his comfort with heights. The Revs Smith are, big surprise, comfortable speaking to a crowd. Ken has held higher Lions Club offices than any of us, and he's our go-to guy in dealing with Lions hierarchy. He's also about as true a friend as anyone could hope to find. Brother Keith is quick witted, and methodical solving a problem. Listen carefully when he's speaking. You're likely to learn something. Dan Dykstra doesn't seek leadership, but sure does his part when he has it. And how many Milo Fourth of July's has he worked? (My understanding is that he all but inherited that calling.) And how many Southeast Warren kids have visited Dan's place to learn something about dairy farming? Randy Uttley? Orthopedic surgical nurse. Multiple contracting skills. City Council. When someone builds from their imagination, that someone is usually referred to as a "visionary." Take for examples a certain pedestrian/bike trail, or obstacles on the Mud Run, or haunting Halloween. Terry Davis has decades of experience running things. He runs multiple businesses, and he's president of multiple organizations. Community service runs deep in Terry, wife Liz, and every branch of their family. And Terry & Crew have contributed a bunch of time, equipment, and labor to that pedestrian/bike trail, to say nothing of the Mud Run.

I'll mention a few past-presidents who've merely stepped away from the club for a while. They're still

part of the community. Duane Ohnemus has the record for drawing the most new members. Duane kept us busy, and outsiders liked what they saw. Rande Seufferer may never enjoy public speaking, though he can do it. Rande just does better one-on-one, and he was good at getting people to help our club. Public relations is no small skill. An observant soul would immediately peg Charlotte Weakland as an able administrator. She was, and is, smart, organized, selfless, and willing to share a fine singing voice. Believe me when I say that I've only scratched the surface of Charlotte's skillset. It is no sleight to say she is complex. If you knew Albert Butler's parents, you'd see them in him. Albert's singing and comedy demand an audience. The curtain never falls when Albert's around. I wouldn't call Albert "complex," but he is able, humble, and kind.

I am not aimlessly flattering my Lions Club friends. They aren't the kind of folks to be bought with pretty words. But it is good to take every opportunity to remind people they are appreciated. And I am not trying to make myself look important, in that I will begin another term as club president after July 4th. I bring a smattering of Roberts' Rules of Order, a 50/50 shot at public speaking, an observer's eye (particularly funny given my visual acuity), and the tendency to write what I observe. I look forward to what Dustin Olsasky and/or Josiah Taylor will show us in years to come. I am surrounded by good people, and you could be too. We're always looking for new members.

— Lion Alan S. Gardner

Southeast Warren Food Pantry

The next Food Pantry dates are:

Wednesday, April 26

Wednesday, May 24

The pantry is open from 4:30-6:30 PM, but is accessible for a food emergency. Please contact Dianne Chambers, dianne.chambers@se-warren.k12.ia.us or Patty Harrington at 641-466-3510 or patty.harrington@se-warren.k12.ia.us with questions or message our Facebook page.

Please enter via the far west front door of the high school in Liberty Center. Please check in with our volunteer outside. Due to space limitations, we are only allowing about seven people in at a time. There is normally no waiting after 5:30 PM. A small amount of paperwork is required for first time visits and once a year. Regular visits just require that you live in the boundaries of the Southeast Warren School District and that you sign in.

RECYCLE - RENEW – REUSE

April is Earth Awareness Month

To encourage Milo residents to recycle, renew and reuse, the City of Milo sponsors several opportunities in April and throughout the entire year!

Need more info? Contact City Hall at 641-942-6241



April 21 – Metal/Appliance Recycling

This is an annual service provided to Milo citizens to recycle household appliances or other metal items. There is a fee for the disposal of appliances (\$15) and televisions / computer monitors (\$25); otherwise, this service is **FREE!**

April 22 – City Wide Trash Clean-up Day

Any large item not normally hauled through regular trash service can be placed on the curb for pick-up. This is a **FREE** service. What is old to you, is new to another!

Yard Sale Advertising

Submit your yard sale ad, along with the \$10 fee, to City Hall for publishing in the Milo Newsletter. Put some cash in your pocket while upcycling your belongings!

City Dump Access

The Milo City Dump is located south of Milo on Hwy S23; and allows concrete, dirt, and yard waste. Absolutely NO TRASH! Please follow the posted guidelines!

Weekly Curb Recycling

Use your blue recycling bin! Guidelines allow for cardboard, screw-top plastics, yogurt and margarine tubs (no lids), aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, newspapers, and magazines. Sorry, no glass!

Plastic Bags Recycling

There is a recycling station for plastic shopping bags located at Milo City Hall. Drop-off available during regular office hours.

Ideas to Celebrate Earth Awareness Month

Check out Centennial Park at the South edge of Milo and take a stroll on the paved walking path and enjoy the Spring beauty of the Memorial Garden, take in a Little League game on the ball fields. The Dan Nash Memorial Playground at Centennial Park is completed and ready for fun! Located in the center of Milo, City Park offers a basketball court, sand volleyball court, and playground equipment for kids of all ages! There are grills and shelters at both parks for your use and enjoyment!



July 4th 2023 @ 8:00AM

Race Day Check-in 7:30 AM @ Milo School

Entry Fee:

Pre-registration for Adults \$35. After June 15th or day of race \$45.

\$20 for 12 & Under.

Pre-registrants receive a 2022 Mud Run shirt.

(2X or larger t-shirts \$5 extra)

Shirt is not guaranteed after June 15th deadline!

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Milo, IA 50166

Please sign the waiver below:

In Consideration of this entry, being accepted, I hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators waive and release any claims that I may have against the City of Milo or any of the sponsors involved in the Milo Filthy Fun Mud Run. I certify that I am physically able to participate in this event.

Signature:

Date:

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month—a time to plant the seeds of a better tomorrow for all children and families.

Warren County will join hundreds of communities across the nation in celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month. All children deserve a great childhood because our children are our future. How are we going to achieve this?

- Just like plants need good soil to grow, positive childhood experiences in nurturing environments provide fertile ground for physical and mental health, learning, and social skills to flourish.
- It is more important than ever to help positive childhood experiences take root in your community and across the country.
- Mobilize your community and act—so all of us are #GrowingBetterTogether!

You can help plant the seeds of change this April and beyond.

Since 2008, Pinwheels for Prevention® gardens have been raising awareness and financial support for policies and programs that enable children, families, and communities to thrive. Pinwheels symbolize the happy, carefree childhood that all children deserve. Throughout the month of April, pinwheels will be on display throughout our county.

Wear blue on Friday, April 1, 2022 — Wear Blue Day! — to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Get the latest resources to continue to promote and support what works to keep all children safe and help every family thrive, contact:

Clair Hasenkamp

| Program Coordinator | Child Abuse Prevention
Short Years Partnership

515 N Jefferson Way | Suite F | Indianola, IA 50125

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shortyears.org

The Blessing House Necessity Pantry

The Blessing House will be open from 4:00 – 5:15 pm every Thursday, weather permitting. It will also be open on the dates of the Milo Mobile Food Pantry: April 13, 2023; June 8, 2023; August 10, 2023; October 12, 2023; and December 14, 2023.

Diapers, soap, shampoo, toilet paper and other essential items available there. There is NO FOOD. The Blessing House is located at the Milo United Methodist Church, 300 Spruce Street, Milo. Please come to the elevator on the north side of the Church.

Warren County SHIIP Needs Volunteers

Medicare can be confusing and overwhelming. It's challenging to navigate the enrollment process, know all the options, and understand what they mean. SHIIP volunteer counselors assist those approaching or already enrolled in Medicare so they make the best decisions for themselves. Services are free, unbiased, confidential, and include:

- Helping with enrollment and explaining coverage options
- Screening for Medicare assistance programs and helping with applications
- Resolving claim and billing issues
- Evaluating cost and coverage during Medicare's annual open enrollment
- Identifying special enrollment options
- Educating how to avoid, identify and report Medicare fraud

Due to more than twenty years of success and Medicare's ongoing complexities, our Warren

County office at the Indianola Activity Center needs more volunteer counselors. Volunteers schedule their time according to their availability, which averages a few hours a week during the year. Our busiest time is during Medicare's open enrollment, which is always October 15th through December 7th.

SHIIP volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds but we all share a willingness to learn and work with diverse populations. Our reward is the satisfaction of helping others navigate a very complex health system. Most of our clients live in Warren County, but people from all surrounding counties visit our office. SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) is a federally funded program organized locally under the State of Iowa Insurance Division. There are 330 volunteer Iowa counselors in 136 locations in 83 counties. The staff in Des Moines provide our training, credentialing, printed materials, and serve as valued experts.

Medicare isn't easy but it's a great way to volunteer and help others. Let's talk about being a SHIIP Volunteer 515-962-5375

Legion Post 263 Biscuits & Gravy

Biscuits and Gravy will be served Sunday, April 2nd from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast with us, all you can eat for \$7.00.

EMERGENCY WEATHER ALERTS

Sign up for this FREE service

Warren County Emergency Management and Alert Iowa have created the Warren County Public Notification System. Warren County residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts regarding inclement weather. Emergency messages can be issued via landline, or wireless phone, text messaging, email, TDD/TTY, and social media.

To sign up for alerts visit the webpage: <https://www.warrencountyiowa.org/emergencymanagement> and click on the Alert Iowa - Public Notification System link at the top left of the page. If you need help signing up for this service, stop by City Hall.

Newsletter Submissions

Please contact Patty Harrington, 641-942-6232, or Misti Kosman at the Milo City Hall, 641-942-6241, to submit items for the newsletter. Items can also be emailed directly to Patty at milonews@iowatelecom.net. Submissions to the Milo Newsletter are due by the 20th of the preceding month.

Submissions should be limited to recognition events, community events, announcements, new business or business anniversary information. The City of Milo reserves the right to edit articles submitted for the Milo Newsletter. All submissions must be approved by the city of Milo before publishing. No political submissions of any kind are accepted.

Questions regarding new advertising should be directed to Misti Kosman at the Milo City Hall. All one time advertising has to be approved by City Hall and pre-paid before it runs in the newsletter. If you are interested in having an annual ad on the ad pages of the newsletter, contact Misti at City Hall. An annual ad in the Newsletter cost \$65. Contact City Hall at 641-942-6241 with questions.

**The Easter Egg
Hunt will be April
8, 2022 at City
Park at 10:00 am**



We Are Still Collecting Indianola Hy-Vee Receipts!!!

Keep those Hy-vee receipts coming! They really make a difference. Hy-Vee is continuing their donations as we continue to collect the receipts. They appreciate our business and give back to the Milo Community! If you need to drop off your receipts stop by a local business or contact a Community Projects, Inc committee member.



Your Message Could Be on Our Electronic Reader Board!

Did you know that you can have a message posted on our electronic reader board at the west entrance into Milo? Messages related to birthdays, anniversaries or other celebratory messages are \$10 for 1 day. Local businesses and organizations can advertise an event or specials for 3 days for \$10. Non-profit organizations can have their message displayed at no charge. It is estimated that up to 2,000 people view the messages daily. Contact City Hall with your message, display date(s) and arrange to make payment in advance. First come, first serve. Let's utilize this powerful communication tool in our community!



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