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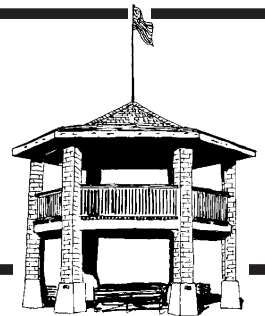
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# Milo Newsletter

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**MAY, 2024**

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## **Judy Lily Fundraiser**

Southeast Warren Daycare staff member and SEW grandma, Judy Lily was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. There is a benefit planned for her on Saturday, May 11 at the Milo Community Center. Dinner & silent auction begin at 5:00 pm. The benefit will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, sides and desserts for free will donation. The Live Auction begins at 6:00 pm. All proceeds will help the family with medical expenses. Contact Shelby at 515-808-1524 for more information or donations. Her daughter, Shelby Wambold, lives in Lacona and works at the Milo Locker. Judy's grandkids attend Southeast Warren.

If you are unable to attend, but still wish to help you may donate to Judy via Venmo at @judylilly61. Reach out to Shelby if you wish to donate auction items. Help this Southeast Warren family in their battle with cancer!

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## **Legion Post 263 Biscuits & Gravy**

Biscuits and Gravy will be served Sunday, May 5th from 7:00 to 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! This is the last biscuits & gravy breakfast until the fall, don't miss your chance!

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# MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL, 100 MAIN ST, MILO, IOWA –  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 7:00 p.m. City Council answering the Clerk's roll call: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Kinser arrived at 7:03 p.m. Rasmussen was absent. Mayor Hall administered the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Mason, second by Wadle to approve the consent agenda to include all meeting minutes of March 4, 2024; and accounts payable from March 5-18, 2024 in the amount of \$55,686.10.; February 2024 bank reconciliation report; February 2024 Warren County Sheriff's report. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Kinser arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Council reviewed all old business items resulting in the following information/actions: Clerk shared that the Milo Trail has been staked for the construction easement for brush/tree clearing which will happen before March 31, 2024. Clerk will contact McClure Engineering to get a timeline for this. Discussion followed regarding Randy Uttley wanting to move some trees, Griggs concerned with the concrete truck washout debris in the Centennial Park parking lot, placing trail naming on the next agenda, and Mayor Hall expressed concern about the concrete chunks in the mowing portion of the north trailhead behind the upper ballfields. Next, Council discussed implementing a Food Truck ordinance and Hannah Houston of Houston's on Main addressed Council stating that they do not mind having the food trucks in town and that their business has not slowed down because of it. Houston went on to say that it gives our community other food options that they may not have otherwise. Council reviewed information and discussed options. Motion by Kinser, second by Wadle to approve creating a new Food Truck ordinance and charging a permit fee of \$25 per day and limiting the vendor to 1 Milo event per month and the location to be the north side parking of City Park, unless it is a non-profit group and they are exempt. Clerk is directed to draft the ordinance for Council review. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, City Clerk reviewed the budget account funds and the respective revenue streams. Discussion centered on the wastewater update loans and the Clerk shared that the City has been awarded

a \$500,000 grant to help defray wastewater update costs. Clerk asked Council to review the multi-paged documents and ask questions between now and the April 1, 2024 Council Meeting. Motion by Kinser, second by Mason to set the FY2025 public hearing for April 15, 2024 and direct the Clerk to make the necessary publications. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Council reviewed items under new business resulting in the following actions: Main Street Planters was tabled to the next meeting. Motion by Kinser, second by Mason to set the FY2025 Budget Hearing to April 15, 2024 at City Hall, Milo, Iowa. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, City Clerk reviewed the budget account funds and the respective revenue streams. Discussion centered on the wastewater update loans and the Clerk shared that the City has been awarded \$500,000 grant to help defray wastewater update costs. Clerk asked Council to review the multi-paged documents and ask questions between now and the April 1, 2024 Council Meeting. Discussion followed. Motion by Kinser, second by Mason to set the FY2025 public hearing for April 15, 2024 and direct the Clerk to make the necessary publications. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved.

There were no public comments. Wadle noticed a mistake in the minutes, after discussion, motion by Kinser, second by Griggs to approve the corrected minutes. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, motion by Wadle, second by Kinser to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

— By Order of the Milo City Council

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## 2023 MILO WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Milo annual water quality report is available online at [www.cityofmilo.com/government/2023-milo-water-quality-report](http://www.cityofmilo.com/government/2023-milo-water-quality-report). This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water, to request a paper copy call 641-942-6241.

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## Milo 4th of July Information

If you have any questions please reach out to Bill Baughman at 515-210-1294 or Jen Caskey at 515-669- 6740.

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## MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL - PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FY2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

CITY HALL, 100 MAIN ST, MILO, IOWA –  
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 @ 6:45 p.m.

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 6:45 p.m. City Council answering the Clerk's roll call: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Kinser and Rasmusen were absent. Mayor Hall administered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mason, second by Wadle to open the public hearing regarding the Fy2025 Milo property tax levy. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Mayor Hall declared the public hearing open.

Mayor Hall called for public comment. There was no public present. Clerk and Council stated no oral or written public comment had been received.

Motion by Wadle, second by Mason to close the public hearing regarding the Fy2025 Milo property tax levy. Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Wadle, second by Griggs to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

— By Order of the Milo City Council

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## Balloons for Brighter Futures

We're thrilled to invite you to our "Balloons for Brighter Futures" fundraiser for Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Enter our raffle to win a hot air balloon ride for two, National Balloon Classic tickets, and a car detailing service from our generous sponsor, Ramsey Mazda of Des Moines.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and you can get them at the link below! Your contributions will help us expand our child abuse prevention programs across Warren, Madison, Dallas, Marion, and Jasper Counties.

We are so grateful for your continued support and we hope you'll consider entering into our raffle, buying an entry for a friend, or simply sharing the word about this event.

Imagine what this picture perfect view would look like from the hot air balloon instead of the ground. For your chance to win a ride for you and that special someone in your life visit:

<https://givebutter.com/balloonsforbrighterfutures>

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## 2023 MILO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Doug Hembry-Volunteer of the Year

Everyone in Milo knows Doug Hembry is the "City Guy" but what he does in his free time to make Milo a better place to live is amazing! Doug cares about the Milo community and goes out of his way daily to help others.



Doug oversees the Milo Manor retirement community and does most of the maintenance of the properties. He, along with his wife Renee and others, helps sort donated drink cans, Doug then hauls them to the redemption center for the benefit of the Milo Library and Milo Development Corporation (Country Christmas). Doug has been known to check-in on Milo's older population and spend time catching up with them, lending a hand, or delivering a hot meal to those in need. These are just a few things in the long list of volunteering that Doug devotes his time to.

Have you ever seen Doug Hembry make an ice cream cone? All those community events that you see him at with the ice cream machine, he is there as a volunteer. Countless hours are spent cleaning, prepping and hauling the ice cream machine to occasions as well as ordering enough mix for the enjoyment of others.

Doug has served on the Milo Volunteer Fire Department for 30 or more years and currently is the Assistant Fire Chief. He has helped plan hundreds of fundraisers and assisted in a multitude of ambulance calls, fires, welfare checks and training. If you have a scanner, you might have heard him say "Milo base in service" meaning he is ready to answer the call for help.

Doug Hembry is a humble man who never talks about the good things he does; he just does them because it is the right thing to do. Milo is blessed to have him in our midst looking out for all of us. Thank you, Doug Hembry, for making Milo a Better Place to Live!

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## 4th of July Water Fights

4th of July Water Fights

Water Fights = \$30 per team

**Water Fights will be held ONLY if we have at LEAST 8 teams**

PRE-REGISTER by June 15. Please contact the Milo 4th of July at [milofourthofjuly@gmail.com](mailto:milofourthofjuly@gmail.com) or 515-669-6740 to register.

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# MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL, 100 MAIN ST, MILO, IOWA –  
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 6:49 p.m. City Council answering the Clerk's roll call: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Kinser and Rasmussen were absent.

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

Motion by Mason, second by Wadle to approve the consent agenda to include all meeting minutes of March 18, 2024; and accounts payable from March 19 – April 1, 2024 in the amount of \$376,469.64. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Mayor Hall presented Doug Hembry with the Milo's 2023 Volunteer of the Year award and acknowledged all Doug does outside his work duties to make Milo a better place to live! Thank you Doug! Council reviewed all old business items resulting in the following information/actions: Council reviewed a report from Nancy Buss noting that Wastewater Project finish date is slated for May 31, 2024. Motion by Wadle, second by Griggs to approve the Wastewater Project Construction Monitoring Report No. 10. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, motion by Mason, second by Wadle to approve Wastewater Project payment 11 to Blue Ribbon Builders in the amount of \$319,250.00. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, motion by Griggs, second by Wadle to approve the Wastewater Project contract payment to Hall Engineering for \$7,990.75. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Regarding the Milo Trail, Council discussed the trail preconstruction meeting and walkabout that was held on March 28, 2024 noting that attendees included representatives from Elder Corporation, Iowa Department of Transportation, McClure Engineering, Delane Galvin, with Southeast Warren Schools, Mayor Hall, Doug Hembry, and Misti Kosman for the City of Milo; and Jeff Griggs representing the City of Milo and the Milo Lion's Club; and Alan Gardener, Keith Smith, and Terry Davis representing the Milo Lion's Club. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure all necessary documentation had been filed and to discuss any concerns and the timeline of the trail project. Construction is slated to begin within two weeks and

the only groups allowed to work on the trail will be Elder Corporation and McClure Engineering. This is due to the requirements of the \$230,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. Council discussion then turned to naming the Trail. Griggs suggested placing an overhead video of the Trail on the Milo Facebook page so that the Milo community could participate and submit name suggestions. Ideas from the Lion's Club were also discussed. Item tabled to the next council meeting. Next, motion by Wadle, second by Mason to approve the Trail contract payment to McClure Engineering in the amount of \$6,715.19 to be paid from Local Option Sales Tax funds. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Mayor Hall then presented information regarding the north LED sign noting that the project had been on hold for a year and that Milo Hometown Pride had received community donations and grant funds totaling \$18,050 to put towards the estimated \$33,050 LED sign. After discussion, motion by Griggs, second by Mason to approve funding not to exceed \$15,000 for a 10 millimeter pixel, 3x7 LED sign, cabinet and electrical install noting that the city funding will be paid from property tax dollars for parks. Ayes: Griggs and Mason. Abstain: Wadle. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Council then discussed the Main Street planters with Mason presenting pricing of approximately \$3,960 from Williams Machine Shop to replace the 11 planters with 1 side cut out with the Milo logo. Motion by Wadle, second by Griggs to approve purchasing 11 new planters from Williams Machine Shop with 1 side cut out with the Milo logo with a tentative delivery date of May 5, 2024 for not to exceed \$3,960.00 noting that the cost will be paid from property tax funding, and that the other planters will be sold locally to help defray the overall cost. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Council then reviewed the pending portable building permit application for 409 2nd Street, Milo, Iowa; Griggs motioned to approve with Wadle the second. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Council departmental reports: Kinser-public safety: absent - no report/questions. Rasmussen-utilities: absent - no report/questions. Wadle-streets: no report/questions. Griggs-parks: thanked Doug for moving the concrete debris at Centennial Park. Griggs noted that the Lion's Club intends to move a few trees from the trail prior to the start of

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construction. Also, Griggs inquired about the teeter totter project and Mayor or Wadle will follow-up with Milo Hometown Pride to determine what the original plan was and contact Griggs. Mason-General: no report/questions. Doug Hembry presented information regarding the ongoing preparation for the stormwater project along 3rd and Chestnut which will commence at Main/4th and go along Main to 3rd and north on 3rd to Chestnut and along Chestnut to 1st Street. Hembry stated that the bid from Country Concrete is \$134,300 which will be paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Road Use Tax funds and emergency funds. Hembry said the project will increase piping size and help alleviate flooding around City Park. Motion by Wadle, second by Griggs to approve the 3rd and Chestnut stormwater project and the aforementioned funding asking for a contingency that the project be completed before July 2024 or commence after July 2024. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Council reviewed items under new business resulting in the following actions: Motion by Mason, second by Griggs to approve the demolition permit for 210 S 3rd Street, Milo, Iowa with Clerk noting that all other required permits are the responsibility of the property owner. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Council then reviewed and discussed the Fy2025 Milo City Budget. Motion by Griggs, second by Wadle to approve the Fy2025 Milo City Budget and set for public hearing at the Milo Public Library, 123 Main Street, Milo, Iowa on April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk was directed to make the necessary publications and postings. Ayes: Wadle, Griggs, and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Council reviewed the Fy2024 Milo City Budget Amendments with the Clerk noting that the substantial amendment was due to the wastewater project slated to be finished in the current fiscal year and the extra funding that the City was compelled to expend for the Trail project. Clerk asked Council to thoroughly review the information to prepare for discussion at the next city council meeting.

There were no public comments or remarks from Mayor or Council. Then, motion by Wadle, second

by Griggs to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

— By Order of the Milo City Council

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## FREE Welcome to Medicare Seminar

The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) provides assistance with understanding and navigating Medicare. SHIIP services are free, unbiased and confidential.

Warren County SHIIP volunteers are providing a **FREE Welcome to Medicare Seminar Tuesday, May 21st from 5:30-7:00 PM** at the Indianola Activity Center (2204 West 2nd Ave). The seminar covers all parts of Medicare (A through D). To attend, RSVP by calling (515) 962-5375.

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## The Blessing House Necessity Pantry

**The Blessing House will be open from 4:00 – 5:15 pm the 2nd Thursday of the month, weather permitting.** Items available: household essentials, diapers, toilet paper, laundry soap, paper towels, shampoo, body wash, feminine products, adult incontinence products and more! All Southeast Warren residents are welcome. The Jesus Blessing House is located at the Milo United Methodist Church, 300 Spruce Street, Milo. Call 641-942-7739 with questions. Please come to the elevator on the north side of the Church.

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## Cemetery Clean-up

Memorial Day will soon be here so please remove old floral decorations from our local cemeteries. Any that are left by mid-May will be discarded. Prior to planting flowers, trees, or shrubs contact Belmont Township Sexton LuAnn Ohnemus 641-745-9995. No glass containers, please. Let's all do our part to keep our cemeteries looking nice for all. Thank you!

### Biscuits and Gravy

Biscuits and Gravy will be served May 5th 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!





## **2024 Vendor Form**

**\*To reserve your space, please return by May 1, 2024**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owned By: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of product(s) you plan to sell: \_\_\_\_\_

- Food vendor fee will be \$150.00.
- Craft/Retail vendor fee will be \$50.00

- Checks payable to **Milo 4th of July Committee**, mailed to: **PO Box 122, Milo, IA 50166.**
- Return this form by May 1st. Forms received after the deadline are welcome as space permits.
- *All* vendor contracts are subject to Milo 4th of July Committee approval. Those who turn in forms first will have priority. We will have limited vendors for the same type of company or product.
- If you have any questions, please contact [milofourthofjuly@gmail.com](mailto:milofourthofjuly@gmail.com) or call 515-669-6740.
- Vendors may need to show proof of liability insurance naming The City of Milo as the certificate holder at 1,000,000/2,000,000 with a 1,000,000 umbrella.
- Please list any special requests/needs below: Example: Electrical outlet, on/off the concrete, shaded area required, etc. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

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- ***Food Vendor:*** please include a copy of your menu. We ask that there are no duplications of what we offer in our food stand(burgers, hot dogs, brats). All food vendors must have up to date food inspection certifications visible on the day of the event .

I hereby sign this form with the full understanding that if the Milo 4th of July Committee feels that any of my products are not appropriate for all ages, I will pull them from my product line. The Milo 4th of July is a family event, we request that no fireworks, ammunition, weapons, tobacco products, lighters, or adult material be sold.

**Vendor signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Library News

Here we go with our schedule for the month of May:

- Tuesday, May 7th – Adult Coloring Night at 6:30
- Wednesday, May 8th – Coffee, Confections, Connections and Books with John Pierschbacher as our guest speaker at 9:30
- Thursday, May 9th – K-6 After School Program “I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916” at 4:00
- Monday, May 13th – Simple Succession Gardening with Tina Riley at 6:30
- Thursday, May 16th – Kids Craft Day at 4:00
- Monday, May 20th – Family BINGO at 6:30
- Thursday, May 23rd – Adult Game Night at 6:30
- Thursday, May 30th – Preschool/Toddler

*The library will be closed on Saturday, May 25th for carpet cleaning.*

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## Milo City-Wide Garage Sale

**June 1, 2024**

Milo’s annual garage sale date is always the first Saturday of June. A public Facebook group “Milo City-Wide Garage Sales” is available for each seller to post their own detailed listing. Announcement of the date and Facebook group will be placed on other related social media sites.

If you have your information ready by May 15th you can put an ad in the Milo Newsletter which comes out the end of the month. Contact the Milo City Clerk to place the ad.

This is a great opportunity to get lots of people in town to hit all the sales.

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## Yard Sale/Garage Sale Ads

The City Council allows garage sale ads within the Milo Newsletter. Due to limited space, the Milo Newsletter will only allow 18 yard sale ads per month for anyone with a Milo address. **The submission guidelines are:**

Name: Contact person in case of questions

Format: Date, Time, Address, and a 10 word description

Size: 1.75" x 3.5"

Cost: \$10 cash due upon submission

Deadline: 15th of the month to the City Clerk

Questions: Call City Hall at 641-942-6241

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## Milo’s Fireworks are High-Tech!

Again this year, members of the Milo 4th of July Committee attended pyrotechnics training to renew our certification to detonate our fireworks more safely and efficiently using an electronic denotation board. **With our new system, your fireworks donations are more important than ever. To donate, please mail checks to:**

Milo Fourth of July Committee

PO Box 122

Milo, IA 50166

Or through the following apps:

Paypal = @Milofourthofjulyinc or

Venmo = @William-Baughman-22

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## 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 to city hall or 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. Contact City Hall at 641-942-6241 with questions.

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## Community Center Summer Schedule

Community Center will no longer be open for walkers beginning May, 2024 until Fall, 2024.

### **3 Family Garage Sale**

19631 S23 Hwy, Milo, IA 50166

South of Milo - 1 mile past Country Propane

Friday 5/31 - 8-5 and Saturday 6/1 - 8-2

Elliptical, inversion table, wicker table/desk and chair, ladies/baby and toddler clothes, kids toys, bottles, diapers, bird bath fountain, outdoor bag toss game, building materials, shop items and numerous miscellaneous items.

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## MILO IOWA TRAIL SYSTEM

### The path to completion

The Milo Trail became a resounding theme for Milo in 2011 when the Milo Lion's Club cultivated a long-range community service plan to install a trail along the west side of Milo. The Lion's Club contacted the City of Milo in 2018 and a connectivity plan was designed that included several phased improvements to the north and south trailheads, city parks improvements, as well as construction of an ADA compliant trail that would loop through the town. Being a small but mighty community of 778 people, lots of local fundraising, donations, sweat equity, in-kind services and grant writing have been the driving force behind completing these projects.

The north trailhead, located just west of the Southeast Warren Elementary School, received an electronic information sign, flower garden, bike pump and pet waste system in 2020 through the fundraising and grant writing efforts of Milo Hometown Pride. The south trailhead, located .58 miles away at Centennial Park, saw many changes in 2018 including installation of a concrete pad and walkway for new aluminum bleachers and the graveled Memorial Garden paths were expanded and concrete poured to establish an ADA compliant south trailhead connection for the future trail with a grant written by the City of Milo; a new restroom building with storage for Memorial Garden upkeep and Lil Warhawks little league equipment was constructed in 2020; updated ballfield lighting was installed in 2021; and new playground equipment, provided by the fundraising efforts of the Milo Lion's Club, was installed in 2022.

In 2018, the Milo Lion's Club and the City of Milo partnered with the previous Warren County Engineer, David Carroll, to apply for an Iowa DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. The Milo community came together with letters of support and funding pledges for the trail project. The TAP Grant was presented in 2019 at the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA). Everyone in Milo was ecstatic when the \$230,000 reimbursable TAP Grant was awarded! Intense preparation was required over the next three years which included submitting trail engineering plans to the Iowa DOT for approval and navigating the required documentation. In late November 2023, the Iowa DOT awarded Elder Corporation the construction contract.

Overall, grants and donations totaling upwards of

\$450,000 have been used along with Local Option Sales Tax to provide these many amenities to Milo for the parks and trail system with NO PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS being used! To say Milo is blessed to participate in the LOST program is an understatement, we could not have made all of these improvements to our parks and created a trail system without that funding!

Over the years, local talent has written and been awarded grants from Warren County Philanthropic Partnership Grants, Warren County Home Town Pride Small Community Grants, Prairie Meadows Grants, Warren County Master Gardeners Mini-Grants, Iowa DNR Trees for Kids Grants, Iowa Community Assurance Pool Grants, MidAmerican Energy Grants, Keep Iowa Beautiful Grants, and Warren County Tourism Grants to mention a few. Significant donations of time, talent and funding have also been received from the Milo Lion's Club as well as from local area residents.

Trail construction has begun and will be completed in May 2024. The Milo Multi-Use Path Project, the official Iowa DOT project name for the trail, will link the community from the north trailhead to the south trailhead allowing residents and visitors to safely access the Milo Trail from either trailhead. The designated trail loop through Milo will flow from the north trailhead .58 miles to the south trailhead at Centennial Park (ballfields, playground, restrooms, shelter, grill, gardens) and 5th Street then onto Main Street and the iconic Milo Bandstand that sits smack-dab in the middle of Main Street & 2nd Street. Main Street is home to the Public Library, Milo Community Center, Milo American Legion, Milo Memories Museum & Coffee, Milo City Hall, Milo Locker Meats & Grocery, U.S. Post Office, Houston's on Main restaurant/bar, Peoples Bank, Town & Country Vet, Rocketman, Smith Fertilizer & Grain, Country Propane Heating & Cooling, The Goode Place and other attractions. The path will then traverse north on 2nd Street to Milo City Park (volleyball court, shelter/kitchen building, playground areas, stage, basketball court and garden) where the next improvement phase is planned within the next 5 years, then it will progress west towards the Southeast Warren Elementary School and the north trailhead where we began this journey!

Many hands make light work could be the volunteer call for our community members! Milo hosts several community events that bring thousands of people to our tiny town including the Milo 4th of July event, Milo's Small Town Country

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## MILO IOWA TRAIL SYSTEM

### The path to completion

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Christmas celebration, Milo Filthy Fun Mud Run, Church Socials, FFA events, SEW Athletic Boosters fundraisers, car shows, tractor rides, Fire Department Sunday Ice Cream, Library Ham-ball dinner fundraisers and so much more! Another “show them a good time Milo event” will happen on July 24, 2024 when the world renown 51st RAGBRAI route will pass through our vibrant community and allow people from all over the world to stop and enjoy Milo’s small town living for a few hours.

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## Southeast Warren Food Pantry

### The next Food Pantry dates are:

Wednesday, May 22

Wednesday, June 26 (1st pantry at the Lacona School)

Wednesday, July 31 (1 week late due to Ragbrai.)

Wednesday, August 28

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](mailto:dianne.chambers@se-warren.k12.ia.us) or Patty Harrington at 641-466-3510 or [patty.harrington@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto: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 for the May Food Pantry. Please check in with our volunteer outside. Due to space limitations, we are only allow a limited number of people in at a time. There is no waiting after 5:30 PM. A small amount of paperwork is required for first time visits and once a year. Regular visits require that you live in the Southeast Warren School District and that you sign in.

The Southeast Warren Food Pantry is in need of donations. We appreciate both food, personal care and monetary donations. We have seen our numbers continue to increase. 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.

**Please note: In June, the Southeast Warren Food Pantry is moving to it’s new permanent location in the lunchroom at the Southeast Warren School in Lacona.** We are excited about this move and the ability to set up in a permanent location, instead of setting up temporary tables in the hallway each month. **Don’t forget to join us in Lacona in June.**

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## Milo RAGBRAI Information

You’ve probably heard the news that the 51st annual RAGBRAI ride will be passing through Milo on Wednesday, July 24th. It’s been 15 years since the ride passed though Milo, so it’s about time, isn’t it?

An initial committee has been formed (Mayor Diane Hall, City Clerk Misti Kosman, Co-Chairs Erica Wadle and Jeff Griggs), and that small group attended a “Pass Through Town” meeting in Des Moines on April 6th, to gather information on the actual detailed route, view presentations from RAGBRAI staff, and hear from a panel of last year’s pass through towns on what worked, what didn’t, etc. A very good session intended to jump start our planning for the big event!

Following that, a community informational meeting took place on April 15th, to go over some early plans and talk about volunteer opportunities. Here’s some things you should know:

- We have a theme - “Ridin’ the Hills Again to Milo-Ritaville”. To get the full effect, you should sing it to the tune of the Jimmy Buffet song “Wastin’ away again in Margaritaville...”. So yep – for the big day in July we will be known as Milo-Ritaville!
- There will be roughly 20,000 bicyclists hitting Milo that day...from all over the U.S. and beyond! As mentioned before, we have been designated as a “Pass Through Town”, between the overnight stops of Winterset and Knoxville, and most of the riders will hit us between 11:00 to 3:00 PM, depending on July weather.
- Plans are being made for everything from Food options, entertainment, street closings, and even Porta Potty needs!
- A Facebook page has been set up to keep the community informed of meeting times, plans and much more (Milo Ragbrai 2024) so please take a look.
- **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED !!** It cannot be emphasized enough that it’s going to take a lot of volunteers to pull this off. Attend a meeting or watch for Facebook posts to find out what opportunities you can help with.

Last thing – we have an opportunity here to show a LOT of people how truly special our little town is. If you think about it, we have so many great things going on (Small Town Country Christmas, July 4th Celebration, Wine Down To Milo, the new recreation trail being built, library building addition and park updates).....let’s make this event something the 20,000 riders, and our town, will remember for a long, long time!

— Submitted by Jeff Griggs - RAGBRAI committee Co-chair



**Milo 4th of July:  
Win, Place, Show Us How You Celebrate  
(2024 Theme)**

Dear Contributor,

We are proud to say the Milo 4th of July Celebration is one of the oldest community traditions in the state of Iowa, a celebration of small-town life. Whether you're a local resident or a new visitor, our celebration will welcome you home. Since its founding in 1880, Milo has hosted a community wide celebration on July 4th, and this year is no exception. The volunteer committee strives to provide a fun, patriotic, family oriented, day-long celebration, ending with a spectacular firework display. We rely on the support of the local business community and private donations to fund these events. Your tax-deductible donation goes a long way towards covering the expenses for this celebration.

As a sponsor, we greatly appreciate your investment in the Milo 4th of July Celebration. Without your support, we would not be able to hold an event of this standard. Be it a financial contribution or a donation of items or services, your role is vital to the celebration's success. For this generous gift, **we thank you!**

If you are able to contribute, item to our raffle or have questions regarding a donation, please contact **Jennifer Caskey at 515-669-6740 or Bill Baughman at 515-210-1294.**

Thank you, The Milo 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee:

President, Bill Baughman

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## Volunteers Needed!

The 4th of July needs your help. We desperately need volunteers! Please join our group to help plan the celebration or AND Volunteer the day of the event. We need volunteers for the following:

### Set Up:

7:00 am- 9:00 am

Tables, awnings, raffle prizes, etc.

### Tear Down

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Tables, Awnings, etc.

### Raffle Tickets & Info Booth:

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (break during parade approximately 45 minutes)

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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## 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](http://cityofmilo.com) under the government tab or stop by City Hall for a copy.

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## 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!

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## JUNK VEHICLES PROHIBITED

### Milo Ordinance Chapter 51

This article is a reminder to Milo citizens that there is a law prohibiting junk and junk vehicles. Ordinance § 51 Junk and Junk Vehicles states that it is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate, or allow to remain on any private property within the corporate limits of the City any junk or junk vehicle. Please note that “junk vehicle” means any vehicle legally placed in storage with the County Treasurer or unlicensed and which has any of the following characteristics: broken glass, broken or loose parts, habitat for nuisance animals or insects, flammable fuel, inoperable, defective or obsolete condition. Licensing of such vehicle shall not constitute a defense. A “vehicle” is every device that a person or property can be transported in without use of human power such as: automobile, motorcycle, tractor, buggy, farm machinery, etc. The complete ordinance is available for review online at [www.cityofmilo.com/government](http://www.cityofmilo.com/government).

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## Golf Cart Registration

If you own or are thinking of purchasing a golf cart for use within the city limits of Milo, please contact City Hall for registration information! 641-942-6241 or email [cityclerk@cityofmilo.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofmilo.com)

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## Milo 4th of July Parade Theme







# Hillcrest Salon

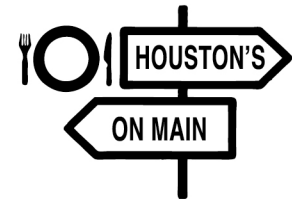
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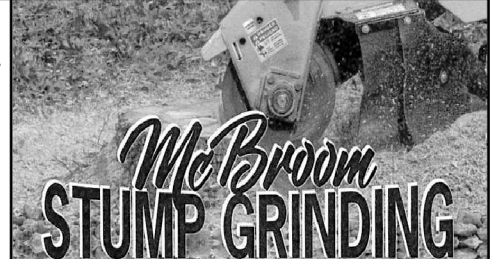
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