

CITY SCENE



Janet Adams

What's going on? by Janet Adams, Council Woman

So what is going on in Webster City? As I go around the City thinking about City Council work and opportunities I found many people ready to tell me what is good about Webster City. If you have any doubts that good things are happening follow me for a day and listen. This is what I heard this past week.

Margo Tighe said, "This is a progressive caring community that is moving forward. We treat families with respect. Businesses listen and try to accommodate my requests. Maybe we aren't going to get all the businesses we once had but we will grow because we have core things like good Doctors and a Hospital."

Ronni Epps, a Webster City High School student told me that the support our town gives to athletic events is awesome. "People in the stores say good things to me about my sports involvement. They notice young people and that makes us feel good." she said.

A student from Stratford, **Trevor Seela** who is very involved in developing a plan to fix up a building for a place for kids to hang out said. "I am excited about fixing up the old light plant building. Even though I am going off to college and may not get to use it a lot, I want other kids to have it. They need someplace to go." I say. "Thank you Trevor for your vision and willingness to help someone else."

On my recent check up visit with **Dr. Ernst Woodhouse** she asked "How is the City Council going for you?" What an opportunity I had to answer her questions and find out what was on her mind. Her comment was, "We need bike trails and outdoor activities to attract young professionals. It will help us to recruit young medical and other professional people to our community if we can offer events. We have big city activities with a small town atmosphere and we could use more."

At the Pride committee meeting **volunteers** brainstormed about city-wide gardens funded by private donations and ways to encourage volunteers to help the town look inviting. They

mentioned that peonies are our city flower and talked about how those flowers could be incorporated.

Another person said, "I do want our streets fixed. When is that going to happen?" I agreed with him and we talked about the city-wide street plan and my desire to tackle that issue more aggressively.

While participating as the Council's representative in a district-wide grant-writing meeting with pre-school providers and interested citizens I heard **Chuck Bonjour**, Sunset Heights principal say, "We have good preschools now. Not many communities this size can say that. We have strong educational pre-school through grade 14 programs that cooperate and work together."

Jean McMurray said, "Saturday night movies! What fun. Old classics that were box office hits of that time and great for audiences of all ages. For the rest of the summer all the movies to be shown now have sponsors from our business men and women. And as our young people would say, 'That's awesome.' But it is the Webster City businesses that are called upon so often. The citizens of Webster City do thank you. And now we are aware of all the good programs taking hold for the summer, fall, and into 2008 and beyond. Money is always needed, of course. Let's give the business people a break Webster City citizens and volunteers can do it too. City Manager Ed Sadler's office in City Hall will accept your contributions. Why? Because you live here and want to help." she concluded.

John Berglund summed up his thoughts by saying, "Some find it easy to dwell on bad news and at the same time overlook the positive things."

How proud I am to rub elbows with these upbeat citizens who see what is good about Webster City and offer ways to make it better.

Send me your constructive comments so I can pass them on. Thank you.

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Friday, June 22nd, 2007 10:00 a.m. Chamber Coffee @ Leon's, 6:00 p.m. Rotary Tailgate Trivia Contest @ A.C.E. Contest starts at 7:00. Contact the Chamber Office to sign up your team of 5-8 people today!

Saturday, June 23rd, 2007 Teddy Bear Tea - First Baptist Church 2:00 p.m.

Monday, June 25th, 2007 Family Picnic at Bonebright Park with a performance by White Fox Blue Grass Band at 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Afternoon - A play written by Jane Curtis to be performed at the Bonebright Depot Museum. -Freewill Offering Newcastle Barn Dance Sample , following the play

Tuesday, June 26th, 2007 6:30 p.m. Jam Session with local musicians performing at West Twin Parks

Wednesday, June 27th, 2007 Sesquicentennial Bingo at Ed Prince Building-Fairgrounds

Thursday, June 28th, 2007 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Les Field and the Turkey River All-Stars, West Twin Park, freewill offering, free popcorn, drinks sold, bring your own chairs.

Friday, June 29th, 2007

9:00-3:00 pm Historical Open House at the Hamilton County Courthouse

10:00 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Coffee at the Daily Freeman Journal

3:00-6:00 p.m. Open House and Tours at the Daily Freeman Journal

5:00-8:00 p.m. Open House and Tours Bonebright Depot Museum

6:30 p.m. Kids parade Entry forms will be in the Freeman Journal or at the Chamber Office.

7:00 p.m. North American Bull Riding Association Rodeo, sponsored by Hamilton County Fair Foundation

7:30 p.m. Teen Dance held at the Van Diest Building at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Hamilton County Fair Foundation. Pizza by the slice, DJ, Popcorn

8:30 p.m. Main St. Dance, DJ Little Willie-Sponsored by Kelly's and American Tap

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Saturday, June 30th, 2007

6:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Omlette Breakfast at West Twin Parks, sponsored by W.C. Moose Family Center
8:00-1:00 p.m. Bake Sale at Congregate Meals/RSVP
9:00 a.m. "Sitting Pretty" Gardening Contest, Sponsored by Garden Club of W.C.
9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hillbilly Flea Market Sale, @Hamilton County Fairgrounds
10:00 a.m. Webster City Sesquicentennial Celebration Parade, Starts at Seneca St. Saloon, forms available at Chamber Office, Special Guest Ronald McDonald
11:00-3:00 p.m. Bonebright Depot Museum Complex Open House and Tours
12:00 p.m. Food Fair at West Twin Parks
12:45 p.m. Recognition of Hamilton County Veterans
1:00-4:30 p.m. "Return to Munchkinland" Miniature Flower Show, ISU Extension Hamilton County (311 Bank St.) Show is free and open to the public.
1:00 p.m. Games, Games, Games-West Twin Park, information, rules and schedule available at the Chamber
1:00-1:45 34th Army National Guard Military Band at West Twin Parks
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Car Show W.C. Cruisers, Twin Parks
1:00-5:00 7B Ranch Open
2:00-3:30 Bill Riley's Iowa State Fair Talent Search
2:00 p.m. Tug of War at East Twin Park, sponsored by Farm Bureau,
6:00 p.m. - Hamilton County Speedway CASEY'S GENERAL STORES Firecracker Classic Weekend
8:30 p.m. Evening Street Dance at Seneca Street Saloon, The Shades



Sunday, July, 1st

10:30 a.m. Brewer Park, Hospital Hill Ecumenical Services,
11:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pancakes eggs, sausage, drinks-West Twin Park,
Afternoon-Free Swimming at the Webster City Pool with games including: Canoe Joust, Greased Watermelon, Coin Scramble, Belly flop Contest and more! K-Mart Sponsor Bike Give-Away
12:00-3:00 Dixie Johnson, 2:00p.m Judging of the Beard Contest
1:00-4:00 p.m. Jane Young House, Kendall Young Library Open House
2:30 p.m. Treasure Hunt Winners
3:30 p.m. Newcastle Barn Dance-West Twin Park



Crazy Days New & Improved

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 28th 2007. A new and improved Crazy Day will again entice shoppers to hit the sidewalks in Webster City to experience all of retail sales. This year's event will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude at 1:00 p.m. In addition to the retail sale event, there will also be a Downtown Summer Arts Festival and a "Dog Days of Summer" Parade. The Parade will begin at the corner of Des Moines and Second St. and will end at the City Plaza for awards and prizes.

Prizes will be given to furry friends who are voted "best dressed," "owner look-a-like" and "Celebrity Look - a like." The Downtown Summer Arts Festival will begin at 8:00 and go until 1:00.

Please call the Chamber Office if you would like to showcase your handmade items/art at the festival. There is no charge to have a booth. As you can see, this year's Crazy Day event is bigger and has something for everybody.

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2007 Police Bike Rodeo

Sergeant Scot Ely coordinated this year's Webster City Police Department annual bike rodeo on the 19th of May, 2007. Approximately 60 bike riders participated in this year's bike rodeo. The participants had the opportunity to learn bicycle safety procedures, such as obstacle avoidance and proper hand signals by navigating three different obstacle courses.

In addition, this year's participants were able to register their bikes with the Webster City Police Department.

Another service available at this year's bike rodeo was a bicycle safety check. The purpose of the safety check was to help identify possible mechanical issues such as defective brakes, loose seats and handlebars, and worn tires. Helping the Webster City Police Department with the bike rodeo was the Webster City Fire Department, Hamilton County Hospital, and Fuller Hall Staff.



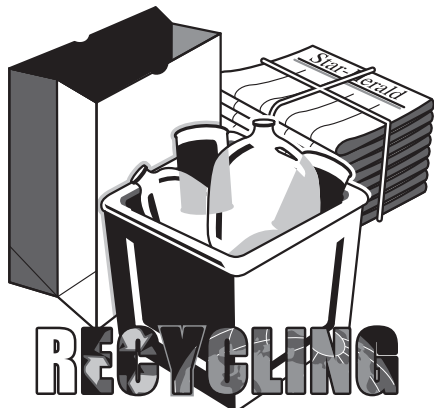
FARMERS' MARKET AT CITY HALL PLAZA

By the time you get this newsletter the first farmers' market at the new city plaza, 400 Second Street will be history. We have eight confirmed vendors and several more applications out. Items that will be available to purchase are: home grown fruits and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, eggs, baked goods, local honey, canned jams, jellies, mustards, herbs, children's tee-pee's, pupper wear (clothing for dogs), soy wax candles, metal artwork, painted furniture, mosaics, decorated gourds and more.

So come down to the plaza on Saturday mornings through September from 8:00 to 12:00 noon to see what's grown & made in Iowa and help make this year's market a success. Contact Pat Nokes at 832-9141 or pat_nokes@webstercity.com if you have questions regarding the farmers' market.



Recycling News



Effective June 3, 2007 The Trashman has made changes to the recycling program. Additional items will now be picked up at the curb.

Items which can be recycled curbside include:

- A) #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7 plastic containers
- B) Newspapers and junk mail
- C) Paper board (cereal boxes, pop boxes, etc.) No toy boxes or similar boxes with plastic fronts.
- D) Tin and aluminum cans

- E) Clear glass
- F) Magazines
- G) Corrugated cardboard (30"x 60"x 6" bundles)

Place these items in your home storage bin and set it on the curb when you set out the garbage.

- Plastic bottles and containers should be clean. Jugs should be smashed. No lids please.
- Clear glass jars should be clean and unbroken. No window panes or home furnishing glass can be accepted.
- Redeemable bottles and cans will be accepted, but without a refund.
- Tin and aluminum cans should be clean and have labels removed.
- Magazines and newspapers should be bundled separately.

Any recycling questions should be directed to The Trashman at (515) 832-5516.

Energy Efficient Light Bulbs For Sale

The City of Webster City now has energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale in our Utility Office. CFLs use far less electricity and last far longer than ordinary bulbs. CFLs produce low heat, so it takes less energy to cool your home so you can save on air conditioning too!

We have a variety of bulbs for sale including springlamps, flood & globe lamps, buglights, and decorative bulbs. All varieties are on display at City Hall.



City Council Call In Show

The City Council Call In Show can be seen on Cable Channel 12 from 8:30am-9:00am on Tuesday mornings following a Monday night City Council meeting. The show is also rebroadcast on Cable Channel 12 following the rebroadcast of the Council meetings on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at

7:00pm. Along with city council members and staff, the show now features special guests from the business and industry sectors along with other community organizations to discuss new happenings and events in Webster City. Your questions are always welcome during the program. Just call 832-9151.

City of Webster City Movie Schedule

Movies start at dusk and are located at Brewer Creek Park (Hospital Hill)

No cost to attend. Be sure to bring along a blanket or chairs. The audio is also broadcast on a low power FM frequency so you can listen on a personal audio device if you wish.

July 7 - Spiderman

PG-13, 2 hrs 1 min. Genre: Sci-Fi

Release: 2002

Starring: Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe, Kirsten Dunst

Synopsis: Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) is just an average high school student until he is bitten by a genetically altered spider. He soon begins to discover he has super-human strength, agility, and an ESP-like spider sense. Peter decides to use his power for good and begins to fight crime.. **Sponsored by Scrap Processors - W.C. Iron & Metal.**

July 14 - Twister

PG13, 1hr 54min

Genres: Action,Drama

Released: May 10, 1996

Starring: Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes

Synopsis: Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt and Cary Elwes may be billed as the stars of Twister, but the film's real attractions are the cyclones themselves. Best experienced in a theater, the nail-biting, blow-the-audience-out-of-their-seats computer generated graphics, cutting edge sound and other special effects are designed to take viewers straight into the roaring funnel of a gigantic tornado. In order to focus on special effects and action, the story is simple and the characters are drawn in broad strokes.

Sponsored by Doolittle Oil Company.

July 21 - Madagascar

PG, 1hr 26min

Genres: Comedy,Family

Released: May 27, 2005

Starring: Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer
Synopsis: A pack of not-so-wild animals experience some serious culture shock when they move from the Big Apple to the Mighty Jungle in this computer-animated comedy. Alex (voice of Ben Stiller) is a lion who enjoys a charmed life as one of the leading attractions at a zoo in New York City's Central Park. While Alex and his pals Marty the Zebra (voice of Chris Rock), Gloria the Hippo (voice of Jada Pinkett Smith), and Melman the Giraffe (voice of David Schwimmer) are happy with their lot in life, they occasionally have a certain



curiosity about the outside world, and when the zoo's penguins decide to make a break for it, Marty follows them into the city. **Sponsored by Beam Industries**

July 28 - Singin' in the Rain

NR, 1hr 43min Genres: Comedy,Musical

Released: January 1, 1952

Starring: Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor

Synopsis: Considered by many to be the finest musical of all-time, SINGIN' IN THE RAIN is sheer delight. Betty Comden and Adolph Green wrote this wonderful film about the time when movies were changing from silent to talkies. The songs range from the hilarious "Make 'Em Laugh" performed by O'Connor, to the delicate "You Were Meant for Me" and the show-stopping classic "Singin' in the Rain" solo by Gene Kelly. **Sponsored by McDonalds of Webster City #5942**

August 4 - 2nd Hand Lions

PG, 1hr 49min Genres: Comedy,Drama,Family

Starring: Michael Caine, Haley Joel Osment, Robert Duvall

Synopsis: In this family-friendly comedy drama, Walter is a shy and bookish boy just short of his teens whose mother impulsively decides to leave him for the summer with his eccentric grand-uncles, Hub and Garth. Walter isn't especially happy about being left in the middle of Texas with two old men, while Hub and Garth aren't too pleased to be stuck minding a boy, especially one who isn't accustomed to hunting, fishing, or firearms. When Walter starts hearing local gossip about his uncles' wild and wooly pasts, he begins asking a few questions, and while Hub and Garth don't enjoy having the boy poking into their pasts, as they start telling tales of their youthful adventures, they find themselves itching for some new adventures in their lives. Soon Walter is a semi-willing accomplice as his elderly guardians rediscover the wild, impulsive spirit of youth.

Sponsored by Gene Barrick - Seven B Ranch

August 11 - Bridges of Madison County

PG13, 2hrs 15min Genres: Drama,Romance

Released: June 2, 1995

Starring: Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep, Annie Corley

Synopsis: National Geographic photographer Robert Kincaid (Clint Eastwood) meets a simple, country Italian-American housewife named Francesca (Meryl Streep) while doing a piece on the famed bridges of Madison County in

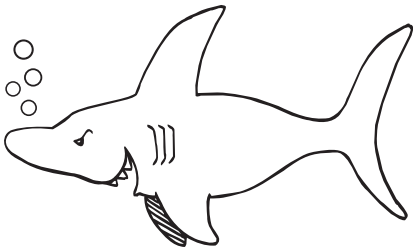
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southern Iowa. Together they share a once-in-a-lifetime love that may change them forever in this romance based on the best-selling novel by Robert James Waller (former professor at the University of Northern Iowa). **Sponsored by Abens Realty**



August 18 - Sharktales

PG, 1hr 30min Genres: Comedy, Action, Family
Starring: Will Smith, Robert De Niro, Renée Zellweger

Synopsis: Oceanic wise guys meet up with a small fish who has a big attitude in this computer-animated comedy. Don Lino is the patriarch of a family of sharks who lord over a bustling aquatic community based along a massive underwater reef. Don Lino has two sons, Frankie and Lenny. Frankie is a carnivorous tough guy who takes after his father, but Lenny is, at heart, a kind soul who has earned the ire of his dad by becoming a vegetarian. One of Don Lino's cronies is Sykes, who runs a "whale wash" where Oscar scrubs aquatic mammals for a living. Oscar is a small but ambitious fish who dreams of making something of himself, and when a dropped anchor accidentally kills Frankie, Oscar is suddenly celebrated as "the shark killer." Oscar's overnight fame attracts the attentions of Lola, a slinky dragon fish who woos Oscar away from his steady date, Angie however, Oscar strikes up a friendship with Lenny and has to decide what to do when Don Lino and Sykes decides it's time to "take care" of the "different" shark. **Sponsored by Moriarty Dental Group, PLC**

August 25 - On Golden Pond

PG, 1hr 49min Genre: Drama

Starring: Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda

Synopsis: In his last film, Henry Fonda plays Norman Thayer, a cranky 80-year old retired professor. Cinematic history in the first pairing of movie greats Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda as an elderly couple spending what may be their last summer together. Things become complicated when their daughter (Jane Fonda) arrives to only revive old antagonism and drop off her fiancé's son. **Sponsored by Chalfant Plumbing Inc.**

September 1 - Ghostbusters

PG, 1hr 47min Genres: Comedy, Sci-Fi

Starring: Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver

Synopsis: Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Ernie Hudson star as a quartet of Manhattan-based "paranormal investigators". When their government grants run out, the former three go into business as The Ghostbusters, later hiring Hudson on. Armed with electronic paraphernalia, the team is



spectacularly successful, ridding The Big Apple of dozens of ghoulies, ghosties and long-legged beasties. Tight-lipped bureaucrat regards the Ghostbusters as a bunch of charlatans, but is forced to eat his words when New York is besieged by an army of unfriendly spirits, conjured up by a long-dead Babylonian demon and "channeled" through a beautiful cellist (Sigourney Weaver). **Sponsored by Casey's General Store**

Summer Events

July 28 - 8 am to 1 pm - Art Festival,

Downtown Crazy Days

June thru September - 8 am to 12 noon

Farmer's Market

Plaza Music each Saturday Night

Sunday, August 26

17th Annual Tour de Webster Bike Ride
Iowa Central Parking Lot
Call Fuller Hall (832-9193)
for more information.

Saturday, September 8th

Sunday, September 9th

Team 14 Cyclocross Festival
Off Road Bike
Nokomis Park
Call Thad Neil (297-1314)
for more information.

Wednesday, August 15

Senior Citizens Trip to State Fair
Fuller Hall to sponsor bus trip without the hassle of parking. Please contact Larry Flaws at 832-9193 if interested.



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SATURDAY NIGHT CITY HALL PLAZA ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

5-7 PM at the new City Hall Plaza. Free of charge

July 7, 2007	Maurice (Mello Yellow) Walker Oldies but Goodies, Ballads, Rhythm/Blues
July 14, 2007	Boone River Boys
July 21, 2007	Neal Ogg
July 28, 2007	Malaki Band
August 4, 2007	Maurice Walker
August 11, 2007	Boone River Boys
August 18, 2007	Neal Ogg
August 25, 2007	Dixie & Charlie
September 1, 2007	Peter Odegaard
September 8, 2007	Peter Odegaard
September 15, 2007	Boone River Boys
September 22, 2007	Neal Ogg
September 29, 2007	Dixie & Charlie



Webster City Needs Your Voice

This is your community.

Please let us know if you have suggestions or changes that need to be made.

My name is _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Clip and mail to:
CITY SCENE COMMENTS
P.O. Box 217
Webster City, IA 50595

For all valid comments, signatures are required.

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