

Calendar of Community Events

Let us know your non-profit organization's coming events!

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Winthrop C & C Meetings, third Monday of each month at Winthrop City Hall, 6 PM. Everyone invited.

Parent Support Group – on parenting a challenging child. Regular meetings, family activities. For information, call Michelle 319-721-4310 or mkopf7@netins.net

Second Thursday of month – Free Blood Pressure Screenings, K&S Quasky Mart, Quasqueton, 2-3:30 PM.

Third Tuesday of month – Buchanan Co. Tobacco Free Coalition meeting, 10 AM, Buchanan County Volunteer Co-op, 309 First Street East, Independence. Public is welcome. Call 319-334-4218 for information.

Third Monday of month – Buchanan Co. Democrats Central Committee monthly meeting, 7 PM, Bill's Pizza and Smokehouse, 201 1st St. West, Independence.

Third Wednesday of month – Buchanan County Area Parkinson's Support Group, 10:30 AM at First Presbyterian Church, Independence. For info: Judy Hess, 319-334-2969.

Third Thursday of month – Foto Friends meet at Prairie Hills Assisted Living, Independence, 7 PM. Dues-free, just for fun, open to anyone interested in photography.

Last Thursday of the month – Buchanan Co. Republicans meet, 7 PM Pizza Ranch, 6 PM for supper.

Mondays, 6 PM – Gamblers Anonymous Meetings. Room 135, Linn Hall, Kirkwood, Cedar Rapids, 888-771-6771.

Mondays, 8 PM – Winthrop A.A. new/old meetings, Fellowship Hall, 534 West Madison St., Winthrop. "As Bill Sees It" topic meeting. Call 319-935-3710 or 319-210-6373.

Wednesdays, 1 PM – Quilt Club, Homestyle Café, Brandon. All quilters welcome.

Rowley Park Commission is collecting contributions to repair or replace existing park equipment. Contributions may be made at Rowley Savings Bank.

Winthrop Historical Center fundraiser, S.O.S. (Save Our Stuff!). The center needs around \$100,000 to install a new roof, followed by tuck-pointing, window, door, and plaster repair. Tax deductible donations may be sent to Winthrop Historical Center, PO Box 159, Winthrop IA 50682. For information or to arrange a tour, contact Ann Slattery at 319-935-3262.

2010-2011 Backpack Program needs volunteers to help assemble food that registered kids can pick up each week. First Presbyterian Church works with NE Food Bank to provide Backpack Program to kids enrolled in Calvary Evangelistic Center School, St. Johns School, and Independence Comm. School District. Help prepare bags of food at First Presbyterian, 5 PM. Contact Jon Holland, 319-361-3126 or jholland@indytel.com, or First Presbyterian 319-334-3523. Dates available: April 6 and 20 (early out); and May 4 (early out).

Through April 30 – Independence Area Food Pantry Feinstein Foundation Challenge. All cash, check, pledges and food items donated from March 1-April 30 will be reported to Feinstein Foundation. Donations may include cash, checks, pledges and food items. Info: www.feinsteinfoundation.org

March 31 – Join the Waterloo Blackhawks Hockey team at Independence Public Library for an evening of demonstrations, trivia games, and autograph signing. All welcome to attend free event. Info: www.indylibrary.org or 319-334-2470.

April 1 – St. Patrick's Fish Fry, 4:30-7:30 PM St. Patrick's Church, Winthrop. Menu: fish, potato, vegetable, coleslaw, dessert. Adults \$8; children 12-under \$4. Carry outs available; call 319-935-3871.

April 1 – Buchanan County Annual Democratic Sustaining Fund Dinner, 5:30 PM (Social)/6:15 PM (Dinner), Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse, Independence. Keynote Speaker: State Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal. RSVP to Diane Curry at 319-334-6887.

April 1 – American Legion Fish Fry, 5-7 PM Independence.

April 1-3, 8-10 – Big Bucks, Coggon Opera House, Coggon. Performances: 7 PM Friday and Saturday, 2 PM Sunday. Tickets: \$10, general admission only. Purchase or reserve tickets by calling 319-435-2353 after 6 PM.

April 2 – Celebrate Mentoring Family Night of Fun Community Fundraiser, 5:30-8 PM West Elementary Gym, Independence Community Schools. Theme: "Lean on Me When You Need a Friend." Student and mentor presentation - 5:30 PM; Sou'ld Out Classic Rock band until 8 PM. Activities: dance with "Champ" the Mustang Mascot, dessert/cake walk. Cost: Adults \$2; Children \$1; or Family \$10. Food concessions available. Info: Val Maximovich, Mentor Coordinator, 319-334-7400 ext. 626.

April 2, 3 – "Aladdin," St. John Middle School, Independence, 7 PM April 2, 4 PM April 3. Saturday's performance includes pie auction. Tickets: \$5; call St. John school office at 319-334-7191.

April 3 – Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM-Noon, Senior Center, 400 5th Ave. NE, Independence. Freewill offering, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and fruit.

April 3 – 13th Annual Immaculate Conception Church Chicken Dinner, 11 AM-2 PM, Masonville. Serving cafeteria style, adults \$6 (advance), \$7 (at the door), 5-12 years old \$4, 4 and under free, carry-outs \$7. Raffle and silent auction.

April 3 – Rowley Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM-Noon, Rowley Community Hall. Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$4, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce.

April 3 – Lamont Kid's Center Omelet-Belgium Waffles, 8:30 AM-12 PM, Common Grounds. Free-will offering.

April 4 – Computer Class: Introduction to Facebook, 6-8 PM, Community Room, Independence Public Library. Free; registration required. Info/register: 319-334-2470 or indylib@indytel.com

April 5 – Buchanan County D.A.R.E. Program graduation, 9:30 AM, Heartland Acres Event Center, 2600 Swan Lake Blvd., Independence. Speaker: Waterloo Black Hawk's hockey team Head Coach P.J. O'Handley. Public welcome.

April 6 – Becoming a Successful Food Grower workshop, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, Bills Pizza, Independence. For those interested in starting or improving a business of growing and selling local foods. Preregistration required; enrollment limited to 30. Cost \$20, includes lunch. Info: Amy Kelly at Extension, 319-334-7161.

April 6 – Annual Potato Bar Fundraiser, 5 PM Aurora Library. Free will donation, carry-outs available. Info: Elaine at 319-634-3960 or director@aurora.lib.ia.us

April 6 – Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #495, St. John, Independence and St. Patrick, Winthrop meeting, Noon, Wolfey's, Quasqueton. Members meet at St. John parking lot 11:30 AM for a ride or at the restaurant. After the luncheon meeting, group will tour home of local artist Donna Wolfe.

April 6 – Grilled Pork by Karen Murley, 11 AM-1 PM, Common Grounds, Lamont.

April 7 – Independence American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Hall. 5:30 - Pack troop boxes; 6 PM - regular meeting. Military families welcome.

April 8 – East Buchanan Elementary community service day, 8:45-11:15. Community members interested in having students help with yard work or small jobs contact the school at 319-935-3660 for information and leave a message.

April 8 – St. Patrick's Fish Fry, 4:30-7:30 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Winthrop. Serving fish, potato, vegetable, coleslaw, roll, drink and dessert. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$4. Carry outs available, call 319-935-3871.

April 9 – Wapsie Dog Enthusiasts show, 8 AM, Quasqueton American Legion. Three shows including Junior Handler show. Info: Kathy Olsen, 319-934-3606 or 563-920-5795.

April 9 – Music in Our School Dinner and Dance, 6-11 PM, Heartland Acres Event Center. Foundation established to promote and enhance music education in Independence Community School District. Tickets \$30, \$50 for couple, \$200 table of eight, at Jim Peters Law Office, 319-334-9992 or L'Santos Hair Design, 334-6130. Seating limited. Info: Kate Barloon 334-5655.

April 10 – Bean Bag Tournament, 4 PM, Brandon Community Center. No children please.

April 15 – Something for Everyone, sponsored by Women's Connection. Brunch, \$7.75 at 9:30 AM Buchanan County Senior Center. Feature-Buchanan County Extension Office, Amy Kelly, Outreach Coordinator; Music-Vocal by Laura Borja; speaker-Laura Borja "Peaks, Porches and Backyards." For reservations call 319-334-4990.

April 16 – Aurora Comet Center Spring Fling Craft Sale and Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM. Kids can visit bunny after hunt. Info: www.auroracometcenter.com

April 16 – Easter Bunny, 1 PM Masonic Lodge and Kid's Center, Lamont. Easter egg hunt, color eggs and treats, lots of activities.

April 17 – Palm Sunday Omelet Bunch, 8 AM – 12:30 PM, Troy Mills American Legion Hall. Adults \$7; K-age 10, \$3.

April 18 – Computer Class: Advanced Facebook, 6-8 PM, Community Room, Independence Public Library. Free; registration required. Info/register: 319-334-2470, indylib@indytel.com

April 20 – Grilled Steak by Steve Sanders, 11 AM-1 PM, Common Grounds, Lamont.

April 22 – Bridges out of Poverty, 9-4 PM, Bill's Pizza, Independence. Register: Nikki Smurthwaite 319-334-5105 or e-mail communityliaison@bdfempowerment.org. Training free.

April 22 – Brandon Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM, Brandon City Park. All ages invited. (In case of rain, go to Community Center.)

April 22 – American Legion Fish Fry, 5-7:30 PM, Lamont Legion Hall.

April 22 – Good Friday Service, 7 PM Brandon United Methodist Church. Tenebrae Service special music by Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church Chime Choir.

April 23 – Easter Egg Hunt, 1 PM Stanley Union Church 126 Winslow St. Stanley Iowa. Sponored by the Stanley Community Club and Stanley Union Church. Ages: preschool to 5th grade. Questions: call Rita Hillman 319-634-3316.

April 24 – Easter Services, 6 AM Brandon United Methodist Church, Sunrise Service: Youth group to lead in worship; continental breakfast at 7 AM. Worship 11:15 AM; then continue Easter celebration with communion.

April 26 – Independence Garden Club Meeting, Noon potluck, Fontana Nature Center, Hazleton. Dan Cohen will discuss Enjoying Birds in the Outdoors. Membership not required to attend, public always welcome, \$5 to carpool non-members.

April 27 – Community Pork Loin Dinner & Silent Auction, 5-7 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 115 6th Ave. NW, Independence. Local fundraiser. Advance tickets (319-334-3523): \$7 adults, \$4 kids age 11 and under; at door: \$8 and \$4.

April 28 – Bridges out of Poverty, 9-4 PM, Regional Medical Center, Manchester. Info: Nikki Smurthwaite 319-334-5105 or e-mail communityliaison@bdfempowerment.org. Training free.

April 29 – Aurora American Legion Annual Smelt Fry, 4:30-8:30 PM.

April 30 – Brandon First Responders Grilled Pork Loin Dinner, 4-8 PM Community Center.

April 30 – 5K Walk-Run, Quasqueton Union Church (QUC), 212 E. Cedar St. Sign-in begins 7:30 AM; race starts 9 AM. Info: Lorie Gericke 319-934-3136.

May 2 – Winthrop C & C Spring Fling for the Young at Heart, 6 PM, Buffalo Creek Golf Course. Reservations: 319-935-3374.

May 4 – Athletic Physicals for Independence School District students, 5:30-7 PM, West Elementary School. \$10 per student; maximum \$20 per family.

May 24 – "Life and Times of Jay Sterling Morton," 12:45 PM at Buchanan County Senior Center, Independence. Daryl Draper will speak about the founder of Arbor Day. Free and open to the public. Reservations required – call 319-334-7011.