

AREA BRIEFS

Collecting Candy

The Wellsburg Fire Department and Ambulance Service is collecting candy for Trick or Treat Night at the fire station. If you would like to make a donation, contact Fire Chief Greg Winger at 641-751-3790.

Steamboat Library

Emily Mallory of Papercraft will present a program on Oct. 15 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Steamboat Rock Library. Register by calling the library at 641-868-2300.

Hamburger Fry

The Ackley Sons of the American Legion will host their monthly burger fry this Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Legion. Serving takes place from 4:30 to 8 p.m. or until gone.

Take advantage of the meal and support the Sons and Prairie Bridges' shelter project in the process.

Chili Cookoff

Think your chili is the best out there?

Take the opportunity to prove it by being a contestant in the Prairie Bridges Park Chili Cook Off. A maximum of 25 individuals will have the opportunity to take home prizes in four categories – Most Unusual Chili, Veggie Chili, White Chili, and Chili with a Kick.

Not only do contestants get prizes and bragging rights, but they also get the opportunity to help support the park's participation in the 2022 Barlow Challenge to raise funds for the construction of a new 50-foot by 70-foot shelter house in the Back Forty.

Contact Jess Schipper at 319-239-5815 to take part.

Want to assist in choosing the winners? Plan to attend the meal on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Prairie Bridges Park stage. Bottomless bowls of chili are just \$8.

Ash Tree Removal

The Ackley Recreation Club is asking for donations to aid in the removal of several dead and dying ash trees. Donations may be dropped off at the Club or mailed to: Ackley Recreation Club, 902 8th Ave., Ackley, IA, 50601. Organizers of the fund drive will also seek matching grants through the Department of Natural Resources.

Program at Ackley Library

Author and speaker, Linda McCann, will be on hand at the Ackley Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. McCann will present a program on genealogy, providing tips and tricks to begin a journey into genealogy. Over the years, she has collected resources which will be shared with attendees. ●

The Joys of Fall

Fall brings out the strangest creatures, or so it seems, and this fall I've seen some strange things. Insects that I've not noticed before and/or those which seem to be doing 'odd' things.

Did you know that you can have insects (and plants) identified by the Iowa State University Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic staff? They can diagnose plant health problems caused by diseases, insects and the environment. They can also identify insects, plants, weeds and fungi, and advise you on the best course of action to take.

To take advantage of the services, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/home-horticulture-resources> and scroll down to Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic. While there is a fee, it isn't much and is well worth the cost.

Information on how to preserve and mail insects is provided along with the proper forms required to receive and answer.

This time of year my flower bed is full of aster blooms. They are one of my favorites due to their deep purple color and the sounds of the bumble bees as they feed on the blooms. The bush is simply full of them.

The flowers also attract the passing monarch butterflies as they search for food and provide a great place to release those emerging from their chrysalises this late in the season. With Thursday and Friday nights being so cold, I brought in my enclosure so the remaining



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These are the bees which are feeding on the aster blooms in the garden. Such fun to watch.



in my GARDEN
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for the evening's chilly weather).

Many suggest that these late caterpillars should be left to nature and their fate too. Still, I find that difficult to do. I'm not sure I'm doing the right thing, but it does feel right, if that makes sense.

I've been enjoying the changing colors of the maple trees in recent days. It seems like it's happening very quickly this year. If you really want to get out and enjoy the colors, try taking a walk under a few of the trees you see. What an amazing view!

Until next week, I'm out watching leaves – and NOT raking! ●

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 12
Hardin County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Hardin County Courthouse Basement Conference Room in Eldora.

Thursday, Oct. 13
Seniors in Motion, Ackley Civic Center Building, 8:15 to 9 a.m. Age 55 and over exercise group.

GriefShare, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Iowa Falls Evangelical Free Church, 19939 County Highway D20, in Iowa Falls.

Steamboat Rock book club, Steamboat Rock Public Library, 2 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14
Ackley curbside recycling.

Saturday, Oct. 15
Burger Fry at the Ackley American Legion, 4:30 to 8 p.m. or until gone.

Monday, Oct. 17
Franklin County Board of Supervisors, 8:30 a.m. in the basement level of Franklin County Court House, Hampton.

Grundy County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Board of Supervisors room on the main floor of the Grundy County Court House.

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Tuesday, Oct. 16
Butler County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m. in the boardroom at the Butler County Courthouse in Allison.

If you would like your groups' events included in the calendar, please contact the Ackley World Journal at 641-847-2592, or email ackleywj@iafalls.com. ●

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