

From Our ARCHIVES

By Linda Kenyon

10 Years Ago

August 12, 2015

The Timken Volunteer Fire Department hosted an Old Fashioned Picnic in the Timken City Park on Saturday. A series of thunderstorms passed over the area during the afternoon and evening, shortening the activities. A rain shower in the evening dampened the ground but not people's spirits, but an electrical storm passing through about 8 p.m. brought everything to a sudden halt. Everyone was encouraged to pack up and head for home with winners of the drawings announced later.

Abbey Oborny traveled to Virginia Beach, Virginia to compete in the 2015 AAU Jr. Olympics. At the Jr. Olympics, she placed sixth out of 62 competitors in the 13-year-old girls high jump. She earned a spot on the award stand with her jump of 4'11", which was a PR for her this season. She is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Oborny of La Crosse.

25 Years Ago

August 17, 2000

The United States Department of Agriculture, La Crosse, announces the retirement of Genita Hughes from the Rush County Farm Service Agency. Genita began her career with the FSA 20 years ago. Throughout her years of service, she has had the primary responsibilities of all Price Support, Disaster and Production Adjustment programs for Rush County farmers.

Julie Woods, Rush Center, won the State 4-H/FFA Wheat Show Bread Division in Republic County in Belleville. This was her first time in the event. She is the daughter of Dave and Linda Woods and a member of the Walnut City 4-H Club.

50 Years Ago

August 14, 1975

Larry Hixon, Hays, will join the staff of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank as Assistant Vice President in charge of Insurance announced bank president, Robert Hamilton. Hixon, and his wife Rhonda will be moving to La Crosse this month. They have one daughter, Teryl, age 2 months. He was born and raised in the Pawnee Rock area, attended Pawnee Rock High School and graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1970 with a degree in Business Administration. Mrs. Hixon was also born and raised near Pawnee Rock. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schultz, Pawnee Rock.

First place winners in the Rush County Fair Softball Tournament were the Brass Rail team from Hays. They defeated the Red Coats 8-7 for the Championship in a very exciting game with the lead changing hands several times. The tournament began July 31 with 27 teams competing and due to the rain during the fair and the cancellation of several games was completed August 10 after 54 games.

75 Years Ago

August 17, 1950

The 1950-51 Rush county school year will get underway September 4 when high and elementary schools will officially open for the new term. School officials indicated that nearly all buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and improved during the summer months and that most teaching staff positions for both grade and high school instructors have been filled. La Crosse high school may be forced to start the new term without a home making instructor. Other vacancies exist in the Alexander grade school, district No. 2 rural and district No. 74 rural schools.

Two Bison youths who recently entered the navy have been assigned to a training company and are now in boot camp at the San Diego Naval Training station. They are Robert P. Scheuerman, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scheuerman and Jerry L. Ruff, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Ruff. Both are graduates of Bison high school and enlisted in the navy July 21 at Wichita.

100 Years Ago

La Crosse Republican
August 13, 1925

Quite a severe wind, hail and rain storm struck the north half of the county last night. The hail was particularly bad north of La Crosse a few miles and extended east. Mart Harmon was in town this morning and he said hail fell in wagon loads at his place which was accompanied by a high wind. From Ben Hartman's east to Jake Scheuerman's the hail wrought tremendous damage, ruining the corn, cane and all growing vegetables, knocked out window lights and punched holes in roofs. Hundreds of turkeys and chickens were killed. North and west of town from two to five inches of rain fell. A hard wind accompanied the storm at La Crosse, but no hail fell. The precipitation here amounted to about one inch.

Mgr. Vaughn says he has the best ball team in this part of the state when it comes to small town teams, but his team has no chance of winning from the Chicago White Sox or the Kinsley organization. The game at Kinsley Sunday resulted in a 10 to 0 score in favor of Kinsley. We played good ball, but were outclassed.

125 Years Ago

La Crosse Republican
August 17, 1900

Mr. Rothweiler of Bison will soon move into his new store. It is perhaps the largest store in the county.

There was a large dinner party at the home of George Ficken Sr., it was his 74th birthday. All the children, grandchildren, and relatives were present, and had a pleasant time. The old gentleman is good for several years more.

-Rush County Commission Minutes-

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES Monday, August 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Chairman Leslie Rogers and Member Richard T. Luft were present. Commissioner Blackburn was unable to attend. Commissioner Luft moved to approve the July 28, 2025 minutes as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. Chair called for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The payroll register was reviewed and signed by the board.

A call was received from Judge Bruce Gatterman. Judge Gatterman discussed the current microphones in the courtroom and the need for them to be updated. The microphones are tied to a digital recorder as Rush County has no court reporter.

A call was placed to Katrina Ringler, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, to discuss the courthouse window restoration project and financial incentives for the county. Ms. Ringler explained the tax credit program which can provide up to 40% of project expenses back in a tax credit that the county can sell to a financial institution for dollars. The Rush County Courthouse is on the National Register and must follow the State Preservation Law regarding historic preservation of the building.

The Road and Bridge weekly report was presented for review. They graded in Alexander, Belle Prairie, Big Timber, Brookdale, Fairview, Garfield, Hampton, La Crosse, Lone Star, Pioneer and Pleasantdale townships. Magnets were utilized in Banner, Belle Prairie, Center and Pleasantdale and the retriever utilized in Belle Prairie. Sand was hauled in Big Timber, La Crosse and Lone Star; millings/dirt hauled in Center; road repairs done in Banner, Garfield and Pioneer; shoulder work done in Pioneer; a culvert cleaned out in La Crosse and barricades placed in Garfield, Pioneer and Pleasantdale. They mowed in Alexander, Big Timber, Center, Hampton, Illinois and Pleasantdale townships. The mechanics worked on grader #24, mower #17 and performed routine maintenance on county equipment.

Correspondence was reviewed.

There being no other business before the board, Commissioner Rogers moved to adjourn at 11:51 a.m. and to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2025. Commissioner Luft seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2025.

Leslie Rogers, Chairman

ATTEST: Tacy A. Keener, County Clerk

-City of La Crosse Commission Minutes-

The regular meeting of the La Crosse City Commission was held on July 23, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. Present were Mayor Bill Schroter, Commissioner Alan Sramek, Commissioner Kim Peach, City Manager Lyle Hammerschmidt, and City Clerk Kim Jay.

Commissioner Peach motioned to approve the minutes from the July 9th meeting, Commissioner Sramek seconded the motion. Motion carried - vote 3-0.

August meeting dates: 6th and 20th - 2026 Budget Hearing.

Mayor Schroter motioned to approve to pay the bills, Commissioner Sramek seconded the motion. Motion carried - vote 3-0.

Mayor Schroter motioned to approve to pay Depperschmidt Steel Siding \$7,425.00 from Capital Improvement Fund for replacement windows and trim on the rock shop, Commissioner Sramek seconded the motion. Motion carried - vote 3-0.

Mayor Schroter motioned to designate the zoning of 109 E. 3rd property as CP-3 and approve the building permit for M2 General Contractors/Jeff McAlister-2 steel buildings; Commissioner Sramek seconded the motion. Motion carried - vote 3-0.

City Manager's report: 2026 Budget Notice; will be setting transformer at high school; Purple Wave Auction items; employee evaluations; parking area and volleyball court at city park; KMEA crew here working on power poles; water line replacement; pool.

Mayor Schroter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Commissioner Peach seconded the motion. Motion carried - vote 3-0.

LaCrosse Unified School District No. 395 -- WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR --



AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	First MS/HS VB/FB/CC Practice Jump Start LES	Jump Start LES	Jump Start LES	Jump Start LES	Jump Start LES	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

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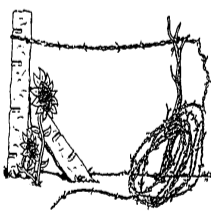
Otis-Bison Unified School District No. 403 -- WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR --



AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	First Day Of Fall Sports Professional Dev. Day	Teacher Work Day Elementary Open House 6:30 p.m.	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL		Fall Sports Pictures 2:30 p.m.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

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County Happenings

AUGUST

August 16 - La Crosse Fire Department Open House/Touch-A-Truck, 6:30 p.m., 1022 Main St., La Crosse.

August 18 - American Legion meeting, 7 p.m., Fred Lohrey's Shop. (3rd Monday of the month)

August 20 - Otis-Bison first day of school.

August 22 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon-6 p.m., La Crosse City Auditorium.

August 23 - Otis Back to School Bash - The Tumbleweed and Otis City Park.

August 28 - Happy Age Club, noon, Otis Senior Center, 105 W. Fisher.

SEPTEMBER

September 1 - Labor Day.

September 4 - Bison JOY Club, noon, Bison Community Building. (1st Thursday of the month)

September 7 - Grandparents Day

September 8 - La Crosse first day of school.

September 8 - VFW meeting, 7 p.m., Fred Lohrey's Shop. (2nd Monday of the month)

September 11 - Patriot Day.

September 19-20 - La Crosse High

School reunion.

September 22 - Autumn begins.

ONGOING HAPPENINGS

Tumbleweed Farmers Market, 9-11 a.m., 114 S. Main, Otis. Every Saturday through the summer.

Rush County Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m., 5th and Main, La Crosse. Every Wednesday through September 10.

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) - 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Barnard Library, 521 Elm St., La Crosse. Everyone welcome. First meeting free.

Friendship Meals at 60 Plus, 704 Main, La Crosse. Call 785-514-5046 to order a meal or for more information.

Bingo and Cards at 60 Plus, 704 Main, La Crosse, every Thursday, 1-4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Barbed Wire, Historical, Post Rock, Nekoma Bank and Pleasant Point School museums. Open for the season.

Summer Hours: (May 1 through Labor Day) Monday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

No admission fees - donations requested. To schedule a tour call 785-222-2808.

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