

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 28 >

- Morrill Public Library Happenings: Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m. and Knitting Club at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29 >

- After School is Cool - crafts and activities for elementary age 3:45-4:45 p.m. - at Morrill Public Library.

Wednesday, April 30 >

- Coffee With Friends at 9:30 a.m. at Vintage Park, 400 Kansas Ave., Hiawatha.
- New Beginnings Weight Loss Group meets in the basement of Presbyterian Church at 7th and Kickapoo on Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 p.m. for weight in, meeting 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come through alley door on south side. For questions, call 785-294-0923.

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Thursday, May 1 >

- Morrill Public Library Happenings: Preschool Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Creative Hour @ the Library at 1:30 p.m. with a second evening session at 5:30 p.m. - email [jmay@hiawathalibrary.org](mailto:jmay@hiawathalibrary.org) or call 785-742-3831 to sign up.; Teen Time - crafts and activities for middle school age and older from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Friday, May 2 >

- Senior Socials 1-4 p.m. at Morrill Public Library. Games, snacks and friends for our senior citizens. Invite a friend!

Brown County commission approves two new members for Planning Commission

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Hiawatha World

The Brown County commission voted unanimously to approve two new members for the Brown County Planning Commission during Monday morning's meeting.

These two new members entering into the planning commission will be Annette Hoskins and Wesley Selland. These two will replace current members Rex Lockwood and Bill Seckler, who

will be leaving the positions once Hoskins and Selland take over.

Emergency Coordinator and Brown County Landfill Director Don Pounds met with the commission members regarding the current fire resolution, which Pounds commented that he received "unhappy calls" from the local fire chiefs. Pounds stated that the fire chiefs expressed frustration with the current fire resolution and that he would be receiving more phone calls about the issue if the current

resolution was left in place.

The current fire resolution includes that Brown County citizens who wanted to burn had to contact one of the local fire chiefs, who then would contact the Sheriff's Office to sign for burn authorization. The fire chiefs voiced their opposition to the current resolution due to citizens not able to reach out to the fire chiefs directly and also the chiefs expressing privacy concerns with their phone numbers being given out without their

knowledge, as well as the overall inefficiency of the resolution. Pounds also explained that the current resolution includes that if fire chiefs needed reimbursement for fire equipment used for fire situations, they would also need to contact the Sheriff's Office, including what was used and overall cost.

Commenting on the fire resolution that was passed during March 31st county meeting, Commissioner Lucas Heinen lamented the commission's

decision approving the current fire resolution and that the resolution was approved too fast to fix a previous issue as quickly as possible but ended up creating a new problem in the process.

"We solved one problem and created another," Heinen said. "We had the best of intentions but the results weren't quite what we were after."

Both Heinen and Lehmkuhl agreed that calling dispatch about fires being started was necessary. In the end, Heinen

opted to table the discussion about the fire resolution in a future meeting.

Below are some other items that were discussed during the meeting:

- All commissioners voted to approve occupational licenses for the Mission Lake Country Club in Horton and The Country Cabin in Hiawatha.
- All commissioners voted to approve the Brown County Landfill Report and a Solid Waste hauling agreement.

Let's Taco 'Bout a Fundraiser: Thrivent Hosts Community Event to Support Local Hunger Relief

HIAWATHA WORLD

Next Generation Financial Advisors-Thrivent is bringing the community together for a delicious cause with its upcoming event, Let's Taco 'Bout a Fundraiser, happening Wednesday, April 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 523 Oregon Street.

This taco-themed fundraiser will benefit Second Harvest's BackPack Buddies and the Campus Cupboard, two local programs fighting food insecurity among students and families in the Hiawatha school district. Every donation



helps provide essential meals and supplies to those in need right here in the community.

"We wanted to create something fun, approachable, and meaningful," said Kyle Olson, Thrivent Financial Consultant. "Food insecurity

is a very real challenge for many local kids. This is a way we can all come together to make a tangible difference."

Make a donation online or bring a tangible donation of peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit or mac and cheese.

Make your impact today by visiting the official donation page at <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/1096933/detail>. To learn more about the event or explore other ways to get involved, visit <https://connect.thrivent.com/kyle-olson/events>.



Scan this code to make a donation to Thrivent/Second Harvest.

Library sponsoring book exchange and a family craft to kick off Summer Program

HIAWATHA WORLD

The Morrill Public Library is sponsoring a Book Exchange and Family Craft on Saturday, May 31 at The Hiawatha Creamery as an

outreach event to kick off the Summer Reading Program.

The event will be from 6-8 p.m. at The Hiawatha Creamery, 715 Oregon St., Hiawatha as part of the "Screen Free Creamery

Summer Saturdays."

This is an event for families and kids of all ages. Participants are encouraged to bring a gently used book to exchange and take part in a come-and-go craft to take home.

"Be looking through your books to see what you could bear to part with and bring them downtown to The Creamery on that Saturday evening," said Joey May, Community Service Librarian.

Anyone who has books to donate to the exchange is encouraged to hold onto them until that evening and they can be dropped off just prior to the event at The Creamery. Contact May at [jmay@hiawathalibrary.org](mailto:jmay@hiawathalibrary.org) or call 785-741-3831 for more information or with any questions.



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