

City Newsletter

JULY 2024



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Don't miss out on all the 4th of July activities in Avoca!

Starting Wednesday the 3rd with the **Li'l Firecracker Pageant** at the Farmers Market to the **City Fireworks** at dusk on Thursday the 4th!

Check out all the flyers in the newsletter to learn more about events celebrating the day! Page 4 has the schedule of events, followed by individual flyers.

The last half of the newsletter contains information for the about the upcoming Fair, Avoca Fire and Rescue, Avoca Public Library, Avoca CountryView, Avoca Aquatic Center, as well as important notices regarding a blood drive, home radon kits, and yellow water level restrictions.

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

MOST DANGEROUS FIREWORKS

12%	23%	8%
SPARKLERS	FIRECRACKERS	BOTTLE ROCKETS

20,000 Fires caused by fireworks each year

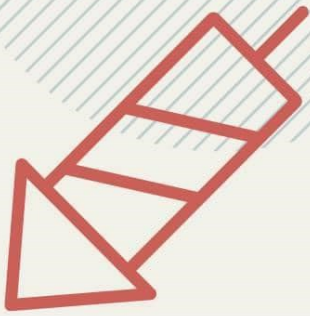
CITY OF AVOCA FIREWORKS ORDINANCE



The ordinance can be found on the City of Avoca website on the Quick Tab or Government City Code page.

All consumer fireworks and novelties may only be used July 1 to July 7 from 9AM to 10PM and extended to 11PM on July 4th only.

The other time period is Dec. 25 through Jan. 3rd.

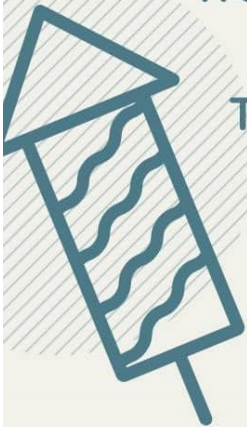


Attention children age 6-12 years old!
Prepare your most patriotic attire for the

li'l Firecracker Pageant!

Wednesday, July 3rd at 6 p.m. in front of the Avoca Courthouse (during Farmers Market).

The winners will be invited to ride on the Stars N Stripes float during the 4th of July Parade, & receive a prize package from Stars N Stripes Fireworks!



WEDNESDAYS
5-7 PM
JUNE THRU SEPT

FRESH LOCAL FOODS,
PLANTS & FLOWERS,
FINE CRAFTS, FOOD
TRUCK,
ENTERTAINMENT &
FAMILY FUN

N 200 Block of Elm Street,
Avoca, IA



4TH OF JULY 2024 AVOCA, IA

**GRAND MARSHALL:
MILT HANSON**

**8:30am Costume Run/Walk signup at Courthouse
Medallion**

9am Costume Run

**9am-12pm Car Show on South Elm, hot dogs & brisket
by Raddberry's Bakery**

**9:30am Kids Pedal Tractor Pull in front of Courthouse
sponsored by Titan Machinery**

**10:30am-1:30pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Root Beer
Floats & Walking Tacos fundraiser at Avoca Veterans
Community Center**

**11am-1pm Midway on Main Street fundraiser for Avoca
Veterans Community Center**

11am United Church of Avoca food tent opens

12pm Register parade entries at East Pott Fairgrounds

**1:30pm Popsicles in front of Veterans Plaza, sponsored
by Pauley-Jones Funeral Home**

2pm Parade begins

**Fireworks at Dusk at CountryView Golf Course
viewable also at Edgington Park**



There is still time to be in the parade!

PARADE ENTRY FORM

Entry # T B D

Write Clearly please!

Your name _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Name of Organization, Business, Owner,
Sponsor _____

Write information about your entry for the announcer to read: _____

Avoca Fourth of July

PARADE SIGN UP begins at noon at the Fairgrounds.

Fireworks at Dusk Thursday, July 4 2024

Rain date will be Sunday, July 7, 2024

RED. WHITE. BLUE

3K FUN RUN-WALK

THURS., JULY 4 9 A.M.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AVOCA VETERANS COMMUNITY
CENTER.

4 & UNDER: FREE
STUDENTS 5-18: \$5
ADULTS 19-65: \$10
SENIORS: 66+: \$7

PAY AT CITY HALL OR VENMO TO @LEZLI-GRIFFEN
INCLUDE NOTE RW&B



PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!

Avoca Thursday, JULY 4TH 2024

Red, White and Blue Fun Run-Walk

Registration starts at 8:30 AM in front Avoca Court House

9:00 AM 3K Run/Walk Please dress up in RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

Be a part of the Avoca COLOR RUN/Walk! All proceeds go towards the Avoca Veterans Community Center. You can fill out the registration form below and return it to City Hall or mail to *City of Avoca PO BOX 246. Avoca, Iowa 51521.*

Please make checks payable to City of Avoca with AVCC in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of the Avoca Community.

RUN/WALK REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Name: _____ Contact# _____

Mailing address: _____ DOB: _____ OR AGE _____

Emergency contact and number: _____

Participant Waiver for Run/Walk Participant or Volunteer: Avoca COLOR RUN/ WALK

I know that participating or volunteering for a walk or run is potentially hazardous activity, which could cause injury or death. I will not enter or participate unless I am medically able and properly trained, and by my signature, I certify that I am medically able to perform this event, and am in good health, and I am properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to any aspect of my participation in this event, including the right of any official to deny or suspend my participation for any reason whatsoever. I attest that I have read the rules of the event and agree to abide by them. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road or sidewalk, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I understand that bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or blades, and animals are not allowed in the event, and I will abide by all rules. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and inconsideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the July 4th Main Street committee, City of Avoca, and all event sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, even though all liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use my photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

4 and under	Free	Send payment via Venmo to: @lezli-griffen *Include R-W-B RUN/WALK in memo
Students 5-18	\$ 5	
Adults 19-65	\$10	
Adult 66 and older	\$ 7	

PRIZES FOR RED-WHITE AND BLUE ATTIRE/COSTUMES!

Avoca, Iowa's 4th of July 2024

MIDWAY ON MAIN STREET

All booths & prizes have been donated by businesses & nonprofits to benefit the renovation of the Avoca Legion to the Avoca Veterans Community Center

Tickets & Midway Map available at City Hall

\$1 per ticket or
\$5 for 6 tickets
\$10 for 12 tickets
\$20 for 25 tickets



COOKIE WALK
BY EAGLES LANDING & PEO

TEMPORARY TATTOOS

FEED TROUGH FOOD TRUCK

BAGS TOSS
BY YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUES

MILK BOTTLE TOSS
BY YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUES

PLINKO & FACE PAINTING
BY WICKED MOON TATTOO & PIERCING

TOILET PAPER TOSS
BY SILVER CORDS

RING TOSS
BY NEWTOWN/AVOCA HISTORICAL SOCIETY





Raddberry's Bakery Presents

★ 4th Annual 4th of July ★ Auto Show



● Cars, trucks,
motorcycles &
tractors welcome

● Free meal for
entrants

● \$50 gift cards for
People's Choice &
Raddberry's Choice

9 a.m. to Noon
Awards at 11:30 a.m.

To register or for more
information, call Jaie at
712-307-2667

South 100 block of Elm Street
July 4th, 2024
Avoca, Iowa



The Original
FAIR
 Pottawattamie County Est. 1896



EVENTS SCHEDULE

AVOCA, IOWA

JULY

**THUR
18**

VENDOR FOOD TRUCK & FAMILY NIGHT

- Lots of Food and Non Food Vendor Items!
- Queen Coronation
- Family Fun & More!



7 PM: LIVE BAND WITH TAXI DRIVER LIVE

**FRI
19**

**SAT
20**

1 PM: WIMRA MUD TRUCK RACES

6 PM: SIDE BY SIDE RACES



1 PM: SIDE BY SIDE SHORT COURSE RALLY RACES

**SUN
21**

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION



AVOCA FIRE & RESCUE

201 N. Elm Street Avoca, IA 51521
712-343-2424 | fire-rescue@cityofavoca.com

Donation Form

Avoca Fire & Rescue Association Golf Tournament Fundraiser 2024

*Please complete the form by July 1, 2024 and return to City Hall.

Donor Information

BUSINESS NAME	NAME
STREET ADDRESS	EMAIL
CITY, STATE, ZIP	PHONE

Donation Description

CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> HOLE SPONSOR (\$100)	
AMOUNT	DATE
NOTES	
RECEIPT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

JUNE CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 30th:

2 Truck Fire

21 EMS

5 Good Intent

1 EMS to Hancock

1 EMS to Walnut



CHILDREN'S STORYTIME
 Every Wednesday 10:30am
FRIDAY CLUB Every Friday 1:00pm
MONDAY MOVIE for Adults JULY 29th 10AM
WED., JULY 31ST Cookbook Sale at Farmers Market

Library by the #'s for June:

788 people came into the library, 1132 physical items were checked out and 223 digital items.

Avoca Public Library

20 JULY:
24 READ! RENEW! REPEAT!

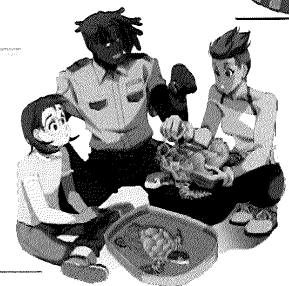


Be sure to join us Friday mornings at 10:00, all summer long, for our Friday Flix!

- 7/5: *Moana*
- 7/12: *Bee Movie*
- 7/19: *The Jungle Book*
- 7/26: *The Lorax*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Children's Storytime 10:30-11:00	4 Closed for the Fourth of July	5 Friday Flix!	6
7	8	9	10 Children's Storytime 10:30-11:00	11 *Cooking with Foraged Food 12:30-2:00	12 Friday Flix!	13
14	15	16	17 Children's Storytime 10:30-11:00	18 *Making Seed Bombs 12:30-2:00	19 Friday Flix!	20
21	22	23	24 Children's Storytime 10:30-11:00	25 *Butterfly House Kits 12:30-2:00	26 Friday Flix!	27
28	29	30	31 Children's Storytime 10:30-11:00	1 *Book Art 12:30-2:00		



*Thursday Summer Reading Programs are designed for students entering fifth through eighth grades.



Volunteers gathered around the new sculpture are: Walt Snyder, Grounds Superintendent Chad Wicks, Mayor Tom Bruck, Sean Christensen, Jim Ryan, Jeff Calhoon, Brent Hansen, Bob Luna, and Bob McCarthy.

Much activity goes on behind the scenes at the Avoca CountryView public golf course!

What used to be a focal point at the cart parking area is now a tree sculpture in the image of a golf ball and tee. Volunteers spent several days updating and adding landscaping around the clubhouse and course.

A special thanks to Jim Ryan and Bob McCarthy.





2024 Tournament List

712-343-6979



Date	Event	Time
Sat., July 13 th	Avoca Fire & Rescue Fundraiser	11:00 am
Mon., July 15 th	Senior Men Tournament	7:00 am
Sat., July 27 th	Masons' Fundraiser	11:00 am
**Sun., July 28 th	Men's Club Tournament	9:00 am
Fri., Aug. 2 nd	Joe Ellis Tournament	8:00 am
Sat., Aug. 10 th	Knights of Columbus Fundraiser	11:00 am
Sat., Sept. 7 th	Stacy's Tournament	11:00 am
**Sat., Sept. 21 th	BROWN-NELSON MEMORIAL BENEFIT	11:00 am
**Sat., Oct. 12 th	COURSE BENEFIT END OF SEASON	10:00 am



POOL PARTY



MAKE RESERVATIONS TODAY!

THE SPLASH AQUATIC CENTER

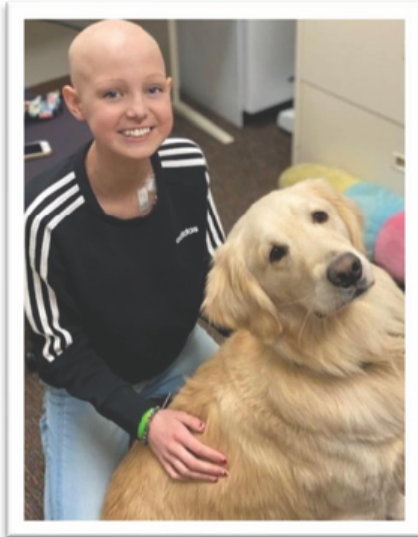
AVOCA

Cost: \$300
 (Entire Pool, Fully Staffed, & Concessions Available)

CALL POOL MANAGER, DANIELLE CLINGERMAN, 712-292-3686

Donate Blood In Memory of **Charley Falkena**

When she was just 7-months old Charley Falkena underwent heart transplant surgery. She later developed post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders cancer, which led to several blood transfusions as part of her treatment. Charley passed away at the age of 15. Now, her sister, Chole, is hosting a blood drive in Charley's memory in hopes of helping others going through similar treatments as Charley.



Blood Drive

Avoca Community Sponsored By Avoca Town & Country Jr. Federated

American Legion Hall

Saturday, July 13

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Diana at (712) 249-1144 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: AvocaIA to schedule an appointment or scan QR code below.

Be a force for good: Come give blood in July for a Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS on us + TWISTERS & Red Cross umbrella July 1-14, while they last. Terms at rcblood.org/Twisters.



American Red Cross



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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Radon is an odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that is produced from the decay of naturally occurring uranium in the soil. Indoor levels can be very high. It doesn't matter where you live, how old your home is, or what type of foundation it has.

The only way to know the level of Radon gas in your home is to perform a test.

Radon enters buildings through cracks in the floors or walls; usually, the highest concentrations are in the basement or crawlspace. Most exposure to Radon comes from being indoors. Licensed daycares and schools are required to test and mitigate by law, but we have no current regulations for our homes.

Hopefully, we will have an Iowa policy in the future – to test for Radon prior to the transfer of ownership so that new owners are aware of the health risks for their families and can mitigate them.

- 7 of 10 homes in Iowa have an unacceptable level of Radon.
- The average indoor radon concentration in Iowa is more than six times the national average.

By breathing in radon gas, it gets trapped in our lungs and damages the lung tissue.

Exposure to Radon gas causes lung cancer, in fact, it is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. (second only to smoking).

Radon testing is very easy and inexpensive. Kits are available to pickup at the Pottawattamie County Public Health Clinic or Planning Department office at a cost of \$12.50.

- Pottawattamie County: (712) 328-5792
- Iowa Radon Hotline: (800) 383-5992



Are You Part of the Network Yet ?

Sign up for the alerts you want to receive. Messages can be delivered via text, email and/or voice message. Additional language options for messaging are available.

[CLICK HERE](#) to be taken to the sign up page.

YELLOW LEVEL WATER MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

Please remember that the recent rainfall is not filling the aquifers that supply the water towers.

Top soil or sub-soil may have benefited from past rainfall, but Regional Water has not removed their restrictions.

- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawns is prohibited.
- B. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Water or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than 4 years old, and new seeding or sod is permitted once per week with an application not to exceed one inch.
- D. **Car washing is prohibited** except in commercial establishments that provide that service. In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 am to 8:00 PM.
- E. ***No water shall be used to fill private/residential swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other outdoor pool or pond.***
- F. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or building exteriors.
- G. Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, and eating establishments may be requested to scale back services.
- H. Schools will be required to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption at sport complex.
- I. Water shall be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

Please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 option 1 to be informed about WATERING NEW SOD.

If you are a LARGE VOLUME WATER USER, and have any questions, please call our City Administrator, Tyler Trout, at the same number as listed above.