

Press Release

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HOMECOMING ALREADY? Two Deadlines Tomorrow

CHARITON, Iowa – Homecoming is earlier than usual this year (next Friday, Sept. 23), but organizers still have a full week of festivities planned for locals as well as those returning for six class reunions. The theme this year is “Camelot”.

Orders must be placed by tomorrow (Friday, Sept. 16) for those who would like to order a Mum or Homecoming shirt/hoodie. Mums from Horticulture/FFA are complete with a gold football and Charger ribbons and can be reserved by contacting susan.greubel@gpaea.k12.ia.us or by calling 774-5066. Mums will be available for pickup on Homecoming Friday. Order forms for the shirts and hoodies from FCCLA/FEA (Future Career & Community Leaders of America/Future Educators Association) are available from sue.rea@gpaea.k12.ia.us. The shirts this year will be on a heather gray short sleeve shirt or hoodie with red, white and dark gray print. Justin Sharp and the Yearbook staff plan to have this year’s Homecoming Buttons available for purchase starting tomorrow as well.

Getting Started

Student Council officially kicks off Homecoming Week with a Boys Volleyball tournament (juniors vs. seniors) at the High School Gym on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Most early week sports are away. On Monday, Cross Country travels to Albia and Volleyball competes in Twin Cedars. There is a home JV Football game Monday, 5:30 p.m., against Ottumwa. Tuesday night, Volleyball is on the road again heading to Clark.

Super Thursday

The Alumni Association sponsors various classic Homecoming activities throughout the week. The entire community is invited to join the students Thursday night at Reynolds Field. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. The evening starts with Mattress Races. Faculty, staff and reunion classes can join the fun and enter a team by contacting Molly Spoon at 203-4299. The CHS Cheerleaders then lead a Community Pep Rally, which will be followed by the Junior girls battling the Senior girls for the 2011 Powder Puff Football title.

Chili and Rolls

Friday brings the annual Chili and Cinnamon Roll Lunch being served on the north side of the Square from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (if the cinnamon rolls last that long!). Both KIIC Radio and Northridge Assisted Living are returning as sponsors. Board members will be on hand for members to pay their annual dues. Music will be provided by Diamond Trio with Joe Allwood and, in case of inclement weather, the Alumni Lunch will be held at Carpenter’s Hall.

Homecoming Afternoon

The Homecoming Assembly, featuring the crowning of the 2011 King and Queen, will be 1 p.m. in the High School Gym. Athletic Hall of Fame inductions will be held and the first inductee into the new CHS Hall of Pride (recognizing outstanding personal and/or professional accomplishments of alumni) will be announced. Parade follows at 2:30 p.m.

NOTE: Parade forms are available at the high school office. Three categories will be judged: youth, school and community. Forms for those entries wanting to be judged are due to the High School office by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22. Entries not wanting to be judged can check in with a Parade Official on the front lawn on the High School the day of the Parade for a line-up assignment. All entries should be parked and ready no later than 2 p.m.

Thelma from Carpenter's Hall is sponsoring the "Charger Tailgate Party" again this year (last year featured BBQ Beef, hot dogs and ice cream). Tents with free food will open after the Parade and go until the football game starts. A free-will offering to the Alumni Association is requested. A cash bar will be available as well. Young, old, locals, out of town visitors... everyone is welcome to stop by to share in the Charger spirit.

Friday Night Lights

The Chargers take on the Fairfield Trojans on Friday evening at Reynolds Field. Support the freshmen beginning at 5 p.m. with Varsity kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

The Day After

The Lucas County Health Center hosts the 8th Annual Healthy Hearts Promoting Healthy Minds 5K Run/Walk. Proceeds will help provide critical counseling services. All the details and the membership form are available at www.charitonalumni.org.

Sunday Buffet

Looking for one more opportunity to gather with local and visiting friends? Homecoming week wraps up with a buffet lunch on Sunday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall.

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