

What's New

Keep Cool - Main Street Sweets has opened at 311 E. Main. They are open for lunch and ice cream 11 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday and 11:30 am to 5:30 pm Sunday. The menu includes sandwiches, french fries and onion rings. Owner Steven Grace worked at the former Main Street Sweets, located where Reid's Beans is now, when he was a student at West Branch High School.

Art Studio - Sophia Aley has opened an Art Studio and Gallery at 105 E. Main Street. Viewing is available by chance when the artist is working or by appointment by calling 319-558-7516.

Facelift - Teresa Seeberger, owner of the Bailey Block building at 105-109 E. Main Street, has been busy updating the building. Her latest task was scraping the exterior in preparation for a new coat of paint. The building is currently occupied by artist Sophia Aley and the Dendinger Real Estate Office.

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Noteable

Construction is under way on the **Brick Arch Winery** at the corner of Main and Poplar Streets. The 1907 post office building which was to be home to the business collapsed June 11. Demolition and cleanup has been completed and new footings and foundation are in place. Owners John McNutt and Eileen Lande say the design of the building will closely resemble the archway of the old Post Office.

The winery will feature a tasting room and event center.

The **West Branch City Council** welcomed Matt Muckler, who will serve as City Administrator/City Clerk. He has purchased a house in West Branch and will be moving with his wife and 5 children. Other city staff changes include Dawn Brandt who will now serve as Deputy City Clerk, and Ashley Borland-Kaalberg, who is the new Administrative Assistant.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 7 - Hooverfest

Activities and displays for this annual event will take place on the National Park Service site around the Hoover Presidential Library. Exhibits, concerts, graveside services, birthday cake and fireworks will be featured throughout the day and evening. A children's Safety Village will be set up on the Village Green during the day and the West Branch Firemen will serve dinner in the fire station from 5 to 7 pm. A complete schedule is on the back of this newsletter.

Saturday, October 16 - Scarecrow Festival

Children's activities will take place on the Village Green from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, with a Chili Cook-off and tasting in the Town Hall from 4 to 6 pm. Trophies will be awarded and samples will be available. There is a \$3 entry fee and tasting fee. Deserts, a raffle basket, and voting for best scarecrows will also be featured. Scarecrow contest displays will go up a October 9. The \$10 contest entry fee includes a free ticket to the Chili Cook-off as well as a photo of your scarecrow in the newspaper. More information and entry forms are available at the West Branch Times or the Main Street office at 109 Downey.

Briefly

Looking for ways to enhance our community? Volunteer jobs of all types and sizes, as well as ongoing committee positions are available. Please call the Main Street office at 643-7100 if you can share your time and talents to assist us in

community development.

Branching Out and Main Street event updates are available by e-mail. To sign up, contact us at mainstreetwb@Lcom.net. Paper copies will be available at participating businesses and at the Main Street Office at 109 N. Downey St.