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IMPORTANT DATES

May 3: Golf Course Volunteer Day

May 26: Memorial Day

June 3: Pool Opens!

June 4: Farmers Market Starts!

July 4 (rain date—July 5): Avoca's Fourth of July City Celebration!

July 16-21: E. Pott. County Fair

Groundbreaking of the Avoca Public Safety Station

The City of Avoca broke ground on the new public safety station on April 21.

The new facility will be located at 1313 N. Sawmill Dr., Avoca, Iowa 51521, next to Avoca Food Land. This project represents a long-term investment in the safety, service, and future of our community. **See more photos from the event on page 3.**



Card Shower for Avoca Volunteer EMS Personnel

Please send cards to celebrate, encourage, comfort, or thank our Avoca volunteers for their service during National EMS Week, May 18-24. Mail to Avoca Fire and Rescue Association, PO Box 301.

Avoca Volunteer Fire & Rescue—April Calls:

- Avoca EMS: 16
- Grass fire: 1
- Machinery fire: 1
- Avoca structure: 1
- Storm spotting: 1
- Good intent: 1
- Shelby fires: 2
- Walnut fire: 1
- Walnut EMS: 1
- Oakland EMS: 1
- Oakland structure fire: 1
- Hancock EMS: 2



American flag at
Edgington Park in
Avoca

Memorial Day, May 26

The City of Avoca will be closed on **Monday, May 26**, in observance of **Memorial Day**. Normal business hours will resume on **Tuesday, May 27**.

We honor and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Thank you for your understanding.

REMINDER: Cemetery Standards

Artificial flowers, decorations, and other ornaments are allowed on the cemetery grounds **only** during the day immediately before and after Memorial Day.

All decorations must be removed by **June 15**, this includes:

- **Artificial flowers** are allowed only in monument vases.
- **Ground decorations** (April–October) will be removed weekly.
- **Funeral flowers** will remain for 3 days. Potted plants will be discarded.
- **Fresh flowers, shepherd's hooks, and solar lights** must be placed in monument vases or on headstones to avoid interfering with maintenance.

Now Hiring Deputy Clerk

The City of Avoca is hiring a Deputy City Clerk to join our team! Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information visit CityofAvoca.com

Position Benefits:

- \$18–\$20 per hour
- Health Insurance
- IPERS
- Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Temporary Public Hours: 9-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m.

Due to limited staffing, Avoca City Hall has temporary public hours: Monday–Friday, 9–11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. These hours will remain in effect until further notice as we fill open positions. For assistance outside these hours, call 712-343-2424 or email cityclerk@cityofavoca.com. Many services, including utility payments and permit applications, are available online at cityofavoca.com.



Avoca Golf Course Volunteer Day—May 3

Calling all volunteers! Join us on May 3 at 8 a.m. for a morning of cleanup, landscaping, and community pride as we help beautify the golf course for the season. Bring gloves and a helping spirit!

Questions? Call Jim Ryan at (402) 314-4956.



URGENT: Please Conserve Water!

Our water towers are nearly empty. Despite frequent reminders, water usage continues to rise. We urgently ask all customers to refrain from watering grass or gardens, and from power washing vehicles or homes.

Cont'd Avoca Public Safety Station

This milestone represents a major step forward in supporting our emergency services—and our future firefighters! It's a long-term investment in the safety, service, and future of our community.



Exciting things are happening at Edgington City Park!

Trail improvements began on April 30, making it even better for walking, running, and enjoying the outdoors. Plus, all of the baseball fields have received (or will soon receive) new lighting — just in time for the summer season!

Pool preparations are also underway as we get ready for a fun and refreshing summer. And good news for zip line fans — the replacement part has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives!

We're proud to continue investing in our parks, recreation spaces, and community amenities for everyone to enjoy.





Mission of the Avoca Main Street is to sustain our downtown district as the economic cultural and social center of our community by utilizing the four point approach of Main Street America.

Main Street Update Newsletter

May 2025

Avoca Main Street Prepares for 11th Farmers Market Season

The Avoca Main Street Farmers Market will return to North Elm Street on June 4, 2025 and continue every Wednesday evening from 5-7 p.m. until September 24, 2025. The market will once again be featuring fresh local produce, baked goods, honey, fresh cut flowers, homemade soaps, crafts, and prepared food truck meals from farmers, food producers, and local artisans. The Avoca Public Library will offer bi-lingual family programming, and the market will feature weekly musical performances and other all-ages entertainment.

The farmers market brings residents and visitors out into the Main Street of town, keeping their dollars local. Amber Mohr, Avoca Main Street Director, says "as an economic device, farmers markets are an excellent way for farmers and food producers to test their products on the market and establish a customer base for a viable business."

Farmers Market Manager Linda Schumacher adds, "We're always striving to maintain a variety of vendors and to always to increase customer engagement experiences. Keep checking our social media and website, because there will be something for everyone!"

The Avoca Main Street Website and Facebook page will keep customers updated on special events happening at market. Check www.avocamainstreet.com or www.facebook.com/avocamainstreet/ for the newest information on the market, along with other Avoca Main Street happenings.

Funding for training, outreach, and market development is provided by the Center for Rural Affairs. Funding for entertainment is provided by the Community Foundation for Western Iowa.

If you are a musician who would like to perform at the market or a vendor who would like to sell at market, contact 712-307-0172, or email mainstreet@cityofavoca.com, or PO Box 357, Avoca, IA 51521.

Thank you, Downtown Spring Cleanup Volunteers!

Over 25 volunteers signed up to prune, rake, and otherwise clean up our downtown planting beds and bump outs in April. Our Design Committee would like to thank you all for another successful Downtown Spring Cleanup!

Avoca Legion Hall Oral History Video Available to View

Thank you to everyone who contributed memories at *From Bogart to Bingo: An Oral History of the Avoca Legion Hall*. Marne Elk Horn has graciously compiled and published the on their Vimeo site, or you may view it at www.avocamainstreet.com/news.

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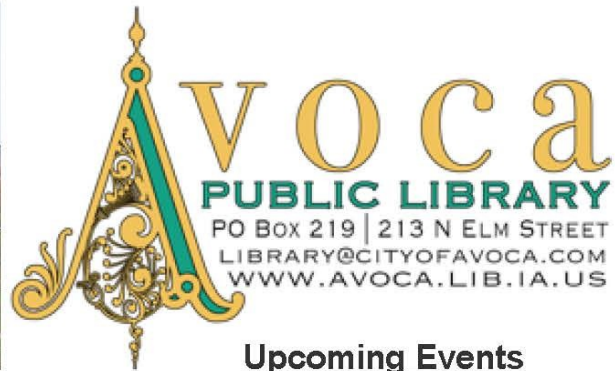
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Avoca Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors for 2024-25: President Chantelle Harre, Vice President Josie Pierce, Treasurer Yvonne Engesser, Secretary Sabrina Lewis, Laine Beach, and Chelsie Madden.



Upcoming Events

Trivia Night at the Avoca Public Library Iowa Edition

How well do you know your state? Test your knowledge through 5 rounds of Iowa-based trivia! Pull a team of 4 to 6 people together and sign up through the library today! No team? No problem! We can also pair you with another team.

5/2/25 @ 7:00 p.m.

5/2:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
	7:00 p.m.	Trivia Night
5/7:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
5/9:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
5/12:	1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.	League of Human Dignity Visitation
	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
5/14:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
5/16:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
5/19:	10:00 a.m.	Movie Monday
5/21:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
5/23:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
5/26:	LIBRARY CLOSED	
5/28:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
5/30:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club



Congratulations to the AHSTW graduating seniors! The library is so proud of you and excited to see you come in as adult patrons of the library!



Library Staff Pick

Check out the Avoca Public Library's website for Pam's May reading recommendation! As always, you can find all the previous picks you may have missed on the library website in the Reading Suggestions section under the Services tab (<https://www.avoca.lib.ia.us/services/reading-suggestions>).

Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed



Please note that the Avoca Public Library will be **closed** on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you, veterans, for your service!

March by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	768
Physical check-outs:	1,080
Digital items:	285
New items to the collection:	136
Number of programs:	16
Program attendees:	275



LIGHT THE NIGHT

for Fallen Firefighters

Landmarks



Fire Departments



Homes



April 27 - May 4, 2025

Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters: Let's Shine Red in All 50 States!

Join the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in honoring America's fallen fire heroes by lighting up red from **April 27 – May 4, 2025**. We invite landmarks, fire departments, community organizations, businesses, and families across the country to take part in this powerful tribute leading up to **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend**. Help us shine red in all 50 states to show we remember.

Sign up and find more ways to get involved in the 2025 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend at weekend.firehero.org.

Sign Up Now



firehero.org/light-the-night ★ [#nffflightthenight2025](https://twitter.com/nffflightthenight2025) ★ [#firehero2025](https://twitter.com/firehero2025)