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# Labor Day Block Parties promoted here

## Squirrels Just Wanna Have Fun to 'wig out' on Friday

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Labor Day Block Parties are happening from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 1.

OneMarysville executive director Wayne Kruse is heading a promotion to host Labor Day Block Parties in Marysville.

"These gatherings are meant to be small and local — your block, your neighbors, your front yard," Kruse said. "Hosts decide what the block party looks like. Pull out a few lawn chairs, set up yard games or fire up the grill. It doesn't have to be fancy, just a chance for people to connect."

He said OneMarysville would help spread the word and provide a yard sign so people know where to go, and will share a list of participating block parties so people can find one close to them.

"Picture it, block parties happening all over town," he said. "People stepping outside, saying hello and spending a little time together. That's the kind of community we're aiming for where neighbors aren't strangers."

"If you're up for hosting, let us know," he said. "We'll take care of the details. You just open the door."

People can contact Kruse for more information or to list a block party at 785-562-3101.



Carlee Erickson, baker and co-owner of Marysville Mercantile, cuts wedding cake at Friday's grand opening of the business in the former Koester House restaurant. One-Marysville held a public cake cutting on the front porch.

**Squirrels** Just Wanna Have Fun promotional event with shopping and store specials will be Friday in downtown Marysville with the theme "Wigging Out."

Participating businesses are Backroads Bicycle, Blue Valley Insurance, Farmer and Florist, James Fowler, Garden of Eden, HealthFirst Pharmacy, IdntiTeez, The Korner Bistro & Diner, Marysville Mercantile, MSC Boutique and Simple Pleasures & Treasures, Reflections Hallmark and South Hill Pottery.

Tickets are \$15. Check-in is from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Koester House Museum & Gardens. Activities

and shopping last until 8:30 p.m. Food trucks, beverages and seating will be in the area near Spellmeier Automotive. A DJ will provide music.

Guys Night Out will be at Sarge's Sports Bar featuring drink specials and music by Jake Kloefkorn.

**Transient** guest tax dollars were used to purchase outdoor furniture in Pony Park, Seventh and Broadway.

A few pieces were added to the park to encourage people to sit down, experience the beauty of downtown and enjoy the company of others, Kruse said.

He said the purpose



Marshall County Young Professionals had its first get-together last Thursday night at Sarge's Sports Bar in Marysville. The next event will be in Frankfort.

is to help people interact and get to know each other.

**Marshall** County Young Professionals had 22 people show up for their first social event last Thursday night at Sarge's Sports Bar in downtown Marysville.

"It was really great. We are planning on having the next social in Frankfort to continue to grow our group," said Liz Warren, one of the organizers.

At the event, she said, organizers asked everyone to fill out what they are most interested in doing with the group.

"We are hoping to do some countywide tours and continue to build relationships with other young professionals," Warren said.

For information, people can call OneMarysville, 785-562-3101.

OneMarysville's

Wake Up Wednesday will feature a Back-to-School Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Marysville Junior-Senior High School cafeteria.

"We're hosting our annual breakfast for educators and this year it's part of Wake Up Wednesday, so everyone is invited," Kruse said.

The public can help kick off the school year and connect with teachers and support staff, he said.

OneMarysville's

August mixer will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 13 at Landoll Lanes, with Marysville Community Foundation as host.

Everyone is invited. A short presentation will be at 5:30 p.m.

Officials from Kansas Main Street will be in Marysville Friday to present a ceremonial check for \$50,000 to OneMarysville and Frontier Development Group for the ROOMS grant supporting the apartment revitalization project in the 900 block of Broadway.

The presentation takes place at 10 a.m. in the 900 block.

Tyler Holloman, managing partner with Frontier Development Group, will be on hand to answer questions and talk more about the project.

Everyone is invited to come learn more about the revitalization effort and what's next for downtown housing.

The free Tuesday movie at 5 p.m. at the Astro 3 Theatre is "The Goonies," sponsored by the Marysville Masonic Lodge.

The movie is about young boys who find a treasure map and embark on a magical adventure.

Thursday night free movies in the Koester museum gardens will start at dusk Aug. 21 with "Crocodile Dundee." People should bring lawn chairs and a jacket and blanket for chilly evenings.

Water and popcorn will be provided.

## Extra Container Storage opens at U.S. 36 and K-99

A new name in storage and portable buildings has opened its doors in Marshall County.

Extra Container Storage LLC, 1209 Highway 99 in Beattie, is serving customers across northeast Kansas with products and services for both residential and commercial needs.

"We're excited to bring more choices to the people of northeast Kansas," said Jim Ladner, partner of Extra Container Storage. "Whether you are a homeowner needing extra storage, a business looking for job-site containers or someone dreaming of a custom cabin or garage, we're here to help."

The business is near the junction of U.S. Highway 36 and Kansas Highway 99, said Karen Ladner, partner of Extra Container Storage.

accessible to customers throughout the region, she said. "We focus on affordability, flexibility and reliable service. Extra Container Storage is quickly becoming a trusted partner for individuals and businesses in search of space solutions that work."

The company offers sales of new and used shipping containers, portable buildings,

"This makes it easily utility sheds, cabins, garages, carports and larger steel buildings.

> These products provide solutions for storage, workspace, farm use or weekend retreats.

In addition to sales, Extra Container Storage provides on-site shipping container rentals and secure self-storage units at its Beattie facility.

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team directly at 785-562-8614.



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#### Committed to Safety — On and Off the Job

During a recent retirement interview, Rod Rose was speaking to Paula Landoll-Smith about other things that were going on in the Frankfort area. Rose, a volunteer fire fighter, had been on a recent rescue call and the fire department had a need for some stabilizer plates, which at the time they did not have.

Paula contacted Russ Arntt who found a drawing in the system of a plate that is used for booms on our service trucks. Jonas Smith and Mike Easterburg got to work getting the plates made the same day. They were happy to be a part of something that would be beneficial in a safety situation.

From Left to Right: Jonas Smith, Rod Rose, Russ Arntt

"We were draining fluid out of a tank (in this emergency) making the ground muddy. The farm ground was already soft, and we really needed something to help keep the unit from sinking," said Rose. "These plates will be beneficial the next time we need cribbing, so we won't sink. Soon our fire department will be buying hydraulic jacks. These plates will help stabilize them." He paused a moment and thoughtfully said, "hopefully we'll never have to use them."

Landoll is thankful for our team members who are first responders and those who work to provide safety on and off company hours. Their commitment to the community plays a vital role.