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2024 St. Charles Old Settlers King and Queen GEORGE AND BRIDGET HUTTON



George Street Hutton was born Feb. 26, 1955, to Joe and Helen Hutton who moved their six sons and one daughter to St. Charles in February 1967 from Southside of Des Moines when George was in 6th grade.

Bridget Susan (Tigges) Hutton was born Sept. 25, 1955, to Hilarion and Lois Tigges and is the 3rd of 11 children and is the only one of her siblings still living in the St. Charles area.

George and Bridget attended I-35, and although they were classmates, they never dated until after high school. Actually, they never even talked to each other except the time their mutual friend (Carol Braddock) convinced George to ask Bridget to the senior prom. Bridget waited and waited on prom night, and George never showed up. So, imagine Bridget's surprise when she was set up by her sister Felicia on a blind date with George 2 years later! (She says when she saw it was him she'd get even for standing her up by making him spend his whole paycheck; it didn't take long). After that date, she could not get rid of him, no matter how hard she tried and boy did she try. However, she eventually fell for his charms, and they were united in marriage on Feb. 28, 1976, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys, IA.

George and Bridget have lived most of their 48-year marriage in the St. Charles area. They enjoy living here and try to stay involved. George has served as a councilman on the St. Charles City Council. He was a member on I-35 school board and for years coached little league and flag football. George is currently the building inspector for the City of St. Charles. Bridget previously volunteered at church teaching CCD and CYO classes; she also volunteered on the I-35 Booster Club.

Bridget finished her Nursing degree, then worked at Mercy Hospital for 24 years, followed by 20 years at Unity Point Hospitals until her retirement in Dec. 2023. George worked for various construction companies before starting his own company in 1996. He currently owns and operates Clanton Creek Spray Foam with their son, Levi.

George and Bridget's marriage was blessed with 4 children: George Jr, Levi, Pamela, and Jane. All four still live in the St. Charles area with their families. They have 16 grandchildren.

George and Bridget try to make memories every day! Sometimes that means Grandkids' events at school sports, swimming with Bridget's friends the "Pool Babes." Our greatest memories often involve our St. Charles life! The friends we have made are nothing more than amazing! George and Bridget are proud to call St. Charles home and feel blessed that they were able to raise their family here. They are humbled and honored to have been chosen as the 2024 St. Charles Old Settlers King and Queen.

St. Charles Old Settlers Button Honorees JACK AND JOYCE DANIELS

In 1937, Jack was born to Jack & Jesse Bernice Daniels, the oldest of eight children. Jack was followed by Larry, Claude, Julie, Joyce, Art, Bea and Ed. After many years of living in Des Moines on what was known as "Daniels Corner," the family moved north of St. Charles in 1953 where life stayed busy with all those kids growing up and large family gatherings.

In 1937, Joyce was born to Henry & Bina Tomes, the youngest of six children. Tressa, Henry Lee, Sadie, Anna and her twin sister Joan all came before her. Her family moved south of St. Charles in 1942, and to this day a treasure of hers still resides at that residence...her class ring, lost during a game of catch. The discovery of it someday would be very exciting.

Jack and Joyce both graduated high school in St. Charles, where they developed many friendships over the years. Did you know Joyce was a high school cheerleader? Dad said he always saw Mom as that cute cheerleader with a ponytail, but he couldn't remember the score of a single game.

They married in 1957, living in Des Moines, St. Charles and the St. Marys area, while starting their family and careers. Then in 1964 they bought their dream house on the west side of St. Charles which had been a "country school" before being moved into town. Living in that home, they spent the rest of their lives making so many memories with friends and family, including raising their five children: Cyndie, Sharon, Vicki, Jack and Melissa.

Over the years, Joyce worked at Bankers Life, Comito Orchard, Farm Bureau, Guaranteed Micrographics and in St. Charles at Gates Restaurant, Sanders Drug, childcare but the most important job of all was staying home to raise their children. Joyce was also a member of the St. Charles Women's Society. Jack worked at Coca Cola, Capital City Woolen Mill and LBS, and in 2000 retired from LBS after 43 years. He was a member of the St. Charles City Council, St. Charles Lions Club and served many years on the Variance Board. Both were members of and baptized at the St. Charles Parish. For over 20 years, during the Christmas holiday season, they were devoted to bringing joy to the children, and adults alike, of hundreds of families, friends and strangers by magically transforming into Santa and Mrs. Claus. Imagine getting a phone call during deer season from one of your young grandsons sobbing and saying, "Ohhhh Grandpa, Daddy killed Prancer!" Or being at an event and having one of your teen grandsons sit on your lap and with a chuckle say what they want for Christmas is "the phone number of that cute bank teller over there!" Days later at our family Christmas, he delivered the phone number with that twinkle in his eye saying, "Now don't you ever stop believing!" Or being anywhere, even at St. Charles Old Settlers, and having random children come to you and start telling you what they want for Christmas. Did you know Mrs. Claus counted the hundreds of candy canes she handed out, just so they knew how many children had come to see Santa? And no matter what time an event was to end, Santa wouldn't leave until the last child was done? All of you, and your children, were important to them. Told by Mrs. Claus, "If there's love in your heart, there is a Santa Claus."

After 59 years of marriage, so many great memories with friends and family and calling St. Charles "home," they have a large loving family that continues to grow. Jack and Joyce leave behind 93 descendants and we are still counting. Including spouses there are nine children, 29 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren (the newest born in June!) and 11 great-great grandchildren.

"When they want to know what love is, just look at us." Jack and Joyce Daniels



City Of New Virginia

Council Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2024

The Council met in regular session on Monday August 5th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the August council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey, Galivan, Taylor and Truman present. Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Old business discussed: Mayor Strange viewed an online presentation by ICAP, the City's insurance carrier, regarding sidewalk liability and who is responsible for repairing/replacing bad sections of sidewalks. The sidewalk ordinance needs to be updated and a sidewalk inspection program needs to be established.

Citizen Input: Scooter Hohneke was present to discuss the storm water drainage project that was done at his 300 Dunn Street property. He was under the impression the City was going to pay for the pipe for the project. Paperwork and other documentation will be gathered and given to the City for review. Hohneke also advised the Council he would like to have the alley to the west of his property closed.

Water Utilities discussed: No new updates and no items or issues to discuss.

Fire Department Business: The insurance company totaled the pump skid unit for grass truck 769. The 769 will be completed soon at Karl's Chevrolet and will be returned to the station to wait for the new pump skid unit to be manufactured.

Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the bid \$500.00 from Key Construction Services, LLC for material and labor for drywall patch and repair caused by water damage. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the bid of \$1521.50 for spray foam insulating the northeast room of the fire station. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chief Zuercher discussed the need to purchase new fire hose. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to purchase six sections of 1.75" diameter fire hose. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire works clean-up at the cemetery was discussed. The discussion was tabled until communicating with Ron Kirkpatrick.

Law Enforcement: The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of July was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 35 calls for service during the month of July. Officers spent in excess of 72 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 191 miles within the city limits for the month. Four citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

There has been some recent vandalism going on including a window in one of the entry doors to the library being shattered. The County has some remote cameras available for a limited amount of time that may be used. There will be some extra patrolling within the city limits as well.

Bids for various tree trimming and removal projects were reviewed. Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to approve Blakely Tree Service bids for trimming three elm trees along alley behind the fire station (\$2000.00) and remove three maple trees and grind stumps in the 1000 block of West Street (\$6400.00). A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

The GAMP Rental Contract is being reviewed for updating/re-doing. Data will be gathered to compare revenues and expenses of the GAMP Community Building.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

There are several events being planned for in 2024. September – End of Summer Social to include live music, ice cream truck and kid friendly activities - Date: September 29th. October – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6th from 4 to 7p.m and Saturday December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

Organizational structure of the Tri-Corner-Express was discussed. It was discussed that anything to do with the design of the Tri-Corner-Express does not need Council approval. It was discussed that anything to do with financials of the Tri-Corner-Express must be taken to the Council for approval.

City software was discussed. The current City software provider will be contacted to inquire if their system can be internet/cloud based to allow multiple users.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The September council meeting is scheduled for Monday September 9th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



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Sept 6
Sept 19

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2024 Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices

The Tri-Corner-Express ad prices are as follows. Please email us your ad at tricornern@newvirginia.com or drop off your ad in the Black Mailbox labeled Tri-Corner-Express on The Hen House - West Street, New Virginia, IA

Business Card (3.5 x 2)	\$30.00
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Full Page (10.5 x 9.5)	\$175.00

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0 - 50 words = \$5.00 51 - 100 words = \$10.00

\$0.10 per word over 100 words \$5.00 for each photo

Obituaries and Weddings (Including one photo): \$40.00

Additional photo(s) \$5.00 each

Public Notice

All City Water Payments need to be mailed or dropped off into the gray payment drop box located by the New Virginia Hen House and New Virginia Post Office.

Gerry Allen Memorial Park Community Building

809 West Street, New Virginia, IA

N.V. City Limits All Other Renters

Full Day Rental \$125.00 \$150.00

Half Day Rental \$ 75.00 \$100.00

Hourly Rental \$ 20.00 \$ 20.00

Deposit \$125.00 due at time of reservation, rental fee due prior to event.

All Non-Profits groups - there will be no rental fee.

Signed rental agreement required.

Certificate of liability insurance for rental over 50 people is required.

All renters must cleanup at the conclusion of their event.

Visit us at www.newvirginia.com or call:

Jennifer Baughman 641-449-3492 for more information

NEW VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

DES MOINES—The State Library of Iowa announced that the New Virginia Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in “In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition.”

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The New Virginia Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation status begins July 1, 2024 and is valid through June 30, 2027.

“We congratulate the director and board of trustees of the New Virginia Public Library. Your community is to be commended for this achievement and your commitment to excellence in public library services,” said State Librarian Michael Scott.

Of Iowa’s 544 public libraries, 419 – including the New Virginia Public Library – are accredited. Iowa’s accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Almost two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards.

Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research legal information, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library’s Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Director of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services Adam Steen.

For more information on the State Library’s accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards, go to State Library of Iowa Standards & Accreditation.

About the New Virginia Public Library

The New Virginia Public Library exists to provide the residents of New Virginia and the surrounding area with access to information, materials and services that: Promote lifelong learning, create young readers, help people connect to the online world, stimulate their imagination. www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us

About the State Library of Iowa

The State Library of Iowa improves library services in Iowa and delivers specialized information services to state government and Iowans. www.StateLibraryofIowa.gov



BOOK REVIEW



Patterns of Murder
By Monica Ferris

Reviewed by Sue Stills

This book interested me with three “Needlecraft Mysteries.” The first, “Crewel World,” introduced me to Margot Berglund, the owner of Crewel World, an extensive needlework shop in the small town of Excelsior, Minnesota. Margot was well-loved, and she and her employees were extremely knowledgeable about all types of needlework. Margot had many regular customers who were also her friends. Her sister, Betsy Devonshire, arrived at Margot’s shop from San Diego on page 14. Not intending to stay too long, her stay was extended when Margot was found murdered in her shop. Betsy inherited the shop and took on the role of amateur sleuth as she tried to solve the mystery of Margot’s murder.

The second mystery, “Framed in Lace,” involved a female skeleton found on a sunken ship that was brought to the surface. A scrap of a lace-edged handkerchief was found with the skeleton. After that, the ex-husband of one of the needleworkers came back to town and was found murdered. Betsy’s sleuthing abilities again came into play as she learned more about the needleworking ladies in the town and attempted to solve both mysteries.

The third mystery, “A Stitch in Time,” found Betsy’s life endangered three times. She was to oversee the restoration of an old church tapestry which held mysterious secrets that she sought to unravel before she herself was murdered.

In addition to the interesting mysteries, as a “needleworker” myself, I was fascinated to read about the wide range of supplies and the many facets of the needleworking arts.

Minding Our Own Business(es)

Contributed by Beth Voltmer



I’m going to digress from the business side of this column to let you know of the upcoming End of Summer Social, September 29th, 1:00-4:00, at Hickory Hills Park, 23752 Hwy. 69, New Virginia. Last year was our kick-off event and was held at Lions Park. We decided to utilize a county park in our area to continue the annual event. We think you’ll like it!

Many will remember the once popular Hickory Hills Hoedown. Well, we’re bringing our version back. When we reached out to Warren County Conservation for information on renting the facility, they eagerly wanted to partner with us. It seems they’ve been wanting to bring music to the county parks for some time, and this was the perfect opportunity for both of us.

Our local house band is the Briggs Family. Joining them is our own Brady Streeter bringing a younger, modern country vibe; Ron Burchett returns with his rock, rhythm and blues tunes. And, last, but not least, is Warren County favorite, Pat Meade, of Liberty Center. Feel free to bring an instrument of your choice for your own jam sessions. We ask that these take place away from the scheduled performers. The north side of the barn is a good place for this.

We’ve asked businesses in Warren County to join us by sponsoring the event, and we are pleased with the interest and donations we’ve received. However, paying bands, insurance, marketing and promotions add up to a lot, and this is where we’re asking for help from the community, too! The event is FREE to attend, and we hope to keep it that way so that everyone can participate and enjoy an afternoon of music, activities, ice cream from The Farm Creamery (John and Lori Lawyer) and other vendors (to purchase) all adding to a fun and festive atmosphere amongst the lovely shade trees, vintage barn and great bandstand and DANCE floor. Yep, we hear there are line dancers coming, too!

Donations can be mailed to: NVHP, c/o Beth Voltmer, 4500 G76 Hwy., New Virginia, 50210. If you’re a business or would like to have a letter sent to you outlining Level Sponsorship and benefits, please reach out to Beth for that via email: vintagegalbeth@gmail.com. All donors will be recognized in some way: social media for sure and print should monies raised allow for this.

Our pillows and inserts are on sale on our website. Tickets for Country Christmas, a Holiday Home Tour and our Christmas ornaments are available on the site, too. <https://nvhometownpride.square.site>

On behalf of the New Virginia Hometown Pride group, we thank you for your consideration. Now, please mark your calendars for our 1st annual End of Summer Social, Sunday, September 29th.

PHOTOS WANTED:

Do you remember attending the Hickory Hills Hoedown? Well, you're in luck! New Virginia Hometown Pride is planning a similar event, the End of Summer Social Sept. 29, 2024 from 1 - 4pm

They are in search of old photos from past Hickory Hills Hoedown events to share on Facebook leading up to the event.

If you or anyone you know has any of these photos, please email them to Kaitlyn Briggs at kaitlynbriggs99@gmail.com or drop them off at the New Virginia Public Library.



What's Happening this month at the New Virginia Public Library?

Movie Day September 4th at 9am!
Book Club September 18th at 4pm!
Creative Arts Tour at the Library 9/18-9/25
www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us


New Books:
Calder Country by Janet Dailey
Maria by Michelle Moran
Such Charming Liars by Karen McManus
By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult

Library Hours:
Tuesday: 4pm-8pm
Wednesday: 9am-11am/1pm-8pm
Thursday: 4pm-8pm
Friday: closed
Saturday: 9am-noon



NEW VIRGINIA HOMETOWN PRIDE AND WARREN COUNTY CONSERVATION PRESENT

SEPT 29, 2024 1-4PM



END OF SUMMER SOCIAL

FEATURING


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BRIGGS FAMILY**

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New Virginia City Wide GARAGE SALE & CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, 2024
8 am – 2 pm

THE NEW VIRGINIA LIONS WILL BE SERVING BREAKFAST BURRITOS & NEW VIRGINIA OLD SETTLERS WILL SERVE A LUNCH OF A BEEFBURGER OR HOT DOG, BAKED BEANS, CHIPS, DESSERT AND A DRINK IN OLD SETTLERS PARK (LUNCH 11AM TO 2PM)

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GARAGE SALES & CRAFTERS MAY SET UP IN OLD SETTLERS PARK FOR A \$5.00 FEE
CRAFT & GARAGE SALES MAY BE POSTED FOR FREE. EMAIL YOUR INFORMATION
nvlowagaragesale@gmail.com

City of St. Charles

5 August 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 8/5/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Council members Tom Blomme, Whitney Hutton, Travis Brockett, and Dan Kozak were present along with 12 guests. Mayor Dennis Smith was absent.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to approve the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 7/8/2024: Motion made by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of July Treasurer and Budget Reports: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Whitney Hutton to approve the treasurer and budget reports for July. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of August Bills: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Tom Blomme to approve the August bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

-Sheriff's Report: During July there were 57.12 patrol hours, 7 calls, and 12 traffic stops in St. Charles.

-Tiny Home 109 W Market Street: Lee Kearney was present to discuss his property and future use. The Council would like to see more information and a proposed site plan.

-Tree Removal Cherry Street: A Certified Arborist from Wright Tree Service inspected the tree and determined the tree is healthy. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to not remove the tree in the right of way. Voice vote was unanimous.

City Boards/Committees:

---**Sewer Report:** The July sewer report was submitted to the City. After comparing bids to fix the old pump or purchase a new pump, a motion was made by Travis Brockett/Whitney Hutton to repair the old pump for \$12,949.00. ---**Maintenance Report:** The City will plan to reseed this fall where an error was made in spraying for weeds. ---**Fire/Rescue Department:** July meeting minutes were submitted. --- **Library Board:** Margaret Blair presented the July minutes. ---**Mayor's Report:** A school bus will be making a stop on W. Vine Street this school year. --- **Clerk's Report:** The Outstanding Debt report was submitted to the State and a copy was given to the City Council. City Hall will be open for limited hours during the week of September 2nd -6th.

--217 W Main Street: The Council has agreed to suspend court proceedings as long as a timeline of work is submitted to the City and the house is weather tight by a date deemed reasonable by the Council.

-Resolution 8A-2024 A Resolution approving the purchase of a Rescue /Fire Truck. Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to approve Resolution 8A-2024 the purchase of a 2017 truck paid for by the City of St. Charles using earned funds from the St. Charles Fire/Rescue Department. R/C Vote was unanimous.

-Kiosk for Imes Bridge: Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the kiosk at Imes Bridge. The kiosk will be funded by a grant from the Iowa DOT.

-Dead Tree Walnut Trail: The City will get an estimate from Precision Tree Care.

-Liquor License Welcome Center: A motion was made by Megan Allison/Dan Kozak to approve the Liquor License for the Madison County Chamber of Commerce concerning the Welcome Center. Voice vote was unanimous.

-Public Forum: Randall Lane asked for speed limit signs to be erected on North Cross Street.

-Sam Summer and Jason and Renatta Bolen discussed Hinterland 2024. All 50 states were represented. Erik Rokitnicki asked about a sidewalk going from the City to the Event Center east of St. Charles.

Old Business: No old business
New Business: No new business
Motion made by Megan Allison to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm.
The next City Council meeting will be on September 9, 2024, at City Hall.

MEET YOUR NEW I-35 SUPERINTENDENT

Submitted by Linda Daniels

We would like to welcome Chad Grandon to the Interstate 35 Community School District as Superintendent. His official start date was July 1, 2024.



Chad has always wanted to be a teacher and started his career after he graduated high school from Aplington-Parkersburg. He attended the University of Dubuque receiving his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. He taught for five years, 2nd and 4th grades. While teaching, he also attended Drake University and received his Masters in Education Leadership. He was provided the opportunity to join Collins-Maxwell Elementary as their principal and eventually took over the role as their Superintendent and Elementary Principal.

Chad has two daughters, Mia and Ellie. Mia is active in sports, especially softball. Ellie has a passion for dance and dedicates much of her time to her craft and performing.

Chad enjoys working out, reading and running. He has participated in several marathons and one ultra marathon (31 miles) on a rock road near Booneville. He is getting ready for another ultra marathon this fall.

Chad's education philosophy is "I believe that all kids deserve to feel loved, feel safe, and deserve to learn. It's our job as educators, parents and community members to ensure the future of our communities are well-rounded individuals that can make a positive impact for those around them."

One of his favorite things - Baseball Team: Chicago Cubs!!

**The community is excited to welcome
Chad and his family to I-35.**

SISTER FAIR QUEENS

Haley and Maryann are the first sisters to be fair queens in Warren County.

2017

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Haley Hart



Maryann Hart

GROWING UP ON THE FARM IN THE 40's-50's GETTING THE CROPS OUT



Contributed by Mel Stills

A lot of farmers had lots of kids. I don't know if anyone knows for sure why his happened; some speculated that it was the need to have help getting all the work done that came with farming.

I was the fourth of Dad and Mom's kids. A sister was the oldest, then two boys, then me in 1940. Twin sisters came along in 1943. The three older ones had the experience of working with horses, two rows at a time, no running water, no indoor plumbing, no electricity and lots of very physical labor. I got in on the no running water, no indoor plumbing, no electricity and a bit of the hard labor. I don't remember doing farm work with my brothers. They were a lot older and were gone when I picked up the shovel, but I remember doing work around the house with my younger sisters. I was so glad when I got old enough to drive the tractor and didn't have to spend every day pulling weeds from Mom's garden. It was her garden, and she wanted it clean in order to squeeze every last vegetable from the dirt. Driving the tractor came early in my childhood. I don't remember how old I was but probably around 10. I didn't simply jump on the tractor and start cultivating, but I did simple stuff at first.

We got the oats out in the summer. I've already written about threshing oats, but most of my experience was with combining oats. Dad always drove the tractor pulling the combine. My job was to get the tractor and wagon to the barn and empty the wagon. Emptying the wagon was a labor of love. Some farmers had an aluminum shovel, but Dad had a perfectly good steel shovel. I had to pull the wagon as close to the door the oats needed go through and shovel it through a two-foot square hole in the barn. I don't know how many bushels of oats were in the wagon, but you just got on top and started shoveling. The fun started when you got close to the bottom. Our wagon was old, and the floor was wood and always there was a nail that stuck up about a quarter of an inch and that stopped the shovel immediately, sometimes causing injury to a young boy's well-being. We later got an auger and a jack to lift the front of the wagon, making it easier to unload.

Corn was a fall and winter project. I had an Uncle who drove a team of horses back to Iowa one fall in the 1930's from Wyoming just to hand pick corn. He did it to make some money, working for local farmers. I guess when he was done, he drove the team back to Wyoming.

Dad and his brother co-owned both the combine and the corn picker. It was a two-row picker mounted on Dad's tractor. Only Dad operated the corn picker. Mounting the picker to the tractor was an all-day job, and un-mounting it was as knuckle busting. Sitting on the tractor seat, you were shrouded by the picker. There were no moving parts next to you if you sat in the seat, looking straight ahead, but reaching out to grab a shock of corn or getting off the tractor with the motor running were very dangerous. Corn pickers claimed many farmers' lives, and hundreds lost their arms, hands or fingers from the turning augers and gears driving the picker.

They picked whoever's corn was ready first. Weather played a big role in getting the corn out. Picking 200-300 acres of corn, two rows at a time, takes a long time. Wet weather and muddy fields kept you out of the field. Sometimes you could only pick when the ground was frozen; warm up and you're done.

The mounted two-row picker knocked a lot of ears of corn off. The solution was the kids could go out and pick up the ears off the ground and throw them in a wagon. You threw from one side. The wagon had a tall board attached to one side, and you threw the ear of corn towards that board. It was called a bang board for a reason; every ear that hit that board made a bang. There was a glove type thing you could wear on one hand that had a hook mounted in the palm of the hand. That helped strip the husk off the ear. I assume my Uncle who worked all fall picking corn must have worn such a glove. We only had one glove, so if there were a bunch of us picking up corn, and you didn't have the glove, you stripped the husk off the best you could.

We had a small patch of corn just south of the house that for whatever reason, we picked that patch by hand. I guess a good picker could pick two rows at a time, but it was back breaking work. Patrick Lawler, a farm boy from Wall Lake, didn't care for this hard work and developed a mechanical picker in 1885. It was fraught with problems and was sold as scrap in 1932.

We handled only ear corn while I was growing up. It was loaded via an elevator into a corn crib, so not much shoveling was involved this time. We fed cows and hogs corn on the cob, but chickens and small animals needed it shelled. Early on that was done with a simple corn sheller. You turned a crank, making a wheel turn, and fed one ear at a time into the machine. Augers knocked the corn off the cob, shelled corn fell into a bucket and the cob shot out the back. Clean dry cobs had several uses, most importantly they helped Mom get a fire going in the cook stove.

Finally we got someone to come to the farm to shell corn and crack corn, making farming easier. It got even easier when Dad hired someone to combine the corn, resulting in shelled corn coming to the house or direct to market.

Farmers are concerned about how others are doing, and crop condition and yields are topics of conversation. I had a date with a local girl one night. I hadn't told the folks or my sisters who I had a date with, but when I got home, Dad was in his chair and asked if my date's dad had his corn out. We didn't need Facebook to know what others were doing.

ROAD TRIPPING

Contributed by Terry Garner

Friends from Texas came up to see us this last week and take in the Iowa State Fair. We did one day at the fair and two days running around to the Amish stores down by Bloomfield and Chariton. We had a great time, but the thing that struck me the most was the fact that Connie kept saying how beautiful Iowa is. She just absolutely loved it, and it helped me to see it with new eyes! We go through life seeing the same thing everyday, and we lose the ability to see the beauty in our own surroundings. Believe me, I am looking at things with a new insight.

If you've never been to Cantril, Iowa to the Dutchman's Store, you should definitely plan a trip. It's half an hour east of Bloomfield and they have a little bit of everything. It's owned by a Mennonite family so there's maybe more there than in the stores run by Amish folks. They have fabric, dry goods, clothes, shoes, groceries, meats. You name it, they have it. They also have a lumber yard there and hardware. In the spring, they have lots of flowers and hanging baskets, plants and gardening stuff. Cantril is a quaint little town, but Main Street is always packed with cars. There are people that come from miles around just to shop there. Late this month or in September, they are expanding and moving up to a HUGE building on the north side of the highway. You can't believe how big that thing is! They've been working on it for a couple years now, it's that big! By the next time we go down there, they should be in it, and we can't wait!

Highway 2 Discount is another Amish grocery store just west of Bloomfield on Highway 2. Rollie and I think they usually have better bargains on meat and cheese than the Dutchman's, but that can vary. I try to check out their sales before we go. We stick a cooler in the car to put all our cold purchases in, since it's such a long drive home. The kids love it when we go because we share it with them when we get home. Ask Levi where he got all his butter!

We also stopped at Farmer's Harness west of Bloomfield. Archie and Floyd needed shoes with Drill-tec on them for their mules and got them for half price compared to what they pay at home. Archie took a catalog; they do a mail-order business too. Of course, I started drooling over all the saddles, but the one I have fits my fanny so I'm sticking with it! I just love the smell of a saddle shop, all that leather when you walk in the door. It's better than perfume in my opinion!

Take a day and head southeast to catch some of the Amish stores down there in southeastern Iowa. There's fabric shops, grocery stores, harness shops, lumberyards, variety stores, and furniture stores. And you can take in some pretty scenery along the way.



**Honey, are we lost?
No dear, we're just exploring.**

August 23rd
Buttered Corn Day



Truro City Council Minutes AND Public Hearing August 5, 2025 Community Center

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Ancel Kennedy, Matt Masters, Julie McMichael were present. Jason Phillips and Lyndsay Cannoy were absent. Fire Chief Terry Stills, Sheriff Jason Barnes, Public Works Director Ronnie Hults, were present. From the public: Shelby Goad, Ashley Reineman, and Ashley Jacobs.

-Arzani asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Kennedy/McMichael to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

-Ashley Jacobs expressed concern about the condition of First and Second Streets. Concerns were also raised regarding lack of street lighting in the First and Second Street area of the City of Truro. City Clerk will contact Alliant Energy to check about getting lighting in that area.

-Sheriff Barnes gave the Sherriff's Report. Very busy in Truro in the month of July.

-Stills gave the Fire and Rescue Report: 5 fire calls and 15 EMS calls. Stills explained the Department recently had a presentation from a Fire Hose Company and learned the fire hoses being used by the Department were not working to capacity. The Department purchased new hoses for the main Fire Truck.

-No report from Emergency Management and Professional Operations Management.

-Arzani asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Motion by Masters/McMichael to open Public Hearing. All Ayes motion passed. Public did not wish to speak. Motion by McMichael/Kennedy to close the Public Hearing. All Ayes motion carried.

-Arzani asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-1 Amending the FY July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, Annual Budget by adopting budget amendment #1 for the purchase of water meters with new technology and the repair of Turner Street. Motion by Kennedy/Masters Roll call vote: McMichael Yes, Masters Yes, Kennedy Yes. Resolution adopted.

-The Council discussed hiring a plumbing company to install the new meters. Hults mentioned he recently had a conversation with Mark Mease and that Mease was very familiar with the City and water system. After discussion McMichael motioned to have Mark Mease and crew along with Hults install the meters using residual funds not to exceed the funds budgeted for the purchase of the water meters. Kennedy seconded the motion. All Ayes motion carried.

-Motion by Master/McMichael to approve the liquor license for Ego Dive pending the approval by the State Licensing Board. All Ayes motion passed.

-The Council discussed the sale of the two City Trucks and the purchase of a larger truck. Hults presented quotes for the sale. Dump Truck \$3,000 and Pickup Truck \$22,000. The purchase of a new F550 would be approximately \$62,000. After discussion the Council instructed Hults to get a quote for a used pickup to discuss at the next meeting.

-The City Clerk will be retiring but will stay on to train a new City Clerk. The position has been advertised in the Madisonian, Osceola Sentinel and posted around town.

-Arzani acknowledged the work of Hults in regard to his afterhours work done due to recent storms.

-Arzani also acknowledged the work of the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Hults told the Council that Prep work on Turner Street will start Tuesday, August 6, 2024. After the prep work, Grimes Asphalt will start their work Thursday, August 15, 2024. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the consent items. Motion by Masters/McMichael to approve the consent items. All Ayes motion carried.

-Because of the Labor Day holiday, the next Council meeting will be September 9.

-Arzani asked for a motion to close the regular Council session and go into closed session as provided by Iowa Code Section 21.5. Motion by Kennedy/McMichael to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Kennedy Aye, Masters Aye, McMichael Aye. Closed session opened at 7:06. Those present were Kennedy, Masters, McMichael, Arzani, Morris, and Hults. Motion by Masters/Kennedy to close the closed session and open the regular Council session. Rollcall vote: Kennedy Aye, McMichael Aye, Masters Aye. Motion passed Regular Council session started at 7:54.

-Arzani asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by McMichael/Kennedy to adjourn. All Ayes motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Bryan Arzani, Mayor

Attested: Rebecca Morris, City Clerk

CONGRATULATIONS

OmniTel Communication Grants for the 2nd Quarter of 2024

The Board of Directors of OmniTel Communications has awarded grants to the following organizations: St. Ansgar Community Chamber/Friends of the St. Ansgar Community Chamber, Rock Falls Area Betterment Inc., Floyd County Fair, Rudd Public Library, Eckles Memorial Library, St. Ansgar Booster Club, Mitchell County Pheasants Forever, United Way of North Central Iowa, Nora Springs Farm and Fire, Rudd Commercial Club, **Truro Fire and Rescue**, Eagle Scout Project Greene IA, and Riceville Community Club.

The next grants will be awarded in October. Grant applications can be found at www.omnitel.biz/charities

OmniTel Communications invites public and private non-profit organizations to submit applications for funding to help with specific projects and events in your community. The purpose of OmniTel's Charity Grant Program is to positively impact the quality of life in the communities which we serve. Greatest consideration is given to the projects and events that benefit the most people. No Charity Grant will be awarded to individuals for personal gain (i.e. pageants, school trips, etc.). All applications are reviewed at the first board meeting of each quarter. Completed applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Civic organizations may request up to \$1,000, non-civic related organizations may request up to \$500, school activities and summer youth programs may request up to \$250

Truro Public Library

New Books

The Blackbird Oracle by Deborah Harkness
 Breaking the Dark by Lisa Jewell
 A Choice Considered by Tracie Peterson
www.truro.lib.ia.us

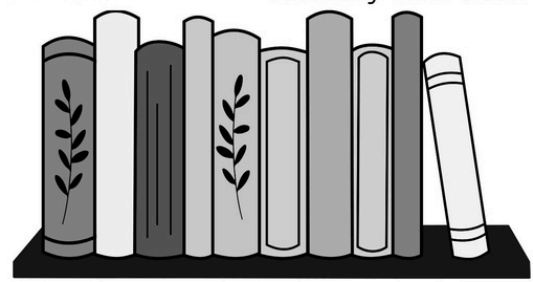
Library Hours:

Sunday Closed
 Monday Closed
 Tuesday 9:30-3:30
 Wednesday 3:30-6:30
 Thursday 10:00-6:00
 Friday Closed
 Saturday 9:00-noon

Borrow ebooks & audiobooks



Libby.
The library reading app



TRURO AREA BOOSTERS PRESENT

2024 TRURO FEEDING FRENZY

SEPT. 7TH 10:00AM - 11:00PM

Hull Park

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW	Looking For Crafters and Vendors! Contact Information on the Truro Area Boosters Facebook Page
KIDS GAMES	
CAR SHOW	
LUNCH	
MUSIC	
SO-CO BAGS	
CY/HAWK GAME	
BBQ	
KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL	
MUSIC	
FIREWORKS	

Truro Library Monthly Book Club!

Every Third Thursday @ 5pm

September's book club selection will be *A Place to Land* by Lauren Denton



Join Us For The Pokemon Club

POKEMON

Truro Library

Every 4th Thursday of the Month AT 4PM

114 E Center Truro, IA

www.truro.lib.ia.us

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



A MESSAGE FROM MR. GRANDON

I-35 CSD SUPERINTENDENT

The start of a new school year is upon us and students, teachers, and families are eager to engage in the learning that will take place over the 2024-2025 school year. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

During the break, our dedicated teachers and staff not only enjoyed some well-deserved rest but also took part in professional learning opportunities. They engaged in workshops, conferences, and training sessions all aimed at enhancing their teaching skills and bringing new ideas into the classroom. We're excited to see how these experiences will benefit our students and enrich their educational journey. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this a great one for our students, staff, and community!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 23, 2024
EARLY DISMISSAL OF 1:20 PM

VIEW THE 2024-25
CALENDAR BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE. IT'S ALSO ON
THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.



CONNECT WITH US!

Stay up-to-date on I-35 CSD news and info. Check out the news section of the website or follow us on social media.



FALL SCHEDULES

CROSS COUNTRY

- 9/5 @ West Central Valley
- 9/10 @ Winterset
- 9/16 @ Pleasantville
- **9/19 vs Home Invite**
@ East Lake Park, Osceola
- 10/1 @ Clarke
- 10/7 @ WCV
- 10/10 @ Saydel

FOOTBALL

- 8/30 @ Pleasantville
- **9/6 vs Albia**
- 9/13 @ Woodward-Granger
- **9/20 vs. Chariton**
(Military & First Responders Night)
- 9/27 @ Clarinda
- 10/4 @ Centerville
- **10/11 vs Clarke (Homecoming)**
- **10/18 vs Van Meter (Senior Night)**

VOLLEYBALL

- **8/29 vs Chariton & Pleasantville**
- **9/3 vs Earlham**
- 9/7 @ Lenox
- 9/14 @ Chariton
- 9/16 @ SE Warren
- **9/17 vs Madrid**
- 9/21 @ Mount Ayr
- 9/24 @ Woodward-Granger

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS LEARN AT UNI'S LITERACY RETREAT!

Dr. Woods and a team of elementary teachers traveled to the University of Northern Iowa this summer. There they participated in UNI's Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy (ULI) program to learn more about literacy and student learning.

One part of the ULI experience is asking participating teachers to develop a research question focused on a classroom change they'd like to see in their classroom. Mrs. Truman and Mrs. Lyons chose to address adding diverse literature to their first grade classrooms. Because our rural district doesn't often see diversity within the community itself, they brainstormed that using picture books featuring a diverse cast of characters could give Roadrunner students windows into the lives of others.

The biggest take-a-ways for the staff were breaking down literacy goals and how to help students move forward with literacy progress. By learning additional techniques for teaching literacy, it allows staff to assist students who learn in a variety of ways feel supported and successful as they learn.

CHECK OUT THE SUMMER 2024 ROADRUNNER REPORT!

The summer 2024 *Roadrunner Report* was recently mailed to all households in the I-35 school district. You can also view the full-color digital version on the school's website or by scanning the QR code.



SECONDARY TEACHERS ATTEND STANDARDS INSTITUTE IN D.C.

Mr. Beckel and team of secondary educators recently attended the Standards Institute in Washington D.C. for a four-day training. At the Institute, they worked to learn additional techniques for ensuring academic rigor in the classroom, how to effectively teach state standards and how to maintain expectations of students.

The Standards Institute has two tracks (known as "strands") for teachers, one in English Language Arts and one in Math. They also offer a leadership strand for administrators to learn techniques to help them evaluate the classroom activities effectively and efficiently to assess for academic rigor and the expectations in regards to learning the standards.

The training stressed the importance of having classroom activities that are closely aligned to the standards. This is critical because it helps strengthen academic rigor in the classroom. The Institute also explained it was key for student success that the expectations of students stayed aligned to the standards as well. For example: if support or adjustments are needed initially, that these expectations don't remain lower. Instead, they return back to the level of the state standard.

NOW HIRING!

We have several positions open for the 2024-25 school year, including coaches or sponsors, custodian, cook, substitutes and more! To see all of the available positions, scan the QR code to the right or visit www.iowaworks.gov.



ST. CHARLES OLD SETTLERS

“Welcome to the Neighborhood”

SCOS 2024- Welcome to the Neighborhood was a success!

The weather was perfect except for a few drizzles on Saturday morning, but overall comfortable and accommodating for all the activities. The Luv the Locals - Back to the Future trivia event started off the weekend on Friday with local businesses being available to visit and help answer the trivia contest questions. After opening ceremonies, the King & Queen, George and Bridget Hutton, were crowned with their neighborhood family surrounding them on stage. Quilts of Valor were awarded to eight local veterans acknowledging and thanking them for their service. The evening was topped off with a concert by a singer/songwriter Neva Alden who has connections to the neighborhood. Her mom, Amy Putney Alden had grown up and graduated from Interstate 35. Neva had also been a member of the Energizers tumbling team. It was a great show.

Saturday was filled with activities and games from early morning yoga, Gateway 5K, disc golf, pickleball, 3 on 3 basketball, pedal tractor pull and the cribbage tournament. Afternoon brought games and rides, bags tournament, car show, baking for backpacks, planting of roots, train rides and music on the stage by Lindgren & Griffiths and Drew Fry. The parade traveled down Main Street right on time with many entries- past favorites and new additions. Casey's Cow Pie Bingo was once again a sellout. The culinary winners' items were auctioned off as we awaited the "plop." All proceeds went to the I-35 Backpack food program. This year's Button Honorees, Joyce and Jack Daniels, were honored on stage and their family introduced. What a wonderful display of love and family for a second night in a row. The evening followed with a friendly game of Neighborhood Feud. Two teams competed for prizes and the title. The weekend was topped off with a street dance on Main Street. great weather, music, and participation.



Thanks to our partners, sponsors, vendors, and participants. We cannot do this without you!!



2024 Quilt of Valor Honorees

Left to right: Barb Huston- Coordinator, Josef Schwery (Navy), Lyle Schwery (Navy), Nick Walsh (Navy), Anthony Nell (Air Force), Jerry M. McDonald (Army), Frank Hulbert (Army Reserves), Brock Boston (Air Force), and Wayne Bedford (Army)



2024 SCOS Contest Results



3 on 3 Basketball

1st: Nick Schaffer, Mick Schaffer,
Ben Fink
2nd: Lucas Baudler, Taite Fitch,
Keegan Strange, Jaden Smith
3rd: Matt Gibbons, William Kurban,
Trenton Winkelmann

Soaring Eagle Disc Golf

Tie: Jacob Hiemstra & Trevor Morgan



Gateway 5K

Overall: Male- Mason Back 16.47; Female- Mallory Back 22.35
13 & Under: Male- William Kurban 26.44; Female- Brylynn Kaster 22.35
14-19: Male- Mason Back 16.47; Female- Mallory Back 22.35
20-35: Male- Dillon Lopez 20.04; Female- Maddie Williamson 26.20
36-50: Male- Michael Back 19.13; Female- Missy Jorgenson 25.08
50+: Male- Brent Gavin 28.18; Female- Karen Winkelmann 43.00

Parade Winners

Large Float: 1st- Roadrunner Robotics & Lego League; 2nd- Pink Tractor Foundation

Small Float: 1st- Llewellyn Family "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood"; 2nd- Yoga "Bit of a Stretch"

Walking-Animal-Bike: 1st- Winklemann Kids with Donkeys; 2nd- Tiger Lily Cafe

Car-Truck-Tractor: 1st- Omnitel - Delorian; 2nd- Payton Delker - 1958 Cadillac

Spelling Bee

Ages 12 - 14

1st: Lilly Maxwell
2nd: Addison Scrivner
3rd: Morgan Downs
4th Blake Scrivner



Cribbage:

1st- Dennis Modde Perfect Score
2nd- Travis Schultz 589
3rd- Brooke Matlage 588



Pedal Tractor Pull

3 year old: Leo Halbur

4 year old: 1st- Emma Tiernan, 2nd- Anna Mott, 3rd- Zeke Button

5 year old: Weston Richards

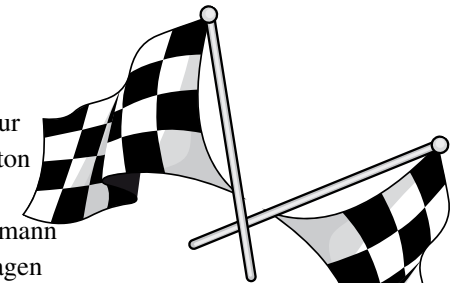
6 year old: 1st- Noah Tiernan, 2nd- John Llewellyn, 3rd- Noah Halbur

7 year old: 1st- Lowen Joekel, 2nd- Mabel Lathrum, 3rd- Revere Hutton

8 year old: Thomas Hutton

9 year old: 1st- Katelyn Kurban, 2nd- Luke Truex, 3rd- Trenton Winklemann

11 year old: 1st- Landon Young, 2nd- Alivia Mott, 3rd- Emery Nordhagen



Coloring Contest:

Age 5 & Under: 1st- Gentry Knoll; 2nd- Daisy Mae Kimmel

Age 7: Tie for 1st- Lowen Joekel & Waverly Ward;
2nd- Harlow Huffer

Age 10: Addison Hansen

Age 11 - 12: Tie for 1st: Josie Kimmel & Blake Scrivner

Age Teen: Tie for 1st- Addison Scrivner & Jaysee Ameigh

Adult: 1st- Desirae Kimmel; 2nd- Weil/Fast Farm

Senior: Lisa Ramsey Bass

Pickleball

Singles: Tucker Young

Team: Just Above Average



Bags Tournament

1st: Lowen Reams & Chase Ripperger

2nd: Mike Gillespie & Trevor Morgan

3rd: Drew Heaberlin



Baking for Backpacks- Culinary Winners

Cookies: Newbies- Blake Downs- Sugar Cookies

Apprentice- Addison Scrivner- Snickerdoodles

Master- Diana Jackson- Peach Drop Cookies

Decorated Cake: Apprentice: Addison Scrivner

Yeast Bread: Apprentice: Addison Scrivner

Show & Shine Car Show

Best in Show: Gary Toney- Chevrolet Pickup

1st Open Class: Sean Allison- 2023 Harley Road Glide

1st 1990 & Newer: Kelly Adair- 2023 Ram TRX

1st 1989 & Older: Bill Reives- 1968 Chevrolet C-10

Cow Pie Bingo

#59 Caitlyn Thomas

Luv the Locals Back to the Future Trivia Baskets

Basket 1: Doris Downs Basket 2: Peggy Downs 11

John Brown in 1850's

Iowa and Area

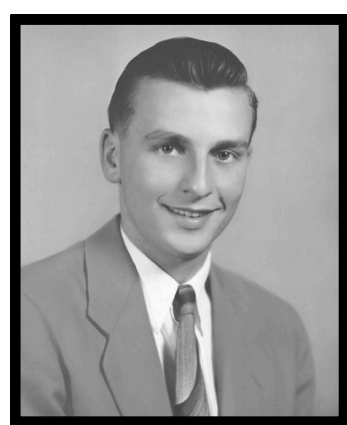
By Kirk Freeman (St.

Charles Library Director)

Will be back in September

Aug 22
Sept 6
Sept 19

\$290 raised for Beautification of St. Charles



Jerry J. Stansell

Jerry J. Stansell, born April 18, 1936, at the family home in New Virginia, Iowa, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2024, at the Veterans Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. He was 88 years old.

Jerry dedicated over forty years of his professional life as a Safety Director, and also ventured into real estate and bail bonding. Later in life, he found fulfillment working as a phlebotomist in Idaho. However, his favorite labor of love was tending to his ten-acre hobby farm near Lamar MO, where he cherished the country life and the company of many animals.

A talented basketball player in high school, Jerry was an avid Dodger fan and enjoyed baseball throughout his life. He was deeply involved in his community, contributing to local history by writing for the Tri-Corner-Express and reuniting with the New Virginia United Methodist Church. While living in Missouri, he attended and was a member of the Metro Club. His commitment to public service was evident through his volunteer work as a fireman in the various towns he lived, and his involvement in booster clubs.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Ruby Frances Stansell; father, John Orville Stansell; brother, Robert Dell Stansell; first wife, Coella Lee Burr Stansell; second wife, Emily McCoy Stansell; grandparents, Guernsey O. Stansell, Laura Belle Stansell, Maude G. Reed, and Dell Reed; and brother-in-law, Vernon Birchfield.

He leaves behind a loving family: his son, Brad Stansell of New Virginia, IA; daughter, Erin Renee (Steve) Ness of Sheldon, MO; son, Marshall Lough of SD; granddaughter, Maria Borkowski, sister IA; Carol Lea, nephew Matthew Birchfield of New Virginia, IA; brother, John Stansell (Jerry Young) of New Virginia, IA; sister, Dawn Elaine (Jack) Harrold of Caldwell, ID; sister-in-law, Cecee Stansell of Jenkins, AR; grandchildren, Steven (Laney) Ness, Amber R. (Jerral Denny) Ness, Elijah C. Marcus, Raven B. Stansell, and Maria Lough; great grandson Daniel A. Denny; step-grandchildren, Taylor Girkin and Jerica Girkin; and step-grandchildren, Bentley, Journey, Ariaah, Onaleah, and Savior Girkin; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Graveside services were held at New Virginia Cemetery on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Paul Burrow officiating. Interment followed in the New Virginia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at <http://www.kalefuneralhome.com> Jerry will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

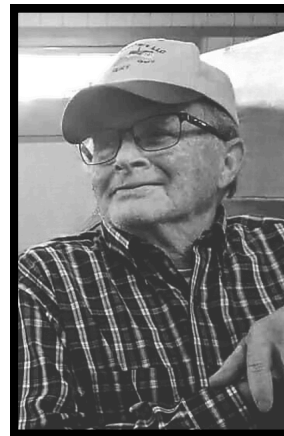
*An excerpt of Jerry's column from the
November 17, 2017 issue of the Tri-Corner-Express*

REMINISCENCES BY JERRY STANSELL
Current resident in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Hi Gals, I read each edition of this paper from cover to cover monthly, looking for names and happenings of friends and relatives in the greatest little village in the world. My heart is there and with all my relatives buried in New Virginia and Fremont and Tabor, 61 in fact. I used to read The New Virginian when CP and Pauline would work late at night getting the weekly edition to the old press. My brother and I would frequent the shop to get old lead pieces to melt into sinkers to use at the old depot pond and Sally Peterson's ponds along Squaw Creek. On a recent visit, I had my son with me, and at nights at our motel, we would talk about old times, before cell phones and television. Oh, if history could talk!

In the article on the history of the New Virginia Fire Department, it mentioned not much was known about the department from 1932 till 1947, and I will not give you any knowledge of the inner workings of the department, but I will tell you that during this time, several rural fires occurred and destroyed the possessions of several families. On a night during that time, a severe lightning storm came through town and headed east of the village, shortly after the fire whistle advised of fire at the Ralph Pearson Farm where they lost a large barn and some livestock. On a Saturday night during those years, the whistle again let us know there was a fire at the Jim Bonney farm, in which he lost a home or barn. The following Saturday night, again the whistle let us know that again there was a fire at the Bonney farm, burning the

Continued in the next column...



Gary Phillips

Gary Richard Phillips, son of Richard Phillips and Alice (Sankey) Phillips was born October 12, 1944, in Winterset, Iowa and passed from this life Sunday, July 21, 2024 in Des Moines, Iowa at 79 years of age.

Gary grew up on his family's farm near Truro, Iowa. He graduated from Interstate-35 High School with the class of 1963. He married Kathryn Diane Blumer on February 23, 1973, at the Truro Congregational Christian United Church of Christ. They were blessed with four children, Michael, Shannon, Jason, and Angie.

Gary was a farmer who loved farming and raising cattle. He loved his wife dearly and his family was most important to him. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild on the farm. Gary was a member of the Truro Congregational United Church of Christ. He was a hardworking and loving man, who will be greatly missed.

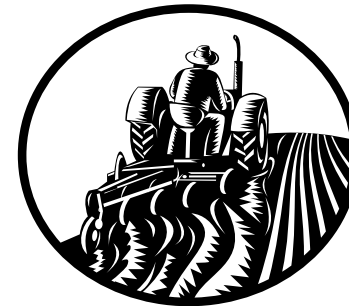
Those relatives who preceded Gary in death were his parents, Richard and Alice Phillips, and brother Terry Phillips.

Gary leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Kathy Phillips of Truro, son, Michael (Cori) Phillips of Ames, son, Shannon (fiancée Crista) Phillips of Truro, son, Jason (Dani) Phillips of Truro, daughter, Angie (Mack) Vanderbeek of Waukee, grandchildren, Allyson Phillips, Grant Phillips, Nathan (Ellie) Phillips, Katie Phillips, Bella Reilly, Madi Reilly, Lilly Miller, Annabelle Van Meter, McKenzie Phillips, Charlie Phillips, Alex Vanderbeek, Aubrey Vanderbeek, Owen Vanderbeek, and Eli Vanderbeek, great grandchild, Lincoln Phillips, brother, Larry Phillips of Truro, as well as other relatives and many friends.

Gary's family greeted friends on July 25th at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola. Funeral services were held on July 26th at the Truro Congregational Christian United Church of Christ. Interment followed in the Field Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to his family for a fitting tribute to be decided at a later date.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.kalefuneralhome.com.



other structure. Mr. Jim, as we called him, was a man of Indian descent, and not a nicer gentleman could be found. It turned out to be arson, and people were found guilty, but not Mr. Jim. I can remember being in front of the old Leachman Lumber office and seeing the old 31 flying by with men hanging on. Of course, upon reaching Jim's farm, nothing could be done. Mr. Jim was a snake handler, and at the Old Settlers in those days there was always a side show of snakes and animals. Mr. Jim always helped handle the snakes....I could tell you more. Of course there was always a girlie show, enough said.....

At another time on a farm near where the restaurant west of New Virginia sat, Lon Sayre and his wife lived in a nice two-story home. In the dusk time hours, the house caught fire, and once again old 31 answered the call, but this time it would be different. As the story goes, upon arriving it was found out that the pump had been removed and sent in for repairs, so no water could be applied to the fire. So, the firemen busied themselves going in and out of the structure carrying some furniture and prized possessions. It was stated that a lot was saved, but not the structure. During the fire, the brick chimney exploded and threw a brick into the east yard and nearly hit Frank Wolieb in the head. Those of you who knew Frank would know it would have shattered the brick and not Frank, as he was as hard-headed as I am. But what a wonderful friend the old Dutchman was!

Oh, I could tell you more, but I am tired, as it is 6 PM and bedtime for this 82-year old.



Dan R. Beardsley

Dan Richard Beardsley passed from this life on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 surrounded by his family.

Dan was born in New Virginia, Iowa on May 18, 1934 to William S. Beardsley and Charlotte Ellen Manning Beardsley. He attended the New Virginia School until his father was elected Governor of Iowa. After graduating from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, he attended Iowa State College and Oregon State before graduating from Montana State in Bozeman. While in college, Dan married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Ann Freeman. Their lives have been blessed with four daughters, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Dan's career with the Food and Drug Administration led him and his family to Seattle until he accepted a position in the Washington DC metropolitan area where he and Patricia lived for more than 50 years. After retiring from the FDA, Dan worked as a tour guide around the historic landmarks of DC and Virginia. Eventually he worked for H&R Block as a tax preparer which allowed him time to travel during the summer.

With Patricia he enjoyed trips to Europe, often finding opportunities to further their genealogical research and visit the places that their ancestors had called home. They were pleased to meet distant relatives in England who became very dear to them. Dan and Patricia were particularly eager to travel to Alaska - driving cross country from Virginia four times. Another favorite destination was the Outer Banks in North Carolina where they were able to enjoy beach time with their children and grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Patricia; his children: Carolyn Lundin (Rob), Sharon Adams, Elaine Beardsley Morin, Karla Siegel (Bob), as well as grandchildren: Benjamin, Hannah, Pamela, David, Karen, Keith, Christopher, Laura, and Melanie.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charlotte and Bill; siblings: Billy Beardsley, Blaine Beardsley (Lois), Charlotte Stickel (Doyle), Mary Scheig (Henry); and granddaughter, Julia Morin.

Services were held at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola, Iowa, Wednesday July 24, 2024 with Pastor Paul Burrow officiating. The family greeted friends before the service at Kale Funeral Home. Following Dan's celebration of life, burial followed at the New Virginia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the West Springfield Fire Station 27, 6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22152 or to the New Virginia Fire Department, 506 West St, New Virginia, IA 50210.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.kalefuneralhome.com



If you've ever watched cooking or restaurant reality shows, you've become familiar with the terms "front of house" and "back of house." Front of House refers to the section of a restaurant or food service business that the patrons typically see: the waiting area, the seating, the finished food product, etc. The Back of House refers to all the other sections where the real work and creation occur. This would include the kitchen, pantry, coolers and freezers and anything else that isn't normally seen by the patrons. This type of set-up can relate to many different businesses or organizations, possibly even churches, political arenas and, of course, ministries such as Jesus' Right Hand. That's one reason we like to give tours to people and groups that are interested in the ministry. Not only does it give a balanced perspective of what we do every day, but it shows the magnitude of what is required to provide for the needs of the people who walk through our doors.

As of the writing of this article, through the end of July, we have served 2,590 families with a total of 6,852 individuals living in these households. Many agencies only give the number of individuals they serve, because that number demonstrates a greater "need" which results in bigger donations to their agency. But each one of the households we serve is represented by one person who comes through our line, pushes a cart with a box, and fills that box with groceries. It may be a person who comes to us for a two to three day supply of food through our emergency food pantry. This also includes someone who uses the community fridge or even comes in needing some sandwiches, a pizza or a meal to get them through until the next day when they get their paycheck or SNAP benefits. Sometimes, this may be the only food they will have to eat that week. But regardless of how these people access the food we have available, every one of the 100 households each week is represented by one or two people coming on behalf of the countless others they have waiting at home, and we come face-to-face with each and every one of these household representatives. Sometimes they choose to remain silent, but often times we are the shoulder to cry on, the arms that offer warm hugs, a smile they weren't expecting, or a comforting prayer in the time of need. And they are grateful for what they receive, many often moved to tears. But more importantly, they appreciate being respected and treated with love and kindness.

In looking at the numbers and the needs of the ministry and those we serve, we have come to the decision to phase out the clothing section of Jesus' Right Hand. The clothing closet will be available through the end of August, and then the two rooms where we currently house the clothing giveaway areas will be transitioned into overflow storage for our food and the carts/boxes for our Fresh Food Giveaway each Monday. This wasn't a decision that was made quickly. In fact, we have been praying about this for quite some time. There are other clothing resources available through other agencies in our area, but the need for food has tripled in the past few years. We will also discontinue the clothing portion of the Christmas Giveaway Program but will continue with the gift and food portions of that program. We appreciate every clothing donation we have received in the past, but the time has come for us to step up and focus on the food needs of all the people we serve.

Circling back around to the opening comments of this article, we want to let you know some behind the scenes changes. We have had a big response from people wanting to volunteer on Mondays for the Fresh Food Giveaway, and this is much appreciated. We are working with limited space and are quite literally tripping over each other in the "front of house." Right now, our volunteer need is more in the "back of house" operations. We work almost every day to pick up, sort and store the food donations that we receive at least three to four times per week. We must keep our areas clean and sanitary, so we have a rotating group of people that come in and clean. We are constantly needing to rotate stock to bring it to the front for our giveaway. The emergency food pantry needs items straightened, and the expiration dates need to be checked. Our 12 freezers are always needing to be defrosted at some point in time, and the refrigerators need to be cleaned regularly. The activity in the "back of house" on Monday afternoons is often busier than the "front of house" giveaway because of our second run to Des Moines to pick up more donations. Most of the volunteer jobs here at JRH do require some physical strength and endurance. Although we do have some jobs that require less physical strength, these are jobs that are assigned to our long-time volunteers that have earned the right to fill them because of their faithfulness and dedication in doing many of the "back of house" tasks that are required to run an operation of this size. However, as we grow and expand, we will never know the opportunities that come up for additional volunteer opportunities. Please don't let think the "back of house" volunteer efforts are unimportant. They are probably the most important parts of keeping our ministry running at the capacity we are at this time, and I appreciate each and every person who works diligently behind the scenes. If you are interested in volunteering or even seeing first-hand what we do here at JRH, please contact us and we will be glad to show you around.

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Virginia Boosters 4-H Club News
Written by Brianna Fantz, Reporter



We are in our second month here in Iowa, experiencing rain and high humidity that is not what we would be having in Arizona. But we are enjoying the cooler mornings and the wonderful trees, grass, wildflowers and bountiful fields of corn and beans...not to mention all of our friends and family.

We ate well and visited with many people at the 127th New Virginia Old Settlers celebration on July 12 & 13. The 79th annual Chicken Dinner at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys on August 4 involved more good food and a chance to see more friends. We were excited that the RAGBRAI LI (51) route would take the cyclists right past our Airbnb on Wednesday July 24. We took lawn chairs to the end of the driveway about 7:45 that morning and waved and said "Good morning!" to the thousands as they rode past. We could only stay two hours because we had to get to an 11:00 a.m. funeral in Osceola. Fortunately, by 10:00 a.m., the crowd had thinned sufficiently to allow us to drive out into the left lane, go the quarter of a mile we needed to, then turn south toward Osceola.

We had helped at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on two occasions prior to July 24th, cooking and assembling the 1,200 breakfast burritos they had available for the cyclists, since St. Marys was a pass-through town. In addition to burritos and juices, there were hundreds of bags of cookies, as well as pieces of pie for sale.

The church committee said that they had a successful fundraiser.

Iowans are very familiar with RAGBRAI, so for our readers elsewhere who may not know why a bicycle ride creates such a fuss,

here is some history and information that I found on Wikipedia.com. The nickname is short for Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. It began in 1973, when Des Moines Register feature writers John Karras and Donald Kaul decided to go on a bicycle ride across Iowa. The writers invited the public to accompany them.

The ride was informally referred to as "the Great Six-Day Bicycle Ride." Some 300 cyclists began the ride in Sioux City; 114 of them rode the entire route. Afterward, Karras and Kaul wrote numerous articles about it, and many people were interested in participating the next year. The 1974 ride was known as SAGBRAI, the Second Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. As the ride grew in popularity, the editor of the Register directed Karras to include the word "Register" in the ride title. So the RAGBRAI name, with Roman numerals following it, was adopted for RAGBRAI III in 1975.

It is a non-competitive bicycle tour across Iowa from the western to eastern border, thus from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River. It is the largest bike-touring event in the world. Participants come from all 50 of the U.S. states and many foreign countries. This year, there were 18,000 persons registered. Last year on the 50th ride, the ride from Ames to Des Moines had over 60,000 riders, the most riders of any stop in the history of the event. So there can be unregistered riders who join the route between certain cities. The ride is one week-long and ends on the last Saturday of July each year. The average length

of the week's route is 468 miles, and the average daily distance between host communities is 67 miles. Eight "host communities" are selected each year, one each for the beginning and end points. The other six serve as overnight stops from Sunday through Friday. This year, the route was 434 miles long and included 18,375 feet of climbing, making it the eighth shortest and the hilliest route in the event's history. The route included gravel trails, eight overnight towns and 35 pass-through communities. Summer weather in Iowa can be variable, so riders over the years have experienced extreme heat, cold weather, wind and rain, as well as, hopefully, some nice days too.

The ride has passed through all 99 of Iowa's counties in its history. The multitude of small communities that are on the route take the opportunity to showcase their towns and to



The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their July meeting at 7:00 PM on July 10 at the Lions Hall in New Virginia.

Brady Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:00. Roll call was "What are you looking forward to at the fair?" Brianna Fantz read the secretary's report, and Brady gave the treasurer's report.

This month's old business discussion was about the Club gathering at the fair (meet at Bedwell's camper at 6:00 p.m.); the Booth Decorating Committee meeting after refreshments; and funnel cake stand shifts on Friday, July 26, 2-4 p.m.

The review of the monthly county newsletter began the new business, sparking conversation about upcoming dates: Fair booth table #8; Drug Affidavit Form for fair; Pre-fair picnic Sunday, July 21; Static Judging Saturday, July 20; Exhibitor T-shirts in extension office; County Youth Council for 9-12 grades; and the last fair cleanup on Monday, July 15.

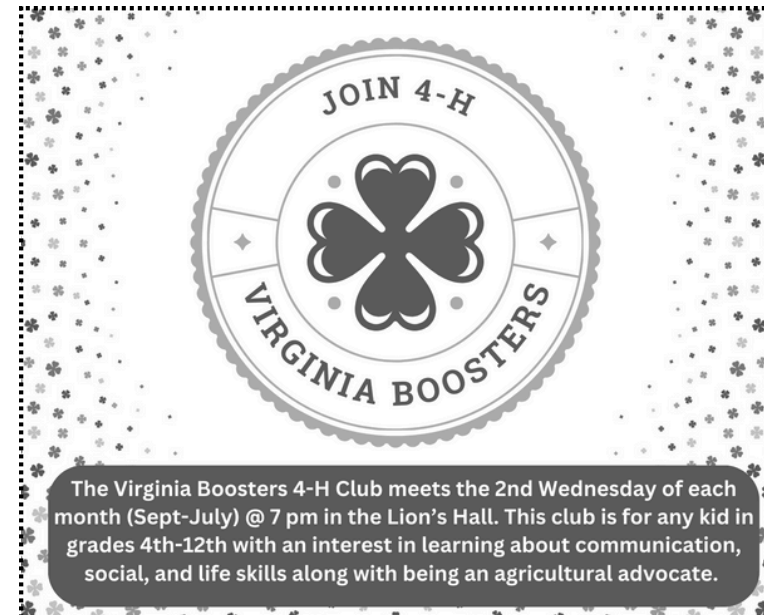
Other New Business not in the newsletter:

Participated in the Old Settlers Parade; No August Meeting; September host Keifer Bedwell and a presentation by Rosemary Seward.

Charlotte Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Rosemary seconded.

There was no presentation for this meeting.

The next meeting is September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The club is looking forward to the Warren County Fair!



Continued from previous column...

offer the riders food, beverages, music and other entertainment, as well as Iowa friendliness and hospitality. Many cyclists ride as clubs or teams, often wearing identical cycling jerseys, funny outfits or crazy adornments on their helmets. Some teams have customized old school buses that serve as transportation to and from the ride, as well as a combination clubhouse and sleeping quarters during the ride. These and other support vehicles and personnel swell the numbers involved in RAGBRAI to many more thousands. There are also charters which are bicycle clubs and for-profit companies that provide weeklong support for the riders. Their services can include securing camping areas, renting and pitching tents, bicycle repair services and evening social activities. It takes a lot of conditioning to be able to endure seven days of cycling with sometimes minimal creature comforts at the end of the day. We have heard it said that "I ride for pie!" so maybe the food, social opportunities, beautiful Iowa scenery and feeling of accomplishment compensate for any hardships the riders experience.

An Introduction



How Does Your Garden Grow?

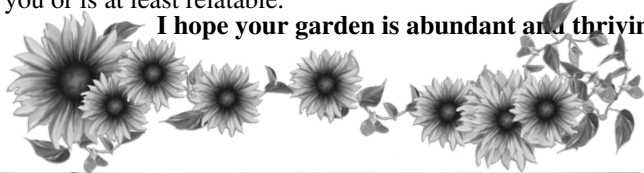
Contributed by Susan King

Hello! I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, as my husband and I are new to the community. We moved just south of New Virginia this summer and are still getting settled in, so we have not met many of you yet, but look forward to doing so in the coming weeks and months. Although my husband, Dan, and I are both originally from the Midwest, we have lived in Georgia for a number of years. Corporate jobs took us south, and children kept us transplanted there. We now have four adult children, two of whom are in Iowa, and two continue to reside in Georgia. We both knew that as our children grew up and moved out of the house, and our patience with the hustle and bustle of the North Atlanta burbs grew less and less, that we wanted to get back to our Midwest roots. Changing the trajectory of our busy lives became our mission over the last two+ years.

Our forever home dreams came true when we were lucky enough to find the home/property of Mel and Sue Stills. For me, coming back to my home state of Iowa has been a reawakening of the old, but with a whole new lens of appreciation. I grew up driving past hay fields and corn fields and soybeans and seeing cattle roaming hillsides and being surrounded by farmsteads riddled with equipment and not stopping to contemplate the benefits, seeing the beauty or appreciating the sacrifices of all that was being curated around me. It became wallpaper. For me, maybe it took moving away and feeling as if I needed to be part of something bigger where "stuff" was happening and opportunity was brimming over and where being busy meant status, for me ultimately to crash and feel like I was nothing more than an animal in a "human zoo." My "garden" wasn't growing. The soil was depleted, and weeds were plentiful. I was craving something more, and that more came in the form of slowing down, simplicity, nature, more laughter, dirty fingernails, embracing the old-fashioned DIY and of course, church and family. My mental, emotional and spiritual garden is growing today, along with my physical garden. Both gardens are a labor of love and need to be tended constantly. Always a work in progress!

I plan to write a monthly article titled: How Does Your Garden Grow? Topics will include, but will not be limited to: landscaping, gardening, houseplants, veggies, trees, wildlife and pretty much everything outdoors. I also have a passion for the human spirit and how we are all lovely humans who are learning and growing and building community and spreading joy and kindness. I hope to sprinkle a little goodness seed into each article and that you'll find something that interests you or is at least relatable.

I hope your garden is abundant and thriving!



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Manning Up

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A couple years ago, I was trapping over at my cousin's farm to help get rid of the varmints. He was getting overrun with coons, skunks, and possums. I used live traps and every once in awhile, I would catch a skunk. Being a nervous Nellie about getting sprayed, I would call Rollie and have him come and shoot the skunk. He would just waltz up there, shoot it, and walk away, no big deal. I'd always heard to throw a sheet over it, hold a sheet of plywood in front of you when you walked up there, drag it through the pond and drown it (gotta have a pond pretty close!), that sort of thing. But, like I said, Rollie would just waltz up there, shoot it, no big deal.

So, one morning, I head over to the farm and yep, you guessed it, there was a skunk in one of my traps. I thought, Terry old girl, it's time for you to man up and do this yourself. If Rollie can do it, so can I! Right? Can't be giving us girls a bad name, you know. So, I just walked up there and shot him, pretty as you please. And he didn't spray me! But instead of just walking away and coming back later to dispose of him, I decided to get him out of there before he started stinking up my trap. I up-ended the trap and dumped him out. But in the meantime, it started smelling like skunk. I got my trap and got out of there pronto.

In the truck on the way home, I could still smell skunk, but didn't realize it was all over me. You can get pretty used to that if it doesn't come in big doses I guess. Later that morning, I had to run to Walmart to get some hunting stuff. I was trying to reach something on the top shelf when this tall, nice looking young man came around the corner. He asked if he could reach that for me, and I said "Sure, thanks!" He leaned over me to reach what I wanted and then he jumped back and said, "You smell like a skunk!" Of course, I started laughing and proceeded to tell him about trapping my skunk that morning. He said, "That's awesome!" I still haven't figured out if he meant it was awesome that some old gray-haired lady was actually into trapping or if he was amazed that I would go to Walmart smelling like a skunk! Hahahahaha!



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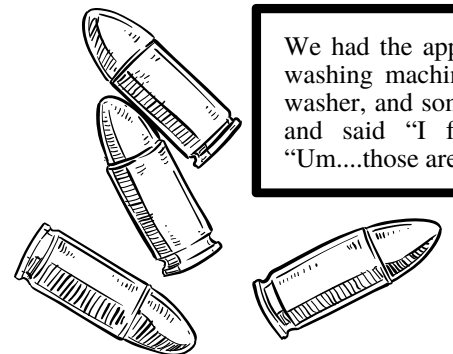
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Grace Baptist Church

304 Knotts Street

New Virginia, IA 50210

Pastor Michael Mattson

www.gbcnv.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Thursday Evening:

Bible Study 6:30 pm

St. Charles Parish

305 W Main St. PO Box 208

St. Charles, IA 50240

Pastor: Darin Feikema

641-396-2441

www.saintcharlesparish.org

Sunday School 9 am

Worship Service 9:45 am

Fellowship Time: 11 am

Truro Congregational

Christian Church UCC

155 E Garfield Box 17 Truro, IA 50257

Rev. Hugh Stone

Cell: 641-414-4876

Email: hugh29181@outlook.com

Worship 10:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship: 11:00 am

Potluck Lunch every 2nd Sunday: 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception

101 St. James St. PO Box 88

St. Marys, IA 50241

Fr. George BoachieNyarko

515 210-2490 (Emerg. only)

gnyarko@dmdiocese.org

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sarah Gehringer (Office Manager)

641-297-2359

immacula@myomnitel.com

Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Religious Ed - Sunday morning
following Mass

Michelle Fick (Director) 641-297-2259

Faith Fellowship Church

164 Highway 152 Osceola, IA 50213

641-342-6603

Pastor: Scott Davis

Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow

oefc@iowatelecom.net

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church

109 N. Hartman St. Charles, IA 50240

641-396-2234

Pastor Doug Helton 641-396-2747

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Wed. Prayer, Adult Bible Study - 6:30 PM

New Virginia Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

604 Main Street. / Box 112

New Virginia, IA 50210

Pastor: Darin Feikema

515-490-4444 Cell: 515-770-3713

Sunday Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church

301 West Street / Box 301

New Virginia, IA 50210

641-449-3779

Pastor Paul Burrow

515-402-1802

Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com

Church email: NewVA-

Medora@outlook.com

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Fellowship following Worship Service

Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM

Necessities Pantry open 2nd Wednesday

10-11 AM & 6:00-7:00 PM

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New Virginia United Methodist Church

Medora United Methodist Church

10804 Hwy G-76 / Box 301

New Virginia, IA 50210

641-449-3779

Pastor Paul Burrow

515-402-1802

Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com

Church email: NewVA-

Medora@outlook.com

Sunday School: 9:15 AM (children)

Worship: 9 AM

Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

Church of Christ

10985 44th Lane Prole, IA 50229

Sunday Worship: 10 AM & 6 PM

Wednesday Worship: 7 PM

Elder: Duane Proudfit 515-961-4470

Elder: Mike Penick 515-989-4165

Deacon: Fred Bown 641-764-2484

Deacon: Richard Bown: 641-764-2765

Linn Grove United Methodist Church

7483 50th Ave

(4 miles north of Martensdale)

(1 block east of Hwy 28)

Prole, IA 50229

Pastor: Bernie Colorado

515-981-4062

Sunday Breakfast: 8 - 9:30 AM

(free will offering)

Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM

Adult Sunday School-1st & 3rd Sunday 11:15 AM

Pastor's email: bernieco2003@yahoo.com

St. Paul Lutheran

(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

ELCA

615 Iowa Ave / P.O. Box 290

Martensdale, IA 50160

641-764-2752

office@mystpaullutheran.com

Worship: 10:00 AM

LifePoint Church

801 N. Fillmore St.

Osceola, IA 50213

641-342-2334

Pastor Chuck DeVos

www.lifepointministries.net

info@lifepointministries.net

Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Classes @ 9:00 am Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Peru United Methodist Church

Pastor Sharman Eaton

Social Time @ 8:30 am

Coffee and Snacks

Worship 9:00 am



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How many of us know anyone who has traveled to the country of Iceland? Red Taylor of New Virginia recently returned from a trip to this island nation located at the juncture of the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. Iceland is the world's 18th largest island. The main island covers 39,315 square miles, and with about 30 minor islands, the entire country encompasses 40,000 square miles. About 63% of the country is tundra; lakes and glaciers cover about 14%, with only 23% being vegetated. Many fjords are found along Iceland's 3,088-mile coastline, which is also where most settlements are situated. The interior, the Highlands of Iceland, is a cold and uninhabitable combination of sand, mountains and lava fields.

Red spent most of his time in and around the capital city of Reykjavik. He did enjoy peaceful views of forests and green fields. He marveled at magnificent high waterfalls and wondered where all that water originated. He mentioned going on a side trip and hearing about horses, possibly Icelandic horses. Those horses are of many different colors, and in addition to the usual canter, trot, walk and pace gaits, they have a distinctive gait called a tölt gait, also called the flying pace. When moving at speed, the horse's legs move underneath them in unison rather than one after another as seen in other breeds.

Red stated that he enjoyed the food. He could not read any signs, since they were in the Icelandic language. As far as foreign languages are concerned, he is more familiar with French or German, but hearing and seeing the Icelandic language was really foreign to him.

Iceland is defined by its dramatic landscape with volcanoes, geysers, hot springs and lava fields. Iceland has a population of approximately 377,869, with most of the population (140,000) residing in the city of Reykjavik. The city was officially founded in 1786, but the islands were first settled by Norse Vikings who arrived from Norway in the 800's CE. Iceland is a parliamentary representative democratic republic, whereby the president is the head of state, and the prime minister serves as the head of government in a multi-party system.

Being so near the Arctic Circle, Iceland experiences 22-24 hours of daylight in June and up to 23 hours of darkness in December. The climate varies in different parts of the island, with the south coast being warmer, wetter and windier than the north. Summer temperatures in the south average 50-55°F, with some days reaching 68-77°F. Winter days average 32°F. In the north, average winter temperatures can be 14°F, and below zero temperatures have also been seen. The southern coasts remain ice-free in the winter due to the warm North Atlantic Current.

Iceland has many geysers, including one that erupts every eight to 10 minutes. With the widespread availability of geothermal power and the harnessing of many rivers and waterfalls for hydroelectricity, most residents have access to inexpensive hot water, heating and electricity. Most of the remainder of the country's energy consumption consists of imported oil products used in transportation and in the fishing fleet. In 2023, battery electric vehicles constituted 50.1% of new registrations, and around 18% of the country's vehicle fleet was electrified in 2024. There is, however, a very high level of CO2 emitted per capita, mainly resulting from transport and aluminum smelting. Nevertheless, in 2010, Iceland was reported by Guinness World Records as "the Greenest Country," based on water use, biodiversity and adoption of clean energies. In 2024, Global Peace Index rated Iceland as the most peaceful country in the world due to its lack of armed forces, low crime rate and high level of socio-political stability. If you didn't mind being "at the top of the world," in nearly constant daylight in summer and nearly constant darkness in winter, doesn't this sound like a fascinating place to live?

Sources: Wikipedia.com; gocampers.is; en.wikipedia.org

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Free will donation appreciated

Warren County Fair Queen

Maryann Hart, the granddaughter of Mike and Kathy Blackford and daughter of Josh and Jessica Hart, has been crowned the 2024 Warren County Fair Queen. Maryann, who will be a senior at Martensdale-St. Marys High School this fall and serves as the FFA chapter president, is also celebrated for her athletic achievements as a member of the Class 1A 2024 state runner-up softball team. Throughout the fair week, Maryann adeptly balanced her time between the Warren County Fair and Fort Dodge, where the playoffs were held. Her fair activities included showing hogs and a breeding heifer. She also engaged with numerous fairgoers, attended multiple shows, and handed out ribbons.



Looking ahead, Maryann is eagerly anticipating the opportunity to compete in the Queen contest at the State Fair.

2024 Governor's Volunteer Award



On Tuesday, June 25th, 2024, Patrick Thornburgh and Richard Keller of New Virginia, IA were awarded the Governor's Volunteer Award. Troop and Pack 119 parents nominated Pat and Rich for their many years of service and time with the scouting program with scouts from kindergarten through their senior year of school from New Virginia, Truro, St. Charles, Martensdale/St. Marys, and Osceola. The communities have benefited from more than 30 Eagle Scouts projects, many hours of community service and fundraising over the years.

New Virginia Chattie Hatties



Fourteen members of the New Virginia Chattie Hatties Red Hat club made a colorful entrance in the Westview Care Center in Indianola, IA, on July 18, 2024, in their purple attire and red hats. The Chattie Hatties club formed in 2001 with Donna Conway as the original Queen. Donna currently resides at Westview. Her husband Rob and member Dorothy Huss organized the event. The Red Hatters enjoyed a delicious lunch of cheeseburgers, potato salad, beverages, cookies and ice cream, with the ice cream a special treat from Dorothy. The ladies in attendance were: Jane Busby, Donna Conway, Linda Daniels, Sharon Dunkin, Bev Ellis, Dorothy Huss, Katharine Jurgensen, Jan Lewis, Arleen McCuddin, Jo Ann Rider, Jody Stills, Judy Stills, Sue Stills (visiting from Arizona) and Phyllis Travis.

Hilarity ensued as Sue tried to organize the group in playing a trivia game that she invented. Some of the questions were easier than others, but right or wrong answers did not matter, since each participant, including Rob, received a prize. The group then used dry lima beans instead of money in a game of Left Center Right, with Sue winning by being the last person with a bean. The Chattie Hatties usually meet once a month, with members taking turns organizing their outings ... and the outings always involve food! The membership in the group has changed over the years, but the purpose remains the same, to provide friendship and support for one another and to just have fun!



Some fun news from the Iowa State Fair

Keifer Bedwell placed first in the Ugliest Cake Contest at the Iowa State Fair in his age group (ages 12-17). The cake was titled "My Sister's Dorm Couch." This is his 3rd time winning this contest since he was sev years old. He is the 13-year-old son of Don and Tahra Bedwell of New Virginia.

