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## UNEXPECTED JOURNEY Contributed by Nathan J. Gibson

Four years ago, my daughters asked me if they could shoot Trap. Like most of us 2A freedom-loving dads, the answer was a swift and decisive, "Hell yes you can shoot trap." The answer wasn't as simple as I expected. So, begins MY unexpected journey...

You see, our small rural community didn't have a trap team, and the larger communities surrounding us were at capacity and could not take on any additional athletes. So, our only available option was to form our own trap team. This adventure turned out to be one of the most rewarding things I have ever done.

**Did you know: Trap shooting is the fastest growing sport in the state of Iowa? In 2021, there were 147 registered teams in Iowa and over 4,200 athletes participated in the Scholastic Clay Target Program.**

– Source: <https://www.iowadnr.gov>

Forming a trap team is no small feat. There isn't exactly a step-by-step manual or playbook you can follow. Bank accounts needed to be opened, 501c3s had to be formed, a board of directors had to be recruited, parents had to be trained and certified as coaches, and...we needed a place to practice. I was fortunate enough to sync up with a couple of like-minded parents, and a neighboring district trap team agreed to let us use their range one night a week for practice.

After getting all the administrative and logistical aspects ironed out, we were ready to start shooting...right? Well, not so fast.

**If you want more information on forming a team, please see the "How to Get Started" section of this Iowa DNR page.**

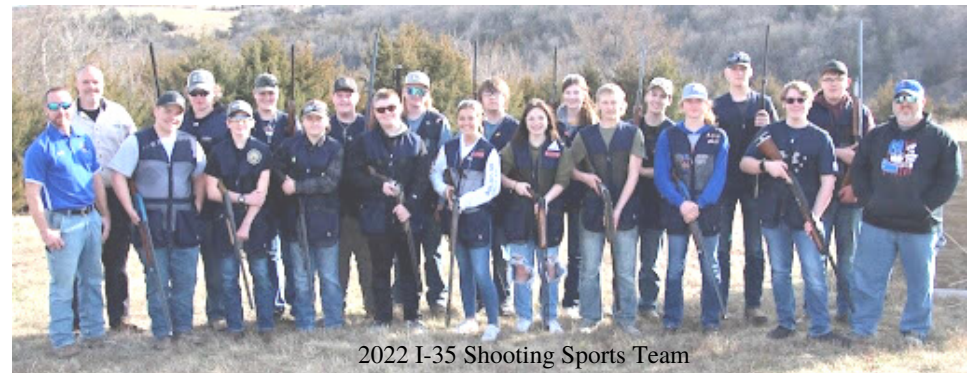


If you've ever been involved in trap shooting, you know it's not cheap. An athlete can shoot between 200-400 shells a week (at a minimum). This adds up. Factoring in the cost of clays, match fees, and other expenses, the cost of a season for an athlete is in the \$1000 to \$1500 range (on the low side). This isn't exactly pocket change, and not a lot of people have this sitting around. As a result, we struggled to get kids to sign up for the team, not because there wasn't interest, but because it was simply too expensive for our rural community and athletes. So, we had to go back to the drawing board. Our kids worked hard to raise money, doing everything from bulk trash pickup day in Truro (really dirty, hard, and gross work) to Lions Club fundraising dinners. This work paid off, and we were able to get the average fee per athlete down to \$800.

By this time, six months of work were put in, and we still hadn't shot a round, but the kids, parents, and community persisted. In March of 2018, the I-35 Shooting Sports team held its first practice with twenty-two athletes. My daughters Meredith (a senior now) and Natalie (a sophomore now) finally had their opportunity to compete in trap shooting, and they brought twenty other kids along on their journey. That's twenty kids that were introduced to a sport that they never would have had if not for the efforts of a couple of kids and their parents. That's twenty kids that will learn how to safely handle a firearm and more importantly, learn to value and cherish that right and hopefully, defend it as adults. That's twenty kids that will grow up and hopefully one day, pass the same knowledge, respect, and passion onto their kids.

That first year was a whirlwind of learning as parents (who had never shot trap) were trying to coach, manage logistics of registering for matches, get ammo, and conduct organized practices, all while flying by the seat of their pants. It was chaotic, to say the least.

Now that we are in our fourth year, and my oldest daughter is in her final year, I look back over the last four years, and I am grateful for the opportunity. I'm grateful I didn't give up. I'm grateful for the other parents and the support of the community. But most of all, I'm grateful for the opportunity to watch over forty distinct kids cultivate a love and passion for the shooting sport with their friends and grow closer to each other via a common bond.



2022 I-35 Shooting Sports Team

Even as my daughters grow and age out of high school Trap, I still plan on coaching and ensuring future generations have as much access to this sport as my daughters did. Opening up opportunities for young athletes to participate in this sport has brought more fulfillment and reward than I ever could have imagined. Our demand continues to grow from the students; this year we are expanding our program to include skeet and sporting clays. We have some longer-term goals to one day have our own range for practices and to host matches so more kids have opportunities to compete throughout the season.

As I wrap up, I want to express that I never dreamed of starting a trap team. I was the guy that said “yes” when someone asked to shoot my rifle, shotgun, or pistol because I wanted to dispel myths, bring others to the cause, and show folks what responsible firearm ownership looked like. But not one of those instances gave me the excitement I experienced when one of my athletes shot a “perfect 25” for the first time. That’s happened a handful of times now, and I still get goosebumps as I relive those moments in vivid detail. In closing, I only ask that if you can, find the time to seek out your closest high school trap team. Donate to them, volunteer for them, and if you can, become a certified coach and coach for them. If you are a parent, ask your kid if they might be interested in Trap. Take them to a local range and shoot a round with them. You just might find yourself on your own unexpected journey and help start a new unexpected journey for the next generation.

If you would like more information about Trap and how you might contribute in any way to our program, email us at [i35shootingsports@gmail.com](mailto:i35shootingsports@gmail.com).

Nathan J Gibson  
Father  
Coach I-35 Shooting Sports  
IFC Life Member  
NRA Life Member  
NRA Certified Chief Range Safety Officer

## I-35 Student Athletes



City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes -  
February 6, 2023

The Council met in regular session on Monday February 6th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the February Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Taylor, and Truman, present.

Minutes from the January regular meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Old business discussed: Galivan asked where the city was with the new water service at 3685 Highway G76. He was inquiring if the service had been completed. Clerk Baughman will inquire and report back to the Council in the March meeting.

Mayor Huston stated Matt Strange would try to stop by the meeting to answer any questions the Council had in regard to the generator installation.

An updated job description has been sent to the City's attorney for review. It was reported four individuals have shown interest in the position.

Citizen Input: There was no citizen input.

Water Utilities discussed: A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #114 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Ordinance, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the first reading and to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #114 - ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department Business: Deputy Clerk Baughman updated the Council on the repairs of 241. Kelderman's completed all the repairs, however there is still an issue with the ambulance driving/riding smoothly at certain speeds.

A public hearing was held to pass & approve Resolution #2023-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING FY24 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Ordinance, Galvin moved, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to pass & approve Resolution #2023-02 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING FY24 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of January was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 22 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 50 hours in the City for the month. Two citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers patrolled in excess of 288 miles within the city limits for the month.

FY 2023-2024 Budget: The fiscal year 2023-24 New Virginia City Budget was discussed. Clerk Baughman asked the Council Members for items that need to be considered for the FY 2023-24 budget. The following items were mentioned and discussed.

Office Assistant, review streets in town for repairs/maintenance Grand around Taylor's, Border & Church Street, alleys by the fire station and the Town Apartments, south end of East Street, Border Street by Howell's, Stansell Street, fire Hydrants replace, Christmas lights for poles & big tree, switches for lights in Old Settlers Park

A public hearing was held to pass & approve Resolution #2023-03 – A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA TO ADOPT THE WARREN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE IN ITS ENTIRETY. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Ordinance, Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to pass & approve Resolution #2023-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA TO ADOPT THE WARREN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE IN ITS ENTIRETY. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 6, 2023

Bortell's have designed a sign for GAMP. Clerk Baughman reviewed the design with the council. The sign will be two sided with the name and address on both sides for all to view. Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to have Bortell's make and install the sign for GAMP at a cost of \$1,500.00. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM


The account balance is \$4,782.20. The Committee has held a few meetings due to the holidays. The committee would like to have an electrical switch installed at the Old Settlers Park to use for the Christmas season as well as other activities. The Committee was also contacted about having a memorial bench installed in one of the parks in New Virginia.

Council Member Nelson informed the Council Members his seat on the City Council will be up at the end of the year and he will not be running again. He encouraged the Council Members to be thinking of a citizen to replace him.

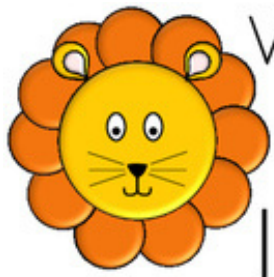
Clerk Baughman reviewed the City's PO Box with the Council. Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to pay the City's PO Box for the entire year. A roll call was taken 4 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The March council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. March meeting date – Monday March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



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## EASTON MICHAEL SCHULTZ



Wyatt Schultz and Brittany Schad announce the birth of their son, Easton Michael Schultz. Easton was born January 6, 2023, at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches in length.



Paternal grandparents are Richard and Stacy Schultz of St. Charles. Maternal grandparents are Kelli Kraus and Shawn Kite both of Des Moines. Great-grandparents include Michael and Joanne Gibson of Norwalk and Eldon and Sandy Schultz of Truro.



**March 12, 2023**  
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\*\*\*Signed rental agreement required.

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# CITY OF ST CHARLES

6 February 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 2/6/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Whitney Hutton, Megan Allison, and Lois Stanley were present along with 2 guests.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Whitney Hutton/Megan Allison to approve the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 1/9/2022: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Tom Blomme to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of February Bills: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison to approve the February bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During January there were 39.92 patrol hours, 5 calls, and 4 traffic stops in St. Charles.

City Boards/Committees:

Maintenance Report: Motion by Megan Allison/Lois Stanley to approve bid from Simon Welding to make and attach a blade for the skid loader bucket at the cost of approximately \$470.00. A voice vote was unanimous.

-Fire/Rescue Department: January minutes were submitted. A cell phone and Ipad are being purchased to assist with transports. Payments will now be made to the volunteers that transport to a hospital.

-Library Board: Margaret Blair presented minutes from January. Jan Reynolds has been hired as a part time librarian.

-Emergency Management: January report was submitted.

-Clerk's Report: The State Auditor's Office has approved for money in Debt Service to be used towards road maintenance. Payroll reports will now be published once a year to lower publishing costs and still meet the requirements of the State.

Public Hearing Maximum Property Tax Levy FY24: Motion by Megan Allison to move into a Public Hearing at 7:22 PM. No public wished to speak. Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 PM.

Resolution 2A-2023 Maximum Property Tax Levy Fy24. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the published Maximum Property Tax Levy. R/C vote was unanimous. As stated to the Council, this is not the final tax number. This is only a preliminary of what may be needed.

Resolution 2B-2023 Participation in the Southern Iowa Council of Governments: Motion by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison for St. Charles to participate in the SICOG. R/C vote passed by majority.

SICOG Representative: Tom Blomme will be the planned representative once more information is gathered.

Opportunity Forms: Notes from a phone call were shared with the Council. There is a concern about vehicles not parking at a diagonal on Main Street. The City does have plans to add striping on Main Street to assist with the parking.

Sewer Rates: Due to the rising costs of the sewer loans and contracts, the sewer rates will be adjusted accordingly to make up for the differences. A motion was made by Tom Blomme/Whitney Hutton to increase the minimum sewer rate from \$39.65 to \$39.90 and the overage rate from \$2.75 to \$4.75. A voice vote was unanimous. City Sewer is a self-funded subsidiary of the City of St. Charles.

Planned Street Projects: Line painting bids were tabled until more information is gathered on grinding the street. Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve bids from InRoads to asphalt W. Market Street in front of the old school building and to grind down and replace asphalt on various other roads on the North West side of town. A voice vote was unanimous.

Casey's Liquor License: Motion by Megan Allison/Whitney Hutton to approve the renewal of Casey's Liquor License. A voice vote was unanimous.

Set Public Hearing for Budget FY24: The date of March 6th has been set for the Budget Public Hearing. If the Property Tax Rollback Calculation Fix should pass in the State, the date of this public hearing could be changed to April 3rd.

Budget Review: The Council was updated on the Property Tax Rollback Fix. Property Taxes that are being budgeted may be changed if the bill should pass. If this were to happen, the City will be given an extra 30 days to complete the budget.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Tom Blomme presented a pamphlet dealing with mass shootings and how a city responds. Tom also asked to attend a Nuisance Abatement Conference offered by the League of Cities. It was agreed Tom could attend the conference.

Motion made by Lois Stanley to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on March 6, 2023, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

Posted at: City Hall, Post Office, Montross, and Library

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# CITY OF ST CHARLES

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## St. Charles Public Library St. Charles, IA

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Grant Writing 101 Workshop Scheduled in Winterset,  
February, 28th, 2023

Representatives of nonprofits, local government, schools and other organizations are encouraged to register for a Grant Writing 101 workshop, which will be presented at the Madison County Extension and Outreach Office in Winterset IA from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28th, 2023.

Grant Writing 101 will provide hands-on training in finding grants and writing successful grant applications. This free to participants, thanks to the sponsorship of the Greater Madison County Community Foundation. Madison County Extension will provide a meal and refreshments.

Participants may register to attend through the following URL:  
<https://go.iastate.edu/N7MWYR>

or by calling the Madison County Extension office at 515-462-1001. The deadline to register is February 27th at 4:00pm.

Grant Writing 101 will be presented by Lindsay Henderson, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community Development Specialist. She has extensive experience writing and reviewing grant applications and working with various federal, state, local and private foundation grant programs. Henderson will assist workshop participants in exploring various public and private funding sources, and provide instruction and tips on planning projects and writing successful grant applications.

For more information about the workshop, contact Lindsay Henderson at [lindsayh@iastate.edu](mailto:lindsayh@iastate.edu) or 515-835-6605.



# ROADRUNNER PRIDE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Roadrunners Girls Wrestling with Historic First Season

The 2022-23 school year brought a first to the state of Iowa, with Girls Wrestling being added to the Winter athletic season as a fully sanctioned sport. Interstate 35 hired Coach Dean Downs as their head coach, and the team added tournaments and scrambles throughout the inaugural season to prepare for the regional meet in late January. The Roadrunners took three wrestlers to Regionals, Ciera Hutton-Spieker (junior), Cali Payette (sophomore), and Ellie Hutton (freshman) in Des Moines, finishing 16th overall as a team and sending junior Ciera Hutton-Spieker to the State Meet in Iowa City on February 2nd. Ciera was able to win two of four matches on the first day of the state two-day meet, ending a very successful first season for I-35.

Coach Downs is already looking to build on the success from this year by adding a couple of home meets in 2023-24 and growing the overall numbers of the team for year two.



Ciera Hutton-Spieker and Coach Downs celebrate a win to go to state.

## School-Wide Writing Competition (4th Grade)--Congratulations Blake

Dear Mrs. Woods,

There are so many people who don't like school, but that's not the case at I-35! Many people at my school like uneducational things, like P.E. and recess, but some people like educational things like reading! Reading is a good way to learn, but you can get smarter in P.E. and recess!

Reading is essential to getting smarter, because the more you read, the more you know! Reading non-fiction books provides information, but reading fiction books can let your imagination run wild! We get plenty of time to read, thanks to our wonderful teacher, Mr. Krull! Reading is the most essential way to learn and improve your skills.

P.E. stands for Physical Education. In this class, you get the chance to be physically educated and fit. You also get to play games like dodgeball and sprout tag. My favorite game is called medic dodgeball.

Recess is like a brain break for kids after learning. You can have free time outdoors and play tag. You could play baseball, soccer, or football. I am a fan of four square.

You can play and learn at the same time! It is wonderful that some people can go to school, but horrible that some kids cannot, because learning is essential to everybody.

Sincerely, Blake Erickson

2023-2024 Interstate 35 Community Schools  
**PRESCHOOL**  
Join Us Registration  
Preschool registration looks a little different this year!!

**Who:** PARENTS OF STUDENTS THAT WILL BE 3 OR 4  
ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

**When:** FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

**Where:** 135 ELEMENTARY, PRESCHOOL ENTRANCE BY CIRCLE DRIVE, DOOR #7

**Time:** 10AM-7PM, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**How:** CALL THE SCHOOL @ 641-765-4901 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM-2PM, MONDAY -FRIDAY, TO SET UP A REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT.

**Goal:** INTERSTATE 35 WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY ELIGIBLE STUDENT RECEIVES A QUALITY EDUCATION STARTING IN PRESCHOOL WE WILL WORK TO MAKE SURE THERE IS A SPOT FOR EVERY STUDENT WANTING TO ATTEND PRESCHOOL.

**PAPERWORK REQUIRED FOR APPOINTMENT**

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- COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE
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- VISION SCREENING



# You're Invited!

Roadrunner Gala

Saturday Evening, February 25

Location: Red Acre Barn

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Join us for dinner, silent & live auction, and live music. This will be the Foundation's primary fundraising event of the year. Secure your tickets to enjoy a night of celebration and supporting I-35 Roadrunners!

BUY YOUR TICKETS: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/roadrunnergala>



## Elementary Working Toward Goals

February is such a fun month! All of our testing is finished up for the winter, and we get to celebrate student growth and focus on our action plan to attain our goals. We have two main building-wide goals for this school year. Our culture goal is as follows: By May 2023, I-35 elementary students will be confident to approach a trusted staff member with their individual needs. Currently, all students that are able to verbally communicate have identified a trusted adult! We absolutely crushed this goal! As we continue to move forward this school year, we will shift our focus to Trusted Peers. We will support students in what it means to be a trusted peer and support students in identifying peers that demonstrate those habits toward them.

Our Learning goal is in the area of literacy, reading: By May 2023, 80% of students will be proficient in grade-level literacy skills as measured by FAST early reading, CBM, and preschool literacy skills. As a school, we started the year at 50% when we established a baseline in early September. After winter testing, we have now climbed to 64% at benchmark in foundational skills and reading fluency! The students and staff continue to work on both grade-level literacy skills and to target each student's current reading level and push them ahead from where they are at. This way, all students are growing at rigorous rates!

We have many students that need to be celebrated! We had 65 students grow 40 words per minute or more! And, we are not finished yet; we cannot wait to see how much we can grow in the second half of the school year!

Every class, preschool through fourth grade participated in a school-wide writing competition to hone in on our writing skills. Students receiving first place for their respective grades were Blake, Flora, and Annalleise! Students receiving second place for their respective grades were Lucas, Grayson, and Lauren. Students receiving third place for their respective grades were Gavin, Lyla, and Charlotte. These essays can be viewed in the elementary entrance. I am so proud of the writing work our students are engaging in!

This is a team effort and our staff is working diligently to support the learning needs of each student! Please celebrate and thank our staff members for their efforts; they are all in every day to provide the best instruction for their students!

## Upcoming Events

Come out and support the ROADRUNNERS over the next few weeks!!!

Wednesday, Feb 15	Wrestling State at Wells Fargo
Thursday, Feb 16	B Basketball--Districts (TBD)
Friday, Feb 17	No School--Professional Development
Friday, Feb 17	Wrestling State at Wells Fargo
Saturday, Feb 18	Wrestling State at Wells Fargo
Tuesday, Feb 21	B Basketball--District (TBA)
Wednesday, Feb 22	G Basketball--Regional (TBD)
Thursday, Feb 23	Family Game Night
Friday, Feb 24	Preschool Registration
Saturday, Feb 25	Father-Daughter Dance
Saturday, Feb 25	Foundation Gala
Thursday, March 2	5-12 Band/Choir Concert
Friday, March 3	Carnival for After Prom
Monday, March 6	Parent Teacher Conferences (2 hour early out)
Tuesday, March 7	PTO Meeting
Thursday, March 9	Parent Teacher Conferences (2 hour early out)
Friday, March 10	Elementary Boys Lock-In
Friday, March 10	No School--Professional Development
Monday, March 13	Spring Break
Monday, March 20	Classes Resume

ALL athletic competitions are VARSITY contests. For all sport and activity calendar please visit [www.roadrunnerpride.org](http://www.roadrunnerpride.org)

**Go ROADRUNNERS**

## Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

The St. Charles Community Foundation provided a grant for calming resources to be placed in each of our learning spaces throughout the elementary school!



# Community Happenings

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to our Art Auction in December to help us raise money for the library. We raised enough money along with The Pilcrow Foundation and their partners to bring 124 new children's books into the library. We also want to thank Rae Miller and her family for donating the artwork that we auctioned off. Please stop by the New Virginia Public Library and check out all the new books!

## SAVE THE DATE

City of New Virginia Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 13, 2023. More information to follow next month.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER AND PIE AUCTION HOSTED BY THE NEW VIRGINIA SADDLE CLUB

Saturday March 4, 2023

480 East St.

New Virginia, IA 50210

5 PM-7 PM



Dinner will start at 5 PM. Pie auction will start at 6 PM.

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

Come out and support the local Saddle Club!



## Recycling Dates New Virginia

Thursday February 23rd

Thursday March 9th

Thursday March 23rd

The New Virginia ELF Club volunteers are on a mission to light up the town by stringing holiday LED lights on the beautiful blue spruce tree at Old Settlers Park.

In an effort for this to happen, we are reaching out to the community businesses and residents to bring this to fruition for 2023.

To support this, we are asking for donations to purchase two strands of lights per business. The lights will cost approximately \$140 per strand.

All who donate to our mission will also be recognized in the Tri-Corner-Express for contributing to this event for 2023.



Please make your check payable and mail to:

New Virginia ELF Club

1051 Starline Avenue

New Virginia, Iowa 50210

We appreciate your support in this endeavor and THANK YOU for helping us light up New Virginia!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Kim McWilliams, Cindy Miller, Chris Truman, Amanda Allsup or Nindy Coles.

Thank you for your support, New Virginia Community Members!!

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Squaw Creek Township is seeking sealed 2023 mowing bids for three cemeteries. Specifications and bid sheet are available online at [squawcreektownship.com](http://squawcreektownship.com) on the Township News and Events page or contact Misti Kosman at [SquawCreekTownship@gmail.com](mailto:SquawCreekTownship@gmail.com) or 515-321-5174. Submission due by March 15, 2023

# Community Happenings

The I-35 Trap Team is open to receiving donations and needs help to reach their goal of \$500,000. If you would like to donate to the I-35 Trap Team, our Midway Foundation Endowment can be found here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/i35strapteam>

The I-35 Shooting Sports Trap Team needs a Trap range for our student athletes. If you have land to donate or provide a long term low cost lease, please email [i35shootingports@gmail.com](mailto:i35shootingports@gmail.com).

## In Years Past.... February 1973

### I-35 MATMEN WIN 9 OF 10 MATCHES IN DUAL MEET

The I-35 Matmen extended their dual meet string to 3 by defeating Dexfield 45-9. I-35 won 9 of 10 matches to dominate the action. Highlights of the evening were an 8-second takedown and a 10-second takedown by John Marchant and Jim Stuart respectively. Important statistics of the match were I-35 9 takedowns to Dexfield's 2 and I-35 held 7 of 10 opponents scoreless. Ken Stanley had a good showing with a superior decision before he got his fall. Roger Markman and Jim Stuart did a good job getting falls.

## OmniTel Communication Grants for the 4th Quarter of 2022.

The Board of Director's of OmniTel Communications has awarded grants to the following organizations:

Rockford Public Library, Lyle Area Cancer Pool Tournament, NSRF PTO, I-35 After Prom, St Ansgar DART, Greene Community Visioning and North Butler After Prom. The next grants will be awarded in April. Grant applications can be found at [www.omnitel.biz](http://www.omnitel.biz)

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 anytime 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.

## Annual ALL YOU CAN EAT

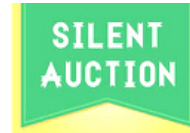
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## ALL NEWS/COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS WELCOME

We welcome anyone who would like to submit news items, points of interest or any other community happenings to be published in the paper. These items would be family gatherings, places you have been, or news items that have taken place. Please place these items in the black box located at the Hen House or email them to [tricorner@newvirginia.com](mailto:tricorner@newvirginia.com). We will publish them in our paper.



## Truro Public Library

Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - noon

## Check out this month's new books!

Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes

More Than Meets the Eye by Iris Johansen

Encore in Death by J. D. Robb

Check us out on Facebook for any updates!

[www.truro.lib.ia.us](http://www.truro.lib.ia.us)

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IN YEARS PAST....

February 1980

PONY EXPRESS RIDERS TO  
SPONSOR DANCE

The Warren County Pony Express will sponsor a dance at the Legion Hall in New Virginia from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM Saturday February 3. Music will be provided by "The Country Five." All proceeds will go to Camp Sunnyside. Admission is six dollars.

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### Public Notice



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John 16:32



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## Agronomy in the Field Program to Be Offered This Winter

Women landowners can learn more about agronomy via zoom meetings

Women landowners, farmers and ag retailers will have the opportunity to meet again this winter to learn more about agronomy and related agricultural topics through distance-learning sessions of Agronomy in the Field.

The goals of Agronomy in the Field are to strengthen agronomic skills for women that allow for better decision-making, provide a better understanding of inputs for crop production, see and understand different conservation practices and increase confidence in communication with a spouse, farming partner, ag retailer or tenant.

These programs are hosted by extension field agronomists Angie Rieck-Hinz, Meaghan Anderson, Rebecca Vittetoe, Leah Ten Napel and Clarabell Probasco.

Five free distance-learning classroom sessions of Agronomy in the Field will be offered from January through early April. Sessions will be over the noon hour, starting at 12 p.m., and will typically last until 1 p.m. These sessions will be provided through a web-conferencing program, so women can join online from the comfort of their own home or office.

“It can be hard to travel in the winter months with weather challenges and family priorities, so hopefully the web-conferencing technology will allow women across the state to still be a part of the program, even if they are unable to physically be in the same location,” said extension field agronomist Angie Rieck-Hinz.

All sessions will be recorded so women can access them at a time convenient for them if they can't join in for the live sessions. The sessions that will be offered this fall and winter are as follows:

- January 9: Lean and Mean Crop Production.
- February 20: Interpreting Soil Test Results and Fertilizer Recommendations.
- March 6: Developing Successful Herbicide Plans.
- March 20: Managing Your Forages to Maximize Productivity.
- April 3: Iowa Soils and Understanding CSR2.

Any interested women landowners, farmers and service providers who would like to participate in upcoming sessions can register for the sessions at <https://go.iastate.edu/PGFFCZ>. Once registered, participants will receive an email confirmation with a link to join and can participate in one or more sessions at no cost. For more information, visit the Iowa Women's Agronomy in the Field Facebook page.

## New Virginia Fireworks

### DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR 2023 NEW VIRGINIA FIREWORKS

The Saturday evening fireworks are a big part of our Old Settlers Celebration. We still need donations to pay for the 2023 fireworks. We still need approximately \$1500.00 in donations to be able to receive our March 1 early pay fireworks discount. For those of you who like to do your business online, the New Virginia Old Settlers Association has set up a Venmo account for online donations. Our link to donate is <https://venmo.com/NewVirginia-OldSettlers>. You can, also, donate to the New Virginia Fireworks Fund at City State Bank or you may, also, mail a check (please write fireworks in the memo) to the New Virginia Fireworks Fund at the following address:

City Clerk of New Virginia  
PO Box 302  
New Virginia, IA 50210

Any questions feel free to contact Deann Strange (515)210-8847 or [newvirginiaoldsettlers@gmail.com](mailto:newvirginiaoldsettlers@gmail.com)

CLAIMS REPORT		AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
VENDOR	REFERENCE			
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,406.42	14798	2/2/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.81	14797	1/18/2023
BETTY MALTEN	GAMP RETURN DEPOSIT	\$125.00	14804	2/7/2023
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$700.88	14805	2/7/2023
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	OFFICE SUUPLIES ENVELOPES	\$627.75	14799	2/2/2023
CENTRAL IOWA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$68.00	14800	2/2/2023
G WORKS	TECHNOLOGY FRONTDESK ACCTS	\$318.00	14806	2/7/2023
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS PROPERTYTAXLEVY	\$95.41	14810	2/7/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$291.00	16326291	2/3/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$327.07	16326292	2/3/2023
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	14811	2/7/2023
KELDERMAN MANUFACTURING INC	VEHICLE REPAIR - AMBULANCE	\$2,724.00	14812	2/7/2023
MARK MCCOY	GAMP DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	14813	2/7/2023
NORMA PARMER	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	14814	2/7/2023
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$377.76	14815	2/7/2023
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES O2 FILL	\$41.82	14816	2/7/2023
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TELEFLEX ARROW INTERNATIONAL I	MEDICAL SUPPLIES AMBULANCE	\$1,665.50	14819	2/7/2023
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,092.95	14821	2/7/2023
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$363.91	14822	2/7/2023
WHITNEY STUART	GAMP CLEANING	\$70.75	14823	2/7/2023
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$346.87	14796	1/18/2023
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$338.05	14824	2/7/2023
	<b>Total General</b>	<b>\$11,472.95</b>		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,429.49	14798	2/2/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL	\$977.50	14808	2/7/2023
SAVAGE EXCAVATING	OTHER CONTR SERV VALVE REPAIR	\$847.76	14817	2/7/2023
	<b>Total Road Use</b>	<b>\$3,254.75</b>		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	14803	2/7/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.27	14797	1/18/2023
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	OFFICE SUUPLIES ENVELOPES	\$414.20	14799	2/2/2023
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$15.00	14807	2/7/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	MILEAGE WATER TESTING	\$36.00	14808	2/7/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX 4TH QTR 2022	\$107.49	16326270	1/26/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX 4TH QRT 2022	\$1,294.19	16326271	1/26/2023
IA ONE CALL	METER LOCATES - IA ONE CALL	\$4.60	14809	2/7/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$295.73	16326291	2/3/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$331.67	16326292	2/3/2023
SAVAGE EXCAVATING	OTHER CONTR SERV VALVE REPAIR	\$1,600.00	14817	2/7/2023
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$3,845.20	14820	2/7/2023
	<b>Total Water Utilities</b>	<b>\$8,091.35</b>		
	GENERAL	\$1,548.23		
	WATER	\$1,574.06		
	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$3,122.29</b>		
	<b>***** REPORT TOTAL *****</b>	<b>\$25,941.34</b>		

# Jesus' Right Hand

Sometimes, you've just got to stop and smell the roses. We all know that saying, but do we actually take the time to stop and really appreciate everything that is around us? Have our lives become so hectic and chaotic that someone has to interrupt the non-stop action of our lives to tell us to stop and smell the roses? It's really ironic that these words would be coming out of my thought process at this time. It seems like the pace at Jesus' Right Hand has been turned up to full throttle the past few months, and we are trying to adjust and get used to a new "normal" once again. It seems to come in waves, and with each new blessing comes an entirely new set of challenges. We praise God for every new volunteer, but with each new volunteer comes a time of personal adjustment within the JRH family as we help them learn and find their unique place and role within the ministry. It really is a true family dynamic, where we move into new positions and responsibilities, learning to share, coming alongside each other in times of need, and stepping up if needed, whether it is convenient or not.

One of the biggest changes we've experienced in the past few months is the addition of two new retailers who have begun to donate to the ministry. We are currently picking up donations from them three days a week. At first it was quite overwhelming, and we started by splitting the responsibilities among several drivers, often using our own personal vehicles. Relationships with these retailers had to be established, helping them to know what items we could use, where to find them, and basically establishing a good line of communication and developing mutual trust. It seems that we have moved past the "overwhelmed" stage into the "slightly less overwhelmed" stage of these changes.

The blessings we have received have doubled the amount of food we have available to serve those who come to us during the Fresh Food Giveaway every Monday from 1-3 pm. We are now able to offer ready-to-heat meals, take-and-bake pizzas, and more of a variety of meat, dairy and grocery items. We now offer more bags filled with ready-to-eat sandwiches from the "Blessing Box" in our waiting area. We are now able to better serve our emergency food pantry clients with these items, since we have fresh food donations more readily available. We are even resuming walk-in needs, such as sandwiches and meals for anyone needing a last-minute need, much like we began to do before the pandemic began to shut things down.

We were also contacted in late January with an opportunity to "rescue" cheese from a damaged semi-trailer just outside of St. Charles. With the combined efforts of several volunteers, we were able to rescue quite a bit of this cheese and then share with other outreach ministries that also feed people in need. It was bitterly cold with a harsh wind, and the ground was extremely icy, but God blessed us with the vehicles and the manpower at that time to do what was needed to keep this perfectly good cheese from being dumped and wasted. It wasn't an easy task at that time, but God gave us the strength to endure the bitter cold, kept us upright on the ice, and blessed us with cheese for everyone in need!

All of these trips to West Des Moines have put a strain on our ministry van. "The Bus," as we lovingly call it, has risen to the challenge, and with God's help, has faithfully made the trip every Monday, Wednesday and Friday without fail since mid-November. The mileage on this van has reached far beyond what we could even imagine, and we have felt for a long time

that it was time to bring a newer, more modern van into the JRH family. Ideally, we are looking for something like a Ford Transit or a Dodge Ram 2000 cargo style van, the type that Amazon uses for their deliveries. It would allow all the drivers to stand in the back and load if needed without stooping over in awkwardly weird positions. We ask you to agree with us in prayer for God to provide exactly what He knows we will need, and if you see or hear of a vehicle that would be up to the challenge, please let us know!

We feel so incredibly blessed to be in this area, surrounded with the wonderful people God has brought alongside of us. You'll never know how your words of encouragement, your prayers, your financial support and your smiling faces have lifted us up and made us appreciate the beautiful fragrance of the "roses" that have been placed in our lives. We are thankful for all the challenges that have come our way, because through them, we have been made stronger and have grown as a ministry. Be encouraged in all you say and do. We are here for you!

In His Love and Service  
Jesus' Right Hand

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**What's happening at the New Virginia Public Library?**

Every Wednesday Afternoon at 2:00 p.m. is Cribbage!  
Every Third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. is Book Club!

**New Books This Month**

- Code Name Sapphire by Pam Jenoff
- Heart Bones by Colleen Hoover
- Walk the Blue Line by James Patterson

Check our Facebook page for updates on upcoming activities!  
[www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us](http://www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us)

**~ Interstate 35 Girl Scouts ~cookies are here!**

Cookie kick off time started with cookie tastings and painting ceramics! What a great way to kick off sales! Local Girl Scouts are out and about selling; you just might see one in your neighborhood.

Girl Scouts collect pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Iowa. If you have any to donate, we are happy to help and get them turned in for you!

Questions or for more information about your local Girl Scouts contact:  
Sarah Lawyer at 5SarahJL5@gmail.com / 515-480-0049.



In Years Past... February 1973 (50 years)  
The New Virginia Lions Club will play in a game of Wheelchair Basketball Saturday February 10, at 7:30 in the New Virginia Gym. The Des Moines Roadrunners will furnish the wheelchairs and the entertainment. The game will be the first of its kind in the area. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy an evening of fun.



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**IN THE YEARS PAST...** February 1923 (100 years)  
Accidents seem to be popular among the H S students. On the way to school Thursday morning, the horses driven by Archie and Ina Green became frightened and commenced to run away. The buggy was badly damaged, but no one was hurt. Here's hoping the season of accidents is over.



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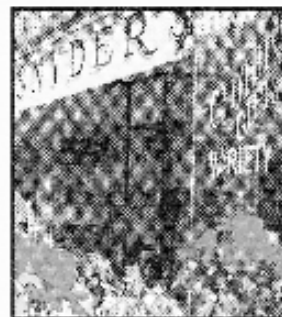


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We are finding that our house here in Sun Lakes, AZ suits us well, our furniture fits fine, and we are starting to hang our pictures on the walls. Our replacement bookcases arrived, and the shelves are level, and I have filled them with books and decorative items. Our house has an “open floor plan” of living room, dining room, breakfast eating area and kitchen. There are two bedrooms and two bathrooms, and an extra room that I call my sewing room. Kind of an unusual feature is that there are nine exit doors: three sliding patio doors; two double French doors; a regular front door; a door to the front patio; a door into the garage from the kitchen; and a door in the garage to the outside. There is a large patio area in the back, and smaller ones in the front and on one side of the house. The back patio gets afternoon sunlight; our front door faces south. We have yellow roses, bougainvillea, oleander, vinca, and a small white flower. Some are still in bloom, and there are also basil and mint growing. We have a grapefruit and an orange tree that show neglect, but they have fruit on them. We may plant a blood orange tree and a tangelo tree. We have a sprinkler system all around the house and a tall, concrete water fountain (inoperable at this time) near the front entrance that reminds me of an Italian villa.

Four tubular skylights with flat prismatic lenses, called solar tubes, let in natural light in the kitchen, both bathrooms and breakfast eating area. This latter area has no ceiling light fixture, so we are using lamps to light the area. Another job for my brother Jim or our carpenter James? We have contracted with James to replace all four windows and one patio door, as well as replacing two patio doors with windows. We had to apply to the HOA (Home Owners Association) to receive approval before this work could start. The materials are ordered, and we hope the work will start in March. James is currently removing broken roof tiles above the front door, as well as rotted framing at the door. I’d like to have the front door painted red, but I’m sure the HOA would not approve of this, preferring beige or stucco colors. Work trucks are a common sight in Sun Lakes – landscapers, roofers, painters, gutter installers, HVAC workers, etc. A large dumpster in the yard is an indication of major renovations in progress.

The Sun Lakes Citrus Sharers are again on the job, helping homeowners pick their unwanted fruit. We began picking the citrus fruit from people’s trees on January 28, and we will pick Saturday and Monday mornings, 8 a.m. to noon, through February 27. There are over 200 volunteers that comprise 10 teams of 15-20 people each, and last year we all picked 1,000 tons of fruit which is all donated to the St. Mary’s Food Bank. About 600 homes are in the data base, requesting our service. We are working with many of the same people from the past two years, so that’s nice. Although we cover the ground (all gravel, no grass) under the trees with moving blankets, to protect the fruit as the pole pickers drop it to the ground, some of the fruit gets split. We call these “juicers” and put them into a separate bucket. These are available to whomever wants them. I took a bagful of oranges and tangelos recently, Mel juiced them, and the juice was delicious!

Our “snowbird” friends have returned from Washington, Colorado and Minnesota, so we are having lots of fun get-togethers. Brother Tom and Gwen are back here from Georgia and will stay for most of February. February events for us include Jim’s birthday on the 7th, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine’s Day and Mardi Gras on the 21st. We have had chilly mornings, and the days have been in the 50’s to 70’s. Quite wonderful – isn’t that part of why we moved to Arizona?

**New Programs to fill gaps in 2020/2021 Natural Disaster Assistance (Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase 2) and 2020 Pandemic Assistance (Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP)).**

USDA is announcing two new programs that wrap-up and fill remaining gaps in previous natural disaster and pandemic assistance. To be eligible for ERP Phase 2, producers must have suffered a decrease in allowable gross revenue in 2020 or 2021 due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event. Assistance will be primarily to producers of crops that were not covered by Federal Crop Insurance or NAP, since crops covered by Federal Crop Insurance and NAP were included in the assistance under ERP Phase One. To be eligible for PARP, an agricultural producer must have been in the business of farming during at least part of the 2020 calendar year and had a 15% or greater decrease in allowable gross revenue for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to a baseline year.

The ERP Phase 2 and PARP application period is open from January 23, 2023 through June 2, 2023. For more information, producers should contact their local USDA service center or reference the ERP Phase Two Fact Sheet, PARP Fact Sheet or the ERP Phase Two-PARP Comparison Fact Sheet.

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## Virginia Boosters 4-H Club News



Written by Brianna Fantz, Reporter

The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their February 8th meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Lions Hall in New Virginia.

Mackie Loomis called the meeting to order at 7:00. Roll call was 'What is your favorite type of pizza?' Katie Cox gave the Secretary's report, and Brianna Fantz gave the Treasurer's report.

This month's old business discussed and passed out the year pins to their members. They also continued to talk about cleaning the Lions Hall and decided on a date and time.

The review of the monthly county newsletter began the new business, sparking conversation about upcoming dates, meal packaging, rabbit workshop (Feb. 21), swine meetings, cupcake wars, dairy goat share-a-kid, dairy goat showing and fitting, National 4-H Congress and Conference, mid-year eligibility, and scholarships. The 4-H group also made a vote to reimburse their leader, Brenda Streeter, for purchasing year pins. Blake Erickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Katie Cox seconded.

The presentation was Mackie Loomis talking about a trip to get AIE National Training. The host for this meeting was Katie Cox.

The next meeting is on March 8th at 7:00 P.M. Have a good rest of your month, the end.



## OHIO FUTURE FEEDERS 4-H CLUB



January 8, 2023

The Ohio Future Feeders 4-H Club had their regularly scheduled 4-H Club and Clover Bud meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall in St. Charles. The meeting was called to order by Grace Knedler at 6:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trax Beeler and the 4-H Pledge was led by Darian Stark. The Secretary's report was given by Max Knoll. The Treasurer's Report was given by Violet Knedler. Old business that was discussed included success of our Christmas "Adopt a Family" and fruit donation to police and troopers, and if you were at the YQCA training, you have to take a pre and post quiz online to complete the requirement. New business that was discussed included exhibitor eligibility guidelines in order to exhibit at the 2023 county fair, reminder beef ID is due February 1 and swine weigh-in is March 25. Clover Buds were busy during the meeting learning about monarch butterflies and planting milkweed seeds to take home to replant in the spring. Community Service project for the month included members donating new winter socks, hats, gloves and mittens and all the donations were taken by Nora Nelson and donated to her church. Meeting was adjourned by Darian Stark and seconded by Laura Knedler at 6:22 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2023, at 6 p.m.  
Reporter: Laura Knedler

## BAMBS - WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!

Meet BAMBS, also known as Brooke (Maxwell), Amy (Reyes), Melissa (Phillips), Belinda (Howard), and Stacy (Young).

Our group got its start in late 2021 when some local people in our community learned that some community members could really use a hand up, and with timing being sensitive, the locals turned to social media to "crowd fund" help with that hand up. The reaction to this request was absolutely incredible, and through discussions with many in the community, we ended up showing love to two families in December 2021, another in January and yet another in February of 2022.

We decided to call our pop-up's "We Care Weekends." Our Facebook page was created to have one spot for those who are interested in joining in on these "We Care Weekends" to see what is going on. Sometimes we'll have fun pictures to share about the work that the community is doing, other times, we'll just provide enough information for people to understand the need. We think it's very important to afford people the integrity and dignity of staying anonymous in times like this. So please join us on Facebook!

Due to this amazing community's support, we have had the opportunity to help many families around our three little towns. We have helped some families with rent and utilities, given Christmas presents to kids, provided gift cards to families traveling back and forth to doctor's appointments, furnished hot meals to people needing a little extra love, and our local fire departments benefited from snacks, drinks and meals as a small token of appreciation, AND so much more.

As a community, we have shared thousands of dollars with people who need a helping hand. We've also seen that people WANT to help, sometimes they just don't know what to do. We try to make it easy to help by stating our goal and giving a number of donations that would be needed to reach that goal. We are so appreciative of all of the support and look forward to sharing even more love in 2023. This is where we need YOU!

If you know anyone locally that could use some help, big or small, reach out to one of the BAMBS members. We have taken requests for new pants, water bills, groceries, rent, gas money, medical bills, and numerous other things. You can find us on Facebook at "We Care Weekends," via email at [brookemaxwell1@gmail.com](mailto:brookemaxwell1@gmail.com), or send us a text at (515)306-7079.

Happy President's Day  
Monday February 20,  
2023





Bette Lou Van Gundy, daughter of William Emmanuel Pelz and Amelia Tjaden Pelz was born April 18, 1939 in Washburn, Illinois and passed from this life Monday, February 6, 2023 at Woodlands Creek Senior Living in Clive, Iowa at 83 years of age.

Bette received her education in Manson, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Richard William Mac Donald on July 8, 1955 in Manson, Iowa and this union was blessed with five daughters, Rhonda, Vicki, Sherri, Valerie, and Jaci. Bette was later united in marriage to James Alden Van Gundy on October 18, 1964 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa and one daughter, Sonja blessed this union.

Bette worked at various occupations over the years but what she was most passionate about and most known for is the pre-school she operated in her home near Truro. In fact, she was fondly called "Grandma Bette" not only by her grandkids who attended there but also by all the other children attending.

Bette was a Truro Lioness with the Truro Lions Club, a member of various card clubs, a former Girl Scout Leader, and a member of the A & O Club (Aprons and Overalls). In her spare time, Bette enjoyed reading, crafts, ceramic painting, cake decorating, and had one heck of a green thumb. But, her greatest joy came from children of all ages and was even called the "Baby Whisperer".

Those relatives who preceded Bette in death were her parents, husband, James Alden Van Gundy, daughter, Valerie Sloan; brothers, Morris "Bud" Pelz, Harold Pelz and Paul Pelz; sisters, Eleanor Hess, Mary Meister, and Lorene Lehman as well as many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Bette leaves to cherish her memory; daughters, Rhonda (Roger) Myers of Truro, IA, Vicki Weller of St. Charles, IA, Sherri MacDonald-Harvey of Winterset, IA, Jaci (Gayle Williamson) Mac Donald of St Charles, IA, and Sonja (James) Schaible of Wirtz, VA; sisters, Ruth Freese of Manson, IA, Shirley Ahlrichs of Storden, MN, brother, Lavern (Margie) Pelz of Manson, IA, sisters, Verna (Bill) Grant of Rockwell City, IA, Janet Anderson of Rockwell City, IA and sister-in-law, Doris Pelz of Manson, IA. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kristina, Cody, Chasidy, Traci, Lindsie, Katie, Brandon, Lane, Clint, Jodi, Kyle, Erik, Sarah, Grant, Elizabeth, and Christopher, 32 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great granddaughters, nieces, nephews, many other relatives and a host of friends.

Services will be held at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola, Saturday February 18, 2023 at 10:30 am with Chaplain Jason Pool officiating.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Friday, February 17, 2023 at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola.

A live stream of the service will be available at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com) on Bette's tribute wall beginning at 10:30 am, Saturday.

Interment of her cremated remains will be in the Young Cemetery at a later time.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Suncrest Hospice 5959 Village View Dr. Des Moines, IA 50266 or St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

## USDA Develops Simplified Direct Loan Application to Improve Customer Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has developed a simplified direct loan application to provide improved customer experience for producers applying for loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The simplified direct loan application enables producers to complete a more streamlined application, reduced from 29 to 13 pages. Producers will also have the option to complete an electronic fillable form or prepare a traditional, paper application for submission to their local FSA farm loan office. The paper and electronic versions of the form will be available starting March 1, 2023.

"USDA is committed to improving our farm loan processes to better serve all of our borrowers," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We're consistently looking for ways to make the application process easier to navigate, so more producers are able to complete it. Our new direct loan application is a critical step forward in our efforts to improve customer service and build equity into not just our programs but also our services."

Approximately 26,000 producers submit a direct loan application to the FSA annually, but there is a high rate of incomplete or withdrawn applications, due in part to a challenging and lengthy paper-based application process. Coupled with the Loan Assistance Tool released in October 2022, the simplified application will provide all loan applicants access to information regarding the application process and assist them with gathering the correct documents before they begin the process. This new application will help farmers and ranchers submit complete loan applications and reduce the number of incomplete, rejected, or withdrawn applications.

In October 2022, USDA launched the Loan Assistance Tool, an online step-by-step guide that provides materials to help an applicant prepare their farm loan application in one tool. Farmers can access the Loan Assistance Tool by visiting [farmers.gov/farm-loan-assistance-tool](https://farmers.gov/farm-loan-assistance-tool) and clicking the 'Get Started' button. The tool is built to run on any modern browser like Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser. A version compatible with mobile devices is expected to be available by the summer. It does not work in Internet Explorer.

The simplified direct loan application and Loan Assistance Tool are the first of multiple farm loan process improvements that will be available to USDA customers on [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov) in the future. Other improvements that are anticipated to launch in 2023 include:

An interactive online direct loan application that gives customers a paperless and electronic signature option, along with the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns.

An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local Service Center to pay a loan installment.

USDA provides access to credit to approximately 115,000 producers who cannot obtain sufficient commercial credit through direct and guaranteed farm loans. With the funds and direction Congress provided in Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act, USDA took action in October 2022 to provide relief to qualifying distressed borrowers while working on making transformational changes to loan servicing so that borrowers are provided the flexibility and opportunities needed to address the inherent risks and unpredictability associated with agricultural operations.

Soon, all direct loan borrowers will receive a letter from USDA describing the circumstances under which additional payments will be made to distressed borrowers and how they can work with their FSA local office to discuss these options. Producers can explore all available options on all FSA loan options at [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov) or by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [usda.gov](https://usda.gov).

Assumption Shrine, Churchville  
(Formerly Church of the Assumption)  
2841 South Street,  
Churchville, IA  
Business Office:  
c/o St. John the Apostle Church  
720 Orchard Hills Drive,  
Norwalk, IA 50211  
Fr. Daniel Kirby

Mass Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. (During  
Lent.)  
Mass : First Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m.  
(Rosary at 10:10 am)

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St Patrick's Irish Settlement  
3396 155th St Cumming, IA 50061  
Fr Thomas Dooley - 515-462-1083  
Mass: Sunday 8 am  
Religious Ed: Ginny Darr, ginginery@aol.com  
or call 515-707-9243

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Martensdale Community Church  
(An Evangelical Free Church)  
3553 Hoover St PO Box 200  
Martensdale, IA 50160  
1 mile north of Martensdale on Hwy 28  
Pastor: Jeremy Kidder  
641-764-2491  
Associate Pastor: Daniel Moore  
Sunday Worship 9:00 am  
Bible Study: 10:30 am  
Sr. High Youth 6 pm Sunday  
Awana: 6:30 pm Wed Sept thru Apr.  
Jr High Youth 6:30 pm Wed Sept thru Apr.  
www.mcc-church.com

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Fairview Community Church  
19705 Hwy 69 Indianola, IA 50125  
515-961-6069  
Pastor Gearold McElwee  
Cell 515-669-5519  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sun Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Sun Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
Cubi Club & Twenty/20 - 5:30 pm  
Adult Endeavor - 6:00 pm  
Wed Bible Study & Youth Classes 7 pm

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Peru Murray United Methodist Church  
Pastor Brandon Campbell  
No Sunday School  
Peru Worship 9:00 am  
Murray Worship 10:30 am

Grace Baptist Church  
304 Knotts Street  
New Virginia, IA 50210  
Pastor Michael Mattson  
www.gbcnv.org  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
Wednesday Evening:  
Youth 7 pm, Prayer 7:30 pm

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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

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Truro Congregational  
Christian Church UCC  
155 E Garfield Box 17 Truro, IA 50257  
Pastor Kenneth Briggs  
641-765-4524 Cell:515-314-6494  
Email: revkbriggsacc@msn.com  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Coffee & Fellowship: 11:30 am

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Immaculate Conception  
101 St. James St PO Box 88  
St. Marys, IA 50241  
Fr. Eze Umunnakwe, C.S.Sp.  
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Religious Ed - Sunday morning  
following Mass  
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Faith Fellowship Church  
164 Highway 152 Osceola, IA 50213  
641-342-6603  
Pastor: Sheldon Lorenson  
Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow  
oefc@iowatelecom.net  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship: 10:00

# Church Directory

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

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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

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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 p.m.  
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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

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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

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St. Paul Lutheran  
(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)ELCA  
615 Iowa Ave / Box 290  
Martensdale IA 50160  
641-764-2752  
Pastor Tim Jacobsen:  
C- 515-462-0539  
Tim@mystpaullutheran.com  
Worship: 10:00 AM

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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

