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## Farewell from the Class of 2024

Contributed by Allyson Oser and Cadi Carlson

My name is Allyson Oser, and I'm graduating with the I-35 Senior Class of 2024. As our last day of high school is approaching, I have been thinking about what's led us here. Our class had the misfortune of entering high school during the height of COVID-19. Talk about a freshman welcome! I opted to school online because the virtual option appealed to me. I took that opportunity to pursue some personal interests, and I firmly believe I gained a lot from that year of personal development. Long story short, I feel as though my hiatus from in-person schooling was precious because I had the chance to pursue some of my passions and learn valuable life skills along the way. I'm now looking forward to higher education and a career in the field of natural resources. It's amazing to think how soon I will be starting this next chapter of my life. When people ask me if I'm ready to graduate, my immediate answer is yes, absolutely. However, I'm not sure I'm ready to be an adult quite yet...

I was curious to know how some of my peers feel about our high school experience and our upcoming graduation, so I decided to ask around and include their opinions in this senior highlight. Fully aware that "senioritis" has infected us all by this time of the year, I kept my interviews brief. Those who participated were Natalie Gibson, Cannon Beck, Darian Stark, and Owen Cassady.

Natalie Gibson has been a part of the I-35 community for eight years. If I remember correctly, she arrived the year after my family moved here. That would have been around third or fourth grade. Her plans after high school are to attend Iowa State University and major in veterinary medicine. As she said: "I chose this route because it is something I have always wanted to do and being able to give back to the community by providing care for people's pets and livestock is important to me." When I asked Natalie the same question about entering adulthood that has plagued my mind, she replied with a very positive outlook: "I am overjoyed to begin this new chapter of my life here in a few days. While I love my hometown and the community I was raised in, I am excited to explore new things and prepare for my future." In addition, reflecting on our unique freshman year made Natalie conclude that it brought our class closer together as we powered through adversity. She went on to say while it was challenging trying to keep up with the academic work during those confusing times, overall, we learned the value of friendships and how we've been taking school for granted. I would have to agree with Natalie... attending school is a boring fact of life until it becomes an unfamiliar environment of wearing masks every day, quarantining, and social distancing.

Cannon Beck, on the other hand, believes that our year of COVID-19 made him "more socially awkward and less educated." Perhaps his judgment is a little harsh because I think he's one of the most respectful seniors I could have a competent conversation with on a daily basis, although I think there's truth to his point about social awkwardness. Natalie referred to that as isolation; I think the isolation of schooling online did not do good things for my social life with my peers. In fact, when I returned our sophomore year, I learned that my classmates fabricated a rumor that I had moved to Wyoming of all things! Regarding graduation, Cannon is excited to "get his life going." He has also been a part of the I-35 community since preschool and intends to become a firefighter because "helping people has always been what I enjoy." Cannon has been a CNA for two years, so helping others is a fact of his character.

Darian Stark agrees that she is ready to "take this next step in my life" and she is "beyond excited to see where this journey takes me." She is also a longstanding member of the I-35 community as she's attended this school since first grade. Darian is a country girl by heart: "In my free time you can catch me riding my horses or hanging out at rodeos with my friends and family." This has inspired her to pursue studies in ag. business and animal science at South Dakota State University in the fall.

Owen Cassady will also be attending South Dakota State University in the fall. He will be in the aviation program because he met a pilot and learned about the job security, benefits, and income this career has to offer. He decided it's a cool and fun job for him that will keep him out of an office. Owen has been attending I-35 since preschool. As he considers graduation, he feels as though the gravity of it has not quite sunk in yet. He also feels

nervous about going to college multiple hours away from home, family, and friends. Interestingly, when I asked Owen how he thought the pandemic affected our high school experience, he said it didn't bother him personally in any social or mental way at all. As a matter of fact, from his perspective, a considerable amount of people in the community didn't allow the awkward time to affect them in any serious way. I guess you could say we are fortunate to be a rural school district that didn't have to bear the brunt of the matter. Speaking for myself and my peers, it seems as though we all gained some sort of valuable life skills and experiences from the whole ordeal.

All things being considered, it is interesting to have a glimpse into the perspectives of my classmates. We all endured the same pandemic our freshman year, yet it brought about unique outlooks from each of us. Some of us have been a part of the school community for a long time, others, not so much. In the end, our paths have all led us to this pivotal moment in our lives — graduation. I wish all my peers the best of luck and good fortune as they proceed with their plans in life.



Hey! My name is Cadi Carlson; I am a senior at Interstate 35. I have attended Interstate since preschool and live outside of New Virginia. My classmates and I have all grown up together and experienced a lot of firsts with each other. We all survived all things COVID in our eighth-grade year. Social media platforms were out before we even started preschool--as Snapchat is our main form of communication and laptops became the new paper in our school. With all these things, good and bad, the class of 2024 continued to thrive and make Interstate 35 a better place.

We kicked off our senior year with a very fun morning. On our first day of school, we held an event called Senior Sunrise. We are the first class at Interstate to do this. We all met at the football field at 6 a.m. and watched the sunrise together. We all had matching shirts while enjoying breakfast. Everyone contributed with food and cute decorations for pictures. Our class wanted to start this tradition, so we planned it over the summer and made it happen. We hope this new tradition will continue, as we all felt it was a great way to start our senior year.

Football season and homecoming week are always a very fun part of the year. The seniors each year come up with themes for each football game, and everyone dresses for the theme. The senior girls, also, did cute overalls decorated with our school colors. It is always fun cheering on our football team and showing our school spirit. I am our student council president which means I was heavily involved in our homecoming week. This is one of the most fun weeks of the school year! The whole week is filled with activities, games and, of course, dress-up days.

Throughout high school, I have been involved in numerous activities--such as volleyball, basketball, track, student council, National Honor Society, Best Buddies, and youth group. To me, being involved is so important because it brings you so many opportunities and helps to grow friendships with new people. My favorite part of my involvement was serving the community, helping others, and making our school a better place.

As this year comes to a close, we are all looking forward to our graduation and grad parties. Interstate has taught me so much more than just the "book" stuff and brought me lifelong friendships. As we enjoy all these last together, the class of 2024 will be ending the year with a Senior Sunset.

After high school, I will be attending Iowa State University to major in finance. I plan to be a part of the Panhellenic community where I can continue being involved in many different things. I feel all my involvement and experiences at Interstate have helped me grow into the person I am today, which will allow me to thrive at Iowa State University.

## Congratulations Graduates!

See the Class of 2024 on pages 14, 15, and 28.

# City Of New Virginia

## Council Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2024

The Council met in regular session on Monday May 6th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the May council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Truman with Council Members Dunkin and Bailey present and Galivan and Taylor present via cell phone. Absent Mayor Strange.

Minutes from the April meetings were approved.

**Old business discussed:** The letter sent by certified mail regarding junk vehicles/machinery and storage safety issues has been picked up, and progress is being made regarding this issue. The storage safety issue has been resolved.

**Citizen Input:** Nile Isaac was present to revisit his concern about the three trees to the north of the alley north of his house. The property owner cut some tree limbs that were hanging near the fire station but did not cut any limbs hanging over his garage or any of his property. A letter from the City will be sent to the property owner stating that at a minimum, the limbs on the south side of the trees must be cut down and removed.

Katharine Kimzey is concerned about three maple trees in the ditch right-of-way of West Street. There are a lot of dead limbs falling from the trees. Kimzey would like to see them taken down, especially the two north trees, before any injuries or damage occurs from falling limbs. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to get bids for removing the trees. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was a citizen inquiry about asphaltting the City portion of Broadway Street west of Border Street.

Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to place rock in the drop-off at Broadway and Border Street. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was a citizen inquiry about water still standing on the basketball court in Lions Park for days after it rains. Concrete contractors will be contacted to see if something can be done about the standing water. Asphaltting over the concrete was discussed.

**Water Utilities discussed:** Nothing to discuss.

**Fire Department Business:** Chief Jake Zuercher has talked to two contractors about the mold issues in the east addition of the fire station. One option is to tear it all down and start new. A second option is to use spray-on foam to coat and cover everything. Dry Seal came to assess the situation and look for where the water leak(s) is located. Dry Seal is planning on running a downspout down the north side of the building and another one or two downspouts to handle the water drainage from both roof lines better. This will be done to see if it eliminates the water leak(s). Zuercher will contact Service Master about cleaning/removing the mold.

The new attack truck 769 is in at Karl's Chevrolet. Zuercher would like to consider installing a computer mount while it's at Karl's. Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the installation of a computer mount in attack truck 769 by Karl Chevrolet. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zuercher advised there is a citizen interested in painting the fire hydrants. The Council appreciates the great community service project offer but does not think the hydrants need to be painted at this time.

Zuercher advised Engine 762 and Engine/Tender 761 have been professionally inspected by Emergency Apparatus Maintenance, Inc. The pump in Engine 762 needs to be rebuilt. It will be rebuilt by Emergency Apparatus.

**Law Enforcement:** The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of April was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 20 calls for service during the month of April. Officers spent in excess of 38 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 167 miles within the city limits for the month. Two citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Feral cats around town were discussed including any catch and release programs that might be available.

### GAMP UPDATE

The cleaning bill for the GAMP Community Building was discussed and if the building is rented enough to pay for the cleaning.

### KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The kite flying event was a success as well as the garage sale during the city-wide garage sale day.

There are several events being planned for in 2024. July Old Settlers booth will be Christmas in July event to pre-sale Country Christmas Home Tour tickets. September – End of Summer Social Date: September 29th. October – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### ELF CLUB

No new updates.

Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**There is a special council meeting scheduled for Monday May 20th at 7:00 p.m. to approve an amendment to the Public Works expenses of the FY2023-24 City of New Virginia budget.**

The June council meeting is scheduled for Monday June 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **June meeting date – Monday June 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

*Jennifer Baughman*

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



**Recycling Dates  
New Virginia**

**May 31  
June 13  
June 27**

<b>2024 Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices</b>	
The Tri-Corner-Express ad prices are as follows. Please email us your ad at <a href="mailto:tricorners@newvirginia.com">tricorners@newvirginia.com</a> 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
Quarter Page (5 x 4.5)	\$45.00
Half Page Horizontal (10.5 x 5)	\$85.00
Half Page Vertical (5 x 9.5)	\$85.00
Full Page (10.5 x 9.5)	\$175.00
Thank You's, Birth Announcements, Birthdays, & Anniversaries: 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	



CLAIMS REPORT				
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$578.72	15242	4/1/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.81	15274	4/9/2024
BRENT BAUGHMAN	RECORDING FEES QUIT CLAIM DEED	\$71.00	15245	4/2/2024
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	VEHICLE REPAIR 768	\$333.63	15243	4/1/2024
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$569.00	15249	4/2/2024
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS - TAX LEVY	\$75.07	15250	4/2/2024
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$429.77	16326572	4/4/2024
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$754.74	16326573	4/4/2024
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	15251	4/2/2024
OFFICE OF AUDITOR STATE OF IA	PERIODIC EXAM FEE 03/2024	\$1,200.00	15241	3/18/2024
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	\$113.85	15252	4/2/2024
RON HULTS	CLEANING GAMP	\$225.00	15253	4/2/2024
STRANGE SPECIALTY TIRE & AUTO	VEHICLE REPAIRS -768	\$465.50	15254	4/2/2024
TINA BURKHEAD	GAMP DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	15255	4/2/2024
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,136.44	15273	4/4/2024
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$387.36	15257	4/2/2024
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$559.54	15258	4/2/2024
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>		<b>\$7,166.43</b>		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,149.59	15242	4/1/2024
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$16.24	16326573	4/4/2024
<b>TOTAL ROAD USE</b>		<b>\$1,165.83</b>		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	15244	4/2/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.46	15274	4/9/2024
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$190.00	15246	4/2/2024
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$70.40	15247	4/2/2024
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER SAMPLES	\$100.00	15248	4/2/2024
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET SALES TAX 01/31/2024	\$557.38	16326562	3/26/2024
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET SALES TAX 02/29/2024	\$493.47	16326563	3/29/2024
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$323.66	16326572	4/4/2024
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$370.51	16326573	4/4/2024
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,340.25	15256	4/2/2024
<b>TOTAL WATER UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$6,593.13</b>		
GENERAL		\$4,058.30		
WATER		\$1,715.71		
Total Payroll Paid		\$5,774.01		

\*\*\*\*\* GRAND TOTAL \*\*\*\*\* \$19,963.81



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NEW VIRGINIA SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT  
Cheryl A Boles, Chairman

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at the  
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## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR 2024 NEW VIRGINIA FIREWORKS

THE SATURDAY EVENING FIREWORKS ARE A BIG PART OF OUR OLD SETTLERS CELEBRATION. WE STILL NEED DONATIONS TO PAY FOR THE 2024 FIREWORKS. WE ARE PLANNING A "\$4700.00 FIREWORKS SHOW," BUT WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS. 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](https://venmo.com/newvirginia-oldsettlers)  
PLEASE NOTE IN VENMO THAT YOUR DONATION IS FOR THE FIREWORKS FUND.

-DONATE TO THE NEW VIRGINIA FIREWORKS FUND AT CITY STATE BANK

-MAIL A CHECK (PLEASE WRITE FIREWORKS IN THE MEMO) TO THE 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)

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medical equipment  
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**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.*

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Jennifer Baughman 641-449-3492 for more information**

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

# Community Happenings

## Virginia Booster 4-H Club News

Written by Nora Nelson, Reporter

[www.bbjtour.com](http://www.bbjtour.com)

Spring Edition  
**BACKROADS & BYWAYS**  
junkin' TOUR  
June 7th and 8th 2024  
10:00-5:00  
WARREN COUNTY IOWA  
and just over the line in spots

Semi-annual  
Event 1st Fri/Sat  
June 8 October

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The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their April 10, 2024, meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lions Hall in New Virginia.

Brady Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was, "What is your favorite food?" Brianna Fantz read the secretary's report, and Jeta Nelson gave the treasurer's report.

This month's old business:

- Bake Sale: -Went well and sold lots of baked goods. The club would like to thank everyone that purchased items.
- Petting Zoo - Wednesday, May 8: Kids will be able to see animals from 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Club meeting right after petting zoo.
- YQCA needs to be done by June 1 for all animals to be exhibited except dogs and horses.

The monthly county newsletter began the new business. We discussed:

- Sheep and Goat weigh-in April 20, 7-9 a.m.
- Swine tagging kits are available.
- Warren County Scholarships
- Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
- Dog Project Monday evenings 6-7 p.m. April 8-July 15
- Need to enter State Fair Market Broilers
- Flower lantern workshop
- Horse Project Ride night starts May 8-July 17, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.
- Beef workshop May 18, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
- 4-H camps - in the newsletter for more information
- Monday, June 24
- Fair Book available
- Rabbit workshop June 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Any other new business: May Hosts - Ella Scott and Charlotte Miller and May Presentations - Brianna Fantz

Charlotte Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Nora Nelson seconded.


Kinsey Martindale gave her presentation on button quail and even brought a couple of them for us to see.

*Summer Reading  
Program Starts  
May 30th!*

Book Club Wednesday May 19th at 4pm

*Library Hours:*  
*Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-8pm*  
*Wednesdays 9-11/1-8*  
*Saturdays 9-12*

New Books for May  
It Had to Be You-Mary Higgins Clark  
Only the Brave by Danielle Steel  
Tumble by Celia C. Perez



# thank you



The I-35 FFA Chapter would like to thank those who purchased plants from the annual plant sale held in April. Watch for next year's sale!

*Interstate 35 FFA*



# CITY OF ST. CHARLES

## City Of St. Charles Council Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2024

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 5/6/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Council members Whitney Hutton, Tom Blomme, and Travis Brockett were present along with eight guests. Council members Megan Allison and Dan Kozak were absent.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Whitney Hutton/Tom Blomme to amend the agenda and add Resolution 5B-2024 Hayden Plat of Survey to the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 4/8/2024 and 4/22/2024: Motion made by Travis Brockett/Whitney Hutton to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of May Bills: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Travis Brockett to approve the May bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During April there were 33.87 patrol hours, nine calls, and four traffic stops in St. Charles.

### City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The April sewer report was submitted to the City.
- Maintenance Report: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Travis Brockett to purchase four class 3 barricades for various city uses. Voice vote was unanimous. Marilyn Evans will receive compensation for mowing in the City while the Council fills the new Public Works position.
- Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer presented the April minutes. The Fire Department has been adding several new volunteers. Transport calls are continuing to increase.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the April minutes. Motion by Whitney Hutton/Tom Blomme to approve Kendall Schaffer as a new member of the Library Board.
- Tourism: Mary Seibert updated the Council on many new projects and developments at The Gateway Event and Welcome Center. The patching and painting have been finished and look great. The Tourism Board has applied for a grant to refinish the bathroom at The Gateway. The Welcome Center portion of the building will be open May 23rd through Covered Bridge Festival. The hours of operation will be 11 AM-3 PM Thursday through Saturday and 12 PM-3 PM on Sundays. Volunteers are needed to extend these hours.
- Emergency Management: The April report was submitted.
- Clerks Report: The 7th Grade Class at Interstate 35 Schools will be volunteering in St. Charles on May 20th . A list of projects is being discussed. Supplies will be purchased by the City. City Hall may be closed on Thursday, May 16th.

Resolution 5A-2024 Plat of Survey Timber Creek Estates: Motion by Tom Blomme/Whitney Hutton to approve the Plat of Survey as submitted for Timber Creek Estates located within a two mile radius of the City of St. Charles. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 5B-2024 Plat of Survey for Carroll D Hayden Revocable Trust: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Travis Brockett to approve the Plat of Survey for Carroll D Hayden Revocable Trust located within a two mile radius of the City of St. Charles. R/C vote was unanimous.

Ordinance 229 Amending Code 122 by adding Chapter 122A to assist with the RAGBRAI Event: Motion by Travis Brockett/Tom Blomme to approve Ordinance 229 to assist with RAGBRAI on July 24, 2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Motion by Whitney Hutton/Tom Blomme to approve Ordinance 229 be approved with the First and Final Reading of the Ordinance. Voice vote was unanimous. A copy of the Ordinance is available at City Hall.

Opportunity and Complaint Forms: An update was submitted for a property located on Cherry Street. A nuisance letter concerning mowing and a dangerous dwelling was sent.

RAGBRAI: The theme for the event in St. Charles will be "St. Charles RAGBRAI 2024 Beep Beep." There will be a town meeting on May 14th at Old Settlers Park to give the community updates concerning the event.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

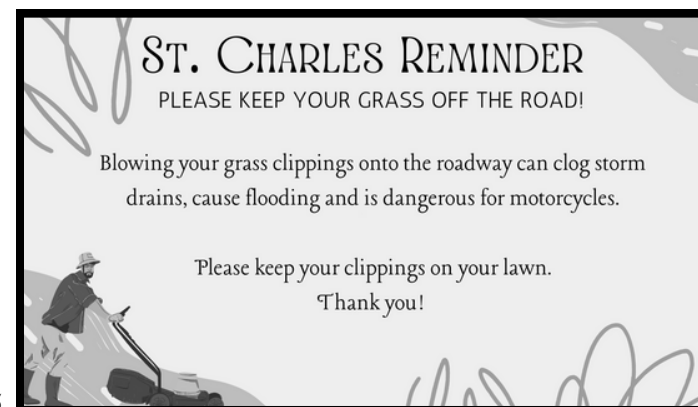
Motion made by Whitney Hutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM.

The next City Council meeting will be on June 3, 2024, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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



# John Brown in 1850s Iowa and Area

By Kirk Freeman (St. Charles Library Director)

This is a dip of the toes into an Iowa side of the story of John Brown, the staunch abolitionist that fought in Bleeding Kansas in the 1850's and one of the catalysts of the American Civil War 1861-1865 that resulted in 750,000 deaths. These dead were 2.5 percent of the US population at the time (by today's U.S. population, this would be equivalent to losing over seven million soldiers in four years of war). Using the tune of a camp song "Say, Brothers, Will You Meet Us" from the late 18th century, "John Brown's Body" was sung with fervor in 1861 and then re-used to create "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe in 1862 which is still sung to this day. Whatever is written about John Brown, as either a saint or villain and everything in-between, his influence and actions in the Midwest are part of our Iowa history.

Iowa supported the Federal Government in the Civil War, to preserve and protect the Union and end slavery. Though there were cells of pro-southern supporters called "Copperheads" in the state, over half of Iowa's male population fought in the Union Armies and Navies in every state in rebellion. More volunteers entered the military, per capita, than any other state North or South. Because of this patriotic enthusiasm, Iowa never instituted the draft during the entirety of the war.

The Ladies Aid Societies of Iowa helped feed and get medical supplies not only to their native soldiers, but to entire Union Armies under Generals Curtis, Grant, and Sherman fighting against the Southern Confederacy. Many of the regimental flags carried by Iowa regiments into battle were sewn together by women back home. Sheer Iowan stubbornness held the line in some of the bloodiest and hard-fought battles in every southern state from Missouri to Virginia, and 13,001 of her men died in this contest. Pride in her fighting abilities was reinforced from comments of respect and admiration from Union commanders and statements from Confederate leaders like General Stirling Price, General James Longstreet, General Joseph Johnston, and General Nathan Bedford Forrest. The latter hurled insults at an Iowan Army doctor, who was attending White and Black wounded soldiers during the Confederate massacre of the Black Union soldiers at Fort Pillow in April 1864. Dr. Charles Fitch of Keosauqua, Iowa, walked up to General Forrest and told him that he was surrendering the medical staff (which was himself) and expected to be treated as a captured doctor and officer. Dr. Fitch reported that Forrest derided him for a time, and when Dr. Fitch was asked where he was from and the response was "Iowa," Forrest shouted, "G\*\*\*\*\*n you then sir, I have a great mind to have you killed for being down here. If the Northwest [meaning Iowa and Minnesota] had stayed at home, the war would have been over long ago!"

Nearly one-third of the state budget was used for artificial limbs from 1863-1873, and the liberality of the peoples of the state raised funds to update hospitals and build veterans' homes for returning veterans that were so mauled they needed constant care. State funds were already used to build and maintain mental hospitals, orphanages, and poor farms, some of which were the only facilities west of the Mississippi at the time, to help the state's mentally and financially broken citizens from war or an unfortunate life. Each county had a fund from taxes that was used to help feed and clothe the local poor, some of whom were distressed veterans and/or their families. There was direct aid from the state and the federal government via war widows' funds and veteran pensions. And the state of Iowa was among the first to erect monuments to honor her veterans. Iowa was so progressive minded that in the 1868 Presidential Race, candidate Ulysses S. Grant hailed the state as a "Bright Radical Star."

Prior to the war, liberal Iowa was a hotspot for conductors on the Underground Railroad and supporters of the Kansas Free-State movement vying against the slave-state supporters, most of whom were from Missouri. As an example of the state's anti-slavery viewpoints, it was the second state in the United States to legalize interracial marriage in 1851. Quaker communities rose rapidly, and immigrants were welcomed from all walks of life and locations. Quickly, Underground Railroad activities (aka. The Freedom Trail) existed in places such as Tabor, Grinnell, Springdale, Chariton, and scores of other small towns and communities that rarely make it into the history books-- such places as New Virginia, Palmyra, and Indianola in Warren County and Winterset, St. Charles, Peru, and Hogan's Point in Madison County along with numerous rural homes in both.

These areas contained brave souls that served on the Underground Railroad as well as hundreds of people all over the state that stood as bulwarks against slavery. The Fugitive Slave Laws of 1850, that made it a crime to harbor or help runaway slaves, did little to hinder the activities of the Underground Railroad; it can even be argued it fueled an increase in the number of operators. Towns and hamlets all over Iowa were used to seeing slave hunters from mostly Missouri, but also Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and far off Louisiana showing up seeking to capture escaped slaves and return them to their southern owners.

The sleepy little town of St. Charles is an example of one of those locations. The town had several underground railroad conductors (those who moved escapees to safe houses) and

station operators (those with safe houses), as well as a large anti-slavery population that protected escapees travelling through the area to safe houses in Warren and Polk Counties. The roads of many towns went in the four cardinal directions to major centers with many more safe houses, and the local conductors and operators were aware of older paths that could not be easily monitored nor known to slave hunters. But let us now return to the story of John Brown and a few tales of him and his bands' regular travels through Iowa from 1856 to 1859.

*To be continued next month.....*



**ST. CHARLES LIBRARY**

SUNDAY 1-5 PM  
 MONDAY 10-6 PM  
 TUESDAY 12-8 PM  
 THURSDAY 12-8 PM  
 SATURDAY 9-12 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Begins: 6/3/2024 - 6:30 pm  
Ends: 6/3/2024 - 9:00 pm

### ST. CHARLES CLEAN UP DAY

Begins: 6/8/2024 - 6:00 am  
Ends: 6/8/2024 - 9:00 am

### ST. CHARLES OLD SETTLERS CELEBRATION

Begins: 7/19/2024 - 4:00 pm  
Ends: 7/20/2024 - 11:00 pm

### RAGBRAI

Begins: 7/24/2024 - 5:00 am  
Ends: 7/24/2024 - 12:00 pm

## CITYWIDE CLEAN UP IS SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Waste Management will begin the June 8th Clean Up at 6 AM in St. Charles

Large items, furniture, and appliances with NO freon are acceptable and will be collected at the curb.

Unacceptable items for pick-up include:



Tires, car batteries, railroad ties, paint, motor oil, construction materials (drywall) and appliances with freon (refrigerators and air conditioning units).





**Truro City Council  
Public Hearing & Regular Council Minutes  
May 7, 2024  
Community Center**

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ancel Kennedy, Jason Phillips, Matt Masters, Julie McMichael, and Lyndsay Cannoy were present. Fire Chief Terry Stills, Public Works Director, Ronnie Hults were also present.

Arzani asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible action regarding a donated Freedom Rock. Motion by Cannoy/Kennedy to amend the agenda. All Ayes motion passed. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion by Cannoy/Kennedy to approve the amended agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried. There was no public input.

The Council reviewed the Sheriff's Report, the Emergency Management report, and the Water/Wastewater report. Stills gave the Fire & Rescue Report: seven fire calls and 13 EMS calls. Stills reported the fund-raising breakfast was successful, and the Siren is fixed.

Arzani asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding amending the budget for FY24. Motion by Phillips/McMichael to open the Public Hearing regarding amending the budget for FY24. All Ayes motion passed. There was no public in attendance.

Arzani asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion by Kennedy/Cannoy to close the Public Hearing. All Ayes motion passed. Arzani asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 amending the FY24 amendment #1. Vote by roll call: Cannoy Aye, Phillips Aye, McMichael Aye, Masters Aye, Kennedy Aye. Resolution approved.

There was discussion about the signatures needed to sign checks. Currently Chapter 7, Section 7.07 states checks shall be signed by the Clerk following Council approval. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem may sign in the absence of the Clerk. After discussion this provision will remain the same but add Payroll checks will be signed by the Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem. Arzani asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-5 from Union Bank regarding signatures required for City business. Motion by Kennedy/Cannoy to approve Resolution 2024-5. Vote by roll call: Cannoy Aye, Phillips Aye, McMichael Aye, Masters Aye, Kennedy Aye. Resolution approved.

A survey from Daniels Land Surveying was received to approve a portion of the elevator land owned by Tim Palmer and sold to Lane Sturtz. After discussion a motion was made by Masters/Phillips to approve the survey. All Ayes motion passed. A survey was also received from Daniels Land Surveying to approve combining two adjoining pieces of property owned by Kelli and Shane Breager into one. After discussion a motion was made by Phillips/Kennedy to approve the survey.

Iowa Codification sent questions to the City Clerk regarding the updating of the City Ordinances. Items for the Council follow: Item 1: Add to Section 20.09 Representation of City Employees. The City Attorney shall not appear on behalf of any City officer or employee before any court or tribunal for the private benefit of said officer or employee. The City shall, however, if directed by the Council, appear to defend any City Officer or employee in any cause of action arising out of or in the course of the performance of the duties of his or her office or employment. Item 2: Add updated language to Section 45.25 – Fireworks allowing fireworks per state code. Item 3: Section 55.15 Impounding Fees. Change impound fees to read, whatever the going rate is for the impound of animals. Item 4: Section 55.17 no changes made.

The Council discussed allowing residences on Center Street. The Council agreed to move toward Center Street between West Street and Railroad Street being a Commercial space and not residential. Arzani directed the City Clerk to ask the attorney to draft language having Commercial space on Center Street between West Street and Railroad Street.

Arzani acknowledged Scott Palmer for the donation of a Freedom Rock and the work needed to deliver the rock.

The City Clerk reported to the Council that flooring will be laid at City Hall Wednesday, May 8, 2024, and the completion date is set tentatively for May 15. Hults reported the roll offs for cleanup days have been requested. The Community Garden at Reed Park has been planted. Hults is working with youth volunteers on the Community Garden. A Freedom Rock has been donated by Scott Palmer. The Council discussed the placement of the Rock. It was decided the Rock should be placed at Hull Park. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the consent items. Motion by Phillips/Masters to approve the consent items. All Ayes motion passed. The next Council Meeting will be June 3, 2024. Arzani asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by McMichael/Phillips to adjourn. All Ayes motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Bryan Arzani, Mayor Attested: Rebecca Morris, City Clerk

**Looking For Crafters and Vendors!  
Contact Information on the  
Truro Area Boosters Facebook Page**



**SUMMER Fundraiser**

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114 E Center Street

**City Wide  
Clean Up Days  
May 31st and  
June 1st  
Garage Sales  
June 8th**



**Summer Reading**  
TRURO AND NEW VIRGINIA

**Truro Public Library**  
**New Books:**  
A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci  
Only the Brave by Danielle Steel  
The One and Only Family by Katherine Applegate  
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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

**Truro Library  
Monthly Book Club!  
Every Third Thursday  
@ 5pm**

June's book club selection will be *Master Butcher's Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich.

**Hello Summer!**

Summer Reading Sign Up starts Thursday May 30th at both libraries. Each child ages 18 and under who signs up this year will receive a bag full of goodies including instructions for the reading program and also calendars full of all the activities we will be having during the summer. First 50 get a zoo pass!

**Some of this summer's activities**

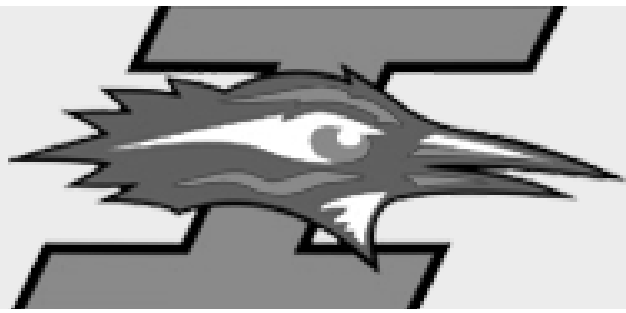
- STEM Day
- Iowa Extension Workshop
- Play Doh
- Blank Park Zoo
- Movies



**Programs for Ages 8-18**

This summer we will be bringing back the afternoon activities for kids ages 8-18. Every Thursday at 1pm in June and July we will have a different activity to put together and take home. Plus our popular Harry Potter program and also starting Dungeons and Dragons!





# ROADRUNNER PRIDE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Boys Track is Running Strong

The I-35 Boys track team wrapped up their regular season last night at Eddyville with a trip to the state meet on the line. Senior Austin Vander Werf led the way with two automatic state meet qualifications in the 1600 (4:32.66) and the 3200 meter run (9:59.94), Austin set both of the school records in those events this year, and re-set his 1600 meter run at the district meet in Eddyville. I-35 also had two at-large state meet qualifiers. Junior Korey Kirkpatrick qualified in the 400 meter low hurdles with a time of 56.79 (season best). The 1600 medley relay team of sophomore Jordan Rankin, senior Max Bedwell, junior Korey Kirkpatrick and senior Austin Vander Werf also ran a season best time of 3:41.03 for the at-large state meet bid. The state meet schedule will be as follows:

Thursday May 16th: 3200 meter run 10:10 AM

Friday May 17th: 1600 medley relay 9:00 AM

Friday May 17th: 400 meter low hurdles 12:20 AM

Saturday May 18th: 1600 meter run 2:45 PM

## SWITCH--Do, View, Chew

What do middle school students do for fun during March Madness? SWITCH-Do, View, Chew 4-H Extension lessons. This is Heart Health month, and students have been learning about the heart's location, its electrical functions, and its remarkable ability to pump 20,000 gallons of blood daily. In addition, students have been learning a fun way to mix up fruit and vegetable smoothies while riding the Madison County 4-H Extension's Blender Bike. Featured in the picture is 4-H Coordinator, Lindsey Young and a student demonstrating the use of a bike and a blender to create a healthy and yummy smoothie.

Middle school students were given the opportunity during lunch on two different days during lunch to blend smoothies and learn about physical activity and make their hearts stronger. During physical education classes, students were given plastic stethoscopes donated from the Heart Association to listen to their heartbeat before and after exercise. In addition, students learned about the different types of stress, how stress impacts our hearts, and different strategies to positively manage stress.



## What is MTSS?

Most professions have several terms specific to the industry--education is no different. Some of the jargon in education seems overwhelming, while some is exactly as it seems. Such is the case with MTSS--Multi-Tiered System of Supports--which is a comprehensive framework designed to provide high-quality instruction and support to students, including those who may struggle academically or behaviorally in a school setting. At its core, MTSS is a data-driven approach that utilizes evidence-based practices to meet the diverse needs of students. The framework consists of three tiers of intervention, each offering varying levels of support based on students' individual needs. Tier 1 encompasses universal interventions provided to all students, such as high-quality core instruction and proactive behavior management strategies. These interventions are implemented school-wide to promote academic achievement and positive behavior for the majority of students.

In Tier 2 of MTSS, targeted interventions are provided to students who require additional support beyond what is available through universal interventions. This may include small group instruction, supplemental interventions, or additional behavioral supports tailored to address specific areas of need. Tier 2 interventions are typically delivered by trained educators and are implemented with greater intensity and frequency than Tier 1 supports. The goal of Tier 2 interventions is to provide timely and effective support to students who are at risk of falling behind academically or exhibiting challenging behaviors, thereby preventing the need for more intensive interventions in the future.

Finally, Tier 3 of MTSS offers intensive interventions for students who require the most individualized and intensive support to succeed. These interventions are highly personalized and may involve one-on-one instruction, individualized behavior plans, or specialized services provided by trained professionals, such as special education teachers or school psychologists. Tier 3 interventions are reserved for students who continue to struggle despite receiving support at Tiers 1 and 2. By implementing a multi-tiered approach to support, MTSS aims to promote early intervention, address academic and behavioral concerns proactively, and ensure that all students have equitable access to the resources and support they need to thrive academically and socially.

## Girls Track with Sights Toward State

“We have had an outstanding track and field season, winning four regular season meets. I couldn't be prouder of our team's dedication and hard work,” said head coach Lexi Crozier. State qualifiers this year include: Olivia Phillips, Ciera Spieker-Hutton, Ella VanDyke, Grace Upp, Aurora Alery, and Elyse Maxwell. Congratulations on a great season and have a great time at state. Go Roadrunners!

## Interstate 35 Welcomes a New School Business Official

Hello Roadrunner Community! I am very excited to be joining the I-35 team. I come to you with over 10 years experience in accounting and financial management, and I look forward to supporting all the great work happening in the district. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and joining the family that you all have created here. My family includes two children Logan (22) and Justice (19) and a turtle (3). I enjoy spending time with family and friends.



## Supporting Roadrunners may come in all shapes and sizes

Therapy dogs in schools play a crucial role in fostering positive outcomes by offering emotional support, reducing stress, and providing unconditional companionship. Their presence contributes to a relaxed atmosphere, triggering the release of endorphins and oxytocin, thus improving students' mood and happiness. Acting as social catalysts, therapy dogs encourage positive interactions, benefiting those struggling with social skills. In reading programs, students reading aloud to dogs enhances literacy skills and confidence.

During crises, therapy dogs offer comfort and a non-judgmental environment, aiding in coping with difficult emotions. The positive school culture they create promotes increased attendance, supports special education, and encourages responsibility and empathy. Through these diverse mechanisms, therapy dogs contribute significantly to students' emotional and social well-being, fostering a positive and supportive school atmosphere.

While the benefits of therapy dogs in schools are numerous, it's essential to ensure that any dog involved is well-trained, certified, and comfortable in a school environment. Middle School Interventionist, Polly Blum with her dog, Josie, has been attending training through Therapy Dog International and will be certified in April 2024. Who knows, Interstate 35 CSD may be welcoming Josie next fall in support of our students and staff.



*Interstate 35 Community School District Middle School Teacher, Mrs. Polly Blum, and Josie worked over the past year to become certified.*

## Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, May 15	Senior Awards Night
Thursday, May 16	Preschool Graduation
Friday, May 17	Baseball at Collins-Maxwell
Sunday, May 19	Graduation
Monday, May 20	Board of Education Meeting
Monday, May 20	Baseball @ Central Decatur
Tuesday, May 21	Softball/Baseball @ Van Meter
<b>Thursday, May 23</b>	<b>Last Day of School (2 hour early out)</b>
Thursday, May 23	Softball/Baseball vs. WCV
Saturday, May 25	Softball @ Winterset
Saturday, May 25	Baseball @ Wayne
Tuesday, May 28	Softball/Baseball @ Des Moines Christian
Wednesday, May 29	Baseball vs. Creston
Thursday, May 30	Softball/Baseball vs, Woodward-Granger
Friday, May 31	Softball/Baseball @ MStM
Saturday, June 1	Baseball @ Iowa Falls-Aiden
Tuesday, June 4	Softball/Baseball vs. Pleasantville
Wednesday, June 5	Softball @ Wayne
Thursday, June 6	Softball/Baseball vs. AC/GC
Friday, June 7	Softball @ Mt. Vernon
Saturday, June 8	Softball @ Cedar Rapids Jefferson
Saturday, June 8	Baseball @ East Buchanan (Norway Field)
Monday, June 10	Softball/Baseball @ Earlham
Tuesday, June 11	Softball/Baseball vs. Van Meter
Thursday, June 13	Softball/Baseball @ Madrid
Friday, June 14	Softball/Baseball @ Audubon
Monday, June 17	Softball/Baseball vs. Des Moines Christian
Tuesday, June 18	Softball/Baseball vs. Earlham
Thursday, June 20	Softball/Baseball vs. Ogden

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

**Go ROADRUNNERS**

*Congratulations  
Class of 2024  
Best of luck--you will be missed.*



# Scotland, a Bonnie Wee Island

Contributed by Kim McWilliams



My husband and I left for Scotland on April 18 after planning our trip for three years. Why Scotland? We both have Scottish lineage, and we had seen the Rick Steves' episode on Scotland and thought it was the perfect place to go. Why did we plan for so long? Well, this was our first overseas trip, and I wanted to be prepared. Naturally, the first thing we did was get Rick Steves' Scotland guidebook. We made a list of places we wanted to see and then started developing an itinerary. The most helpful information came from Facebook; I signed up for three different Scotland groups. Not only did the sites mention places to go, but also what to pack, suggestions on how much money to get when there, how to tip, Scottish language sayings with translations, etc. Our friend Cindy Miller, a retired travel agent, gave us perfect advice on when to book airline tickets, make sure to get travel insurance (we didn't need it, thankfully, but you never know what can happen), and make reservations directly with the businesses instead of going through a travel website.

We flew into Edinburgh and stayed there for two days. We took the bus from the airport to the city center, and right away, we were mesmerized by the beauty of the city- the architecture, the parks, the buzz of the busy city. We planned this trip to be before the tourist season; however, we were amazed by the diversity of languages and cultures that surrounded us. We walked the cobble streets with the flow of the tourists, but what we really enjoyed were the neighborhoods and the places the locals go. We stayed in a hostel, and it was our least favorite of the places we stayed, but we wanted to experience all types of accommodations during our trip. We had Scottish hamburgers, and they were good, but our beef is better. The beef didn't have as complex a flavor as ours. I will probably offend someone by saying we like our burgers well done, so the law that meat must be cooked well done was not a problem for us. This was our first encounter of how much of American products were in Scotland. There were Heintz ketchup, mayo, and mustard on the table, and American beers on tap. We like to visit grocery stores; I know we went into all we came across. Again, we saw many American brands, but unfamiliar flavors. My husband became quite a connoisseur of orange chocolate and gingerbread. We went into tourist shops and found a local artist market in a church where we purchased some special items to bring back home. We did buy Scally hats and were glad for the heavy wool head coverings in the upcoming days. The weather is remarkably like ours, but there was humidity, so always felt a little chilly.



We took the train to Inverness in the Highlands and stayed at a wonderful B&B a few blocks from the city center. From the moment we walked into the house, Lisa made us feel welcome. She gave us tips on where to walk to see the best parts of the city and we could tell how she was a people person. Lisa was the greeter and her husband, Frank, was the breakfast chef and errand runner. Doris, their bulldog, took Frank on daily errands to the grocery store, laundry, and a few pubs. There were very few places we discovered dogs were not allowed to accompany their owners. To my joy, the owners were happy to let me give their doggies a pet. Frank is an amazing cook and made us a Full Scottish Breakfast one morning, way too much food for one person, so we shared. A Full Scottish Breakfast consists of scrambled eggs, boiled tomatoes, potato scone, haggis, bangers, ham slices, and blood pudding (I was obligated to try it and did not try again). We walked to the loch and saw fishing boats. We walked along the Ness River and were overwhelmed by the diversity of plant species and trees. Many of the flowers and trees were similar to what we have, but we also saw huge Sequoias, twisty Horsenuts, and 15-foot-tall Rhododendrons. We found a laundromat where we could do our own laundry, which was not the norm; many places offer drop off and pick up services. On the third day, we took the train to pick up our rental car from the airport.

Okay, driving on the opposite side of the road and a manual transmission that shifted with the left hand was an adjustment, but driving in Scotland was crazy! I will leave this comment for now, because this wasn't even the crazy/scary part. We headed North to visit Dunrobin Castle, the historic home of the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland dating back to 1275 and is now a lovely historical museum and amazing gardens on the East coast of Scotland.

From Inverness we drove to Isle of Skye and stayed in a pod in the country close to Portree. The pod was so cool and we were surrounded by pastures with mountains in the distance. What does Scotland have? Potholes! We will never complain about potholes again. Iowa has nothing on the potholes of Scotland. Also, the lanes are six feet three inches, and we know this because we measured. And if that wasn't intimidating enough, the rural roads are a single

lane with sporadic passing spots, and which car pulls over is dependent on which side of the road the passing lane is on. Oh, and the pastures are mostly open, so there may be random sheep on the road. Driving was worth it though, even with all the road distractions, because we were able to stop in small villages and visit artisan shops like potters, crocheters, knitters, and woodworkers. We stopped to see the ruins of castles, Highland Coos (Cows), a garden center, hike beautiful hills and visit historic places such as hills and valleys where The Battle of Glenshiel was fought in 1719 between the Jacobites and Government troops. We drove up the East side of the loch and visited Plockton and a beach with dinosaur footprints.



Then we drove back to Inverness to drop the car off and take the train back to the city center. The first of five consecutive nights of macaroni and cheese began, and we had the best red cabbage and red onion coleslaw. An early morning bus ride took us to Oban where we got to see a huge ferry come in and the cars drive off. We caught the train to Connel Ferry to spend the night at The Oyster Inn. The food at the adjoining Gluepot pub was phenomenal. We were right next to the unusual Falls of Lora and were able to watch the tides change before our eyes.

From Connel Ferry we took the bus to Glasgow. Glasgow wasn't as touristy as Edinburgh and full of character. We stayed at an eight-room hotel called Babbity Bowster, which I picked solely because the name. The staff was very friendly and even offered to carry a bag up the four floors of stairs. This was the only day it "rained" during the day, but we didn't let the weather deter us from wandering.



We took the train from Glasgow back to Edinburgh for our final three days. We stayed in an IHG chain hotel, which had an amazing view over a park just outside the window, the historic skyline, and the Firth of Forth in the distance. Each day, with exception when we drove around Isle of Skye, we walked for approximately six hours taking in the buildings, the fresh air, and fragrant blooms of spring. We walked through the National Galleries of Scotland: Portrait and saw a hall dedicated to the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland who lived in Dunrobin castle. We found the Royal Botanical Gardens and were so impressed, we decided to spend our last day leisurely walking through the breathtaking gardens.

What was spectacularly different from here? The road signs and the seatbelt notifications are upbeat and pleasant. We saw a digital speed sign that gave us a happy face because we were going the speed limit. We saw signs like "Thank you for driving safely" and "Please indicate your direction." We saw crossing notification signs for elderly people, sheep, cows, deer, and even otters. There were no billboards even in the major cities to obstruct the views. They have shower plumbing figured out. Each place we stayed the shower plumbing was slightly different, but there were two dials/knobs, one for water pressure and one for water temperature. When you got into the shower, just turn on the water pressure and the temperature was already at the perfect temperature. There are on/off switches at each outlet, and because they have 240 volts, we had an adaptor to charge our phones, which would charge from 40% to 100% in 30 minutes! My husband is six foot tall, and each bed his feet hung off the end of the bed. The food was amazing! We had macaroni and cheese five consecutive days, and all were different and delicious. The traditional Scottish foods such as toasties, bangers and mash, shepherds pie, cottage pie, sausage rolls, fish and chips, potato scones, sticky toffee pudding, and gingerbread were a delight and will be favorite recipes.

Traveling around Scotland was a perfect vacation. We will always remember the beauty and the many friendly people who shared their stories and made a lasting impression. Now on to our next adventure. Cheers!



Skeabost View Pods in Skye, a rural home, and boats out on the Firth of Forth



## THIS OLD HOUSE

Contributed by Mel Stills

This Old House, written by Stuart Hamblen, came out in 1954. I remember hearing it first while watching TV in the hardware store in New Virginia on a Saturday night. Lots of us didn't have a TV yet, and the hardware store was a gathering place to watch Saturday wrestling on WHO-TV. Rosemary Clooney was a regular on The Hit Parade, and she had her version of This Old House. Now that I've got that tune stuck in your head, I'll tell you my story.

Anyone who grew up on a farm before the 1950's probably grew up in the kind of house we did. There were some differences in the style, but most were simple two-story structures. Going to the internet to find out more about our house, I found a lot of information.

There is a lot of information about the different styles of houses, but all were much more elaborate than the house I grew up in. The best I could come up with was what I found in a Sears Archival website. Sears was selling houses from 1908-1914, and from the pictures I reviewed, our house was built sometime during that timeframe.

The Sears model #115 most closely resembled our place. Sears quoted they "will build, paint, complete, ready for occupation a 6-room cottage for \$1100." The house was on a wooden foundation with no excavation. Our house was on logs on rocks with no excavation. It got turned a bit one night in a strong storm, but sustained no damage.

It had a first floor with kitchen, living room and master bedroom, and upstairs there were three bedrooms. The house was heated from the stove in the kitchen and a stove in the living room. Our bedrooms upstairs were heated by leaving the downstairs stairway door open. So you know the upstairs rooms were plenty cold in the winter!

We didn't have electricity or indoor plumbing in the house until the late 1940's, I think about 1948 or so. The water pump for the house was about 40 feet from the house, and I remember you needed to leave some water in a can in order to prime the pump so that you could get water. In the summer, there was a bucket with a pitcher hanging on the pump.

The outhouse was about 50 feet from the house and a treat to use in the hot summer and cold winter, and yes, there was a Sears or Penney's catalog for use if needed. I think we moved the outhouse once in my time. We were far enough from town and up a long driveway, so we never had our outhouse turned over on Halloween.

We always used the outhouse before going to bed. I learned that a bush was far enough most times. In the winter if we had much snow on the ground, I always had to make a path for my sisters. The outhouse wasn't a place to ponder life's challenges or worldly events. I think the catalogs out there were for looking over the things you would like to have someday. I had trouble visualizing 36 triple B's.

Rural electrification was put on hold during the war years but made it to our house around 1948. I think the rules were that the barn had to be electrified first, but the house was next. Keller from New Virginia ran the electricity into our house. I got to help by reaching up through the hole for an outlet to grab the wires being pulled through.

I remember the first night we had electricity. Always before, Mom cleaned the lamp flues before dark. Some put off more light than others. On our first night with electricity, Mom had us all in the living room, and when Dad came in, she turned on the light, and it was magical. I think there was probably a 60-watt bulb in the ceiling and probably one table lamp. We probably had one outlet per wall. Before electricity, we had a battery radio, but it was only on to hear market reports, the news and in the evening, the Green Hornet, Fibber Magee and Molly and Jack Benny, but I don't ever remember listening to music.

We didn't get indoor plumbing right away. A room had to be added for the bathroom, and a steady supply of water was needed. There was a cistern outside the back porch that caught rainwater and a windmill over the hill next to the road to town. Water needed to be brought up the hill to the cistern, and a pressure tank was installed in the cave.

I remember one time when the water coming from the windmill had a bad smell, and Dad had me go check the well. One of the boards covering the top had come loose, and a raccoon had fallen in and drowned. He was in pretty bad shape, but I managed to get it out. I think we put a gallon of bleach in the cistern, but I don't remember any rationing of water. You needed to be hardy to cope with a situation like that.

The old house had single pane windows and no insulation anywhere. Upstairs was hot in the summer; it generally cooled off enough just before you had to get up. Winters were cold. The concept of heat rising works if it doesn't have to go around a couple of corners, up the stairs and into a room. I've had water freeze in a glass and had snow on the foot of my bed.

The bed was cold when you got into bed, but once you got a spot warmed up, you stayed comfortable under multiple layers of quilts. I don't think you could turn over because of the number of blankets on you.

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## MY OLD HOUSE STORY

Contributed by Sue Stills

I was born in Buffalo, NY, and my parents, three brothers and I lived with our paternal grandmother and grandfather (our dad's stepfather) for the first five years of my life, except for a year or so in a rural town where my middle brother was born (1949) and a year or so in a house on our own elsewhere in Buffalo. I guess my dad wanted to try his hand at farming and animal husbandry when we lived outside of that rural town. The story goes that we lived in a "converted chicken coop," and although my mom had three children under three living in "primitive" conditions, she said it was a very happy time because she was out from under her mother-in-law's thumb.

Before our grandparents owned the house where we lived, it must have been the home of a well-to-do family, since it was a very large house on a corner lot a few blocks from Main Street. It was likely built in the 1800's, had a large front porch, a beautiful curving staircase in the foyer, a front parlor where guests were greeted, an additional parlor, dining room, large kitchen, two more entrances (one was likely the servants' and delivery entrance), and beautiful wood wainscoting and nine-foot high doors. By the time we lived there, walls had been added to make three additional rooms, and there was a bathroom. A back staircase near the kitchen led up to the second floor where there were five bedrooms and a bathroom. There was a staircase up to the large attic, and the maid's quarters were up there. There was a full basement with butler's quarters, and in the rear of the backyard was the carriage house for the horses and carriages, since there were no automobiles when the house was built. It was a very grand house which I probably didn't fully appreciate in my younger years.

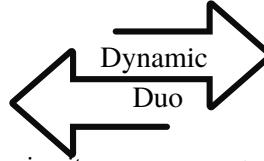
When we lived there, and for many years afterwards, my grandparents ran it as a rooming house, mainly renting to single men, and as a teenager, I sometimes helped my grandmother change the linens on the roomers' beds. After my grandparents retired to Florida, my brother Jim, his wife and baby daughter lived there for a while. The house was demolished many years ago, but my brothers and I have many memories of it.

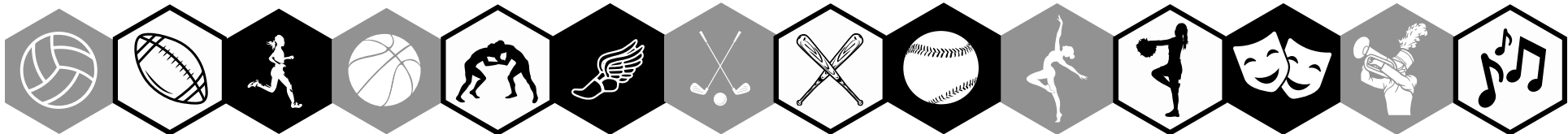
So now my country girl story. My dad bought 4½ acres of land on which stood an old farmhouse and a large barn southeast of Buffalo in the rural town of Elma, NY, and our family of six moved there when I was five years old. Our road had no sidewalks or streetlights, but we did have neighbors on both sides of us, but no houses across the road. The house was built in the 1880's, one story with a full two-room attic and a full basement. It needed SO much remodeling. My poor mother, a real city girl, must have been quite distressed to be moving into such a house, especially after she encountered a snake or two in the house.

There was an open front porch, a living room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms and a side porch that led into an unheated room through which you entered the master bedroom. The wood floor in the living room showed a "worn path" where people walked from the porch, probably to a wood stove. My father and grandfather (same grandfather as previously mentioned) spent many years updating the house, including converting half of the attic into a "dormitory" for my three brothers, complete with three matching desks and headboards built by our grandfather and three dressers. As the only girl, my "suite" was created by making a doorway between the two adjoining small bedrooms and adding a sink, vanity and closet to one of the rooms. The open front porch was enclosed to make a laundry and sewing room, with shelves for pantry goods and our toys. The unheated room was insulated and became a family room, with the entrance into the kitchen there instead of into the master bedroom. Plans to create a new front entrance to the house were never completed, so the only door into the house was at the side driveway.

The basement remained an unfinished space. Some of the wood ceiling beams still had bark on them. It was accessed through an outside trapdoor and down some uneven stone steps, and there was also a set of stairs that led up into the living room. Our grandfather built a bookcase on the door to the living room. I thought of it as a secret entrance to the basement. The house was heated by an oil furnace, and obviously, there was no air conditioning. A window A/C was added later in the boys' bedroom upstairs. All I could do in my bedroom in the summer was to move the bed next to the open window and hope for a breeze. We had well water, and every summer, we ran out of water. We would fill the bathtub when we knew we were running out, we got some water from a neighbor, and mom and I would go to my maternal grandmother's in Buffalo to do laundry, using her wringer washer and hanging the laundry on clotheslines in the backyard.

The house is still standing today, but it hasn't been owned by my family since maybe the early 1980's. I spent nearly my entire childhood living there, so I have many years of memories about it.





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One of the biggest hurdles I've had to overcome as director of Jesus' Right Hand was the battle between staying true to things that were laid in place in the beginning, and making changes which were critical to the health of the ministry. Of course, we will never stray from the foundational basis of Biblical truth and faith in God, or the choice to avoid any type of government funding...those are a given. But there were bigger changes that somehow made me feel disloyal for some reason. Sometimes however, when you get a vision or an idea that just won't leave your brain, you take that small step of faith in a direction and find out that it was God's direction the whole time.

When you're busy every day, progress can be gradual and easily overlooked. I was talking with someone in the community, and they mentioned that Jesus' Right Hand has changed quite a bit lately. I admit that I didn't think anyone was really paying attention. Other than the Tri-Corner-Express articles, the ministry has always been some place in New Virginia that people pass by on their way in or out of town. But there definitely have been some noticeable changes. Our lines have been getting longer, and we are distributing more food than ever before during Monday's Fresh Food Giveaway. There is a great crew of staff and volunteers who don't hesitate to tell everyone they see about what goes on at the ministry. This has all come to the point that we felt it necessary to "get out there" a little bit more. For so long we remained quiet and just let people come to us, doing whatever was necessary to help those who came through the door. But our spring season has come, and there are some exciting changes on the horizon. We have become more visible, and I believe that Jesus' Right Hand is here and firmly established for such a time as this.

One of the first changes we made was putting Jesus' Right Hand on Facebook. This was almost a necessary step, because this past winter the weather and the holiday schedule made it necessary for us to be closed on a few Mondays. Now we can post our updates and changes to be seen almost immediately by our followers. This will also allow us to write encouraging articles and blog posts. Please follow Jesus' Right Hand on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening, and if you see something that you like, please share it with others. I try to post updates regularly and love to add photos and random facts which will tell you a lot about the ministry and how we're progressing on this journey.

We are also collaborating to redesign our website with updated pages, photos and contact information. On the creative side, there are plans to design a logo incorporating the core of Jesus' Right Hand, both old and new. The email address has been changed to [jesusrighthand7@gmail.com](mailto:jesusrighthand7@gmail.com) for easier accessibility, and we are in the process of redesigning most of our literature and brochures. Eventually we plan to get some graphics with our new logo on the sides and back of our cargo van, Big Red. We have a new retail donor that has come on board, and this has been helping us meet the food needs of those who come to us each week for assistance. We are currently picking up donations four times per week, plus an additional Food Bank pick up if necessary. The ministry works with several other organizations that either distribute or "rescue" food (that's the new politically correct term) to bring more food resources to Southern Iowa. We have been able to educate others on food pantries, storage options and fresh food distribution to help them maximize their inventory to help more people. Our emergency food pantry has been reorganized, and the New Virginia Community Fridge has been moved to our office.

This is just a taste of some of the changes going on behind the scenes. Once again, we welcome anyone to come and see what we're doing. If you want to see the action, come up on Monday during the Fresh Food Giveaway between 1-3 pm. We are not too busy to give you a tour of our operation, and you can really see the impact JRH is having on the lives of people. If you prefer a quieter tour, any time our office is open would be a great time for a tour. We are also available for your group to come visit, or we can come and share during one of your upcoming meetings or church services. Together, we can change the lives of so many people! I hope these words encourage and enlighten you. Be blessed in all that you do, and remember, we are here for you!

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# Minding Our Businesses

Contributed by Beth Voltmer

This time of year finds me exceptionally busy organizing the semi-annual event, the BackRoads & ByWays Junkin' Tour. This event, as I've written about before, but I want to remind you about it again because it literally runs through our area, is held the first Friday and Saturday in June and October. The spring event is June 7 and 8. Both days' hours are 10:00-5:00. And, it's fun to learn about what is happening in our own area as the Shop Local trend ignites interest and awareness to our own local economy and the benefits of supporting with our dollars.

We have 24 stops on the upcoming event. Communities represented are: New Virginia, St. Charles and St. Marys, Prole, Norwalk, Indianola, and Lacona. Featuring small, independent vintage and antiques, home décor, maker products, agri-tourism, eateries, art studio, boutiques, popup locales and more, all while enjoying a beautiful drive going from place to place. Most of the venues are in Warren County, but there are a few just "over-the-line" in neighboring counties.

I'd like to introduce you or remind you of the interesting and unique venues in the I-35 and Martensdale communities...our readership area. These are the small mom and pop businesses that contribute to our immediate economy by bringing people into our area. The benefit is seen via sales taxes, stops at ancillary businesses, awareness of our towns and schools, etc.

A returning popup venue is **The Next Chapter**, owned by Susan Miller and is located south of New Virginia at 2467 Robin Street. Susan's vibe is organic and encompasses a lot of naturally found objects she incorporates into her designs. Susan told me, "Many of my things are gathered, grown and dried." She's a creative maker and is enjoying sharing her creations and vintage home décor as a popup in her little garden shed.

**Timber View Antiques**, owned by Dave and Linda Ballard who are well-versed in the antique business, having done this side gig for many, many years. Located south of New Virginia at 1025 Starline Ave., it's one of the nicest antique stores in the region. Dealing in what I consider "true antiques," the offerings are varied and fun. Vintage and more contemporary finds can be found, too. Make sure you look up...the chandeliers are gorgeous. You can find and follow them on FB.

**Burlap & Roses at Crooked Hedge Farm** is owned by me, Beth Voltmer, and I'm located east of New Virginia at 4500 G76 Hwy. past the old school and the first drive south. I offer farm-fresh vintage, a little industrial, shabby chic, distressed, primitives and refined, and complimentary new merchandise for the Home.Garden.YOU. There will be a couple of makers joining me, too-- Megan Haynes, **Haynes Homestead** with her honey and mead wine and **ARA**, a new startup woodworking biz. All of us can be found on social media sites, FB and Instagram.

Hopping over into St. Charles this year, we have three businesses joining in on the fun. I'm excited by all that is happening in St. Charles. There's a trend there that is positive, upbeat and delightful making their place in the "destination day trip" arena.

**Wayward Saints Farm** is a maker co-op featuring many local artists and makers. A delightful little shop where the owners, Sara and Ben Baringer, create and make their own soy and goat milk products. They raise Nubian goats and use the milk in their products: soaps and lotions and hand poured candles. Located on the main drag in St. Charles at 110 W. Main St. Find them on FB and Instagram.

Just a door or two down is **Wild River Studios**. Rikki Brockett is a hair stylist, and this location is her hair studio. Rikki offers gifts and décor along side her beauty products. A cute little shop in an up-and-coming area. Her most recent photo shows a yummy selection of goodies. FB/Insta likes, follows and shares are always appreciated. 118 W. Main St. is the shop's location.

Another few steps away, and you'll enjoy this brand-new eatery. **Tiger Lily Café** will be open just a few weeks when the BBJT occurs. I'm excited for this new venue in our area...a place to grab a coffee and a bite, with a little chit-chat, too. I'm not sure what her menu will be, stop in and find out. 130 W. Main St. is owned by Ariana Mayo and has the call name of Tiger Lily Café Iowa on social.

Back over into Warren County at St. Marys is the shop with the most unique name (in my opinion)...**The Little Junk Shop of Hoarders**. Denny and Michelle Fick are the proprietors and have recently moved from their old corner location to a building behind. A new sign easily directs you. Curating a blend of vintage, prims, farm, industrial to jewelry, china and more...it's a place you'll want to explore. 101 School Street is the old address but will get you where you need to go.

Our last two stops to highlight are in the Martensdale area, but again, there are more; these are the ones in our readership area.

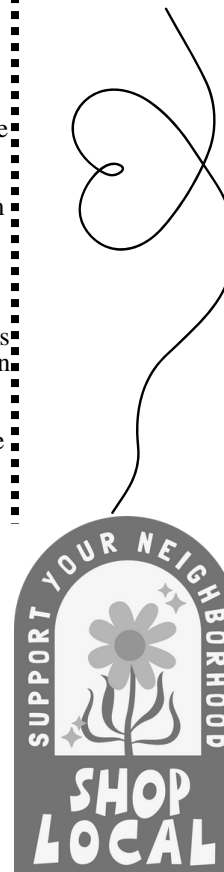
**Eden Ridge Acres** is agri-tourism at its finest. Raising and selling everything from jams, jellies, teas, soaps, eggs, produce in season and more. You'll delight in this farmstead north of Hwy. 92 at 10126 30th Ave. Found on both FB and IG, check their CSA program out, too. Esther Black is the Farmer and chief bottle washer; however, she has many helpful hands to get the jobs done. Her bio reads: Organically grown produce • raw milk & honey • farm teas • pasture-raised meat & eggs • natural goods.

Lastly, but not least, is this powerhouse of a place located north of Martensdale on Hwy 28. **Hyde & Seek Store** is located at 8345 Hwy. 28, previously it went by the name, Odds & Ends with Country Friends. But it's been under new ownership for several years now.

When I say powerhouse, I mean just that. If you are looking for exceptionally nice, previously owned furniture, décor and accessories, you must check out this venue. Jackie (Taylor...family in New Virginia) Hyde and her hubby have curated a wonderful selection. Find Hyde & Seek Store on FB/IG, too.

I'm always looking for makers, artist's studios, vintage and boutiques in our communities to add to this tour. This is a juried event. It is a tour for mainly Warren County, but again, I'm including some that are closely located to the boundary lines. Many are asked to participate and choose not to for various reasons. But, if you know of someone...they may even be a great candidate to be a vendor at a venue, please contact me with their information. The idea and goal behind the BBJT are solely to bring awareness to the cool, unique and varied establishments amongst us and to ask for your support in our local economy by your dollars, sharing with your family and friends via word of mouth, social media and more. We hope to see you on the tour. For more info, please visit our FB page/more tag/events and our website: [www.bbjtour.com](http://www.bbjtour.com) where you'll find the full list of venues, our sponsors and more.

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## Tips for Hunting for Wild Mushrooms in Iowa

Expert insight into when, where and how to find common mushrooms in Iowa

May 3, 2024, 2:14 pm | Chelsea Harbach  
AMES, Iowa – In Iowa, mushroom hunting is quite common. However, knowing the peak time to hunt for a particular mushroom can be challenging.

Chelsea Harbach, a plant disease diagnostician in the Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, shares helpful guidelines when hunting for common mushrooms.

Three common types of mushrooms are regularly sought out. While using the mushroom foraging calendar key, Iowans can find peak times to hunt for common, white, black or half-free morels in the Spring; Chicken of the Woods in late summer; and oysters May through September.

When hunting for mushrooms, you can determine whether the mushroom is edible or inedible by asking:

- Does the mushroom have a stem or cap?
- Does the mushroom have gills or pores?
- Where is the mushroom growing?
- How is the mushroom growing? Out of the soil or out of a tree?
- What is the time of year?
- Does the mushroom have spore prints?
- How does the mushroom smell?

A dangerous mushroom found in Iowa belongs to the Verpa species. These mushrooms look like morel mushrooms. However, these mushrooms have a wrinkly cap and similar stem, but when viewed closer, differences appear. The Verpa species will have a cottony pith in the middle of their stem, whereas morel stems are always hollow.

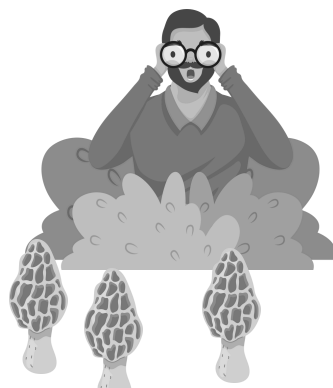
“When in doubt, throw it out,” said Harbach. “If you have any doubt about the identification or safety of the mushroom that you pick for consumption, it is not worth it.”

Mushrooms in Iowa enjoy rain without excessive heat. When searching, also avoid aged mushrooms. If a mushroom is of an older age, then you are more likely to find insects and decay. If the fungal tissue is degrading, this can make you ill. A common mushroom in Iowa is the dryad saddle, which is best found in its younger stages when it has a more fleshy outside. As this mushroom grows and gets older, it becomes woodier.

Since mushroom hunting is very popular in Iowa, Harbach holds a Wild Mushroom Certification course each spring. The dates for next year will be announced in January of 2025.

Additional Publications: A safe mushroom foraging guide that provides information on mushrooms found throughout Iowa is available.

Category: Yard and Garden, Local Foods  
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## Ladene Morris Eshelman



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ladene Morris Eshelman. She will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend. She transitioned to heaven on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at Independence Village in Waukee while under hospice care.

Ladene was born on July 24, 1935, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, to Edgar and Kathryn (Kirk) Morris. She attended Bondurant High School where she competed in music competitions. She graduated with the class of 1954.

Ladene married Darrell at Bondurant Christian Church on March 20, 1955. They soon began farming and started their family. In 1965, they bought a farm and moved to Virginia Township near New Virginia, Iowa. Ladene not only worked

in the field but also drove a tractor which broke the norms of the time. She raised chickens and grew and canned vegetables from her garden. Along with her farming chores, she devoted time to raising her two children as well as working with children in the community. She spent time as a Cub Scout leader and 4-H leader, enjoyed working at the New Virginia Library, and taught Sunday School classes.

Church and faith were of utmost importance to Ladene. She taught Sunday School classes while living in Altoona. When she moved to New Virginia, she took the roles of Sunday School teacher, Youth Minister, Youth Choir Director, and piano player. She would serve as Preacher when the minister was unable to be present. Later, she served as a high school Sunday School teacher and Deacon for the Osceola Christian Church.

As Ladene's children got older and had babies of their own, she enjoyed watching her grandbabies when they came to stay and visit. She loved her babies fiercely and was always there to give them advice and love them unconditionally.

Ladene also enjoyed researching family genealogy. She was eligible for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She became an official member of the Mayflower Society and traced her ancestry back to John and Elizabeth Howland and Richard Warren of the Mayflower.

Ladene's legacy lives on in the lessons she imparted to us – the value of unwavering faith, the importance of family, and the power of a sassy attitude that always brought a smile to our faces. We will forever cherish the memories we shared with her and hold her close in our hearts. Heaven just gained an adorable, sassy angel.

Ladene is preceded and welcomed into heaven by her parents, Edgar and Kathryn Morris; her sister, Karen Mark; her husband, Darrell Eshelman; and her son, Edgar Eshelman.

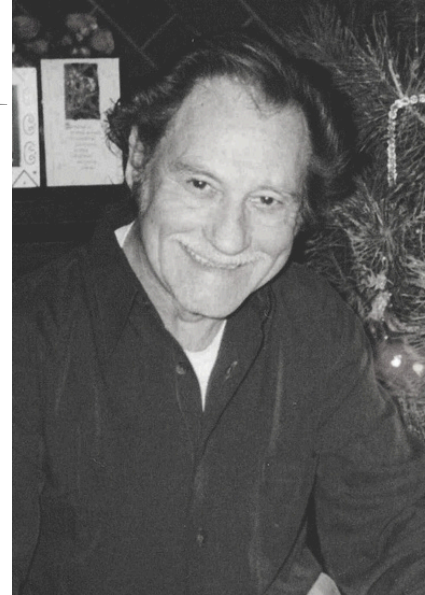
She is survived by her daughter, Reinee (William Paul) Hildebrandt; her granddaughters, Kari (Jon) Heath, Sandra (Michael) Butler, Dru (Vamsi) Yemadabthni; and great-grandchildren, Emma Heath, Teagan Pitcher, Declan Pitcher, Evelyn Butler; and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 19, 2024, at Bondurant Christian Church, 304 Grant St S. in Bondurant, IA, with visitation one hour prior. Burial followed at Bondurant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Bondurant Christian Church and New Virginia Christian Church in loving memory of Ladene.

Condolences of sympathy may be expressed to the family at [www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com).

## William "Bill" Ludington



William "Bill" Ludington, son of Glen and Polly Ludington, was born July 9, 1935, and passed from this life Friday, April 19, 2024, at 88 years of age.

William worked as a floor installer for Ralph Smith Company for many years. William enjoyed race car driving and was crazy about motorcycles.

William leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Blanche Ludington. Per his wishes, William's body was donated to science, and his Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, April 26, 2:00 PM at Faith Fellowship Church in Osceola. His remains will be buried at a later date.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com)

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## In Memoriam of Tina (Huss) Collins

To the communities of New Virginia, Truro and St. Charles, our neighbors, family and friends and especially, the Class of '88, whom Tina loved, your continued support of our family has been heartwarming, and we are so grateful. It has made this difficult time a bit more bearable.

It is truly a reflection of the love and friendships Tina had with so many. Too many to count.

The financial gifts we've been given have been enough to purchase and place the bench on the sidewalk at Jesus' Right

Hand in New Virginia on West Street. We've added a plaque in memory of her. We also were able to purchase a concrete bench that we placed at her gravesite in the New Virginia Cemetery.

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## CHICKEN & WILD RICE SOUP RECIPE

### Ingredients

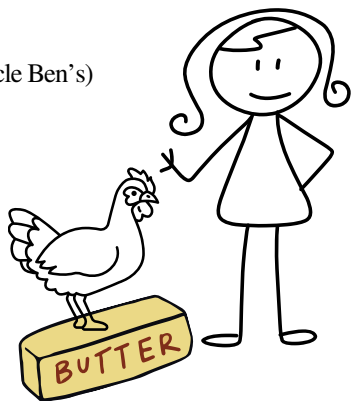
- 3-4 chicken breasts, cooked and cubed or shredded
- 1 box (6 oz.) Long Grain and Wild Rice mix (like Uncle Ben's)
- 2 (14.5 oz.) cans chicken broth
- 4 cups milk
- ½ c. butter
- ½ c. flour
- 1 ½ T. cornstarch
- ½ t. poultry seasoning
- 2-3 carrots, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- Salt and pepper

### Instructions

1. Cook the chicken.
2. At the same time, cook the rice according to the directions on the box.
3. In a large pot, melt the butter. Add chopped carrots and celery and pepper to taste, and sauté for about 10 minutes until tender.
4. While the veggies sauté, mix together the flour, cornstarch and the poultry seasoning.
5. Add the dry ingredient mixture to the sauteed veggies and whisk together quickly.
6. Add chicken broth and milk, whisking quickly as you pour. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring often.
7. When the chicken and rice are finished, cut chicken into bite-size pieces and add both to the soup.
8. The soup will be runny the first day and thick the second.
9. Enjoy!

### What I Did

I threw the butter in a big stock pot, tossed in the carrots and celery, and sauteed that while I was cutting up some leftover chicken breasts. Then I poured in the chicken broth, dumped the rice and seasoning packet right out of the box into the stockpot, added some poultry seasoning, cooked it till the rice was done, then added some whipping cream along with the milk. The cream thickened it up and I never needed the flour and cornstarch!



## Doris Marie Taylor

Doris Marie Taylor, age 95, passed away at Windsor Manor in Indianola, Iowa on May 6, 2024. She was comforted to the end by family, friends and the wonderful caring staff of Windsor Manor and SunCrest Hospice staff. Services were held 11 a.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola, with visitation prior from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial was in the New Virginia Cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor was born June 26, 1928, at home, near Medora, Iowa in southern Warren County, the daughter of Ivan and Iva (Hamilton) Calaway. Doris attended a country school in Squaw Township through the eighth grade and graduated from New Virginia Consolidated School in 1946.

Doris married Wilbur (Bill) William Taylor on June 21, 1947. After 33 years of marriage, Bill passed away on December 22, 1980. Bill and Doris were blessed with three children, Sheryl, Stanley and Marla. They made their home in New Virginia for 27 years, until moving to Lake Panorama in 1976. Doris spent 18 years living on the lake before moving to Indianola in 1994. She has been a resident of Windsor Manor in Indianola for the last seven years.

Doris and Bill enjoyed dancing. In their early years, they could be found every Saturday night at a dance hall till the band stopped playing. After Bill's death, she took lessons for Western Square Dancing and continued her passion for dancing until the age of 85.

For the most part, Doris was a stay-at-home Mom. She sewed lots of clothes over the years for her children and could stretch a penny to the max. Bill and she put in a large garden each year and canned and froze everything they could. Doris loved her flowers and was well known for starting different varieties of African violets and sharing those plants with many friends. After moving to the lake, she developed a passion for bird watching. Her passion developed into a large collection of bird decorations. Gift buying for her became easy, when it included a bird! Doris's favorite color was purple. She was affectionately known at Windsor Manor as the "Lady in Purple" as she could be seen daily in her favorite purple sweaters!

While living in New Virginia, Doris worked part-time as a telephone operator. After moving to Lake Panorama, she was a receptionist at the Panora Clinic. She tells family that the most satisfying job she had was a Walmart greeter in Indianola. She got to reconnect with a lot of her New Virginia friends from earlier years.

Doris enjoyed traveling. Throughout the years, she made many bus trips to Branson, Missouri with her friend Ida Mae Hatcher. Ida Mae and she went everywhere. One of those memorable trips was to Hawaii with her sister Velma.

Doris is survived by her three children: Sheryl and Roger Young of St. Charles, IA, Stanley Taylor of Allen, OK, and Marla and Rick Harrison of Donna, TX; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; Alice Taylor, sister-in-law, of Knoxville, IA; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Her sister Velma's girls, Janice, Joyce, Marilyn, and Evelyn, held a special place in her heart. Before having children of her own, she treasured times spent with them. That special connection held true throughout her life. Therefore, she requested they be Honorary Pallbearers.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; daughter-in-law, Vicky (Stills) Taylor; her parents, Ivan and Iva Calaway; and her siblings, Everett, Merrill, and Vera Calaway, who all passed away as small children; her brother, Russell Calaway; and sister, Velma (Calaway) Peterson.

Memorials may be given to Pink Tractor Foundation in Doris's memory. To sign an online condolence, visit our website at [www.overtonfunerals.com](http://www.overtonfunerals.com).

## Spring 4-H Minutes for the Ohio Future Feeders 4-H Club



The February 24, 2024 4-H Meeting for the Ohio Future Feeders was called to order at 11:23am at Tavern Pizza in Valley Junction after volunteering at the Meals from the Heartland, Iowa by Treasurer Caleb Puderbaugh with 21 members, three leaders and 11 visitors present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brodey Hanrahan, and 4-H Pledge was led by Grace Hanrahan. Roll call was taken. The Secretary's report was given by Brodey Hanrahan. Caleb Puderbaugh read the Treasurer's report. There was no old business to discuss. Reminder for finishing YQCA training. New business: T-shirt committee needs to still meet for club 4-H design. Other new business: Motion by Carly Gehringer for the club to pay for lunch after meeting with second by Laura Knedler. All in favor. Reminded group of upcoming important dates, Premium auction sign up and eligibility guidelines for exhibitors. Meeting adjourned at 11:34am as Motion made by Tucker Dooley with second by Brodey Hanrahan. Presentation given by Bowen Dickinson, Brayden Eads and Raylan Dolan on the local cattle industry.

The March 24, 2024 meeting for the Ohio Future Feeders 4-H Club was called to order at 6pm with 23 members, three leaders and eight visitors in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Myla Nehring. The pledge of allegiance was led by Myla; the 4-H pledge was led by Dawson Dory. Roll call was "my favorite spring break activity." The Secretary's report was read by Brodey Hanrahan, and Treasurer's report was given by Caleb Puderbaugh. Old business discussed was the successful volunteer opportunity making Meals from the Heartland in which 4-Hers helped produce over 30,000 meals that morning. New business is the upcoming Roadside Cleanup on April 14 at 4pm on our designated section of the highway by Truro. Other new business is the Club 4-H shirt being designed. 4-Hers were reminded of important upcoming dates. The meeting was adjourned by Caleb; seconded by Dawson Dory at 6:28pm. Presentation was given by Ira Hawk on "Getting to know you Fair Book."



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Morning was hard in the winter. The room was in the 30's, we had a linoleum floor, and it was a ways to the living room stove. Mom would call us for breakfast, and the second call was from Dad, and it always included a threat that he was going to dump water on us if we didn't get up. That generally worked!

The house always had good smells. Mom was always cooking. We had cereal some mornings with fresh cream. Other days it was bacon and eggs and sometimes fried potatoes. There was a third bedroom upstairs that was a spare room, and junk was stored there, but I also remember a slab of bacon on a small table. Mom would cut off bacon strips for us. Mom was a great cook; all meat was well done. The only moisture was the gravy that went with it, brown with beef, white with chicken. God, it was good. Our meals were hearty, and no one worried about fat and cholesterol. I guess we all worked off the calories.



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