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NVOS 2024

King and Queen

Art and Linda Daniels



Arthur Leroy Daniels was born on October 14, 1948, in Des Moines. He was welcomed home by three brothers, Jack, Larry, and Claude and two sisters, Julie and Joyce. His family lived in Des Moines and continued to grow with two additional siblings, Bea and Ed. While Art was in middle school, the family moved to a small farm in the country by St. Charles. He continued his school years at Interstate 35 and graduated with the class of 1967. Shortly after graduating, Art enlisted and served four years with the United States Navy. He was honorably discharged in August 1971.

Linda Lea Lull was born on January 3, 1953, and was the first baby born that year in Madison County. Linda was welcomed home by two big brothers, Loyde Jr. and Russell and a sister, Kathleen. She grew up on a farm near Patterson and lived there until she graduated from Winterset High School in 1971. After she graduated, she went to work in Des Moines at Bankers Life (now known as Principal).

After returning home from the service, Art went on a blind date and met the future Mrs. Daniels. Linda's uncle Roy arranged a meeting, and their first date was dinner and a drive-in movie. Art and Linda continued to date until they eloped in January 1972. As of January, they have been married for 52 years. They have called New Virginia home for the last 44 years.

They have three sons, Chad, Bob and Sam. Chad and Missy live on a farm near New Virginia, and Chad has two sons, Cole (that's me!) and Tanner. Missy has three children, Dillion, Dalton, and Josie. Bobby lives in Miami Beach, Florida. Sam and Kelcie also live near New Virginia and have two children, Bowen and Ada.

Art retired from Kemin Industries in Des Moines after almost 30 years. Some of Art's favorite activities are hunting, fishing, raising chickens, raising pheasants to release and help repopulate, planting his greenhouse, and gardening. This year he plans to enter one of his tomatoes from the green house in the State Fair competition for the largest tomato. Art is also a member of the New Virginia American Legion. He has been helping with the Legion activities for almost 40 years.

Linda has enjoyed many activities during the years, especially since her retirement in 2018 from Wells Fargo. She is a member of the New Virginia Garden Club, New Virginia Chattie Hatties Red Hat club, New Virginia Tuesday Quilters, Tri-Corner-Express paper, and Treasurer for the New Virginia Methodist Church. Linda also enjoys watching her grandkids, tending to her flower beds, traveling, garage sales, and reading. She also volunteers at the State Fair for the Blue Ribbon Foundation and is a Precinct Election Official in Warren County.

As residents of New Virginia for over four decades, they are both honored and thankful to receive this recognition from the community.



NVOS 2024

Volunteer of the Year

Pat Thornburgh

Patrick Dean Thornburgh was born July 23, 1967, in Perry, Iowa, welcomed by his parents Jerry and Karen Thornburgh and an older sister Shellie Thornburgh Arentson on a rural acreage. He attended all of his school years in the Ogdan Community Schools. He participated in football, wrestling, track, and band. Pat started his own mowing business around nine years old. Pat was active in Cub Scouts followed by Boy Scouts, but did not achieve the rank of Eagle, something he wishes that he had.

Pat worked at Hy-Vee in Perry, IA, shortly after getting his driver's license as soon as he could drive during high school. Pat graduated from Ogdan High School in May 1986. Pat then attended college at Northeast Missouri State University (currently known as Truman State) in Kirksville, MO, from 1986 - 1990 where he received a BS in Industrial Technology - Drafting Design with a minor in photography. In May 1987, after his freshman year of college, he met his wife of 34 years (+3 years of dating) in the dog food aisle while both were working at the Perry Hy-Vee followed by three years of dating across the state of Missouri.

Upon graduation and their wedding in May of 1990, Pat and Erin moved to Austin, MN, where he started his 34 and counting years with Hormel Foods. They remained in Austin for six & one-half years where their first son Travis Thornburgh was born in May 1995. In the fall of 1996, the family moved to their current location just across the street on Broadway in New Virginia as Pat was transferred to Osceola Foods (a wholly owned subsidiary of Hormel Foods) as purchasing manager. In August of 2000, their family was complete with the birth of Trevor Thornburgh.

Most of the volunteering that Pat has done revolved around activities in which his sons were involved. Pat was a little league coach of t-ball and baseball for both boys. Then when Travis reached first grade, Pat started out as a Tiger Cub leader and all of the following levels of Cub Scouting, also including becoming the Cub Master and Assistant Scout Master for the Troop. Pat is currently the Cub Master and the Assistant Scout Master of Pack and Troop 119, and the last two years, he has also led the Lions, Tigers and Wolves (kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders) again. There have been 30+ Eagle Scouts go through the ranks, with boys from New Virginia, St Charles, Truro, Martensdale, St. Marys and Osceola, including Travis & Trevor Thornburgh during Pat's scout leader career.

Pat has taken many scouts young and old on adventures over the years to Camp Mitigwa and to many out of state summer camps including Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas and high adventure camps that include one trip to the boundary waters and five trips to the High Adventure trips to the Florida Key's. During the COVID year when there were no organized summer camps, Pat took a group on their own adventure to Tennessee with many stops along the way. Pat is very passionate about getting these boys on these adventures, enjoying camping, learning new things and experiencing different places and cultures. Pat has also volunteered for numerous fundraisers that benefited all of our communities through Eagle projects and fundraising for these boys to go to camps and high adventure destinations.

Pat has also volunteered to be on not one, but two, rounds of building and grounds committees for the I-35 School District. He was very insistent and proud for the completion of CTE building, library and I-35 auditorium. Pat also volunteered at the school in Ms. Haines' room for the Juniors who were preparing for the future in the Life Skills class.



City Of New Virginia

Council Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2024

The Council met in regular session on Monday July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the July council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey, Galivan and Truman present. Absent Taylor. Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Old business discussed: There was no old business to discuss.

Citizen Input: There have been numerous citizen concerns received about the appearance of a property in the 100 block of Broadway Street, especially with Old Settlers Weekend coming up. The owner of the property will be personally talked to about getting the property cleaned up before Old Settlers and keeping it cleaned up and also the consideration of a privacy fence.

Water Utilities discussed: Ancel Kennedy was present to inform the Council that his water license expires in May or June of next year, and he will not be renewing it. Ancel referred Rhonda Guy as a person to contact about taking his place.

The Council directed Deputy City Clerk Baughman to do a water meter check at 602 Grand Avenue.

Fire Department Business: There are no new updates on the progress of Fire Truck Engine 762. There is damage to the pump on Fire Truck 769. It is being sent to a shop in Des Moines that specializes in fire trucks for inspection.

There has been only one response back for bids on the repair of water damage repair in the fire station. Work will continue on getting more bids for the fire station project.

EMS essential service tax was discussed. If it does not get passed by Warren County, there is a possibility that a vote can be taken in the New Virginia response area for the EMS essential service tax.

Law Enforcement: The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of June was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 37 calls for service during the month of June. Officers spent in excess of 45 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 238 miles within the city limits for the month. Four citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. The City received a citizen complaint about the smell of marijuana coming from the apartment building at 704 West Street. This information will be forwarded to the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

Bids for various tree trimming and removal projects were reviewed. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to approve the bid of \$2350.00 from Arboreal Locomotion, LLC for the tree and stump removal at 814 West Street. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

All other tree trimming and removal projects will be considered after a bid is received from Blakely Tree Service.

City wages/salaries were reviewed. City Clerk - \$2800.00/mth (\$1300.00 from general fund and \$1400.00 from water utilities fund); Deputy City Clerk - \$1750.00/mth (\$875.00 from general fund and \$875.00 from water utilities fund); Office Assistant To The City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk - 20 hours/mth x \$25.00/hr (\$500.00 from general fund); Mayor - \$100.00/mth from general fund; City Council Members - \$50.00/mtg from general fund; Treasurer - \$150.00/qr from general fund. Dunkin moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the 2024-25 city wages/salaries. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

The truck pull scheduled for June 28th, 2024 was cancelled due to weather. It has been re-scheduled for Saturday September 21st, 2024 at 6 p.m.

The Truck Pull Committee is out of room to place anymore sponsorship signs. The Committee would like to purchase five sheets of ¾" treated plywood to be able to make more sponsorship signs. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the purchase of five ¾" treated sheets of plywood from either Highway Lumber or Menards. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cinta will be contacted about getting a price quote for a cleaning system at the GAMP Building and soap and towel dispensers for both the GAMP Building and fire station. The concrete pads for the golf disc course have been poured. The course sign and hole number signs need to be placed to finish up the disc golf project.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

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

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve \$30.00 annual membership fee to the Mayors Association. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Strange discussed having special meetings for strategic planning/2-5 year plan possibly on a quarterly or bi-annual basis. All Council Members agreed this is something that needs to be done.

Mayor Strange discussed a new ruling from the State regarding sidewalks. Cities are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of sidewalks with some exceptions. Road Use funds will be shifted to sidewalks with the discussion of removing the majority of the sidewalks.

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

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

The August council meeting is scheduled for Monday August 5th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

August meeting date - Monday August 5th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

2024 Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices

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

Business Card (3.5 x 2)	\$30.00
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

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



Recycling Dates New Virginia

July 25
Aug 8
Aug 22

Jennifer Baughman

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.

Rolling with God Rules of the Road

Vacation Bible School

Pre-K through 6th grade

Truro Park

July 22-24 6pm-8pm

Sponsored by

I-35 Neighborhood Churches

- Grace Baptist

- New Virginia New Virginia Christian

- New Virginia Methodist

- Truro United Christian Church

- Saint Charles Parish

Registration and additional information -

I-35 Neighborhood Churches (Facebook) or any sponsor church



Cock-a-doodle-doo!

Have you heard?
The St Marys
Chicken Dinner
is coming soon!

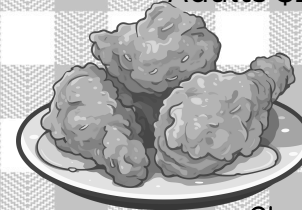
78TH ANNUAL ST MARYS CHICKEN DINNER

SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2024, 12:30 TO 5:30 PM

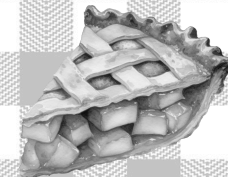
DOORS WILL OPEN AT NOON

St Marys Hall, 101 St James, St Marys, Iowa

Adults \$15.00, Children (Ages 3 - 10) \$5



Great Broasted Chicken!!

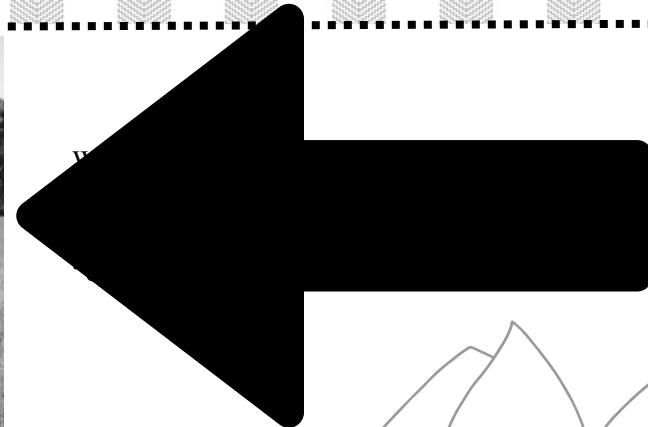


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BOOK REVIEW



5TH HORSEMAN
By James Patterson

Reviewed by Sue Stills

This is not a new book (2006), but it was one that I enjoyed. It was so easy to read, since Patterson writes short chapters. A major hospital experienced many deaths of patients who were about to be released, yet overnight their conditions took a turn for the worse. One physician seemed to be the link among these patients. An investigation and court battle ensued, and the hospital administration was determined to shield its reputation. This was a suspenseful read as the mystery of the deaths was finally revealed.



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August 8-18**

CITY OF ST. CHARLES

8 July 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 7/8/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Council members Tom Blomme, Travis Brockett, and Dan Kozak were present along with 6 guests. Mayor Dennis Smith and Council member Whitney Hutton were absent.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 6/3/2024: Motion made by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of July Bills: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Tom Blomme to approve the July bills including two bills submitted after packets were sent. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During June there were 45.74 patrol hours, 5 calls, and 6 traffic stops in St. Charles.

Tree Removal Cherry Street: Journey Allsup was present to discuss tree removal. Motion by Megan Allison/Travis Brockett to table until an arborist can be contacted. Tom Blomme will contact Wright Tree Service.

City Boards/Committees:

Sewer Report: The June sewer report was submitted to the City. The city will compare the costs of rebuilding a pump to replacing the pump at the lift station.

Maintenance Report: Work will continue on Council Drive and N. Cross Streets. Stop signs in the business district of Main Street were discussed.

Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer was present. The departments have responded to 140 calls in 2024.

Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the June minutes. The library received a grant from the Greater Madison County Community Foundation for a new computer.

Tourism: The Gateway received a grant from the Greater Madison County Community Foundation for a bathroom renovation they hope to begin in August.

Old Settlers: Barricades for street closures will be placed starting Friday, July 19th.

Emergency Management: The Director's Report was submitted.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison gave an update on Hinterland.

Resolution 7A-2024 A Resolution approving wages for Library Employees. Motion by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak to approve Resolution 7A-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 7B-2024 A Resolution approving wages for Elected Official and City Employees. Motion by Tom Blomme/Travis Brockett to approve Resolution 7B-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 7C-2024 A Resolution approving the transfer of funds from Sewer to Sewer Sinking Account. Motion by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve Resolution 7C-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 7D-2024 A Resolution approving the transfer of funds from Rescue to Fire Department Savings. Motion by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison to approve Resolution 7D-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 7E-2024 A Resolution approving the transfer of funds from the Emergency Account to the General Fund. Motion by Tom Blomme/Travis Brockett to approve Resolution 7E-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 7F-2024 A Resolution approving Street Closures for Old Settlers. Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to approve Resolution 7F-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 7G-2024 A Resolution approving Street Closures for RAGBRAI. Motion by Travis Brockett/Tom Blomme to approve Resolution 7G-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

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

Resolution 7H-2024 A Resolution approving the City of St. Charles's participation in SICOG. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve Resolution 7H-2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Opportunity and Complaint Forms: A citation will be sent to a house on Main Street.

RAGBRAI: A motion was made by Travis Brockett/Tom Blomme to approve a temporary liquor license for Wine on Wheels. Voice vote was unanimous.

Ordinance Discussion: Tabled until November.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion made by Dan Kozak to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM.

The next City Council meeting will be on August 5, 2024, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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

138th Old Settlers Celebration, July 19-21, 2024 **"Welcome to the Neighborhood"**

Friday, July 19th

5:00 pm Food Trucks - serving until 8 pm; Lions Food Stand - serving until 8 pm
St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts - serving until 9 pm

5:30 pm Luv the Locals - Back to the Future - Main Street

6:00 pm Kids Rides & Slides Open

7:00 pm Opening Ceremony - Old Settlers Park stage; King & Queen Coronation,
Quilts of Valor, Luv the Locals drawing

7:30 pm Bingo - Lions Hall 8:30 pm Neva Alden to 11:30pm

Saturday, July 20th

7:00 am SCCF Breakfast - St. Charles Parish Hall serving until 10:30 am
Vinyasa for Runners (Stretch out Yoga) - Welcome Center

8:00 am SCOS Gateway 5K and Fun Run - Imes Bridge

9:00 am Cribbage Tournament - Lions Hall BYO Board; 3 on 3 Basketball- City Park TBD

10:00 am Disc Golf-City Park - TBD

SCOS Vehicle Show & Shine - Main Street

10:30 am Pedal Tractor Pull - Check in at 10:00 am in front of old school

11:00 am Lions Food Stand Opens - closes at 8:00 pm

St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts - serving until 9:00 pm

Kids Rides & Slides Open

Pickleball - City Park - TBD

Food Trucks - 11 am - 8 pm

12 Noon Baking for Backpacks - Culinary Contest at the Welcome Center

Bags Tournament - hosted by SoCo Baggers, in front of old school

1:00 pm Family & Kids Activities - Old Settlers Park

Neighborhood Trolley Train Rides - 1 pm to 4 pm

Plant Some Roots - Container gardening at the Welcome Center

2:00 pm St. Charles Alumni Open House - Calvary Baptist Church

Live Music on Old Settlers Stage

2 - 4 pm Lindgren & Griffiths and 4 - 5 pm Drew Fry

St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts - serving until 9 pm

3:00 pm 10¢ Bingo - Lions Hall

4:00 pm Spelling Bee - Lions Hall

6:00 pm Parade - Welcome to the Neighborhood 5:30 pm registration at city park

6:30 pm Cow Pie Bingo - Chances available until 6:30 pm or until sold out. Old Settlers Pa

Baking for Backpacks Auction

7:30 pm Old Settlers Program - Button Honorees, Parade winners announced, Silent Auction

Bingo - Lions Hall

9:00 pm Street Dance - Main Street

Sunday, July 21st

9:45 am Community Worship Service - Coffee & Donuts to follow



John Brown in 1850's Iowa and Area

By Kirk Freeman (St. Charles Library Director)

Continued from last month.... Part 3

After the ambush of Representative Sumner in the spring of 1856, a free-state man was brutally hacked with hatchets and cut and stabbed by knives on his doorstep by a dozen border ruffians in front of his horrified wife and young children. They left him to die, with the wife desperately trying to staunch the bleeding from the dying victim's numerous mortal wounds, and rode away laughing at and mocking the family.

With the declaration by President Pierce, the burning of Lawrence by border ruffians, murder, and Sumner's beating, John Brown led his first raid against the pro-slavers at Pottawatomie, Kansas, on 24 May 1856. In this raid several men were hacked to death using the short broadswords Brown brought from New York. It was called The Pottawatomie Massacre, but to that area of Kansas it was just another act of the various vicious murders of many that occurred before and after. During the next few weeks of small skirmishes and raids against pro-slavery supporters, Brown with about a dozen men, fought against 55 slave-staters at Blackjack. After a while of exchanging fire (where Salmon Brown is wounded, survives, and returns east), the fighting ends when Fredrick Brown captured the pro-slave men in a single-handed act of courage by riding up waving a sword over his head and bellowing out that the pro-slavers were surrounded by "his men" and should surrender. His burly size and strong force of will did convince them, and the far superior force of pro-slavery men threw down their rifles and raised their hands to a lone sword-wielding man on horseback.

Brown marched the prisoners a few miles down the road and ran into a forward patrol from the 1st U.S. Cavalry led by a young 1st Lieutenant named James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart, who recognized the man leading the group approaching his troop as the John Brown with an arrest warrant for the murders at Pottawatomie and promptly did just that. Minutes later Colonel Edwin Sumner and the rest of the U.S. 1st Cavalry trotted down the road. After a brief set of polite introductions, John Brown turned over the pro-slavery prisoners to the cavalry and gave a full report of the reason for having them. Colonel Sumner was quite impressed, so freed Brown and his men and moved on with his command. In the rear, the pro-slavery prisoners followed sullenly on foot under a guard commanded by the obviously agitated Lt. Stuart.

August and September proved to be the bloodiest time of 1856 when President Pierce sent John W. Geary to Kansas to be the governor. Geary was a staunch anti-slavery supporter so the pro-slavery men, when they heard he was coming, launched massacres on free-staters that created a more aggressive resistance from the free-state men who were previously on the fence about using violence. Geary instead tried to bring peace by listening to both sides and remaining neutral on his own personal opinions. This, in turn, agitated both parties as neither side wanted a man that didn't side with their viewpoints immediately. Geary issued another arrest warrant for Brown to appease the pro-slavery faction, drawing more men to Brown's band. It should be noted that during this time, Brown made another name for himself for capturing several pro-slavery men in various raids and lecturing them for hours on their evil ways combined with fiery sermons from the Bible, then kept their weapons and let them walk away.

In mid-September, pro-slavery men ambushed John Brown's son Fredrick in Osawatomie, Kansas, and Reverend Martin White shot Fredrick as the big man was confronting a large group of the ruffians in the street. John Brown and 38 men were herding cattle in the hills above the town and attacked the 200 pro-slavery raiders, and after a fierce but short fight, retreated. The border ruffians lost five dead and double that in wounded, so they turned their anger on the town of Osawatomie, murdering a couple of inhabitants that did not flee in time and burning the town down. This action cemented the hero image of John Brown as a man who took on larger forces without fear. It also made him a prime target for pro-slavery groups, the US Army, and the territorial marshal under orders of the new governor. Brown knew he had little choice but to leave the territory soon or lose everything of the struggle.

Money suddenly started flowing in for the various free-state militias from their inspiring courage in standing up to the ever-growing numbers and bloody attacks of the border ruffians. Brown left Kansas in September of 1856 to go east on a twofold mission-- raise more funds and meet fellow abolitionist Dr. Samuel Howe. Dr. Howe, in his younger days, fought as an infantry officer in Greece's war of Independence from Turkey and in Poland against Russia before coming back to the United States to be a pioneer in the treatment of mental illness along with his wife Julia Ward Howe (who later wrote the words to The Battle Hymn of the Republic). After meeting with Brown, Howe sent two crates west containing weapons and ammunition for Brown's allies in Chicago, who then would send them on to Iowa where John Brown was prepared to collect them. Howe, also, personally gave money for expenses to John Brown. Brown used these funds for ammunition and ordered 1,000 pikes from a blacksmith in Massachusetts. These pikes, Brown reasoned, were to arm escaped

slaves that possessed little knowledge of firearms when they joined him until they could be trained how to use rifles effectively. There was a problem though. Brown could only pay in installments, so the pikes were not ready until early fall 1859. By then Brown had devised a different purpose for them, still of use to arm escaped slaves, but instead of Kansas, it would be in Virginia.

Howe shipped the above-mentioned crates to Chicago the day after Brown moved on to his next destination. In these crates were 200 Sharp's carbines, ammunition, percussion caps, and maybe a disassembled six-pounder cannon. Each crate was marked "T.B. Eldridge, Mount Pleasant, Iowa" and sent to Chicago for a planned transport by railroad to Iowa's state capital at Iowa City, then south to Mount Pleasant. These rifles were bound for eventual storage in Tabor, Iowa, as a reserve for the fighting in Kansas. John Brown went to inspect the shipment stored in Chicago while waiting on the timetable for delivery. Brown then went by horseback to Tabor; he eventually entered Warren County. Then he spent a few days in Des Moines and environs and afterwards he appeared, by one account, in Madison County to spend some time (perhaps a day or two) with an associate there before heading westward to Tabor to inform Owen of the plans for the shipment that his son would take charge of for the transport to Tabor, and then he returned east. John Brown was careful never to take the same route twice in a row, and never a direct course, as US Marshals were all on the lookout for him. He was concerned about being followed as well as possible ambushes if his enemies and the law knew his path.

Meanwhile, Watson and Salmon (who returned to the farm in New York after being severely wounded at Blackjack) left the farm to pick up the weapons now stored at Mount Pleasant. They also desired vengeance for the murder of their older brother Fredrick by Reverend Martin White. White was constantly boasting of his shooting of Fredrick to all that would listen in the Kansas and Missouri saloons, so they felt he would not be difficult to find. Watson and Salmon were helped financially to Chicago by Garrett Smith and Fredrick Douglas, though the young men kept their desire for vengeance to themselves. Arriving in mid-October 1856, they rented a mule team and wagon and went to pick up some goods, freight, and lastly the crates of weapons and headed to Tabor. The transport train of five (or six) men and two wagons was led by Doctor J. P. Root, an abolitionist from Illinois. But, as a mule drawn wagon can only move about 15-20 miles per day, they had many stops at friends' homes between the two points (about 12-16 days on foot via 1850's roads). As the wagons were loaded to full capacity with goods, weapons, and freight, the men found there was little room for themselves, so they often walked beside the mules as they plodded along together through earthen roads westward. Added to this, according to a letter written by Milton C. Dickey also with the train, it poured rain most of the time which slowed down the train even more on muddy roads and swollen streams/creek crossings. When John Brown somehow got word that his two sons were heading to Kansas with the intent to vent their anger and get revenge, he wrote to Owen, still in Tabor, to keep Salmon and Watson there until he arrived.

Stay tuned, continued next month....



On July 24th, RAGBRAI is coming through St. Charles! This is our chance to showcase our community and our pride in St. Charles to the world. St. Charles is honored to be a designated breakfast stop on the route!

Join us for a fantastic array of food and drinks offered by vendors. Main Street will be adorned with photo opportunities, featuring scenes created by our talented local artists. Don't miss the chance to snap a photo with our very own I-35 Roadrunner mascot!

We'll be serving up delicious breakfast options including breakfast bowls, burritos, wraps, pancakes, fruit, eggs, oatmeal, and a variety of coffees and beverages. Plus, enjoy music spun by the voice of the Iowa Women's basketball team, Dave Gallagher, throughout the event!

The festivities kick off at 6 am and continue until noon. Let's make this day a memorable celebration of St. Charles and a warm welcome for all RAGBRAI riders!"



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

August's book club selection
 will be
**The Seven Husbands of
 Evelyn Hugo**



Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Ancel Kennedy, Matt Masters, Julie McMichael, and Jason Phillips were present. Lyndsay Cannoy was absent.
 Fire Chief Terry Stills, Sheriff Jason Barnes, Public Works Director, Ronnie Hults, Rhoda Guy of Professional Operations Management, Zeb McFarland from Iowa Rural Water Association, Dan Sinclair from Metering Technologies and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Smith were also present.

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

Larry Smith addressed the Council about his questions regarding the proposed re-zoning of Center Street. There will be a Public Hearing in September regarding the rezoning.

-The Sheriff gave the Sherriff's Report: Very busy in Truro in the month of June.
 -Stills gave the Fire & Rescue Report: 2 fire calls and 8 EMS calls. Stills reported the Department has received a grant for the purchase of a refill station to fill Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The Fire Association will pay for any difference. The Fire Department will be involved with the St. Charles parade and the New Virginia Parade.
 -Guy gave the Wastewater/Water report. Currently all systems are doing well.
 -The City Clerk reported that when entering the meter readings some of the readings did not seem correct. For example, some had negative consumption. The Clerk contacted Zeb McFarland from Iowa Rural Water Association. Zeb came to Truro and walked with Ronnie to read some of the meters. He attended the meeting to explain that many of the meters in Truro are past their prime. New technology has been put in place. New meters would be more efficient. Dan Sinclair from Metering Technologies was present to explain the meters he would suggest from his company. He had an estimate of the cost to replace all meters in Truro. The estimate was \$80,214. This would include replacing all meters and installing new technology. The reading of meters would be electronic as well as the posting of the meter reads into the billing system. After much discussion the Council decided to move forward with getting new meters. The funding will come from Local Option Sales Tax funds. A budget amendment will be needed. A Public Hearing will be held in August for this purpose.

Arzani asked for a motion to approve the Umiya Foodmart, Inc. Cigarette/Tobacco permit. Motion by Phillips/McMichael to approve the permit. All Ayes motion carried.

Arzani discussed with the Council about selling the current City Trucks and purchasing a F450. After discussion the Council told Arzani to bring back options to the August meeting.

The Council discussed using Local Option Sales Tax to pay for the maintenance of Turner Street. A public hearing will be held in August to make a budget amendment and transfer the funds needed.

There was discussion about the Community Visioning Opportunity from Trees Forever and if anyone had the time to get a committee together to explore opportunities. After discussion this will be revisited in the future.

The Council discussed the partial forgiveness of the sewer bill when citizens fill a pool or water gardens. The City will forgive partial sewer bills for 2024 but will not continue this practice in 2025 starting January 1, 2025. The Council will set this in Resolution at the September meeting. The write-off of the utility bill from 145 Hull Street was discussed. It was decided to table this discussion for another meeting.


Arzani asked for a motion to set a Public Hearing date for Budget Amendments for purchase of new meters and the technology that goes with them and for the payment of street maintenance. Motion by Masters/ McMichael to set the public hearing date for August 5. All Ayes motion carried.

Truro Public Library

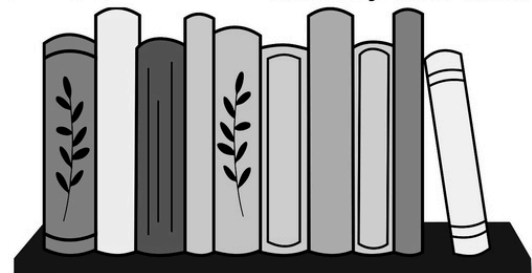
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 Friday Closed
 Saturday 9:00-noon



The City Clerk would like to purchase a bookcase for the binders with City Records. The Clerk will look at Business Furniture Warehouse in Urbandale.

Hults gave the Maintenance report. Grims Asphalt will be in Truro July 15 to start the maintenance on Turner Street. Hults will retake his Water test in the next couple of weeks. Core Sampling has been done at the new addition and the City should get a report soon.

Arzani asked for a motion to approve the consent items. Motion by Masters/McMichael to approve the consent items. All Ayes motion carried.

The next Council Meeting will be August 5, 2024. Arzani asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by McMichael/Kennedy to adjourn. All Ayes motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Cribbage



2024 NV Old Settlers Cribbage
Results
1st Place- Eric McLain
2nd Place- Travis Schultz
3rd Place- Jazmine Warsawski

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Hull Park



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Public Release for Schools Operating the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program

The Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services, has finalized its policy for free and reduced price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program and the Afterschool Care Snack Program. State and Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective 7-1-2024)

Household Size	Free Meals					Reduced Price Meals				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	19,578	1,632	816	753	377	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536
2	26,572	2,215	1,108	1,022	511	37,814	3,152	1,576	1,455	728
3	33,566	2,798	1,399	1,291	646	47,767	3,981	1,991	1,838	919
4	40,560	3,380	1,690	1,560	780	57,720	4,810	2,405	2,220	1,110
5	47,554	3,963	1,982	1,829	915	67,673	5,640	2,820	2,603	1,302
6	54,548	4,546	2,273	2,098	1,049	77,626	6,469	3,235	2,986	1,493
7	61,542	5,129	2,565	2,367	1,184	87,579	7,299	3,650	3,369	1,685
8	68,536	5,712	2,856	2,636	1,318	97,532	8,128	4,064	3,752	1,876
For each additional family member add:	6,994	583	292	269	135	9,953	830	415	383	192

- Households may be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits one of four ways
- Households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for reduced price meals or free meals, if they complete an application for free and reduced price school meals/milk. Households may complete one application listing all children and return it to your student's school. When completing an application, only the last four digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member is needed.
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households, students receiving benefits under the Family Investment Program (FIP) and students in a few specific Medicaid programs are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Most students from SNAP and FIP households will be qualified for free meals automatically. These households will receive a letter from their student's schools notifying them of their benefits. Households that receive a letter from the school need to do nothing more for their student(s) to receive free or reduced price meals. No further application is necessary. If any students were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free or reduced price meal benefits extended to them. If you feel you would qualify for free meal benefits and received notification qualifying for reduced price benefits, complete an application for free and reduced price meals. Households must contact the school if they choose to decline meal benefits.
 - Some SNAP and FIP households will receive a letter from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) which will qualify the children listed on the letter for free meals. Parents must take this letter to the student's school to receive free meals.
 - SNAP or FIP households receiving benefits that do not receive a letter from Iowa HHS must complete an application with the abbreviated information as indicated on the application and instructions, for their students to receive free meals. When the application lists an assistance program's case number for any household member, eligibility for free benefits is extended to all students in a household.

Eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same school for up to 30 operating days into the new school year. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their students are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the students must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility. An application cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. If a family member becomes unemployed the family should contact the school to complete an application. Households notified of their student's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the free meal benefits.

Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. Foster students will be qualified for free meals automatically through the state direct certification process. Their host family will receive notification of these benefits. Families that receive this notification from the school need to do nothing more for their foster students to receive free meals. If a family has foster students living with them and does not receive notification and wishes to apply for such meals, instructions for making application for such students are contained on the application form. A foster student may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other students. Including students in foster care as household members may help other students in the household qualify for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster student from receiving benefits. Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals based on a completed application.

When known by the school, households will be notified of any child eligible for free meals if the children are enrolled in the Head Start/Even Start program or are considered homeless, migrant or runaway. If any children are not listed on the notice of eligibility, contact the school for assistance in receiving benefits. If households are dissatisfied with the application approval done by the officials, they may make a formal appeal either orally or in writing to the school's designated hearing official. The policy statement on file at the school contains an outline of the hearing procedure. School officials may verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal criminal statutes. Households should contact their local school for additional information.

There will be no discrimination against individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in the school meal programs.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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- fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
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2841 South Street,
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Business Office:

c/o St. John the Apostle Church
720 Orchard Hills Drive,
Norwalk, IA 50211

Fr. Daniel Kirby

Mass Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. (During
Lent.)

Mass : First Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m.
(Rosary at 10:10 a.m.)

St. Patrick's Irish Settlement

3396 155th St. Cumming, IA 50061

Fr. Thomas Dooley - 515-462-1083

Mass: Sunday 8 am

Religious Ed: Ginny Darr, ginginery@aol.com
or call 515-707-9243

Martensdale Community Church
(An Evangelical Free Church)

3953 Hoover St. PO Box 200
Martensdale, IA 50160

1 mile north of Martensdale on Hwy 28

Pastor: Jeremy Kidder
641-764-2491

Associate Pastor: Daniel Moore

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Bible Study: 10:30 am

Sr. High Youth 6 pm Sunday

Awana: 6:30 pm Wed. Sept. thru Apr.

Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Wed. Sept. thru Apr.

www.mcc-church.com

Fairview Community Church

19705 Hwy 69 Indianola, IA 50125
515-961-6069

Pastor Gearold McElwee

Cell 515-669-5519

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sun. Evening Worship 5:30 pm

Cubi Club & Twenty/20 - 5:30 pm

Adult Endeavor - 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study & Youth Classes 7 pm

Grace Baptist Church

304 Knotts Street

New Virginia, IA 50210

Pastor Michael Mattson

www.gbcnv.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Thursday Evening:

Bible Study 6:30 pm

St. Charles Parish

305 W Main St. PO Box 208

St. Charles, IA 50240

Pastor: Darin Feikema

641-396-2441

www.saintcharlesparish.org

Sunday School 9 am

Worship Service 9:45 am

Fellowship Time: 11 am

Truro Congregational

Christian Church UCC

155 E Garfield Box 17 Truro, IA 50257

Rev. Hugh Stone

Cell: 641-414-4876

Email: hugh29181@outlook.com

Worship 10:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship: 11:00 am

Potluck Lunch every 2nd Sunday: 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception

101 St. James St. PO Box 88

St. Marys, IA 50241

Fr. George BoachieNyarko

515 210-2490 (Emerg. only)

gnyarko@dmdiocese.org

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Sarah Gehringer (Office Manager)

641-297-2359

immacula@myomnitel.com

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

Religious Ed - Sunday morning
following Mass

Michelle Fick (Director) 641-297-2259



Faith Fellowship Church
164 Highway 152 Osceola, IA 50213
641-342-6603

Pastor: Scott Davis

Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow

oefc@iowatelecom.net

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church

109 N. Hartman St. Charles, IA 50240

641-396-2234

Pastor Doug Helton 641-396-2747

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

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

New Virginia Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

604 Main Street. / Box 112

New Virginia, IA 50210

Pastor: Darin Feikema

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

Sunday Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church

301 West Street / Box 301

New Virginia, IA 50210

641-449-3779

Pastor Paul Burrow

515-402-1802

Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com

Church email: NewVA-

Medora@outlook.com

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Fellowship following Worship Service

Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM

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

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10804 Hwy G-76 / Box 301

New Virginia, IA 50210

641-449-3779

Pastor Paul Burrow

515-402-1802

Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com

Church email: NewVA-

Medora@outlook.com

Sunday School: 9:15 AM (children)

Worship: 9 AM

Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

Church of Christ

10985 44th Lane Prole, IA 50229

Sunday Worship: 10 AM & 6 PM

Wednesday Worship: 7 PM

Elder: Duane Proudfit 515-961-4470

Elder: Mike Penick 515-989-4165

Deacon: Fred Bown 641-764-2484

Deacon: Richard Bown: 641-764-2765

Linn Grove United Methodist Church

7483 50th Ave

(4 miles north of Martensdale)

(1 block east of Hwy 28)

Prole, IA 50229

Pastor: Bernie Colorado

515-981-4062

Sunday Breakfast: 8 - 9:30 AM

(free will offering)

Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM

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

Pastor's email: bernieco2003@yahoo.com

St. Paul Lutheran

(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

ELCA

615 Iowa Ave / P.O. Box 290

Martensdale, IA 50160

641-764-2752

office@mystpaullutheran.com

Worship: 10:00 AM

LifePoint Church

801 N. Fillmore St.

Osceola, IA 50213

641-342-2334

Pastor Chuck DeVos

www.lifepointministries.net

info@lifepointministries.net

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

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

Peru United Methodist Church

Pastor Sharman Eaton

Social Time @ 8:30 am

Coffee and Snacks

Worship 9:00 am



2024 New Virginia Old Settlers

Little Miss and Mister

We had six contestants enter competition in the Little Miss and Mister Contest:

They are: Abbie Miller
Connor Miller
Waylon Black
Joshua Stansell Jr.
Oaklyn Hohneke
Lincoln Faith

The 2024 Little Miss & Mister New Virginia winners were announced on Friday, July 12th at the Friday evening program. Each contestant received a goody bag & a tiara, top hat or medal.

The NVOS 2024
Little Miss New Virginia
is Oaklyn Hohneke and
Little Mister New Virginia
is Joshua Stansell, Jr.



2024 New Virginia Old Settlers Kiddie Parade Results

1st place: Bowen & Ada Daniels

2nd place: Waylon Black

3rd place: Kade Baughman & Lily Woods



2024 New Virginia Old Settlers Bill Riley Talent Search Results

Despite the heat, the contestants gave very talented performances. The contestants all did a great job with their talent and made the competition very close and challenging for the judges to pick the winners as there can be no ties. Their talent made for a highly entertaining program by these very dedicated contestants.

Sprout division winners

1st place- Ben Shuput, Age 12, Des Moines, Hip hop dance solo to Closer
2nd place- Essie Hanson, Age 11, Winterset, Tap dance solo to Watch This
3rd place- Ava McDonough- Age 11, Chariton, Vocal solo to Part of Your World

Senior division winners

1st place- David Michael Negley, Age 19, Winterset, vocal solo to The Villian I Appear to Be
2nd place- Jacob Forney, Age 18, West Des Moines, musical theatre vocal solo to Moving Too Fast
3rd place- Rae Green, Age 14, Altoona, open contemporary dance solo to Me & the Devil



Ben Shuput & David Michael will be representing the New Virginia Old Settlers Bill Riley talent competition at the Iowa State Fair.



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2024 New Virginia Old Settlers Car Show Results

1900-1954 Stock 1st place- David Twilligear 1952 Chevy Convertible; 2nd place- Carol Evison 1929 Model A Ford Sport Coupe

1900-1954 Modified 1st place- Craig & Deb Stump 1931 Ford Coupe; 2nd place- Maurice White 1931 Ford Model A

1955-1959 Stock 1st place- Clint Kephart-1957 Chevy BelAir **1955-1959 Modified** 1st place- Rick Kimmel 1957 Ford Custom

1960-1965 Stock 1st place- Jerry Howe 1962 Pontiac Tempest LeMans; 2nd place- Jack Morris 1966 Pontiac Convertible

1966-1972 Stock 1st place- Steve Miller 1967 GTO Convertible; 2nd place- Mike Murphy 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo

1966-1972 Modified 1st place- Ernie Coverdell 1970 Chevelle SS; 2nd place- Anna Sakris 1969 Ford Mustang; 3rd place- Ron

Hogan 1967 Nova Chevy II **1973-1990 Stock** 1st place- Tyler, Bill & Carson Jones-1973 Dodge Charger; 2nd place- Terry

Hunter 1981 GMC Cabrillo; 3rd place- Matt Porter 1974 Chevy Vega **1973-1990 Modified** 1st place- Randy & Chris Strange 1979 Dodge Aspen RT; 2nd place- Justin Strange 1978

Dodge Aspen **1991-2013 Stock** 1st place- Jeff Purdy 2001 Pontiac Firehawk; 2nd place- Richard Knapp 2009 Dodge Challenger; 3rd place- Tom Clark 1994 Pontiac Firebird Firehawk

1991-2013 Modified 1st place- Scott Gunion 2009 Dodge Challenger RT; 2nd place- Julie Parker 2007 Pontiac Solstice **2014 & Up Stock** 1st place-Kimberly McFarland 2023 Dodge

Challenger; 2nd place-Michelle Coburn 2017 Chevrolet Camaro; 3rd place-Deana Wallukait 2020 Dodge Challenger **2014 & Up Modified** 1st place-Tiffany Beaty 2023 Dodge Charger

RT; 2nd place Matt Decker 2023 Dodge Charger Hellcat; 3rd place-Tyson Decker 2015 Chrysler 300 **Trucks & Vans 2WD Stock** 1st place- Mike Blackford 1963 Ford F100; 2nd place-

Dennis Schoessow 2000 Dodge Ramcharger **Trucks & Vans 2WD Modified** 1st place-Gary & Maria Toney-1955 Chevy Pickup; 2 d place-Gary Slye 1955 Chevy 3100 Pickup

Trucks & Vans 4WD Stock 1st place-Heather Decker 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT; 2nd place-Mike Raymond 2016 Ford F150 **Trucks & Vans 4WD Modified** 1st place-Derek

Hook 2022 Ram 2500 **Unfinished** 1st place-Andrea Maxwell 1974 Volkswagon Beetle **Pro Street Race** 1st place-Ray Mincy 2018 Dodge Challenger Hellcat; 2nd place-Aaron Pressly

1979 Olds Cutlass **Motorcycle Stock** 1st place- Jeremiah Ludwig-2006 Harley Davidson Soft tail Standard **Pete Ahrens Memorial Award** David Twilligear-1952 Chevy Convertible

Mayor's Choice Trophy Ernie Coverdell-1970 Chevelle SS **Best Paint** Craig & Deb Stump-1951 Plymouth Business Coupe **Best Interior** Gary & Maria Toney-1955 Chevy Pickup

Best Motor Matt Decker-2023 Dodge Charger Hellcat **Best of Show** Ernie Coverdell 1970 Chevelle SS

The 35th Annual New Virginia Old Settlers Car Show was our biggest show so far with 84 car show entries. It was a great show with many amazing cars and trucks on display.



2024 New Virginia Old Settlers Saturday Evening Parade Winners

Large Float: 1st place- Pink Tractor Foundation; 2nd place- Ox Bow Company; 3rd place- Garner Tractor Repair

Small Float: 1st place- Dean Weeks; 2nd place- Free Candy, Mike Alery; 3rd place- I-35 Neighborhood Churches

Classic Cars: 1st place- Mike Blackford; 2nd place- Dolan Family; 3rd place- Jerry Howe

Walking Groups: 1st place- Boy Scout Troop 119

Horses: 1st place- Lonnie Douglas & City State Bank; 2nd place- Virginia Boosters 4-H Club; 3rd place- Silverado Shires

Miscellaneous/Most Unusual & Tractors: 1st place- J&B Farms; 2nd place- Cannon Garner; 3rd place- Lance Henrichs

Decorated Bikes: 1st place- Cash Janssen; 2nd place- Keegan Alery; 3rd place- Drake & Noah Keifer

2024 New Virginia Old Settlers Peddle Tractor Pull Results

0-30 pounds: There were 3 contestants, but no trophies were given. Elisha Welch age 1, Sutton Saxton age 2, Jenna Jorgenson age 2 **31-40 pounds:** 1st place- Ellie Welch age 4; 2nd

place-Kalvin Leroy age 6; 3rd place-Jameson Saxton age 5 **41-50 pounds:** 1st place- Ross Welch age 6; 2nd place- Trudy Porter age 9; 3rd place- Erich Welch age 5 **51-60 pounds**

1st place- Briggs Stuart age 8; 2nd place- Brantley Graf age 7 **61-75 pounds:** 1st place- Burke Stuart age 10; 2nd place- Rhylynn Steinbach age 7; 3rd place- Loretta Clark age 6

76-100 pounds: 1st place- Blake Erickson age 11; 2nd place- Drake Lowery age 11; 3rd place- Jace Steinbach age 10

The three contestants in the 0-30 pound category received unlimited ride tickets for Saturday evening, and all the other weight category winners received trophies.



Leota Irene Broyles



Leota Irene Broyles, affectionately known as Leota, passed away on July 2, 2024, in Altoona, Iowa, at the age of 103. Born on April 1, 1921, in New Virginia, Iowa, Leota lived a life dedicated to her family, community, and the education of young minds.

Leota's journey in education began at Indian Valley Rural School in Warren County, where she laid the foundation for a lifelong passion for teaching. She later graduated from Indianola High School with a Normal Training Certificate. She later attended Simpson College and then Drake University where she received her

Bachelor's and Master's degrees, propelling her into a fulfilling career in education. For 10 fruitful years, she taught at rural schools in Squaw Township, Warren County. In 1961, she embarked on a long tenure with Interstate 35 Schools, where she educated students in third grade, junior high, and finally, fourth grade until her retirement in 1983.

Her interests were as varied and vibrant as her life. Leota found immense joy in gardening and canning, taking pride in seeing her hard work preserved in jars for winter use. She was an avid fruit picker, delighting in strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, and cherries. Walking was more than exercise for her; it was a means of traversing life's paths. Leota was also a talented craftswoman, creating over 100 quilts, comforters, and numerous crocheted afghans and bedspreads from old or used materials as well as many embroidered pillowcases which were generally given away as gifts. Her love for teaching extended beyond the classroom, and she cherished witnessing each child's growth. Parades brought her great happiness, and above all, her family held a special place in her heart. She treasured her grandchildren, enjoying their company from their baby years to their weddings, leaving her with wonderful and grateful memories.

Leota was a woman deeply committed to her faith and her community. An active member of the Medora United Methodist Church, she served as a Sunday School Teacher, on the Church Board, and in the Ladies Aid. Her volunteerism knew no bounds, earning her the Iowa Governor's Award twice. She offered her time and energy to numerous causes, including the Annual Conference Registration, Steering Committee for I-35 Schools, Job Service of Iowa, Pink Ladies and Gift Shop at Clarke County Hospital, Advisory Board at the Hospital, Hospice of Clarke County, and the Osceola Senior Center, where she served on the board and worked the reception desk for many years. Whether serving tables, washing dishes, or quilting at the church, Leota's helping hands were always ready.

Those relatives who preceded Leota in death were her parents, Gorham A Williams and Pauline Williams, husband, Victor Harold Broyles, father-in-law, H A Broyles, mother-in-law, Esther Broyles, grandchild, Mark Gastellum, sisters, Mary Driver, Jeanette Condon, and Maxine McAninch, brothers, William Walter Williams and Lyle Williams, brothers-in-law, Dale "Junior" Broyles, Chuck Cotten, Rod Condon and Gene McAninch, sister-in-law, Doris Williams.

Leota leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Karman (Steve) Gastellum of Rio Rico, AZ, son, Vernon (Lois) Broyles of Uncasville, CT, son, Kelvin Broyles of Bennett, IA, grandchildren, Matthew (Katie) Broyles of Ankeny, IA, Diana (Bill) Glicck of Lawton, IA, Stephanie (Brandon) Musser of Davenport, IA, Martin Broyles of Homewood, IL, Susan (Mike) Beyer of Old Lyme, CT, and Dan (Abby) Gastellum of Mesa, AZ. Also surviving are her great-grandchildren, Jonah, Elizabeth, Michael, Kaylee, Amelia, Abigail, Macy and Ellie, sisters, Betty Broyles of Ankeny, IA, Bernadine Cotten of Altoona, IA, Marjorie (Clyde) Nordgren of Beaver Creek, OR as well as many other relatives and many friends.

Leota Irene Broyles will be remembered for her dedication, kindness, and the countless lives she touched through her teaching and community service. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Services were held at Medora United Methodist Church, Saturday July 13, 2024, Pastor Paul Burrow officiated and interment at Maple Hill Cemetery in Osceola.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Medora United Methodist Church.

Marvin Kent McCuddin



Marvin Kent McCuddin, affectionately known as Kent, was born on July 14, 1940, in Osceola, Iowa, and he passed away peacefully at his home in St. Charles, Iowa, on July 7, 2024, at the age of 83.

Kent was first and foremost a farmer, lovingly tending to the land that he held dear. Over the years, he also worked diligently for Armstrong Tire and later as a truck driver delivering new cars. Even after his retirement, Kent found joy in working at Kohl's, where he continued to connect with members of his community.

His interests were deeply rooted in his love for farming. Kent cherished attending tractor shows and watching the barges in Keokuk. He also enjoyed visiting small country music festivals. In his leisure time, Kent found great pleasure in his model trains in the basement, but he especially treasured the moments

spent with his family and church members, who he considered extensions of his family.

As a youth, Kent was an active participant in 4-H and later became a devoted member of the Faith Fellowship Church in Osceola, where his presence and faithfulness will be sorely missed.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Kelly McCuddin; his niece, Kimberly Sue Russell; and his brother, John Roger McCuddin.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Gayle McCuddin of St. Charles, IA; his son, John Paul (Michelle) McCuddin of Osceola, IA; his son, Mike McCuddin of West Des Moines, IA; his daughter, Amy Joy (Eric) Hill of Manchester, TN; and his son, Adam (Sarah) McCuddin of New Virginia, IA. His legacy also lives on through his grandchildren: Johnny McCuddin, Shelby McCuddin, Jacob Kent (Vanessa) McCuddin, Jack McCuddin, Skyler Hill, Avery Hill, Liberty Hill, Riley McCuddin, Benjamin McCuddin, and his great-granddaughter, Jaylah.

Additionally, Kent is survived by his sister, Janie (Chuck) Jewell of Sugarland, TX; his sister-in-law, Judith Ann McCuddin of Indianola, IA; his father-in-law, Lewie (Joyce) Champlin of Indianola, IA; his sisters-in-law, Debbie (Greg) Brangers of Indianola, IA, Annie (Charlie) Kappelman of Milo, IA, Mary (Norm) Hart of Indianola, IA; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Kent will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his faith, and his community. His gentle spirit and love for the land will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Services to honor Kent's life were held at Faith Fellowship Church on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10:30 am, officiated by Pastor Scott Davis and Pastor Sheldon Lorensen and interment at the New Virginia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Faith Fellowship Church or EveryStep Hospice-Madison County.



JESUS' RIGHT HAND



It's amazing to see how the value of something trends so closely to how society views it. We pass by stores filled with blue jeans that look like they've been through an atomic apocalypse with a price tag that is equally astronomical. Lines of cars form around the block for drive-thru cups of caffeine with catchy names in cup sizes that I still fail to understand, pricing upwards of over \$10 each. Social media influencers make one video about an obscure item that goes viral overnight, and everyone seems to jump onboard, adding yet another useless item to our "must-have" list for no logical reason. I admit it. I have been called cynical. A freethinker, a sacred cow tipper, maybe even a Doubting Thomas. But through it all, I've managed to keep a reasonable grasp on reality by living my life with a heaping helping of common sense and a whole lot of faith in God. In saying this, I don't question or doubt God. However, I am always questioning, "How did things come to this?" Now onto the topic on my heart...The Value of Seniors.

One of the blessings I am privileged to have at the ministry is to hear people's life stories, whether they are good, or not so good. When you pair that with the fact that almost 40% of the people that walk through our door are 60+ years of age, I have gained a rather unique perspective through their experiences. We live in a disposable society. When we are finished with something, we conveniently toss it aside, forget about it and move onto the next, new thing. Unfortunately, this has bled into the fabric of our relationships. This infuriates me. Throughout the Bible, great value is placed upon the value and respect of our elders. They carry a great wisdom and knowledge that is so easily dismissed, because the following generations are too busy trying to achieve a lifestyle that society has dangled in front of them. They are missing a wealth of resources from something who has actually lived a life that is filled with rich, meaningful and beautiful adventures that was never influenced by social media or viral videos. I smile as I remember David being so partial to his "silver-haired saints." He loved to spend time with his elders, listening to their stories and gleaning their wisdom. He was an advocate and encourager to them. So, in a way, he is writing this article alongside me, even if only in spirit.

So, my silver-haired saints, I want to let you know...WE NEED YOU! You have value and meaning, and our world would fall apart without you here. You have a wealth of knowledge and experience that we need to survive in today's world. You carry a hearty helping of common sense with every experience. You have tried and failed more times than many of us can imagine, yet you have survived. And you did this while riding your bikes without helmets, drinking from the garden hose and lying in the back window of the car on long road trips. You survived. You felt the sting of losing a race without a participation award and knew what it was like to do chores at 6 a.m. without getting paid. And in a world today where a casual comment can cause urban riots, we need your common-sense guidance and mentoring. In fact, I believe the generations need each other desperately, from the Boomers to the Millennials, and Gen Alpha to the Greatest Generation. The older generation needs the energy, zeal and technological experience from the younger generation, but that energy and zeal needs to be tempered with the experience and wisdom of the older generation.

In Bible times, and in many societies around the world even today, the older generation is valued and revered. They are like the roots of a tree. They are what keep the values and traditions alive in a culture. Without them, the culture would disintegrate. In the Bible, white (or gray) hair is a sign of wisdom and demands respect. Knowledge may come from books, but wisdom can only come through experience, and experience can only come with time and age. And God holds wisdom as one of the most valuable things a person can possess. Give thanks each morning for the gift of a new day—even when it doesn't feel like a gift. Learn to trust God's sovereignty and the goodness of His plan for your life (Jeremiah 29:11). He created the blueprint for it long before you were born, and your days were numbered in His book from the beginning of time (Psalm 139:16). You are here for a reason. There is yet a purpose for you to fulfill. Lean into God and trust that every day matters. Be an encourager. Practice random acts of kindness. Share yourself with this world!

Despite the changing circumstances and expectations that are part of the aging process, God wants you to continue living a productive life. He wants you to bear fruit even in your old age (Psalm 92:12-14). It is considered an honor to be desired and appreciated. Older people are to be valued. They are to be respected because of the wisdom and experience they have accumulated (Proverbs 16:31; 20:29; Job 12:12). Godly wisdom needs to be shared with those around you in need of hope and encouragement. Be always on the lookout for Divine appointments, and seek opportunities to share your testimony, what you have learned from your experiences, and the ways God has worked in your life. Be a mentor to those still growing and learning. Make Psalm 71:18 your prayer: "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, until I proclaim Your power to the next generation, Your might to all who are to come."

Please know that we understand the struggle. Many of us feel like we've been tossed aside. We get lonely, discouraged and frustrated with the effects of age. But God isn't done with us yet. And He isn't finished with you either. Just the fact that we woke up this morning should tell us that we still have a purpose and a destiny to fulfill and that our lives have meaning and value. We are here to listen. We want to share in your life experiences and glean a depth of wisdom from you that we haven't achieved yet. You will be honored and valued like God desires. We are here for you, no matter your age or ability. No strings attached. Be encouraged with these words.

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2024 NVOS Kiddie Foot Races

2 Years & Younger: Girls: 1) Lakelynn Mason 2) Oaklee Brommel 3) Lionna Faith;

Boys: 1) Benjamin Smith 2) Max & Henry Godfrey 3) Emmett Scrivner

3 Years Old: Boys: 1) Waylon Black 2) Leo Godfrey 3) Austin Keeler

4 Years Old: Girls: 1) Sydney Hatfield 2) Kassidy Morris 3) Sloane Stuart;

Boys: 1) Sawyer Blackford 2) Sebastian Williams 3) Hayes Kephart

5 Years Old: Girls: 1) Grace Scrivner 2) LeilaCornelison; Boys: 1) Austyn Howe 2)

Oliver Hart

3) Jameson Saxton

6 Years Old: Girls: 1) Rylee Woods 2) Ellie Venn 3) Eleanor Hoover;

Boys: 1) Ty Blackford 2) Bowen Daniels 3) Harper Kephart

7 & 8 Years Old: Girls: 1) Bentleigh Mason 2) Grace Williams 3) Emmy Leshner

Boys: 1) Jase Blackford 2) Clayton Kimzey 3) Sawyer Doering

9 & 10 Years Old: Girls: 1) Avery Venn 2) Kelsey Strange 3) Quinn Bortell;

Boys: 1) Burke Stuart 2) George Doering 3) Christian Williams

11 & 12 Years Old: Girls: Raegan Derscheid; Boys: 1) Drake Lowry 2) Boston Perry

13 & 14 Years Old: Girls: 1) Riley Bailey 2) Arysa Allsup

15 Years & Up: Girls: 1) Stacey Doering 2) Riley Bailey 3) Krissa Beeker;

Boys: 1) Holden Kephart 2) Keegan Strange 3) Norville Huston

DILL PICKLES

Ingredients

1 pt. vinegar

1 qt. water

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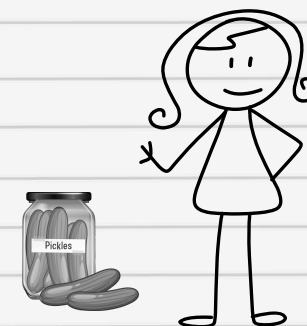
4 c. sugar

1 T. garlic or onion powder

Instructions

Bring to a boil. Pack cucumber slices in jar. Put 1 t. dill weed or seed in jar, then fill with syrup. Hot water bath for 5 minutes.

Notes: I used 1 teaspoon of minced garlic instead of garlic powder and just added it to the jar with the dill weed. This is enough brine to do approximately 9 pints.



With our town, Sun Lakes, AZ, having several golf courses and many, many golfers, we drivers always have to be alert for the golf carts being driven on the streets. It is rare to see a cart not being used for golfing, that is, to have a backward-facing seat for people behind the driver's seat instead of a rack to hold golf clubs. My brother Bill has such a cart, a bright yellow one of a Boyd Coddington design. It looks like a car from the 1930's. Bill acquired a white cart of a similar design from a friend and refurbished it and painted it bright purple with white upholstery for our friend Renee. Mel and I own only one car now, and our plan was to buy a golf cart for fun and for short trips around our little neighborhood. Last November, we placed an order with a California company for a '39 Roadster golf cart, red with beige upholstery. The promise of delivery in three months did not happen, and the company rarely responded to calls, emails or texts. After six months, we went with another company whose owner is the father of the unresponsive owner. This man agreed that we would never get our original order. We received our red cart on June 26, and it is a real "looker!" We left for two months away on June 28, so we have not been able to register it or have any fun driving it yet. So lots of fun awaits us when we get home!

We are now in an Airbnb apartment just south of St. Marys, renting it for July and August. It suits us just fine, in a quiet setting with acres of grass and tall trees. It is well-equipped, and it even has a washer and dryer. We have seen so many of our friends and some relatives, and we plan to continue doing that the rest of our time here. We look forward to the New Virginia and St. Charles Old Settlers celebrations, we plan to help at Immaculate Conception Church in St. Marys when the RAGBRAI riders come through on July 24, and we plan to work at the Immaculate Conception Chicken Dinner on August 4.

We have helped at the Jesus' Right Hand (New Virginia) Fresh Food Giveaway on Monday and plan to continue with that. I am participating in my former New Virginia activities: quilting at the Methodist Church on Tuesdays; going on the Chattie Hatties Red Hat outings; and attending the New Virginia Garden Club meeting. Since I have continued my affiliation with the Tri-Corner-Express newspaper, Mel and I will help on mail-out days, and I will attend any committee meetings being held. Mel is continuing his habit of doing jigsaw puzzles with puzzles borrowed from the New Virginia Public Library. We are attending the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where we had been members. It is wonderful to see all of our friends at these events and to hear "Welcome back!"

One of the best and most fun things we have done so far is visit the family who bought our house south of New Virginia, Dan and Susan King. They were very gracious and welcoming to us when we visited, and we hope to see more of them in the coming weeks. We drove around the acreage in their golf cart and enjoyed seeing the prairie grass and wildflowers. That sure made us miss Iowa, as our neighborhood in Arizona has gravel yards, cacti and palm trees, but also flowering plants. Dan and Susan enjoy the outdoors and enjoy gardening, so their new place offers all the right opportunities for that.

We look forward to continuing to escape the high summer temperatures in Arizona for the next several weeks and to enjoy the Iowa scenery and friendliness of everyone here.



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"From Tractors to Sewing Machines"

In our quest for a new (different) tractor, we decided to run down to Lineville, Iowa, to the implement store down there. Brian's Farm Supply, Inc. is right on the main drag through town. Lineville is a small town, you can't miss it. The owner, I'm assuming it was Brian, although I didn't ask his name, was super nice. We visited with him for almost an hour, him and Rollie talking about the pros and cons of this and that. We left without a tractor but with lots of ideas to mull over and empty stomachs. It was one o'clock, and we were starving!

Rollie wanted to drive on down to Mercer, Missouri, to a small café there that we've stopped at before on our way home from hunting trips with our neighbor boys. The Crazy Horse Café has pretty good food and a nice atmosphere. They had re-vamped their interior some since we'd been there and moved things around a bit. It made for some extra room and looked inviting. The food is good, and our waitress was too, she took pretty good care of us. Rollie ordered the tenderloin sandwich, and that thing was as big as his plate. It reminded me of the tenderloin you would get at the old Smitty's on the south side in Des Moines years ago. I had a taco salad; it was good too. Our granddaughter Frankie loves taters and gravy, so she got the special, pork chop and taters and gravy! We ate our way through that, paid our bill (reasonable), and waddled out to the car.

On the way down to Mercer, we had seen what looked like a flea market on the west side of Highway 69, although there were no cars there, so we weren't sure it was open. Frankie and I had talked about stopping on the way back to check it out. Grampa tried to drive past, but we girls set up a howl and he barreled in there. So glad we did! The owners that run the flea market were there and said they always have a flea market the first Friday and Saturday of the month. They weren't working at their other jobs since it was right before the 4th of July, so they decided to set up early. They have 20 or so vendors but they weren't there yet, just them. They were really nice and friendly; Rick and Troy were their names. I bought some shepherd hooks and a bird feeder for my yard. As I came around one trailer, Rollie was looking at some old Singer sewing machines. Rick said he'd take \$5 dollars apiece for them. I thought, "What in the world is he gonna do with them?" But oh well, he wasn't complaining about my purchases so just shut up Terry.....

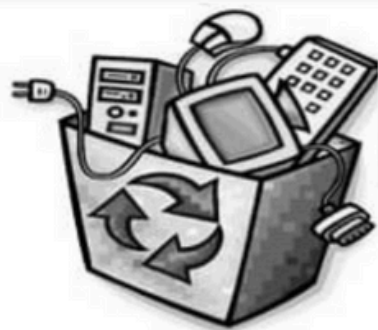
Troy makes metal art, and he had quite the assortment of things he'd made. That man has an amazing imagination! What a hoot! You should go just to see his creations. I bought a bird made out of a shovel that looks like Jeckle and Heckle on the Loony Toons Cartoons. Remember them? I wish I'd bought the rattlesnake that he'd made out of an old chain. He's got the knack, I'm tellin' ya!

We were loading our purchases in the car and Rick and Rollie were talking. Come to find out, Tim and Jane Busby are regulars at their flea market! They have several pieces that Troy has created. I need to go over and see what they have and browbeat Tim for holding out on me. I can't believe I didn't know about this place! Check them out on Facebook. S & R Flea Market. One mile north of Mercer, Missouri. First Friday and Saturday of the month.

As for those sewing machines? Rollie bought 'em both. I've been wanting to get an old Singer to sew on just for fun and now I have two! One is in pretty good shape, although there are a couple of screws in the bobbin plate that are stuck and I can't get them out. I'll take it to a repairman and get it refurbished and do some sewing on it. The other one was in pretty sad shape, but my Amish friend, Verna Mae, thinks she can go over it and get it back in working order. And I'm sure she can! She's done that with several and sews on them all the time. And last night, our neighbor brought me one that he had so now I have three! I'm starting a collection! Uh oh, I see trouble looming..... :)



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The best thing about threshing was the meal. Since there were multiple farmers involved, there were multiple farm wives fixing the meal. It was always a feast, everything you ever wanted or liked was on the table. Because we worked alongside the men, we kids got the same treatment. A lot of times, there was also a later afternoon snack, generally a large piece of pie. I can remember being so stuffed after a meal that it was really hard to go back to work. You really worked off the calories.

Some of you have more experience threshing and have more vivid memories than I do. Please send in your story. Don't worry about spelling or wording; my wife Sue checks and changes mine every time. When someone says there is enough food here to feed a threshing crew, they probably have been there.



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The I-35 Shooting Sports Trap Team wrapped up their season this month by participating in the Annual Iowa State Trap Shooting Championship in Cedar Falls hosted by the Iowa DNR.

The shooting sports team was originally established in 2018 with eight athletes competing in one discipline, Singles Trap. This year the team had 36 athletes competing across four different disciplines: Singles Trap, Doubles Trap, Handicap Trap, and Skeet. Over 4,900 athletes participated at the State Meet with each athlete shooting 200 clays each, trying to get one of the coveted top six placements. The Roadrunners showed up to compete, and for the first time in the team's history, had a member selected for the state All-State Team!

Congratulations to Natalie Gibson for her placement:

- Member of the six-person Ladies Allstate Team
- 2nd Place League
- 6th Place Ladies Division - Shooting 195/200 clays including a 75 Straight Badge and 50 Straight Badge

Several other personal records and badges were earned. Congrats to the following athletes for their achievements:

- 50 Straight: Logan Heaberlin
- 25 Straight: Cash Goche (x2) Cohen Hansen Ellie Hutton (x2) Miller Hutton Briar Johnston Nicholas Moomey Josiah Mikkelson Jack Morris (x2) Hunter Parmer

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAP:
The season is usually March-June each year. Grades 7-12 are welcome to participate.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TRAP:
A trap competition takes place at a trap field. Each field contains shooting stations (typically concrete walkways with yardage markers) and a trap house, where the clay targets launch. A

scorekeeper notes the success of hitting each target, earning a final total for the competitor. League scores are calculated by an athlete's four top/best rounds of 50 throughout the season. Typically, an athlete will shoot at least 50 rounds every Saturday through the months of April and May. A perfect league score (200) consists of an athlete shooting at least 4 x 50 straits throughout the months of April/May. State involves shooting 200 clays in one day. The athlete with the highest score out of 200 will place 1st - 6th at State.

If you are interested in joining the trap team, you can reach out to i35shootingsports@gmail.com



GROWING UP ON THE FARM IN THE 40's-50's
THRESHING OATS
Contributed by Mel Stills

I've had little experience at threshing; best that I can remember, it was only twice. Farm kids were sometimes liable to get a "thrashing" for misbehaving (we got a whippin'), but what happens to oats is "threshing." According to Wikipedia, threshing is the loosening of grain from its attachment by beating it. Before it was really mechanized, about one quarter of farm labor was devoted to threshing.

Harvesting grains has gone through many evolutions because it is so labor intensive. Unfortunately, in the developing world today, very primitive methods are still being used because more modern methods are not cost effective. I've seen water buffalo harnessed to a pole and walking in a circle over rice and wheat straw laid out on the ground. I've seen a farmer holding a sheaf of grain and beating it on the ground. A more prosperous farmer might have a more modern method, a machine that looks like an old corn sheller but a bit larger, and he holds a sheaf of grain in an opening in the front and spinning fingers beat the straw, grain falls out the bottom, and the straw is blown out the back. In rural Africa and Southeast Asia, it's common to see women throwing grain in the air, and the wind blowing the chaff away. They do it over and over again until the grain is "clean." I've seen rice laid out along the edge of the road to dry. Two lane roads go down to one lane because of the rice drying along the edge.

Back home in the 40's and 50's, we were really mechanized. The first thresher invented was in 1786, but it wasn't until 1831 when Cyrus Hall McCormick came out with his invention that the machine became widely used. The McCormick mechanical reaper changed production from two to three acres a day to 10 acres a day. McCormick did not do all the development by himself; he was aided by his slave, Jo Anderson. Most all inventions have to deal with patent infringement, and McCormick had to defend his. One of the lawyers involved in his case was Abraham Lincoln.

The threshing machine I knew sort of looked like one of the mechanized robots in Star Wars. It consisted of gray galvanized metal sheets covering hammers/flails, fans, and screens, probably 30-40 feet long about eight-10 feet high. In the 20's and 30's, they were probably powered by a steam engine and a long belt that turned all the wheels necessary to power the machine. In my day, it was a tractor powering the belt that turned the machinery.

It took a crew to thresh. The farmer with lots of kids had an advantage, but it was mainly neighbors who made up the crew. Long before threshing started, there was the need to cut the oats, make up sheaves of grain and stack them into shocks. Several sheaves were stacked together and topped with one sheaf. This had to be done before the oats were fully mature so that the grain wasn't lost.

Where I came into this process was picking up the shocks of oats. Generally, two younger kids walked along a wagon that was pulled next to the shock, and they used pitchforks to throw up the sheaves onto the wagon. Two people there stacked the sheaves so that they could come off the wagon at the thresher easily. The fun part of pitching bundles up onto the wagon was that it was common to disturb a bumble bee nest that had been started under the shock. Lots of yelling and running happened. The next fun thing was to find a big bull snake under the shock, not dangerous, but scary at first.

When the wagon was full, it was pulled up to the thresher, and the guys on the wagon fed the thresher. The guy running the thresher controlled the rate the sheaves went into the machine. The grain was fed into a wagon, and the straw that came out was blown into a stack that had a couple of kids moving straw around so that the farmer had a proper stack. The grain went into a bin, and at first, that was done with a shovel, again a younger person doing the shoveling.



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