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A Tribute to Reed Implement

It all started when my grandfather, Marvin Reed, and Earl Handley were working for Mr. Hervey in Mr. Hervey's Allis Chalmers dealership in a building that was located where the City State Bank building is now. Marvin was working assembling machinery, and Earl was the mechanic. Mr. Hervey went broke and was closing his business. Mr. Hervey owed Marvin and Earl back wages. Marvin and Earl talked Mr. Hervey into giving them a bill of sale for the remaining Allis Chalmers' parts for the wages that they were owed. The Allis Chalmers' representative came down to New Virginia to take back the parts inventory, and Marvin and Earl told him, "Whoa, those parts belong to us" and showed him the bill of sale for the parts, and he agreed to let them keep the parts. They continued to sell parts and make repairs, and then they needed more parts. They contacted Allis Chalmers and asked if they could purchase more parts, and they agreed. They continued to sell parts, and then in about 1938, Allis Chalmers came down and asked them if they would be interested in having an Allis Chalmers dealership. Earl Handley left the partnership when he was drafted to go to war because he only had one child.

The building that we all are familiar with as Reed Implement at 404 West Street was built in 1925 and housed the Chevrolet dealership owned by Oliver Russell. The building was for sale by the realtor, Nerne Thompson. Grandpa Marvin met with the realtor and agreed that he wanted to purchase the 404 West Street building. Marvin and Nerne walked to the bank to talk to the banker about a loan to purchase the building. Oliver Russell was in the bank, and he said to Marvin, "Julep (his nickname for Marvin), are you the one buying my building?" Marvin told him yes, he was, and Oliver Russell said, "Well, that's just fine with me." My Dad, Jim Reed, believes the purchase and move to the 404 West Street building happened around 1943.

Farm machinery sales and repairs were not the only business that happened at Reed Implement. They purchased and tested cream and candled eggs in both buildings. They also purchased cow hides, chickens, ducks and assorted other things. They had a seed cleaner, and when the seed was cleaned, the dirt and dust were flying everywhere. The seed was bought, cleaned and bagged for sale to other farmers, or the seed was cleaned for a fee for a farmer. The New Virginia businesses were open late on Wednesday and Saturday nights until business was finished for all the patrons. My Dad says on these evenings that New Virginia looked like it does now at Old Settlers. Everyone came to town to sell their cream and eggs or livestock and then took the money they got and went to the grocery store to purchase what they needed. There were movies in the park and in the Lions Hall, and there were dances every Saturday night at the Legion Hall.



The steel machine shed at the back of the block building was added for more room in 1967. I believe that they originally sold fertilizer out of there, but eventually the repair shop was moved there to make room for more part bins in the block building. The scales were moved from the north end of town to the south side of the implement, and we weighed trucks with corn and beans and tested the moisture of the corn and beans for the area farmers.

Over the years, Reed Implement sold Allis Chalmers tractors, implements and lawn mowers, Pioneer Seed, Gooch's Feed, Rockford motorcycles, John Day parts, Super Swamper tires, lift kits, Interstate batteries, Werner Seeds, Woods brush mowers, car tires, fertilizer and New Holland hay equipment. In 1972, Dad was honored by Pioneer Seed as being named a member of their Top 20 Club for his sales. The Implement was also the headquarters for Reed's Combine Service that performed custom combining and trucking for many of the area farmers. My dad and Lavere Kinnaird, my very special extra grandpa, worked many late nights and weekends getting out the crops for area farmers. Grandpa Marvin passed away from leukemia in 1978, and Dad took over the management of Reed Implement. Dad worked in all the positions at the Implement including mechanic, salesman, helping at the parts counter, truck driver, assembling machinery, loading feed and seed, testing cream, candling eggs, testing seed moisture and operating a combine. In 1984 as the business was expanding, Dad bought Reed Implement from my Grandma Ruth Reed, and the name changed to Reed Implement, Inc.

Frank Wohlaib was an amazing parts man. He knew so many of the part numbers, part locations and prices without even opening a parts manual. I learned so much from him, and when I was the parts person, I was eventually able to also know many of the parts numbers and locations by memory. That was how I earned the

nickname of Frank. LaVon Howell still calls me Frank every time he sees me anywhere. Reed Implement knew its farmers and their needs. When Jim Emary would send Vesta to get parts for the “Tater Bug,” we knew exactly which tractor he needed parts for. Jim Emary had a name for every one of his tractors.

Reed Implement was the place where farmers and retired “loafers” met to discuss their problems or the problems of the world, gossip and just give each other a bad time. Some of the regulars were Darrell Eshelman, Mike Finck, Bud Reynolds, Paul Stuart, Jim Emary, Jimmy & Pat Dean, Dick Bethards, LaVon Howell, Merrell Mitchell, Carl Lind, Everett Burchett, Ivan Henrichs, Murl Weeks, Charlie Weir, Billie Chase, Harry Frederick, Vernon Hunerdosse, Clyde Baughman, Old Red Taylor, Dick Wickett and my Great Grandpa, Clarence Conard. There were many more, and I will feel bad when I remember who I left out.

The memories of Reed Implement will live with me and my family for the rest of our lives. After the closing of the Implement, it was converted into an apartment and became the home of my dad, stepmom, Tricia Edwards, and my siblings Nicole, Remington, and Colton. My siblings have their own sets of memories of its being the home where they lived when they were first born. I thought that the day of the auction of the Reed Implement business in 1994 was one of the saddest days of my life until I received the call that the Implement building was burning down on October 27, 2020. This loss was very devastating to our entire family with the loss of vehicles, antiques, and family heirlooms, but over the last several months, we have tried to put the sadness behind us by remembering the wonderful memories that will live on in our hearts. I have put some of those memories together below to share with you.

Reed Implement is the place where:

- At three years old, I learned how to skip standing on the toes of my Dad’s boots while he skipped around the front of the shop.
- Frank Wohlaib, the parts man, would eat his lunch and then drink Maalox straight from the bottle to settle his stomach.
- I would sweep the floor to get a dime from Grandpa Reed to buy an ice cold 10-ounce bottle of Bubble Up.
- Darrell Eshelman anxiously awaited the annual World Series pool.
- The mechanics waited for our UPS driver, Butch Woods, to go to the café for lunch so they could fill the back of the UPS truck with live chickens that Butch didn’t find until he was driving again on the rest of his delivery route.
- Before 911 services, the emergency calls would ring in on the business phone, and we would take the call and then push the button on the side of the phone to blow the whistle on the tower and dispatch the fire department.
- I, my son, Justin and my daughter, Tiffany learned to play cribbage from Vernon Humble.
- Jason Baughman and Kristle Finck came to play board games with their best friends, Justin and Tiffany.
- I wore bib overalls to work, & the mechanics hung me on a hook by my bibs and left me there while they went on their lunch hour.
- Clyde Baughman extolled the virtues of his Chicago Cubs.
- Old Red Taylor would share his recipe for his best catfish bait. I know one thing; it sure did smell really bad.

- Harry Frederick told his tales of fixing area windmills and playing on an adult Iowa championship baseball team & then go across the street to the bar, drink his daily glass of beer and go home.
- Murl Weeks bragged about Ford vehicles, Wheel Horse lawn mowers, and how much rain was in his rain gauge. The mechanics might have helped him have the most rain a few times.
- Darrell Eshelman wore his loafers without socks even when it was 20 below zero.
- Ivan Henrichs rarely commented on any of the hubbub going on, but when he did, you should listen because what he said was going to be important & insightful, as he was one of the smartest men I have ever known.
- Grandpa Marvin would go to work early so he could smoke just one pipe of tobacco before anyone got there because he had already “quit” smoking.
- Edd Eshelman sprayed a snake found in a parts bin with so much tractor ether that he about put us all asleep.
- The mechanics duct taped me to a chair, carried me out to the center of West Street, set me down and went into the café to eat lunch. It was amazing how many people drove by and waved, but didn’t stop to ask how I got there.
- My brother, James, and his friends would use fancy timing guns to time the motors of their muscle cars and then bring them to the Implement where Dad would time them by ear to run much better than any fancy tools could.
- The amazing annual Pioneer customer appreciation suppers were held.
- Many of the plans for the two RAGBRAI stops were made including hiring Hal Thompson’s bands Going Jessie and Toaster.
- The Lions stand got their water, and the bands for Old Settlers got their electricity.
- Children would ask for that special toy tractor, combine or attachment they had seen in the display case on their Christmas list.
- I carried my 26-pound, 6-month-old nephew, Austin on my hip while I worked, and we both loved every minute of it.
- When my son, Justin, was very little, he would stand on the counter stool & crank the pencil sharpener while his Great Aunt Karen Proudfoot would sing Pop Goes the Weasel & make believe the pencil sharpener was his jack-in-the-box.
- My daughter, Tiffany, would answer the phone & take messages from all the girls calling her Uncle James in her special notebook.
- My Mom, Marilyn, told my brother, James, when he was small not to touch the Pioneer paring knives, and then he was found hiding his thumb behind his back & dripping blood on the floor that led to a trip to the doctor for stitches.

- The trucks for the first New Virginia truck pulls were weighed for their weight classes.
- Aunt Karen Proudfoot would paint Christmas scenes on the front windows with a mixture of Tempera paint & Tide and painted a mural on the wood shop door of an eagle for the 1976 bicentennial.
- Tiffany wouldn't let Brent Baughman leave for the day until they had completed their daily exercise workout routine.
- Shirley Zimmerline received her beloved baked bean bib & wore her special green "Tempo" earring.
- My Dad and I would tap dance after we closed for the day to see who could do the buffalo tap step the best.
- On Saturday mornings, we would watch out the front windows for Lois Stuart to unlock the café door to sell her famous sticky cinnamon rolls.
- Everyone gathered for the kiddie races on the Saturday mornings of Old Settlers because of the good shade & good friends.
- The young bucks liked to hang out after hours & put lift kits and big tires on their trucks and build their figure 8 race cars.
- Young Bill Keul would eat all of the homemade goodies that were brought in to share until the other mechanics made him a special batch of chocolate chip cookies with Exlax chips.
- At the age of two, my sister, Nicole, decided to make Remington a bottle by herself & ended up using a whole gallon of milk (most of which was all over the table and the floor).
- Remington came out on the front drive waving his arms in circles to inform Dad that Colton had spilled the Soft Soap, and it was "everywhere." Dad went inside where he promptly fell in what Remington called the very "swippy" soap and was laying there moaning & groaning while Tricia who had just recently gotten home from a 12-hour shift slept through the whole incident.
- Nicole, Michael, and Lancer had their first home and made special memories of their own.

I know many of you have your own very special memories of Reed Implement, and it means so much to me to be able to share just a little of why Reed Implement was so much more than just a building.

By Deann Reed Strange.



Frank Wohlaib and Marvin Reed



Jim Reed 1980 or 1981



In Years Past...

January 1974

There was a good turnout on Tuesday, workday for the United Methodist Women, at the church, with lots of quilting being accomplished and many rags cut and sewed for rugs.

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**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
January 9th , 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday January 9th , 2020 at 7:30 a.m. for the January Council Meeting.

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

Minutes from the December meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved. Old business discussed. The disc golf equipment was ordered in December and has been delivered. It is being stored in the City storage unit. The disc golf course project will begin in the spring. Matt Strange was not present to discuss a proposed addition to his building at 807 West Street. There are some concerns with the proposed addition regarding stipulations of a grant agreement with the DNR for GAMP Park.

Law Enforcement - Warren County Sheriff, Joe Carico was present to discuss the City contract for law enforcement services. Carico advised the City will not be charged additional charges for serving papers, etc. These types of situations will be handled as part of the City's contracted hours. It was discussed what codes violations should be written under. It was determined that violations for the most part, will be written under State and County Codes due to the potential high costs to file under City Codes. The monthly report from the Sheriff's Office was discussed and if the City would like any changes to the way the report is currently being done. The report will remain the same with the hours possibly being broken down into a weekly basis. Old Settlers patrolling will remain as it has been in the past. The use of a mobile speed display device was discussed with placement being near the stop sign by the old school building and the four way flashing stop light.

The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of November was reviewed. Sixteen calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. There were two citations/warnings written in the New Virginia area during the month. Officers spent in excess of 43.75 hours in the community for the month of November.

Citizen Input – Trimming trees that extend into the street right of way was discussed. Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for trimming trees that extend over/into the street. Dogs running loose were discussed. Dogs running loose in the 600 block of Knotts Street are particularly bad with citizen complaints coming from residents on Knotts Street and Grand Avenue. The owner of the dogs will be sent pertinent sections of ordinances regarding dogs running at large.

An ordinance change to allow side by side ATV's to operate on city streets by persons no younger than sixteen that have a valid driver's license was discussed.

The fireworks fund is approximately short \$500.00 to make the payment at a discounted rate. There will be a notice placed in the Tri Corner to try to generate donations.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass & approve Resolution 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION NAMING CITY STATE BANK AND IOWA PUBLIC INVESTMENT TRUST (IPAIT) DEPOSITORIES OF CITY FUNDS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded Zuercher to designate the Record-Herald & Indianola Tribune as official paper for publication of city budget, State of Iowa Annual Financial Report, ordinances and any other necessary legal publications for 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to designate the Tri Corner Express as official paper for publication of city council meeting minutes, public notices and any other necessary legal publications for 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to re-appoint Robert Stuyvesant as City Attorney for the City of New Virginia for 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to re-appoint Brent Baughman as City Clerk, Jennifer Baughman as Deputy Clerk and Justin Strange as Mayor Pro-tem. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Zuercher to pass & approve Resolution 2021-02 - A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,000.00. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Water Utilities discussed. Matt Strange advised he has low water pressure in the second level of his shop building. The water pressure was checked at the fire station and found to 45psi which is a normal reading. A pressure check will be done on the fire hydrant at Knotts & West Street. There is no indication of any leaks in the water main along West Street at the north end of town.

Ordinance update questions were reviewed. Residential and commercial zoning areas were reviewed. Adding School Bus Stop Ahead signs to pertinent ordinances was discussed. Commercial truck parking and start-up/warm-up time with the earliest time to be 5 a.m. was discussed.

The 2021-22 city budget was discussed. Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to assume GAMP activities into the city budget. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The proposed 2021-22 city budget will be completed and ready for Council review at the February 6th, 2021 council meeting.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 9, 2021

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$34945.16; Regular Account \$1016.08. The rentals for the next few months continue to be few due to the current COVID guidance. We still have a few groups utilizing the building and with each use, we have had an extra cleaning and sanitizing process done. We have purchased hand sanitizing stations to use at the building as well. Brent hopes to get those up soon as well as the automated external defibrillator (AED). We are still strongly suggesting all who enter wear masks and social distancing. We are also asking renters to operate at the 50% capacity.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The New Virginia Playground Committee has not met due to COVID-19. We plan to schedule a meeting this month. Jennifer spoke with Prairie Meadows in regards to an extension on our grant for the second shelter house. We have been granted an extension until June 1, 2021. We will make plans to accomplish the shelter before then. The account balance is \$11856.82.

Loren Ditzler emailed a grant opportunity for our parks. It is called the 2021 Mini Grant here is the information:

The Iowa Foundation for Parks & Recreation Mini Grants is to provide funding for leisure facilities, activities, events, or programs to promote and improve leisure opportunities and amenities for citizens in small Iowa communities. Grant Application Criteria & Requirements: A. Applicants must be a Park & Recreation Department or local organized ongoing agency/group/organization/association within an Iowa community with a population of 10,000 or less. B. A match of a minimum of 50% of the requested grant amount is required. Match may be cash, donated items, or donated labor. Labor hourly value of \$10.00/hr. C. IFPR grant money must be the last money in to complete the project or the project must have a letter of commitment to support the remaining project balance. D. Applicant may apply for up to \$1,000.00. E. Grant money is to be used for hard assets only (e.g, equipment, supplies, brick/mortar). No consumables, administrative/indirect costs, or personnel expenses. F. Project may be a physical item, recreation program, or event. G. Project must be completed within one year of the grant award. H. Project must be available and open to the general public. I. 2020 grant recipients must wait one year before reapplying for the IFPR Mini Grant.

Are there any projects the Council would like to see in our parks which would fall under these guidelines?

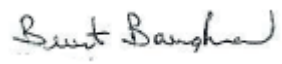
KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$9521.28. There was no meeting in December. The window panels on the second story of The Depot Restaurant will be painted with a Home Town Theme. High school students are working on the designs for the panels. After the start of the new year, the Committee will discuss new ideas for 2021.

Christmas light contest payment amounts were discussed. The payments will be the same amounts as in the past for first, second and third place. There will also be \$25.00 per honorable mention category.

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

With no further business to come forth, Truman moved, seconded by Zuercher to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The February council meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 6th 2021 at 7:30 a.m. February meeting date – Saturday February 6th, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.


Brent Baughman, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,000 (GENERAL OBLIGATION)

The City Council of the City of New Virginia, Iowa, will meet on February 6, 2021, at the Fire Station Meeting Room, New Virginia, Iowa, at 7:30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$166,000 for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of (1) constructing improvements to the municipal waterworks system; and (2) acquiring a fire truck and new equipment for the fire department, including new fire hydrants.

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa and will constitute a general obligation of the City.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the City may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the City Council of the City of New Virginia, Iowa.
Brent Baughman
City Clerk

VENDOR	CLAIMS REPORT REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$610.24	14028	1/3/2021
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$305.04	14030	1/10/2021
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	FIRE TRAINING MATERIALS	\$154.35	14016	12/29/2020
CHUCK BEEKER	OTHER SUPP CHRISTMASLGT2020 1S	\$250.00	14031	1/10/2021
CITY STATE BANK	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX 2021	\$17.00	14032	1/10/2021
G WORKS	TECHNOLOGY ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	\$539.79	14015	12/23/2020
HUSTON'S STORAGE	RENT STORAGE UNIT	\$936.00	14035	1/10/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$280.00	16326159	1/2/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$488.05	16326160	1/2/2021
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE CITY	\$60.00	14037	1/10/2021
JAKE ZUERCHER	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REP SAW BLADE	\$64.08	14038	1/10/2021
JERRY & SHARON DUNKIN	OTHER SUPP CHRISTMASLGTCREATIV	\$25.00	14039	1/10/2021
JOHN & AMANDA ALLUSP	OTHER SUPP CHRISTMASLGT20 3RD	\$100.00	14040	1/10/2021
MERLIN & VICKI MORRIS	OTHER SUPP CHRISTMASLGINFLATAB	\$25.00	14041	1/10/2021
NAPA AUTO PARTS PREMIER PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR FIRE TRUCKS	\$349.95	14042	1/10/2021
NEW VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY	ANNUAL FUNDING 2021	\$7,500.00	14043	1/10/2021
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES OXYGEN REFI	\$32.18	14044	1/10/2021
IMPACT COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNE	ANNUAL FUNDING	\$740.00	14045	1/10/2021
RON & BESTY REINECK	OTHER SUPP CHRISTMASLG 2020 2	\$150.00	14046	1/10/2021
STEVE & MICHELLE MCCALLISTER	OTHER SUPP CHRISTMASLGHONORABL	\$25.00	14048	1/10/2021
VERIZON	TELEPHONE	\$152.33	14017	12/29/2020
WARREN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	LAW ENFORCEMENT 7-20-12-31	\$5,097.00	14018	12/29/2020
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$940.14	14050	1/10/2021
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHCILE FUEL - AMBULANCE	\$60.09	14051	1/10/2021
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$308.56	14052	1/10/2021
ZIEGLER CAT	VEHICLE OPER762-LUBE SPIN	\$61.15	14053	1/10/2021
	TOTAL GENERAL	\$19,270.95		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,174.58	14028	1/3/2021
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	PAD LOCKS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	\$42.76	14016	12/29/2020
G WORKS	TECHNOLOGY ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	\$539.78	14015	12/23/2020
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL DECEMBER 2020	\$1,275.00	14034	1/10/2021
	TOTAL ROAD USE	\$3,032.12		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	14029	1/10/2021
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	OFFICE SUPPLIES INK PACK	\$68.84	14016	12/29/2020
CITY STATE BANK	BANK/COLLECTION FEES	\$17.00	14032	1/10/2021
G WORKS	TECHNOLOGY ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	\$539.78	14015	12/23/2020
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$12.84	14033	1/10/2021
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER	\$11.00	14034	1/10/2021
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX 4TH QUARTER	\$1,245.00	16326161	1/14/2021
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX 4TH QTR 2020	\$58.00	16326162	1/14/2021
IA ONE CALL	METER LOCATES-IOWA ONE CALL	\$27.30	14036	1/10/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$294.65	16326159	1/2/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$362.39	16326160	1/2/2021
SAVAGE EXCAVATING	MAINT CURB STOPS 602/404 WEST	\$455.00	14047	1/10/2021
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$3,914.40	14049	1/10/2021
	TOTAL WATER UTILITES	\$7,131.20		
	PAYROLL			
	GENERAL	\$2,309.40		
	WATER UTILITES	\$1,505.48		
	TOTAL PAYROLL	\$3,814.88		
	GRAND TOTAL FUNDS PAID	\$33,249.15		

In Years Past...
December 1975
Happy New Year from Lytton Café and Lytton's Gift and Variety.

February 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
COOK'S	Taco Soup Spinach Salad Crackers	Lasagna Mixed Vegetables Applesauce	Parmesan Baked Fish Creamy Potatoes Corn O'Brien	Meatballs Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Asparagus
CHOICE	Pineapple Chocolate Chip Bar	Orange Garlic Bread	Berry Cup Cherry Dump Cake	Pears Blueberry Muffin
8	9	10	11	12
Beef Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Brussel Sprouts Orange Banana Bar	Pork Florentine Mashed Potatoes Peas Angel Food Cake Strawberries	Tuna Pattie Party Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Garlic Toast Vanilla Fruit Salad	Herb Baked Chicken Parmesan Potato Blended Vegetables Apricots Sugar Cookie	BBQ Beef on Bun Sweet Potatoes Lettuce Salad Peaches Fruited Yogurt
15	16	17	18	19
Fish Sticks Creamed Potatoes Country Trio Vegetables Wheat Dinner Roll Pineapple	Santa Fe Chicken Pasta Salad Spinach Mandarin Oranges Blonde Brownie	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas Strawberries Snickerdoodle Cookie	Scalloped Potatoes w/ Turkey Ham Asparagus Banana and Orange Cup Seven Layer Bar	Hamburger Chowder Lettuce Salad Crackers Peaches Berry Crisp
22	23	24	25	26
Baked Potato w/ Turkey Ham Cheese Sauce Broccoli Tropical Fruit Pistachio Salad	Salisbury Steak Parmesan Potato Sliced Carrots Rosy Pears Granola Bar	Fish Sandwich Steak Fries Coleslaw Strawberries Peanut Butter Cookie	Veggie Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Banana Orange Jell-O	COOK'S CHOICE
MARTENSDALE MEAL SITE 641-764-2736		ALL MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		

**Milk offered with all meals. All meals meet 1/3 of the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for older adults.

Stephanie Labery MS, RD, LD
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In Years Past...

January 1974

The Franklin Keller homestead, five miles east of New Virginia, has been sold. Franklin & Ellen Jane Keller built their log cabin there in 1854. Five generations of their descendants have called it "home" for 119 years.



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Critter Corner

Body Condition Scoring

A common question I get on routine farm calls or even during herd work is if a cow or herd is too thin. The reason I get this question so often is because to some it's an opinion rather than something we can measure. Condition of cattle and especially breeding females is a huge factor that affects multiple events throughout the year. This month I thought it would be good to go through Body Condition Scoring and the ways it can help your herd.

Body Condition Scoring is a tool that anyone in the beef industry can use to measure condition on an animal. This tool measures fat cover on a scale from severe emaciation to severe obesity. Both extremes on the scale are something cattlemen want to avoid when it comes to cattle condition. The following is a scale (1-9) that can be used when you are Body Condition Scoring cattle courtesy of Virginia Tech:

- **1 = Visibly weak - all ribs showing, spine and hips visible - emaciated**
- **2 = Not visibly weak - all ribs showing, spine and hips visible**
- **3 = Some cover over the first few pairs of ribs, spine and hips visible**
- **4 = Fat cover present over half the ribcage, some cover over spine**
- **5 = Last couple of ribs still visible, spine no longer visible, hips visible**
- **6 = No ribs visible, fat cover over the short ribs, hips still visible**
- **7 = No ribs visible, fat over the hip bones, full brisket, some fat around tail head**
- **8 = No bone structure visible, fat around tail head and udder**
- **9 = Extreme obesity**

The ideal Body Condition Score (BCS) for cows ranges between 5 to 6, and ideally bred heifers range between 6 to 6.5. There's a plethora of benefits for having cows and heifers within these ranges. **The following is a list of benefits of having cattle in the right condition:**

1. **Shortened interval between calving and subsequent estrus - better chance of maintaining a 365-day calving interval**
2. **Higher rebreeding percentage in subsequent breeding season**
3. **Increased colostrum production and increased concentration of antibody in colostrum which produces healthier calves**
4. **Greater calf vigor - one study according to the Iowa Beef Center reported that heifers with a BCS of 2 had calves that took 60 minutes to stand compared to heifers with a BCS of 6 had calves that took 35 minutes to stand**

Contributed by Dr. Dakota Hottle

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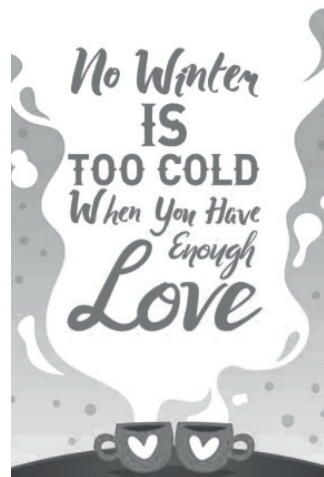
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- * Applications will be available February 1
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I stand so tall when the cold wind blows

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The families of Helen Ballard want to express our gratitude to all those who sent cards, memorial contributions, floral arrangements, food, prayers, or just thought of us at this difficult time.

A special thanks to Mark and Todd and all at Kale Funeral Home for their care and concern. Thank you to Pastor Bruce Giese for his comforting words.

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In Years Past...

January 1974

Dale McKnight opened a Phillips 66 service station in New Virginia.

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Marilyn Ruth Kirkpatrick passed away December 23, 2020 at Mercy One Hospital in Des Moines after a month-long battle with COVID. The family will hold a celebration of life at a later time to be determined.

Marilyn was born March 17, 1946 in Clarke County, Iowa to Harold and Virginia DeLong. She attended Clarke Community Schools. She graduated from Clarke High School in 1964. On December 31, 1972 she was united in marriage to Ronnie Kirkpatrick. To this union, Marilyn and Ronnie had 4 children; Daniel Eugene Kirkpatrick, Douglas Edward Kirkpatrick, Darin Elvis Kirkpatrick and Dennis Erin Kirkpatrick.

Marilyn worked most of her life in the healthcare field. Early on as a doctor's assistance at the Clarke Medical Clinic and later as an insurance coder for Des Moines Eye Surgeons, Surgical Affiliates, and other medical offices in the Des Moines area.

Later in life Marilyn worked at the New Virginia Library. She was the clerk for the Virginia Township Trustees. She also was a sexton at the New Virginia Cemetery and an operator for New Virginia Waste Water along with Ronnie.

Marilyn volunteered and was involved in many organizations some of which were; Melody Makers, Jesus' Right Hand, Hiz Kids after school program, Madison Warren Ecumenical Association, and Warren County Democratic Central Committee. Marilyn was a member of the New Virginia Christian Church. She loved church activities and spending time with her church family.

Marilyn also loved to cook. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and always looked forward to family get-togethers. She loved attending her children's and grandchildren's activities and would make every effort to attend them all. She enjoyed taking her grandchildren to the Osceola Swimming Pool. She liked playing computer games and watching sports and game shows.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Ronnie, of New Virginia; son, Dan (Kim) Kirkpatrick and family of New Virginia; son, Doug (Laura) Kirkpatrick and family of Indianola; son, Darin (fiancé Holly Thompson) Kirkpatrick and family of New Virginia; son, Dennis (Brenda) Kirkpatrick and family of Auburn, Nebraska; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; her mother, Virginia Erickson of New Virginia; brother, David (Cheryl) DeLong of Gladstone, Missouri; her aunt, Ruth Audlehelm of Osceola; as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Marilyn was preceded in death by her father, Harold "Cy" DeLong, and sister, Linda Akers.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like contributions to go to a memorial fund for Marilyn, that is being established by the family. Contributions to this memorial can be sent to PO Box 112, New Virginia, IA 50210 in care of Ronnie Kirkpatrick.



We can't express how overwhelming the response has been since the passing of Marilyn's spirit into God's care. We welcomed the comfort food brought to us by our many friends. We deeply appreciate the sympathy cards sent to us, expressing everyone's concern for us and the loving prayers said in church services, by friends and even by people unknown.

The monies collected for Marilyn's memorial will be used to purchase a "Resting Bench" that will be set in the New Virginia Lions Park.

The COVID-19 virus that ended Marilyn's earthly life was unforgiving. So please, wear a mask, wash your hands, use safe distancing, and schedule for a vaccination when the new vaccine comes available to you.

Thank you again.
May God bless you all.

*Virginia Erickson, Daniel, Douglas, Darin, Dennis,
Ronnie and the rest of the Kirkpatrick Family*

INSIDE EVERY CHILD IS
A RAINBOW WAITING
TO SHINE

CITY OF ST CHARLES



The Tri-Corner-Express would like to welcome the City of St Charles to our publication. They are partnering with us and contributing to our publication!! Please check out their 2 pages of content!

4 January 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 1/4/2021, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Megan Allison, Jane Hutton-Edwards, were present along with 7 guests.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Jane Hutton Edwards/Tom Blomme to approve the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Appointment of Councilmen: Mayor Dennis Smith appointed Dan Kozak and Whitney Hutton as new members of the City Council. Dan Kozak was present and was sworn in. Whitney Hutton was not available and will be sworn in at a later date.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 12/7/2020: Motion made by Jane Hutton-Edwards/Tom Blomme to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of January Bills: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Jane Hutton Edwards to approve the January bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During December there were 20.18 patrol hours, 8 calls, 2 traffic stops in St. Charles.

Sewer Mapping Proposal from Sam LLC: Erin Allen presented a GIS mapping plan to update sewer maps for the City. Motion by Megan Allison/Jane Hutton Edwards to approve \$8698.00 for sewer mapping with an additional \$65.00 per storm drain to be mapped up to 50 drains, and \$1200 for webpage access of the maps for locates. Voice vote passed unanimously.

South Township Cemetery Tax: Kirk Freeman, Dick Burhans, and Steve Downs were present. The City Council voiced concerns over the tax rate the residents of St. Charles and South Township will be taxed, as it is one of the highest tax rates in the state for a cemetery. The township representatives discussed the need for the tax and assured the Council they will lower the tax rate after 2 years.

City Boards/Committees:

Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer and Cole Smith were present. A Fire Dept. meeting was not held in December.

Library Board: Margaret Blair, via Zoom, presented minutes from December.

Park Board: Rebecca Albers submitted a plan of the improvements the Park Board hopes to make in the fiscal year ahead.

Clerk's Report: A complaint letter for barking dogs was presented and signed by the mayor.

Sewer Report: Randy Gray submitted a report. Affidavit operators were tabled until the February meeting.

Resolution 1A-2021 Designate Publishing: Motion by Jane Hutton-Edwards/Megan Allison to approve the Winterset Madisonian for publications. R/C vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 1B-2021 Designate City Clerk: Motion by Megan Allison/Jane Hutton Edwards to approve Tracy Kozak as City Clerk. Dan Kozak abstained, R/C vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 1C-2021 Designate Lawyer: Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison designating Stuyvesant, Benton, and Judisch as St. Charles City Attorney. R/C vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 1D-2021 Designate Bank: Motion by Jane Hutton Edwards/Megan Allison designating Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Winterset/St. Charles as the official financial institution. R/C vote passed by majority.

Resolution 1E-2021 Designate Mayor Pro Tem: Motion by Tom Blomme/Jane Hutton-Edwards designating Megan Allison as Mayor Pro-Tem. Megan Allison abstained, R/C vote passed by majority.

State Bill SF634 Max Levy: Motion was made by Megan Allison/ Jane Hutton-Edwards to set the Public Hearing for the Max Levy for February 1, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Voice Vote passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for USDA Grant to help with the purchase of a Skid Loader: Motion by Megan Allison/Jane Hutton Edwards to set a public hearing for February 1, 2021. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Budget Workshop Dates: FY22 Budget workshop dates were agreed upon by the Council for January 11th, 20th, 26th at 6:30 pm.

City Logo: New options were presented, no action was taken.

Parking Signs: The City will continue to observe and determine at a later date if parking signs are necessary.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: City will discuss with the Sheriff options to remove vehicles during snowstorms. Megan Allison will look into purchasing a seat cover for the city truck.

Motion made by Jane Hutton Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. The next City Council meeting will be February 1, 2021, at City Hall. Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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I am a lover of history. As Director of the St. Charles Public Library, I have the benefit (and privilege) of hearing, reading, and caring for the stories and artifacts from our earliest days to present. As a Professional Archaeologist, my job has taken me to buried cities, villages, campsites, battlefields, and lonely forsaken places where no one has been for, sometimes, a thousand years or more. I recognize the importance of knowing our past. It is, literally, my life's work. Those small snippets of knowledge about people, of items, and the history of the region around us can shed a light on the past and illuminate it in a vast multitude of colors.

I am going to try that right now, as I will attempt to turn the floodlights back to the turn of the twentieth century and boil down the story of a fascinating family that lived in St. Charles. This family influenced the town, the surrounding counties, the region, and even the state.

So, let us take a historical journey back to the beginning of a strange and tragic tale about the Wood family.

The patriarch of the Wood family, Samuel L. Wood (called Colonel by friends and locals), was born in 1827 in Massachusetts. Samuel was a former captain of the whaling vessel "Bowditch." His 18 September 1849 to 23 April 1852 whaling ship log is available online:

<https://archive.org/details/bowditchshipofwa00bowd/page/n1/mode/2up>).

Samuel was described as the kind of man you think of when you envision a whaler; he knew about farming, but he entertained the community with stories of whaling and sailing faraway places and ports of call. The newspapers of the area discussed finding someone to write his tales down, but so far, nothing has surfaced of this grand venture. Samuel lived in New England for many years, with his wife, Lucinda, and worked as a laborer, fisherman, whaler, and possibly served a stint in the US Navy during the Mexican War, the Civil War, or both. His sons, Alfred L. and Charles F., and at least two unnamed daughters were born in Vermont in the 1850-60's. The family eventually moved and settled in the small town of St. Charles in 1870.



Kids story hour taking a break
from Dec 18th through Jan 30th

Need a puzzle or a DVD? We have those!

HELP PRESERVE OUR PAST! Still looking for St Charles newspapers from the past to digitize.

Colonel Wood embodied the energy for change that encompassed the United States after the destructive period of the Civil War. He was a character out of a dime novel, filled with pioneer spirit and can-do attitude. Colonel Wood was elected mayor of St. Charles several times. He was one of the men who voted to incorporate the town of St. Charles. He also had the reputation of growing the best strawberries in the county on his lot on the corner of Clark and Main Streets. When his wife, Lucinda, died in April 1884, the whole town attended her graveside service. Samuel was soon remarried to a lovely young woman he met in Chicago.

In 1892, while on a business trip to sell some of his prize chickens, Colonel Wood was jostled off a train platform in Chicago and was heavily injured on the tracks. His son, Charles, boarded the first train leaving St. Charles to go care for his father. Samuel was 67 at the time, and though speculation swirled that this might be the end of the old man, he recovered in less than three weeks.

Colonel Wood was known for being amiable, friendly, jovial, and strong. In the spring of 1903, he and his wife moved to Long Beach, California, to be in more pleasant weather and be near the ocean for the last years of their lives. In 1915, he died in Long Beach, California. Prior to his passing, Colonel Wood sent a letter back to Iowa inquiring about his family grave plots, as he wanted his body shipped back to St. Charles, however, there is no record of this occurring.

Stay tuned for the continuing tale of the Wood family of St. Charles.

Contributed by Kurt Freeman

**JANUARY IS A TIME FOR NEW
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FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! TRI-CORNER-EXPRESS

Contributed by Clyta Howell

The first copy of the Tri-Corner-Express went into the mail in January 1991, 30 years ago.

In November of 1989, a group of concerned citizens of New Virginia thought we needed an organization to keep our town moving forward. We met and the New Virginia Area Development Corporation was organized. By June of 1990 we were officially incorporated. We met in William's grocery store which is now the north part of Jesus Right Hand next to Missy's Beauty Shop. New Virginia, Truro, and St Charles were connected by the School and communications were very limited. This was before cell phones.

What could the Corporation do to remedy this? Maybe a newsletter or a newspaper? We decided on a paper. It would have to go to every home to serve our purpose, therefore it would have to be free and let advertising pay for it. It would cover our three towns, Martensdale-St Marys, plus a few addresses in Osceola and Indianola. Ann Williams, Evadna Keller, and I (Clyta) volunteered to take on this project. We knew absolutely nothing about publishing a paper. We looked for advice. Winterset wasn't interested, Indianola said "absolutely not". We went to the Osceola Sentinel. The owner-editors were eager to help us. They showed us how, taught us how to put a paper together, they even came to New Virginia to help us. They printed our paper for many years until their press went down and they didn't feel it was worth fixing. We needed a name for our paper. It would cover the corners of three counties, Warren, Clarke, and Madison so we decided on Tri-Corner-Express. Express made it sound more like a "real" paper.

We worked in the back of Ann's grocery store. We would write the articles. Cheryl Boles took them to work with her and typed them for us, then we would cut, paste, and take the paper to the printer. The next day our faithful volunteers would come in and count, bundle, label, sack and take the finished product to the Post Office. We were so excited when we finally could buy our own computer. It was a Macintosh, disc run, with a screen about 4" by 6". By this time the grocery was no longer selling fresh meat, so they were not using the big walk-in cooler. We stored our materials and equipment in the cooler. We typed the Tri-Corner in the cooler.

Circumstances changed and the Corporation and the Tri-Corner had to move. We moved to the upstairs apartment of Evadna's Hardware. It was located on the corner of West Street and Grand, next to the Lions Club. It is now a private residence. We worked there several years. Ann resigned and Shirley Zimmerline came on to be our typist.

Circumstances changed again and we had to move once more. This time we moved to the Old Library Building on West Street next to Lonnie's Barber Shop. It was owned by the City. Evadna resigned. This left Shirley and I and our wonderful group of volunteers to do the paper. We had the best proof reader in Vilna Kennedy. She worked until her health failed. She was in her 90's. By this time, we were getting the paper printed in Lamoni. Shirley and I would make a trip to Lamoni once a month. We might stay and watch the paper being printed or just go out to lunch. The next day our volunteers would come in and the paper would go out once more.

As time went by, Shirley's health began to give her problems and she was going to have to resign. We couldn't get anyone to come in and do the paper. In January 2014 we regretfully printed our last edition. There was no Tri-Corner-Express in February 2014. By March 2014 the City of New Virginia decided we needed the paper. They purchased the paper and the name for \$1, found a new group of volunteers and the Tri-Corner-Express was mailed in March 2014 and every month since then.

This is probably the longest lasting, most successful, totally volunteer project in any Iowa small town. Let's hope there will be enough volunteers to keep the Tri-Corner-Express going for another 30 years!

The Tri-Corner-Express Today

Contributed by Erin Thornburg

March, 2014 was the first issue of the Tri-Corner-Express that was issued under a new owner –The City of New Virginia. Board members since then have included Erin Thornburgh, Jennifer Baughman, Abby Johnson, Rae Miller, Karma Kimzey, Phyllis Travis, Donna Conway, Ronnie Kirkpatrick, Sue Stills, Celma Higgins, Sharon Dentlinger, Sarah Beener, Linda Daniels, and Terry Garner.

The first edition was started with a new computer and new design software. We were able to send an electronic file to the printer in Lamoni. DJ & Ted Hall would go pick up the papers from the printer and take them back to Gerry Allen Memorial Park where the following day, a group of volunteers sorted and prepared the papers for mailing through the US Postal Service.

Those members have included Donna & Rob Conway, Rae Miller, Phyllis Travis, Sue & Mel Stills, Janet Erwin, Connie Johnston, Karma Kimzey, Celma Higgins, Ronnie Kirkpatrick, DJ Hall, Terry Garner, and Karen Cooley.

When Printcraft closed their doors in Lamoni in November 2018, we located a new printer, and our papers have been printed in Creston by the Creston News Advertisers. They print the papers and bring them over on a truck to be picked up in Osceola by Terry Garner. The following day, they are sorted by our wonderful volunteers and mailed out the same day. This mailing task also includes attaching edge stickers and mailing labels to those papers that are mailed to paid subscribers. Deann Strange provides the mailing labels. This group has gotten very efficient over the years.

We are currently printing 2550 papers, still being delivered free to residents in the I-35 Community School and Martensdale St Marys School Districts and to paid subscribers outside the district. On occasion, we print in color for the inside two pages and the front and back pages, but most issues are in black and white. In the last six years, we've had to change the size of our pages three times.

We estimate that close to 40 hours of time is spent each month when combining all of the time of our volunteers. Our committee does the following tasks each month: content design, article & content editing, monitoring the incoming submission emails and responding, writing cover stories, submission of electronic pages to the printer, invoicing for advertising, accounting work, monitoring mailboxes, picking up papers, sorting papers and dropping off to the post office, and a monthly Board meeting (we've even had a recent meeting virtually with three members who could not attend in person). The Secretary then types and emails the meeting minutes to the Board members.

Most recently, Board members approached the cities of St. Charles and Truro to participate in our publication monetarily. The St. Charles City Council has voted to join in with two pages of content for our publication starting this month – please check out the content for St. Charles. Welcome aboard!

If you have any content ideas, comments or questions -- please email tricornet@newvirginia.com, mail us at PO Box 302, New Virginia, IA 50210 or drop items in our black mailbox on the Hen House on West Street in New Virginia. Please reach out to the same locations if you'd like to join our group. We are always looking for volunteers. Come join the fun!

Please support our local advertisers. They are what keeps us going, and we hope to be around for many years to come!

Tri-Corner Express Turns 30!

Continued from page 13

This is the list of volunteers that helped with the Tri-Corner-Express. If I forgot someone please forgive me. After all it's been 30 years.

- Shirley Zimmerline
- Clyta Howell
- Helen Reed
- Ronnie Wickett
- Vilna Kennedy
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- Jerry Dunkin
- Sharon Dunkin
- Lee Zimmerline
- Kathryn Jorgensen
- Bill Kimzey
- Ruth Woods
- Evadna Keller
- Ann Williams
- Arlene McCuddin
- Karen Taylor
- Brad Zimmerline did our pictures so they were print ready when they got to the printer.

Top: List of past volunteers.

Right: First Edition Tri-Corner-Express
January 18, 1991

THE TRIANGLE

CONGRATULATIONS! You are reading the premier issue of the TRI CORNER EXPRESS, a newsletter brought to you by the New Virginia Area Development Corporation (NVADC). As we were organizing and researching our needs, we kept hearing, "I never know what's going on in the New Virginia area." (Our area covers the corners of 3 counties-Warren, Madison, and Clarke.) We discovered our main means of communication is by word of mouth. Communication by this means, unless it is gossip or bad news, seems to be rather slow. We hope to remedy that situation with this publication. A positive attitude will be the basic philosophy of this letter. This will be a letter to inform you of what is happening in our area, plus articles of interest. Thanks to advertising, donations, and all volunteer help, this newsletter will come to you free of charge. If you receive this newsletter via 'Boxholder', we would appreciate you sending us your proper address. There will be ad incentives (cash awards), from time to time, using addresses to encourage you to read the ads. We encourage you to support our advertisers, and hope you enjoy reading the TRI CORNER EXPRESS. The NVADC Newsletter Committee: Ann Williams, Chm.; Evadna Keller, and Clyta Howell.



SAVE Funds are Critical to the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District *Questions and Answers about the Revenue Purpose Statement Special Election*

The Martensdale-St. Marys School Board has called for a special election on March 2, 2021. The purpose of the special election is to ask the community to approve a Revenue Purpose Statement. Voting to approve the Revenue Purpose Statement does NOT increase your taxes. Below are answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about this special election:

What is a Revenue Purpose Statement?

The Revenue Purpose Statement is a voter-approved description of how the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District can spend funds generated by the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) one-cent sales tax that the State of Iowa has dedicated to public schools.

Will this raise my taxes?

The answer to this is a definite NO. This will absolutely not raise your taxes. This is the \$0.01 sales tax that is already in place and this vote is ONLY a vote allowing the District the authority to continue to spend these funds as seen necessary by the district and board.

Why are SAVE funds important to our school district?

SAVE is the single-most important source of funding to address facility and equipment needs in our school district. Over the past 10+years we have used these monies to pay for many additional items we would not have been able to afford without it. We have used this revenue to pay for 1:1 computers for our students and technology infrastructure for our buildings. The revenue has been used to update building security and entrance doors. Bus purchases and transportation needs have been addressed through this revenue stream. It has also been used to renovate locker rooms, restrooms, and other needs within the building. Although this is a very condensed list, you can see how important it is to the district to be allowed to utilize these funds as the district and the board sees necessary.

This is NOT a vote on the SAVE funding. This is NOT a vote to increase the SAVE \$.01 sales tax. The sales tax rate is set by the legislature. The sole purpose of the Revenue Purpose Statement is to describe and outline the uses for which the \$.01 sales tax may be used at Martensdale-St. Marys.

When will the Revenue Purpose Statement vote be held?

The vote is scheduled for March 2, 2021. I would encourage everyone to get out and vote on March 2nd, or contact the Warren or Madison County Auditor's office to vote by absentee ballot. It is an important decision for our district, our facilities and our students.

Do we currently have a Revenue Purpose Statement in place?

The Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District currently has a Revenue Purpose Statement. We are asking the community to extend our current Statement allowing us the continued use of these funds as they have been since the inception of the additional state sales tax. The full Revenue Purpose Statement can be found on the district website, www.mstm.us.

How can I learn more?

If you would like more information, please contact Superintendent Tom Wood, tom_wood@mstm.us or 641-764-2486. Additional information will also soon be available on the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District website at www.mstm.us.

Conservation Reserve Program General Signup Underway, Ends February 12th

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 5, 2021 – Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can now sign up for the popular program until Feb. 12, 2021. The competitive program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"This signup for the Conservation Reserve Program gives producers and landowners an opportunity to enroll for the first time or continue their participation for another term," Acting FSA State Executive Director, Bob Wegand said. "This program encourages conservation on sensitive lands or low-yielding acres, which provides tremendous benefits for stewardship of our natural resources and wildlife."

Through CRP, farmers and ranchers establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to their local region and the nation's environment and economy. CRP general signup is held annually and is competitive; general signup includes increased opportunities for wildlife habitat enrollment through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on Sept. 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year. The acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers will begin Oct. 1, 2021.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Those Who Serve

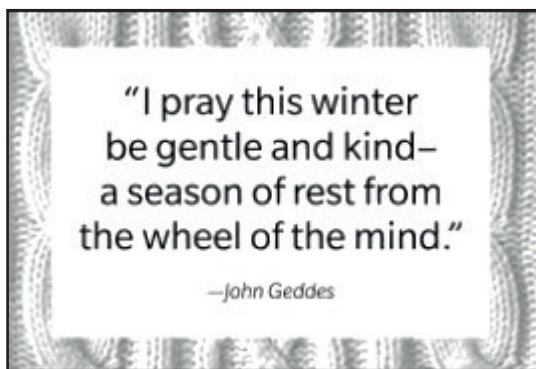


Cole Stewart is a Private First Class in the United States Army. He is a 2018 graduate of Interstate 35 High School. He is son of Duane and Jennifer Stewart of New Virginia, Iowa.

Cole is an Infantry Soldier B-11. Serving in the field, he is involved in mobilization of troops, weaponry and ground support.

His training and education included basic combat and advanced individual training, cold weather training, and reconnaissance assistance. PFC Cole J. Stewart is currently stationed at Fort Drum, NY.

Message from his family: Thanks to Cole and all the soldiers who serve today, and have in the past, to protect our country, freedom and beliefs. Cole's family and friends are proud of him and thankful for his service.



Rendering Tallow by Terry Garner

Recently, I have become interested in rendering my own beef tallow. The best tallow comes from the fat around the kidneys which is called suet. You melt this down and the result is liquid fat which will turn hard as it cools and reaches room temperature. The same process is used to make lard, which is from pigs. While lard and tallow would seem to be the same thing, they have differences. I have found that lard is softer than tallow at room temperature.

I became interested in rendering my own beef tallow when I started making soap a few years ago. Many recipes called for beef tallow and you just can't find it anywhere. Tallow makes a good hard soap that will last a long time. It has good qualities for your skin and is not as harsh as many of the ingredients in bought soaps.

Tallow has many uses. I fry with it and use it in the deep fat fryer also. Besides making good soap, it makes good pie crust and I use it in place of shortening in cookie recipes. When I make suet cakes for the birds, I use beef tallow. If I need to grease a cake pan, I use beef tallow. If you are into making lotions and lip balms, beef tallow is great for that too. I made some lotion bars with tallow and they are the bomb for dry, cracked winter hands! Even the guys love them because they don't smell "girly"!

To render your own beef tallow, you first need to find someone who will let you have the suet from the beef they are butchering. Have them tell the locker to save the suet for you, otherwise it will be discarded. Or if butchering your own livestock, just save and cool out like you do with the rest of the carcass. Before rendering, you will want to grind your suet if you have access to a grinder or cut it up in small pieces. It will render much faster that way.

For rendering day, plan on spending a large part of your time in the kitchen. Fill your large stockpot with the ground suet that you have thawed out. Turn the heat on low and let it melt down. As it melts, you will see the suet crumbs getting smaller and smaller and the amount of liquid fat increase. You will need to stir it occasionally. When the crumbs, or cracklings, are dark brown and sinking to the bottom, you know that your tallow is done.

In the meantime, while you are waiting for the suet to render, you can get your strainer and containers ready. I strain the tallow through a colander lined with cheesecloth, an old tea towel, or some paper towels. I place this over a tall container. Remember, the tallow will be superhot and may melt some plastics (Ask me how I know this!) so I try to let it sit just a bit after I take it off the fire. For containers, you can use wide mouth jars or recycled plastic containers. I use containers that peanut butter comes in or something similar. I have, also, just poured it in tin foil pans and waited till it hardened, then popped it out and put it in Ziploc bags and froze it that way.

When the tallow has cooked down all the way, pull it off the fire and let cool just a bit. Then strain into a heat proof container. After straining, let it cool a little bit more then ladle into jars. Let it sit on the counter till it hardens. While in its liquid state, tallow is a clear yellow color but after it hardens, it will be a beautiful white. To keep indefinitely, store it in the freezer. I keep a container in the refrigerator for use in my kitchen and store the rest in the freezer.

There are many websites that will tell you how to render tallow and give you good advice; check them out online. Do your research before you start and give it a go. You just might be surprised by what all you can do with a jar of beef tallow!

MRS. KILDAL'S BUTTER BRICKLE BARS

- 1 c. butter (NOT margarine)
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 6 oz. pkg. chocolate chips
- 3/4 c. nuts
- soda crackers

Line an 11 x 17 inch cookie sheet with foil. Cover bottom of pan with soda crackers. Boil the butter and brown sugar 3 minutes. Pour over soda crackers and bake 5 minutes at 400 degrees or until crackers are floating in bubbly syrup. Remove from oven and cool slightly. Sprinkle chocolate chips on top. Spread as they melt and sprinkle chopped nuts on top. Cut in squares using perforations on crackers as lines.



EARTHQUAKE CAKE

- 1 c. coconut
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 German chocolate cake mix
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 3 1/2 c. powdered sugar



Grease a 9 x 13 cake pan. Sprinkle nuts and coconut on bottom of pan. Make cake mix according to directions on box. Pour over nuts and coconut. Mix butter, cream cheese and powdered sugar. Drop by spoonfuls onto cake batter. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 45 – 50 minutes.



Nancy Jean (Cooper) McDonald was called to heaven December 23, 2020. She passed peacefully in her home. Nancy was born in Waterloo, Iowa, and grew up on several farms in eastern Warren County. She was the oldest of six siblings. She had a love for cooking that continued throughout her life. Her other passion was music. She played the French horn in high school and sang alto in the choir. She married after graduating from Carlisle High School. She worked in Des Moines, settled in Norwalk and had twin boys. Five years later she remarried and had a daughter. During her time in Norwalk, she worked for the school system as the secretary for the MAC Elementary School. During the summer she taught swimming lessons at the city pool. Nancy will always be remembered for the time she spent helping young children as that was one of her loves. She was a member of the Norwalk Jay Cees for five years and Norwalk UMC for twenty-five years. She served on many committees in church, sang in the choir, directed bells, assisted with vacation bible school, and helped her husband with youth mission trips to the Appalachian region and anything mission related. Twenty years ago, they moved to the St. Marys area and joined St. Charles Parish church five years ago. She became an active member of the church serving on several board positions.

Nancy was an avid volleyball and softball player in years past. She was a regional referee and scorekeeper for volleyball. She refereed high school girls in the Des Moines area and the Drake college team over the years. She was also the scorekeeper for the Simpson College team.

She loved to tend the many flower beds she had on the farm. She loved to travel and was an avid SCUBA diver for thirty-five years.

She was preceded in death by her father Melvin Cooper. She is survived by her mother Marge Cooper, her five siblings, husband Craig McDonald, her three children, Michael (Stephenie) Tiedens, Matthew (Carroll) Tiedens, Stephanie (Eddie) Rhodes; nine grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

There was a celebration of life for Nancy held on January 16 at 10 A.M. at St. Charles Parish, 305 W Main St. in St. Charles, Iowa. To view the livestream, visit "saintcharlesparish.org" and click on the Facebook link.

The family is asking for no flower arrangements. Instead, please consider making a monetary donation in her name to St Charles Parish P.O. Box 208, St Charles, Iowa 50240, for a mission trip fund for youth.

She was laid to rest in the North McDonald cemetery in Winterset, Iowa, in a private service.

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In Years Past...

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Program Scheduled for Adult Children Supporting Aging Caregiving Parents

Does your mom or dad take care of a loved one (perhaps one cares for the other)? Do you know what your parents are going through? Your parent is in a new role of caregiver when helping a spouse or loved one with things he/she cannot do because of a medical condition's disabling effects. How do you better support your parent during this time?

Caregiving Relationships: Conversations on Aging is a program for adult children supporting their aging caregiver parents. Two online programs are scheduled for January 28, 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm by Connect. The information is same at each program. "My mom took care of my dad in his last years. He suffered from dementia and tended to wander. As a family caregiver, my mom made challenging decisions and her daily routine changed dramatically," shares an adult daughter.

Research shows that spousal caregivers are more likely to provide care with help from adult children than to accept help from community supports or nonfamily members. "You are a son or daughter to your parent(s) regardless of age, but your role description can change when your parent is in the role of a caregiver," explains Joy Rouse, Human Sciences Specialist, Family Life.

"The program helps adult children learn to recognize how caregiving affects relationships. It helps them discover their role in making decisions about their parents' later life," says Rouse. It also helps adult children build talking and listening skills and gain ideas on how to start difficult conversations.

Registration for the 1:30 pm time is at <https://bit.ly/cra17220>. Registration for the 7:00 pm time is at <https://bit.ly/cra17246>. Connect information will be sent to registered participants before the program. For more information, contact Joy Rouse, 515-250-5984, jmrouse@iastate.edu.

USDA Offers Additional Assistance for Certain Producers Through Coronavirus

Food Assistance Program

(Washington, D.C., January 15, 2021) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide additional assistance through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), expanding eligibility for some agricultural producers and commodities as well as updating payments to accurately compensate some producers who already applied for the program. Producers who are now eligible and those who need to modify existing applications due to these updates can contact USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) between Jan. 19 and Feb. 26. Some of these changes are being made to align with the recently enacted Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 while others are discretionary changes being made in response to ongoing evaluation of CFAP.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has left a deep impact on the farm economy, and we are utilizing the tools and monies available to ease some of the financial burdens on American producers to ensure our agricultural economy remains strong, independent and a global leader in production," said Secretary Perdue. "As part of implementing CFAP 1 and CFAP 2, we identified new areas of support and Congress recently directed us to provide additional relief. This additional assistance builds on to the \$23.6 billion in assistance already provided to our farmers and ranchers impacted by the pandemic, and we will continue to implement other provisions enacted by Congress."

More Information

Newly eligible producers who need to submit a CFAP 2 application or producers who need to modify an existing one can do so between Jan. 19 and Feb. 26, 2021, by contacting their local USDA Service Center. New applicants can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364.

In addition to the changes being made to CFAP, per language in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, FSA will extend 2020 Marketing Assistance Loans to provide additional flexibilities for farmers. FSA is also preparing to move forward on implementation of the remaining provisions of the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

To learn more about this additional assistance, visit farmers.gov/cfap.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.



Hello friends,

We just want to thank you for your help and donations. Without your encouragement, we would not be able to accomplish what God has called us to do for HIM. We love you all and pray for those who contribute to this ministry.

Jesus' Right Hand helped 3,171 families with a total of 7,731 individuals in 2020. The majority of these families were helped during the two hours of the Fresh Food Giveaway held every Monday, but also includes those who were helped through the emergency food pantry and our holiday meal programs. Because of the generosity of our donors, we were able to bless each family with more food and gifts in their Christmas boxes this year.

The amount of food that we distribute to each family on our Monday's Fresh Food Giveaway usually depends on how much fresh food we receive from Trader Joe's, Kum & Go, The Food Bank of Iowa and other programs such as Farm to Family. We have been seeing a steady increase of food coming into the ministry from these sources because the numbers of people needing help have been increasing. The Farm to Family program brings farmers and distributors together to provide a box filled with meat, dairy and produce free of charge to agencies to distribute to those in need in their area. These have been some very nice, generous boxes that we've been able to give out. In addition, we are picking up an average of 2,000+ lbs. of fresh food on Sunday and Monday from Trader Joe's for distribution on Monday afternoons.

We were blessed to receive a donation of new all-terrain tires and put our logo on the van which has become a valuable asset to this ministry. A donation of a 24-cu. ft. chest freezer gives us added space to store extra food and leftovers, and our prayers have been answered with a future donation of a two-door commercial refrigerator which is set to be delivered to the ministry sometime next month. This only tells us that God has big plans for 2021!

We all are going through trying times right now that seem to threaten us every day. However, the Bible says that "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31. It also says "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. Look up. HE is still on the throne. Believe HE will answer our prayers and keep us well if we believe by faith. Nothing can overcome the power that is in our Father God.

Believe and receive what you have prayed for. Stay safe and do not forget to encourage someone in some way, every day. May God bless and keep you. Most people can use a bit of encouragement every day. Many times, when we encourage others, we get encouraged ourselves. Look up to HIM and pour your heart out to HIM. HE knows it all anyway; however, HE wants us to ask HIM.

Recently, our ministry director, Karen, came across something her mother had written many years ago. The simplicity and anointing of the words she put to paper remind us all of our purpose from God for being on this earth. To love. What greater purpose is there than to be God's love extended to a hurting world? Below we want to share a portion of what she wrote on that beautiful Sunday afternoon.



LOVE

By Sally Kearney



The breeze is heavy with the scent of lilac's breath as it blows through the open window by my desk, and it is a beautiful afternoon. My brain has been dashing furiously about trying to sort things out and put them in their proper places. How very easy it is to become sidetracked from the main purpose of existence by the simple everyday process of living! Every so often a glimmer of what seems to be pure unadulterated wisdom flashes across the screen of the mind with such pure and beautiful light; it is breathtaking, and I want to hold fast to it forever – yet as the demands of everyday existence crowd in, I let myself be distracted and fall back into listening to the demands of ego.

This morning in church it all seemed so plain! We all come from God; there is a part of God in all of us and in everything. God is good. In fact, God is all of God, and everything that is good is also God. So, the good in us is also the God in us. We are always seeking unconsciously to unite ourselves with God again – instinctively. Therefore, when the good in us reaches out to another human soul, the good within that soul reaches back, and it is the recognition of the God force that attracts like a magnet and shakes our very being to the core!

Sometimes this recognition occurs suddenly, and sometimes it takes a long, long time. But that recognition, that achievement of union of good seems to me to be the goal which we were put here to strive for. It is such a pure, wonderful clean feeling, such a feeling of warmth and well-being, and the word for it is love, is it not? Pure and unselfish love of another human soul!

Love is always there, all around us in everything and everyone. The spirit has a never-ending supply of love. The more love one gives away, the more one has left; and yet one never uses the same love twice. No matter how much we might wish to, we cannot give the love we have already given to one person to another. The only way to lose love is to refuse to accept it, reject it, or seek to possess it. It is only when we seek to limit it or fail to respond to it that we are in danger of losing it. We cannot limit ourselves in the giving of it, neither can we close the door and refuse to accept it. If we do, we lose it. Jesus (Love) said "Behold, I stand at the door and knock". But we must open the door!

The thought follows... just what is our part in the vast scheme of things? Why did God put us on this earth, and what are we supposed to accomplish when we are here? Well, if this idea is anywhere near right, and this is the big secret of continuing existence, then it is very, very exciting and precious, and God must want everyone to know about it.

To simplify then, we must first of all love; freely and unselfishly. We must ask nothing for ourselves which is perhaps the hardest part, but the rewards will come. We must trust God completely and implicitly. We must forget ourselves in the desire to help others, and every time we win out over those hurts, we come one step closer to God. We can never do it by thinking, "I will sometime", or "I'll start tomorrow." We can never get to "sometime," and "tomorrow" never comes! It has to start here and now with the very next thing that happens to me and you.

"Whatever ye sow, that shall ye also reap." (Galatians 6:7 KJV) Remember, God loves you totally and completely. Pass love on to others as God shows you how. Love, no matter the circumstances. That is the way He loves us.

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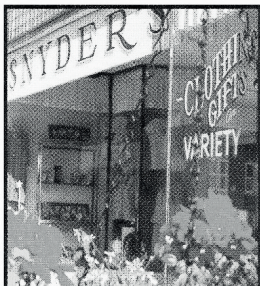
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Mass : First Sunday of the month at
10:30 a.m. (Rosary at 10:10 am)

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Mass: Sunday 8 am
Religious Ed: Ginny Darr,
ginginery@aol.com
or call 515-707-9243

Martensdale Community Church
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Martensdale, IA 50160
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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

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

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

St Charles Parish
305 W Main St PO Box 208
St Charles, IA 50240
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641-396-2441
www.saintcharlesparish.org
Sunday School 9 am
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155 E Garfield Box 17 Truro, IA 50257
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641-396-2234
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Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

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Martensdale IA 50160
641-764-2752
Pastor Don Rothweiler:
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Donrothweiler@yahoo.com
Worship: 10:00 AM
Sunday School PreK - 6th: During worship

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Worship Service: 10 am
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