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This being the month of October and Halloween looming, we here at the TriCorner thought we should put together something appropriate for the season on the front page. This is the time of year for things mysterious and hair-raising, so we've come up with some little tidbits to give you goosebumps in this season of spookiness!

As most of you know, I have a lot of dogs, and I use a Garmin GPS to keep track of them when we are out hunting. They wear a collar that links up with my handheld, and I can see where they are and get a pretty good idea what they're up to. The handheld has a map on it that you can zoom in or out, so if you zoom out very far, you can get a good picture of a large area. The map will have some icons on it denoting landmarks and such, like churches, cemeteries, maybe a cell phone tower, things like that.

East of my house a couple miles or so, there's an icon for the Green Cemetery but there is absolutely nothing there but timber. The landowner let me walk in there and have a look. There was an old building close by that's just about gone, but that was all that was there. It looks like an old boxcar, it has a curved roof and you can tell where the hole was for the stove pipe. I quizzed everybody I could think of, some people said the Boy Scouts had it there, but I don't think so. It just looks too old for that.

If I look at old plat maps, that area was owned by lots of Greens back in the day. My neighbor Betty Green says that the Green family donated the land for the cemetery at Jamison, so we're wondering if it's an old burial plot for the Green family before they started using the Jamison Cemetery. I looked all around for gravestones but there were none. The landowner says he's never seen anything either. For it to be on my GPS, someone at some point has had to enter it into the system for it to show up. I've looked everywhere online but have come up with nothing. I'm thinking about going to the courthouse and seeing if I have any luck there.

Terry Garner



Our local historian Karma Kimzey has done some more sleuthing for her annual Murders Mysteries and Mayhem article for the TriCorner!



Murders Mysteries and Mayhem October 2024

November 16, 1918

**EXCITED TELEGRAM FORECASTS MURDER IN NEW VIRGINIA**

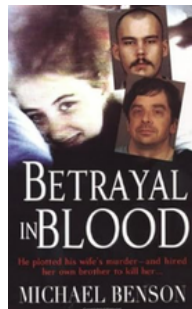
"Sheriff Polk County, Des Moines, Iowa. Send aid at once to G. Geisalhart, New Virginia, Iowa.

Mob gathering to murder them."

"Mrs. N.M.Geisalhart"

The above telegram received this morning at 8:20 o'clock in the sheriff's office brought rapid action. In a few minutes by special wire an agent at New Virginia was located and announced that although the wire was sent last night, murder had not been committed yet. Mr. Geisalhart and the sender of the telegram, supposed here to be his wife, are said to have been arrested, however, on complaint of merchants of the town. The dispute it is said, arose over Geisalhart's alleged refusal to buy Liberty bonds. When he went to the store he had been accustomed to trade with, the manager refused to accept his order and it was said notified other merchants to follow his example. Geisalhart is said to have become angry and during the furor it is thought Mrs. Geisalhart sent the night letter asking for aid.

**THE BOOK**



Article dated Thursday August 7, 2003 from the Osceola Sentinel Tribune  
**OSCEOLA POLICE PRAISED IN HANDLING NY MURDER CASE**

The sheriff of Rochester NY has praised the action of Osceola police in the arrest of a man charged with killing a woman in New York. Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn and Osceola officer Chuck Beeker and Ed Stoll played a major role in the arrest of Cyril Winebrenner who fled New York and returned to his mother's residence in Osceola. Osceola police and Monroe County investigators located Winebrenner in Osceola, gained his cooperation and obtained a confession that he was paid by the victim's husband to participate in the murder of the 26-year-old woman, who was also Winebrenner's half-sister. Winebrenner and his brother-in-law have been charged with first degree murder. This murder made national news resulting in two documentaries and a book Betrayal In Blood. The documentaries are available online.

The book is available to read at the New Virginia Library. It cannot be checked out, as several copies that previously were, were never returned.



Council Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2024

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

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

Old business discussed: The Christmas light bulb inventory will be checked this month and more ordered if necessary.

Citizen Input: The question was raised if there should be concern about the person selling produce in Old Settlers Park parking his vehicle on the grass. It currently is not a concern since it has not rained for about three weeks.

There was discussion of the Saddle Club having horse drawn wagon rides on City streets and not cleaning up the manure left on the streets. There have been many citizens voice their concern about this.

Halloween Trick or Treat Night for New Virginia is scheduled for Saturday October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30. The school has scheduled a trunk or treat event for the same night. The New Virginia Trick or Treat Night will remain as scheduled.

Water Utilities discussed: An inventory of the type of water lines coming into homes, businesses and buildings must be obtained as well as the type of material the water lines are within homes, businesses and buildings per rules and regulations of the Iowa DNR. This information must be provided to the DNR by October 16th, 2024.

Fire Department Business: The skid unit for Fire Truck 769 is in and at Reliant Fire Apparatus awaiting installation. Lettering and graphics have been done by two different companies. This has to be rectified by Karl Chevrolet.

The City received a letter via email from the Virginia Township Trustees regarding fireworks at the cemetery. There were two representatives from the New Virginia Old Settlers Committee present. There was not a representative from the Virginia Township Trustees present. After reviewing and discussing the letter, it was determined that the Old Settlers Committee had no knowledge of the Trustees concerns following the fireworks display. The Old Settlers Committee is the organization in charge of the fireworks. It was determined there needs to be more communication and better communication before and after the fireworks display between all organizations involved.

Law Enforcement: The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of September was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 30 calls for service during the month of August. Officers spent in excess of 43 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 194 miles within the city limits for the month. One citation and/or warning was written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Tax abatement for 509 Maple Street was discussed. Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve tax abatement for 509 Maple Street for the next cycle of tax abatements processed by the Warren County Assessor. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

No new updates. Events being planned for the remainder of 2024. October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December– Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GAMP UPDATE

The truck pull went on as scheduled and the rain held off until the end of the pull. There are three people stepping down from the Truck Pull Committee. The functions that will need to be filled include retaining current sponsors and seeking additional sponsors, assigning parking positions and collecting the parking fees, committee chair position. The Council discussed filling these positions and the City taking over the food venue. Discussion will continue regarding the truck pull event at each monthly council meeting.

Cleaning at the GAMP Community Building was discussed. Moving forward, there will be a fixed rate at \$100.00 per month with two cleanings per month from November through May and the City furnishing cleaning supplies.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to establish a written user agreement for local organizations that use the GAMP Community Building. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

There was initial discussion on a draft ordinance for chickens. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve payment of all City bills including a bill coming from Municipal Supply. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2024 Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices
Business Card-(3.5x2) \$30
Quarter Page-(5x4.5) \$45
Half Page-Horizontal (10.5x5) \$85
Half Page-Vertical (5x9.5) \$85
Full Page-(10.5x9.5) \$175
Please email your ad to tricornor@newvirginia.com or drop off your ad at the Black Mailbox labeled Tri-Corner-Express outside The Hen House - West Street, New Virginia

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The November council meeting is scheduled for Monday November 4th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. November meeting date – Monday November 4th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Baughman

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

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

Recycling Dates New Virginia
Oct 31
Nov 14

The Sign at the United Methodist Church in New Virginia
Please send messages to: newva-medora@outlook.com
Please put SIGN in the subject line.

I would like to give a big thank you to Shelly and her staff at Solutions in Osceola. No matter if it's for me personally or for the TriCorner, they just talk me through my technological dilemmas and make all my problems go away!
Thanks again, guys! I couldn't do all this without you!
Terry Garner
Thank You





# Country Christmas

## A Holiday Home Tour

featuring New Virginia area country homes



Point & click on the QR Code  
to be directed to ticket sales

December 6th, 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
December 7th, 10:00-4:00 p.m.  
Tickets on sale through  
NVHP FB Page website OR  
New Virginia Library  
Early Bird Special Pricing thru 10/31

Hosts:  
Tom & Christina Grommel  
Rob & Laura Ganger  
Bailey Farms Barn & Venue  
Aron & Sara Neely  
Chad & Lyndall Bierman

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

STEM Day October 30th at 9am!  
Book Club November 21st at 4pm!  
- Soup Supper November 5th 5:30-7:30!  
[www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us](http://www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us)

New Books:  
The Booklover's Library by Madeline Martin  
Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks  
Haunted by Kat Martin

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

## NEW VIRGINIA OLD SETTLERS



Trunk or Treat  
Saturday.  
October 26, 2024  
5:30-7:30 pm



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641-877-4151 [www.snydersofhumeston.com](http://www.snydersofhumeston.com)

**FREE WILL DONATION SUPPER**  
**SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 2024, 5-8 PM**  
**NEW VIRGINIA LION'S HALL**  
**SOUPS, HOT DOGS, CHILI DOGS, DRINKS**  
**AND DESSERT**  
**CARRYOUT AVAILABLE**  
**In case of bad weather, we will move**  
**the trunk or treat sponsors to the**  
**New Virginia Fire Station.**  
**Questions, call or text 515-210-8847**

**FB: NEW VIRGINIA HOMETOWN PRIDE**

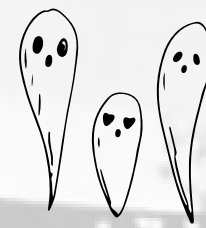
**MEAD.HONEY.CHARCUTERIE**  
OH, MY!  
**TASTE, SAMPLE & MAKE**  
YOU'LL LEARN WOODBURNING ON YOUR OWN  
CHARCUTERIE BOARD PLUS  
SAMPLE MEAD & HONEY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS  
FOOD. PRIZES. FUN  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**  
**1:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Gerry Allen Club House**  
TICKETS AVAILABLE  
ONLINE OR AT THE LIBRARY  
LAST DAY TO SIGN UP:  
OCTOBER 24TH

**New Virginia  
Hometown  
Pride**

**Tix  
HERE**



# CITY OF ST. CHARLES



7 October 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 10/7/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Council members Tom Blomme, Whitney Hutton, Travis Brockett, and Dan Kozak were present along with 3 guests. Council member Megan Allison was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 9/9/2024, 9/16/2024, and 8/16/2024: Motion made by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: During September there were 38.52 patrol hours, 8 calls, and 10 traffic stops in St. Charles.

#### City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The September sewer report was submitted to the City.
- Fire/Rescue Department: September meeting minutes were submitted.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the September minutes.
- The Gateway/Tourism Board: There will be an open house at The Gateway on October 12th, from 11:30-4:00 with a free-will offering lunch served. The City Council has decided to not list every business with a St. Charles address on the City's website but would rather have the Tourism Board/Love the Locals compile a list which the City will link to the City's website. A water spigot will be added to the outside of the Gateway building.
- Clerk's Report: City Hall will be closed October 9th -11th.

Septic 401 S. Morgan Street: Septic would be contingent on the future use of the land and Madison County Environmental approval.

Resolution 10A-2024 A Resolution approving the hiring of Public Works: Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to approve the hiring of two part-time public works employees. R/C Vote was unanimous.

Resolution 10B-2024 A Resolution approving wages for Public Works: Motion by Travis Brockett/Whitney Hutton to approve hourly wages for part-time public works employees. R/C Vote was unanimous.

Discuss Hiring or Custodian in partnership with Innovative Industries: A proposal for hiring a supervised custodian for City Hall and the Public Library was presented to the Council. The City would pay the wage of the Custodian and the Supervisor would be paid through Innovative Industries as long as needed.

Resolution 10C-2024 A Resolution approving the Hiring of a Custodian in partnership with Innovative Industries: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve the hiring of a part-time custodian up to 3 hours a week. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 10D-2024 A Resolution approving Date Change to the Regular City Council Meetings: Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to approve the regular City Council meetings to be moved to the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 10E-2024 A Resolution Approving Prairie View Subdivision Plat: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Tom Blomme to approve the Prairie View Subdivision Plat located within a two-mile radius of the City of St. Charles. R/C vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing Date for Proposed Budget Amendment: Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to set a Public Hearing for the proposed Budget Amendment for November 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM at City Hall. Voice vote was unanimous.

Dead Tree Walnut Trail: Motion by Travis Brockett/Tom Blomme to call MidAmerican concerning the tree to see if they will trim below the power lines. If MidAmerican does not trim the tree, Precision Tree Care will be called in to trim below the service line. Voice vote was unanimous.

Crack Sealing the City Streets: Motion by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to allow for up to \$7500 to be used to have cracks in the asphalt city streets sealed. Voice vote was unanimous.

Reseeding/Austin Blvd: Public Works will do repair work on Austin Blvd. Todd Dickinson has been contacted and given a map for the reseeding project.

Public Forum: No public wished to speak.

Motion made by Whitney Hutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be November 11, 2024, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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



**BOOK REVIEW**

## IT HAD TO BE YOU

By Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke

Reviewed by Sue Stills

This is the first book I have read in the Under Suspicion series in which this true-crime television crew reinvestigated a 10-year-old double murder. Identical twin brothers who were celebrating their college graduations were suspected in the murder of their parents, each suspecting that the other one had committed the crime. After years of estrangement, and at the urging of their younger sister, the brothers agree to allow the Under Suspicion crew to dig deeper into the complications and mysteries of that fateful night so that the truth can finally be revealed.



# John Brown in 1850's Iowa and Area

By Kirk Freeman (St. Charles Library Director)

Dr. Johnson shipped Watson's remains to his office in Martinsville, Indiana, where they remained in a glass case in his office for twenty years and were something of a local mecca for former Union soldiers nearby. It was also loaned out to local Masonic halls and was badly damaged by worms when stored in one of the hall's damp basements. In 1882, John Brown Jr. saw a national ad in a Chicago-Tribune paper inquiring about the whereabouts of any of John Brown's family. John Brown Jr. went to Indiana and retrieved what remained of Watson, which was mostly an incomplete skeleton with patches of skin and sinew still in place, and shipped it to upstate New York. In a small family ceremony, Watson was buried next to his father. In 1899, Oliver, another son killed at Harper's Ferry, and seven others that were stuffed into two wooded storage boxes by a local merchant and buried in an unmarked location outside of town were found and reinterred in a single large casket next to Watson.

Ogburn, Cal., *Boyhood Days of An Old Hawkeye*. Winterset Madisonian Archives, Madison County Genweb, 2024.

Sanborn, Franklin Benjamin, 1831-1917., *John Brown, Liberator of Kansas and Martyr of Virginia*. The Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 1910.

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Taylor, Stephen J., "A Skeleton's Odyssey: The Forensic Mystery of Watson Brown" Hoosier State Chronicles: Indiana's Digital Newspaper Program Online

Villard, Oswald Garrison., A.M., Litt.D., *John Brown 1800-1859, a biography fifty years after*. Constable & Co., London and Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston and New York; 1910

Wyeth, John A., *Life of Lieutenant-General Nathan Bedford Forrest*. Harper & Brothers Publishers, London and New York; 1908.

**APPEARANCE OF THE REMAINS.**  
**The skeleton was fully six feet in height, and the bones were clothed in the remnants of the muscular system, having the appearance of fibres of wood. The arteries, which, in the preparation of the body, had been injected with red chemicals, were visible. The left half of the skull had been sawed out for the removal of the brain, and had been lost in the handling of the body. The toes and fingers were missing. A large bullet hole in the muscles of the back, beside the spinal column, is visible in a front view, but the course of the ball was not directly through. This coincides with the wounding of Watson Brown, who was shot in the region of the lower part of the stomach. The wound is below this organ, but was evidently received while in a stooping posture, and the exit of the ball bears out this conclusion.**

From article in Indianapolis Journal 11 September 1882 of the remains of Watson Brown

Like many monumental events in history, more people later claimed to be members of Brown's friends' groups that aided him and his men during the tribulations of Bloody Kansas than there really were. Newspapers in almost every county had articles written by people for years afterwards who told great stories of either serving with or meeting John Brown. This is the way of things; every old house was involved in the underground railroad and every person an operative on it. But that is how we know of great moments in history...when everyone wants to be a part of it.

Sources:  
*John Brown: His Soul Goes Marching On*, Video Documentary

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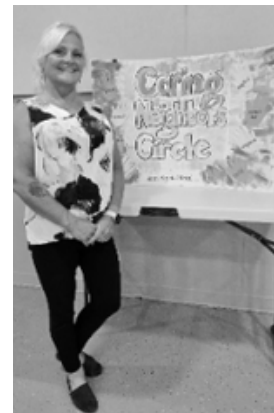
Foote, Shelby., "The Civil War: A Narrative" (Volume I-III) Kansas Historical Society Archives – online.

Madisonian "Old John Brown in Madison County" by Cal Ogburn, May 22, 1930



Caring Neighbors Circle members met Monday, September 9th to hear presentations from two community groups requesting money for their projects that would promote or create opportunity for our communities.

Presenters for 3rd quarter were present to vie for CNC's nearly \$1,700 gift monies:



Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center, with Andrea Campbell Smith requesting funds to cover costs to clients not covered by other resources.

I-35 Youth Soccer, with Emily Hanna and daughter, Dorothy, looking for funding new soccer goals.



The Caring Neighbors Circle has gifted \$32,000 to community organizations and groups since 2020.



# HALLOWEEN



Truro City Council Minutes  
October 7, 2024 at the Community Center

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Ancel Kennedy, Jason Phillips, and Lyndsay Cannoy were present. Matt Masters & Julie McMichael were absent. Fire Chief Terry Stills & Joe Sciarotta representing the EMTs. Public Works Director, Ronnie Hults, & Sheriff's Deputy Little were also present. From the public: Mason McCoy, Mark Smith the Truro City Attorney, Liz Smith, Dawn Jackson, Larry Smith, Ryan Smith, Missy Smith, and Jim Burhans.

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

The Sheriff's report was reviewed.

No Report from Emergency Management.

Arzani asked for a motion to Open the Public Hearing about the proposed Ordinance to Restrict use on Center Street between West Street and Railroad Street to Commercial only. Motion to open the Public Hearing by Phillips/Kennedy. Arzani gave history about the zoning commercial to residence and explained why to rezone the area back to commercial to help ensure the city's growth. Attorney McCoy represented Larry & Liz Smith stated the change would hurt the value of their property. Liz Smith stated they have lived in the area for years and wanted to know what the town is going to do with existing residents that reside downtown. Arzani suggested we look at other similar communities with similar issues. Larry Smith claimed Truro doesn't want any business, buildings are in better shape because of residential and suggests if mixed use would create security for everyone. Burhans, who owns commercial buildings in Truro, said he thought it was beneficial for a new business to use an existing building rather than building new in Truro. Mark Smith recommended this Public Hearing having three readings and if contested, requires a 75% of city council vote to pass. Cannoy said there is no more room for growth and downtown would be ideal for new business. Arzani asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m. Motioned by Cannoy/Phillips.

Stills gave the Fire Report with 10 medical and 5 calls.

The Fall Fundraiser went well.

Stills explained the Dept. has been asked to do a side-by-side ride on 10.26.24 which would be another fundraiser for the Dept. On 10.19.24 there will be a live house burn in Osceola they will attend. The Cascade system, refill air tanks, was installed. A FEMA Grant will be applied for to purchase a new tanker for the Fire Department. They will also be at the I-35 schools for Fire Prevention Week and close the streets for the Homecoming Parade on 10.10.24. Sciarotta stated there is a need for a new Cardiac Monitor. The one currently being used does not have a working battery. By law they have to have one in order to function at a Paramedic Status. New batteries will buy some time until able to fund a new one. The State has given them a variance to operate for 60 days at Paramedic Status. Looking at financing options, grants and refurbishments to solve issue. He will also be teaching an EMT class, 4 people from Truro are going. \$2000 per person, suggested to pay for 2. Also indicated Truro needs to increase the wage for EMS's and Paramedics to be competitive with surrounding communities.



Hults, Public Works Director reported about the water testing, update on the meter installation plan, Kennedy will help install and Hults is taking a test to be certified on 10.11.24.

Arzani asked for a motion to set a Public Hearing to Amend the budget to purchase a new city truck. Motioned by Phillips/Kennedy. All Ayes motion carried.

Arzani asked for a motion to update the signature for the bank accounts for the new city clerk. Motioned by Cannoy/Kennedy. Mayor approved, Ayes motioned carried.

The City will be advertising for Part Time Public Works Employee.

Motion by Phillips/Kennedy to have Beggars Night on October 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor approved, Ayes motion carried.

Motion made to have a Human Resource Committee made up by 2 city council members with an alternate Cannoy/Phillips. The committee to be Cannoy, Phillips and alternate Kennedy.

Motion by Phillips/Cannoy to approve the Consent Agenda items. All Ayes motion carried.

Arzani asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motioned by Phillips/Cannoy All Ayes motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:41



# Truro Meet Your Neighbor Night



## Communication

Learn about local resources in our community



## Food Pantry

Find out where the local food pantry is and how it works. Donate a non perishable/non hygiene item today!



## Events

Learn about upcoming events happening in Truro and enjoy a meal (for a fee) provided by Jones Diner!



## Businesses

Learn about local small businesses in and around Truro.



## Public Library

Learn about what the Truro Public Library has to offer and sign up for a library card!



Join Us For  
The Pokemon Club

# POKEMON

## Truro Library

### Thursday October 24th AT 4PM

114 E Center  
Truro, IA

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

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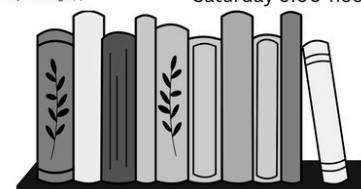


## Truro Public Library

**New Books**  
The Forest of Lost Souls by Dean Koontz  
Triangle by Danielle Steel  
The Mistletoe Mystery by Nita Prose  
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## Borrow ebooks & audiobooks

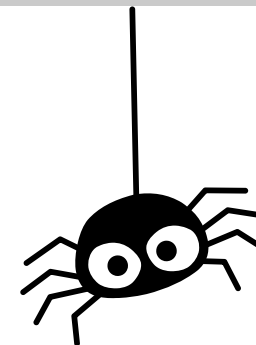
Libby.  
The library reading app



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

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

November's Book Club  
selection will be  
Then She Was Gone by  
Lisa Jewell



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH FROM 5:30-7:30  
Truro Community Center

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# FALL DINNER

**SATURDAY, NOV. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
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AUCTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

## MENU INCLUDES:

ROAST TURKEY, ROAST BEEF, GRAVY, MASHED  
POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, DRESSING, GREEN  
BEANS, SALADS, ROLLS & DESSERTS

*FREEWILL OFFERING*

## CARRYOUTS

Go to front door of church. Assistance will be available.





# A MESSAGE FROM MR. GRANDON

I-35 CSD SUPERINTENDENT

## DISTRICT GOALS SET BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recently the School Board of Directors finalized the I-35 District goals for 2024-2025. We have two goals with several action items which focus on helping the District continue to grow and thrive.

**District Goal #1:** Continue to strengthen the culture of learning at Interstate 35 Community School District that lends to engaged learning and rigorous growth.

**District Goal #2:** By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, the school will ensure transparency and will achieve optimal resources management by aligning staffing levels with student enrollment, maintaining a balanced budget, and ensuring full compliance with Iowa taxation laws.

In addition to sharing them here, soon we will add this information with more details to the school website and display it on the school campus. We're looking forward to the new heights the District can achieve as we accomplish these goals together.

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

This is a valuable opportunity to engage with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and collaborate on their educational journey. Your participation is key to their success!



- When is Your Conference Date/Time? **Date/Times sent by child's teacher.**
- Need to make changes? **Contact building office.**

## URGENT STAFF OPENINGS

We shared about these job openings in the last issue of the *TriCorner*. They are still open. If you're interested, please apply as we urgently need the help for our students and staff.

DAYCARE JOB FLYER



SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATE JOB FLYER



## 2024 MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT A SUCCESS!

The 2024 Military & First Responders Night on September 20th was a huge success, bringing the I-35 community together for a special evening during the home football game. Organized by the I-35 Activities Department with support from local partners, the event featured a pre-game tailgate dinner, a Silent Pie Auction, and a spectacular game ball delivery by the Mercy One helicopter. Youth football players held a super-sized American flag during the National Anthem, followed by a brief fireworks display, setting the tone for a night of excitement and gratitude.

Throughout the game, the Howitzer cannon fired with each Roadrunner score, which added extra excitement to the game. At half-time, the community honored current and former military members and first responders by announcing their names and inviting them to stand for recognition.

The 2024 Military & First Responders Night was not just about football; it was a celebration of community, honor, and pride. This special event demonstrated the deep respect and appreciation the I-35 community holds for its military and first responders.

A special thanks goes out to all the partners and volunteers who helped make the night such a success. The I-35 community looks forward to more opportunities to come together and celebrate what matters most.

Go Roadrunners!



HOWITZER CANNON FIRES



TEAM RUNS ON FIELD



## ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PRACTICE LEADERSHIP SKILLS

At Interstate 35 Elementary, developing leadership in our students is at the core of everything we do. We believe that leadership is not just a title or position, but a set of skills and values that empower students to positively influence their peers, school, and community. Through a variety of opportunities, our students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning, make responsible decisions, and develop the confidence to step up and lead.

One key facet of this leadership philosophy is our Service Learning Initiative, now in its second year. This program is designed to help students connect classroom learning to real-world applications by actively engaging in community service projects. Through these experiences, students learn valuable lessons in responsibility, teamwork, and empathy, along with the understanding that true leadership often begins with serving others.

But service learning is just one part of our broader commitment to building leadership skills in our students. Thanks to our hardworking staff, we include classroom opportunities for students to collaborate on projects, solve problems, and take initiative in their own learning. Through structured leadership roles, such as student ambassadors or classroom helpers, students are learning the importance of accountability and teamwork. We also offer leadership opportunities through clubs like our Student Leadership Team and Beep Beep Network News Team, where students engage as leaders in unique ways that lend to their strengths.

As we move through this school year, we are excited to see how our students continue to grow as leaders - both through service learning and in their everyday interactions. By creating an environment where students are empowered to lead, we help them build the skills and confidence they need to thrive, not just in school but in life. It's all part of the Roadrunner Experience.



5th Graders Pack 1040 Backpack Bags for Students in Need



3rd Graders Visit Seniors

## I-35 HOSTS AN ATV / UTV SAFETY DAY

On Friday, September 27th, Interstate 35 CSD held a *Let's Champion Rider Safety®* Day hosted by RideSafe powered by BRP & sponsored by Nationwide. Roadrunner students in grades 1-12 participated in the event which showcased numerous recreational vehicles and the corresponding safety gear needed for safe operation.

ATV's are the leading cause of child fatalities on America's farms, a fact that is not well known. The school worked to bring the RideSafe program to our students to help expand awareness of this issue and explain the equipment children need to stay safe when operating All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Task Vehicles (UTV).

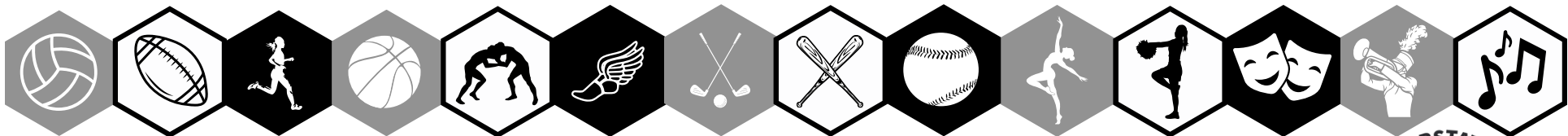
The RideSafe Foundation is committed to significantly reducing the number of powersport injuries and fatalities by inspiring children and adults to wear helmets and proper safety gear, along with obtaining a safety certification before operating powersports equipment. You can read more about the event by reading the article on the school website > News.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENT AND SEE MORE PHOTOS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.**



## WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

Work-based learning (WBL) helps students gain valuable experience, explore their interests and build their resumes. It can provide students with practical insights and experiences that they might not be able to get in classrooms alone. At I-35, we partner with neighboring districts (the South Central zone) to offer this program with help from the WBL coordinator, Mrs. Dutrey. She helps students find a work placement and assists them with professional tasks. If your high school student is interested in learning more about work-based learning, contact Mrs. Dutrey (heatherdutrey@gmail.com).



# I-35 BOOSTER CLUB

IGNITING DREAMS & SUPPORTING TEAMS



It's been a busy start to the school year! With fall activities nearing the end of their seasons, we've coordinated concessions for their home events since August! We've also been working to fulfill requests and strategizing a plan for more far-reaching "wishlist" items. The Wishlist (see the sidebar) refers to items that need to be replaced or updated, but not urgently. As items are checked off, new items are identified and added.

We are also kicking off our Fall Donation Drive! We do one in the spring and one in the fall each year. There are corporate donation spots for the winter 2024 sports (and beyond) still open, starting at \$500. Every dollar truly makes an impact. If you are an individual looking to donate - we'll have early access to the Roadrunner Club open in December 2024, with the official kick-off in early March 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have questions on either donation pathway - email: [i35boostersponsor@gmail.com](mailto:i35boostersponsor@gmail.com). **Together these programs have helped eliminate 13 individual program fundraisers**, reducing the number of "asks" on our community. Donate once per year and ✓ done!

*Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!*

To all of our volunteers, Roadrunner Club members and corporate donors, we could not support extracurriculars and more without your help! We are sincerely so grateful for you all!

## Get Involved by Joining the Booster Club!

Do you have some great ideas regarding student extracurriculars and how to support them? We'd love to hear them! We are trying to grow our active members. By keeping the Booster Club strong, we can support Roadrunner students for the years to come. Having additional members to brainstorm ideas and volunteer would help the Booster Club be able to do even more! Have questions? Email us at: [i35boosters@gmail.com](mailto:i35boosters@gmail.com).

- Meeting Information:
  - When: Second Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.
  - Where: Typically the HS Commons
  - What: We discuss coach requests, fundraising ideas, concession needs, apparel support for coaches, and other items that arise.

## THE WISHLIST

Have you wondered why we raise money or where it goes? Here's the ongoing wishlist of "big ticket" items. As funds are available, items get checked off and others are added.

- REPLACE ELEM/MS SCOREBOARDS
- REPLACE HS GYM LOGO RUG (4)
- ADDITIONAL TROPHY CASES / WRESTLING CASES
- REPLACE ELEM/MS GYM WALL PADS
- UPGRADED TRAINING EQUIPMENT
- PROGRAM & COACH NEEDS / REQUESTS

# 4TH QUARTER 2024 IS HERE!

## WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN 2025?

We'd love for you to consider a company donation in support of our students involved in Roadrunner extracurriculars!

The I-35 Booster Club helps students chase their dreams on the field, mat, court and stage, which is why the Booster slogan is **Igniting Dreams & Supporting Teams**. Help us continue to say "Yes!" to the requests we receive from the school community.

**We have donation packages & perks for every budget!**



Learn more: [www.i35roadrunnerboosters.org](http://www.i35roadrunnerboosters.org)  
Or scan the QR code to see the Corp. Donor Guide. Page Three has a comparison chart:







In late September, we went to the Heartland Standardbred Sale in Winona, Minnesota, with our Amish friends. The boys came over the week before and rearranged my living quarters horse trailer to accommodate their three colts that we were going to take to the sale. The oldest son Joni and his family were going also to sell some horses, so we commandeered Rollie to drive the other truck and trailer.

I got to their house mid-morning. The boys had the horses ready to go. We just needed to take some pictures of them first, then we loaded them in the trailer. Rollie stopped at Joni and Emma's house to hook up their trailer and load their horses. He was running later than me, and they had to improvise some stuff in their trailer, so we left them in the dust! Honk, honk!!!

The kids love a good race, and so do I, so it was on! We talked the whole way about how much time we had on them. We made a stop at Central Tractor in DeSoto for clippers, then hit the road again. The traffic from Des Moines to Ames is just about the worst I've encountered in all my travels. I hate that stretch. I think instead of planning for three lanes south of Des Moines, they should have been building more lanes NORTH of Des Moines. Whew! But once we got north of Story City or so, it was smooth sailing. We took Interstate 35 all the way to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where we headed east on Interstate 90 for Winona. That got us almost all the way to the eastern edge of Minnesota where we jumped off on Highway 43 north. From there it was just a few miles to the Minnesota Equestrian Center where they were holding the sale. Man, what a place! I told the boys if they would get the lead out, they could have me one of those built in a few months, don't know what they were waiting on! Haha!

We found our stalls and pulled up to unload the colts. The boys took them in and Rose and her friend Levi and I found us a good spot to park the trailer. We just pulled up to the edge of the parking lot by some shade trees and set up camp. Then we walked back up to the barn to check out the facilities and wait on Rollie and his crew. They finally made it, way behind us of course!

The Minnesota Equestrian Center is a huge place. It covers three acres, has 356 stalls, two indoor arenas and two outdoor arenas. The folks that put the sale on do an amazing job of taking care of everyone. They had supper for us that evening, and then we watched as they previewed the horses that were being offered for sale the next day. They would lead a colt into the ring, and the announcer would give the pedigree of the horse. Most of these colts were bred for racing and will end up on the track for harness racing. After the preview, we made it back to the camper, visited for a while, and settled down for the night.

The next morning, Willis and the boys were up bright and early, clamoring for breakfast. Don't they know I'm old and need my beauty sleep? Rose and Emma fried up some bacon and eggs, and I made gravy for our biscuits. The boys were fussing with their horses and getting them dolled up for the sale. The sale started at 11:00, and what a sale it was! These horses bring a lot of money. The top selling colt was a bay filly, and she brought \$25,000. No race horse for me, I guess. I would just have to settle for beating Rollie back to Iowa!

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

## Medicare's Open Enrollment is Oct 15th–Dec 7th

Do You Have Questions?  
SHIIP/SMP Can Help

Every year between Oct 15th–Dec 7th, persons with Medicare Part D have the opportunity to review their drug plan coverage. SHIIP/SMP volunteer counselors are available for a free, confidential and unbiased review of cost and coverage, with changes taking effect January 1st, 2025. Call 515-962-5375 to schedule your appointment at the Indianola Activity Center (2204 West 2nd Ave). Phone appointments also available.

SHIIP/SMP is a service of the State of Iowa. They do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents.

## FINDAGRAVE.COM

My nephew is a trustee for our cemetery where our families are buried. Someone had called him looking for an ancestor and wondered if they were buried in Union Cemetery. I got on the findagrave website, did some searching, and found this man's grave. Ryan was able to call the lady back and tell her that we had found her relative's grave and the exact location of it in the cemetery. Check out their website and learn about what they do.



Many of us put our money where our mouth is when it comes to loving Halloween.

According to the National Retail Federation, broken down, it's estimated on average that people spent \$108 per person on candy, decorations and costumes, with numbers reaching overall \$4.1 billion on costumes, \$3.6 billion on candy, \$3.9 billion on decorations and half a billion on greeting cards alone. Overall,

Americans spent an average of \$1,048 on winter holidays in 2019, if you're wondering why we all tighten our belts in January.

**New Virginia Lions Hall**  
503 West St

Need a space for family gatherings or events?

Contact Ron Kirkpatrick at 515-250-5116

Rental Cost is \$75, With a \$75 Deposit Tables and Chairs for Rent

## DO YOU HAVE AN "ELEANOR" IN YOUR BACKGROUND?

By Ruth Hall and Photos by Gerald Schimmelpfennig

A couple weeks ago, Bob Davey stopped in at the WCHS and mentioned that he knew of an outhouse in the county that was built by the WPA of the Franklin Roosevelt administration. (WPA stood for Works Progress Administration, later Works Project Administration.) This was one of the programs created to provide work for the many unemployed during the Great Depression of the nineteen thirties. Bob said that he thought they were built for the country schools and small towns.

In a later conversation that day I asked Gerald Schimmelpfennig if he thought the outhouse at Hoosier Row School was built by the WPA. He said, "Yes, it's an Elnor." He also said he thought that some of them were built for homes.

A search of the internet with Gerald's help produced some interesting information on these important outbuildings that were called, unofficially, "Eleanors" after Roosevelt's wife Eleanor. In a story in the March 2009 issue of Capper's "Couple enjoy owning antique 'Eleanor' outhouse", Donna Edwards states that they took Eleanor's name because of her interest in improving sanitation on farms and in rural communities. At the time there was an epidemic of typhoid fever. According to Donna, the WPA outhouse had a 4-foot-square slab and a metal roof. They were seven foot tall in the front and had a one-foot downward slant to the rear. There were four vents covered with metal screens.

In another article found online that originated in the April 27, 2009 issue of The News Herald of Burke County, NC, "Eleanor's outhouses, Grandpa's privy and red paint" Debra Leigh Cloer gives a lot of more specific information. They were built by three-man teams who spread out across the country. It took about 20 hours to build one. The one-piece foundation and raised seat was of cast concrete and most had work numbers in the concrete. She says they could have either a slanting or an A-frame roof and a flue that went out through the roof. Homeowners were asked to pay the \$13 to \$17 it cost for the materials. By the end of the project in 1943, over 187,000 had been built.

A local historian tells a story about an Eleanor that traveled about in Indianola. In 1956 a group of young men from the high school decided to put an outhouse on the visitor's side of Neff field for homecoming. There weren't many outhouses in use in town at that time, and they chose to take one located near the corner of Fourth Street and Euclid Avenue. They succeeded in getting the heavy structure into a pickup truck and took it to the field where they shoved it off close to the spot where they wanted it. Unfortunately, they hadn't taken into account the substantial weight of the structure, and the drop from the truck damaged some of the boards. They were not discouraged though, and they went ahead and painted "Valley Dressing Room" in whitewash on the outside.

The next morning the prank was discovered. In some way, principal Harry Grange learned the identities of the young men and ordered them to move it back immediately to its original site which they did, but the damaged boards remained. To make repairs they sought the help of a friend (who swore he was not involved in the original venture) to get them some boards from a barn that had recently been torn down on the friend's property. The boards were obtained, and the repairs were made. The Eleanor survived the rough handling, but the family that woke and went out the back door to find their outhouse missing was understandably upset.

Starting from never having heard of an Eleanor a few days ago, I have now heard of two in the county. Are there more?

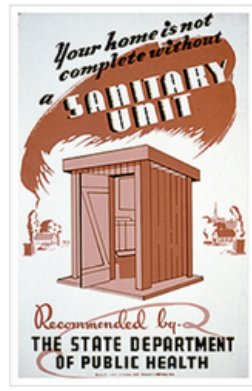


And speaking of old plat maps, I was looking at old ones online a few years ago. I was bringing up the area a mile east of my house and straight south of Merrell Mitchell. The hair on the back of my neck literally stood up when I saw my granddaughter's name on that 160 acre parcel! I got goosebumps for sure! Her name is Stella Holderness, not a common name around here, but there it was on a plat map from 1915!

I got to Googling and it seems that this old-time Stella Holderness (her married name) inherited this land after her folks passed away. She lived in Creston and it seems that Holderness was a big name in the town at that time. You can even find mention of the Holderness Mansion in Creston. After even more Googling, I found out that the Creston Holdernesses have a connection with the Holdernesses from Cherokee, Iowa, which is where my son-in-law's descendants are from. Can you believe that? Over a hundred years ago, my son-in-law's relatives were within a half mile of where I live now? Bizarre!



WPA "ELEANOR" outhouse at Hoosier Row School



**Gerry Allen Memorial Park**  
**Community Building**  
 809 West Street, New Virginia, IA  
 N.V. City Limits    All Other Renters

Full Day Rental	\$125.00	\$150.00
Half Day Rental	\$ 75.00	\$100.00
Hourly Rental	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

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

All Non-Profits groups - there will be no rental fee.  
 Signed rental agreement required.  
 Certificate of liability insurance for rental over 50 people is required.  
*All renters must cleanup at the conclusion of their event.*  
 Visit us at [www.newvirginia.com](http://www.newvirginia.com) or call:  
**Jennifer Baughman 641-449-3492 for more information**



## How Does Your Garden Grow?

Contributed by Susan King

Recently, a couple of friends asked me some gardening questions that I thought I would share with the TCE community:

Has anyone else noticed their lilac bush(es) blooming again this fall? It may not be in full bloom like it was in the spring, but rather a random bloom here and there. This is not uncommon when warmer temperatures extend into early October. The blooms are just as confused as many of us may be over 90-degree temperatures in October! With a lack of rain for a few weeks and then getting three inches or more of rain in one day, as we did a couple of weeks ago, some of the blooms think it is time to awake from hibernation and show-off again. Do not fear though, this second bloom period does not affect the bush or its stored energy. This coming spring it will rebound just fine; it may just have a few less blooms. Note, whether spring or fall, for the overall health of the bush, it is always recommended to prune the blooms once they are done flowering.

People talk about winterizing their vegetable garden, but does it really help and if so, what do you need to do? The simple answer is, yes, winterizing your garden is important. Assuming you will plant your vegetable garden in the same location next year, it is important to start prepping it this fall. Removing vines, dead plants and weeds from your summer crop is critical. Pests like to make homes in garden debris, and it becomes a great place for them to lay their eggs. Once debris is removed, rototilling your garden and adding compost or organic matter to the soil is recommended to add back in depleted nutrients. While this next step can be a challenge for those of us who have extra-large gardens, it is recommended to cover the soil with mulch to keep nutrients in and to prevent soil erosion. Note, if you are planting veggies that love cold weather like turnips, onions, garlic, shallots, chard, kale, etc., you will want to get those in the ground before you cover the garden with mulch. Cold weather veggies like a good frost and will thrive through the winter to produce a healthy spring crop once their mulch blanket is applied. Lastly, if you do plant any bulbs or winter crops, make sure to give them a good drink before winter sets in and then TURN OFF any exterior water source(s) (an obvious, but often forgotten, step in winterizing).

**“Human beings, like plants, grow in the soil of acceptance, not in the atmosphere of rejection.” – John Powell**

Let's tend to not only our garden this fall, but to our fellow human beings!



### New Virginia Chapter

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the Month, 7 pm

Community Breakfast: 2nd Saturday of the Month, 7-10 am, Take-out available

Hall Rental: \$50 Deposit, \$50 per day  
Contact Roger Kitner  
515-230-8494

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## NEW VIRGINIA GARDEN CLUB


Est. March 1932

“Help Us Cultivate”

  
Come Join Us,  
Become a Member!






 \$20 Annual Fee


 Monthly Meeting held at NV Methodist Church at 12:30 PM, which includes lunch, meeting/lesson, and fun social. (No meeting in Jan/Feb/Aug).

- The lunch is a group effort with a Hostess who brings the entree and members bring side dishes.

### What We Do:

-  Maintain the landscape around the Welcome to New Virginia sign
-  Take care of Karen's Korner at Old Settlers Park
-  Place a wreath at the Veterans Monument at the New Virginia Cemetery for Veterans Day

### Get Involved With Our Next Project!

-  Contribute to the installation of raised garden beds for the community garden

For more information,  
Contact Cindy at (515)238-9440 or  
cindymiller5491@msn.com







## Robert E. Wickett

Robert E. Wickett, the son of Henry C., Sr. and Gladys I. (Toole) Wickett, was born December 11, 1924, in New Virginia, Iowa. He graduated from New Virginia Senior High School with the class of 1942. Bob served his country in the United States Navy from 1943-1946.

On October 27, 1946, Bob was united in marriage with Rosalind Main at the First United Methodist Church in Newton, Iowa. Bob worked for the Maytag Company for 32 years, retiring, as a supervisor, in the sheet metal department. He was a member of

the First United Methodist Church, Westwood Golf Club, the V.F.W. Newton Post #1655, the American Legion Newton Post #111, and the Newton Elks Lodge #1270. Bob enjoyed golfing and had a hole-in-one. He was also an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan.

Bob died on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at MercyOne Newton Medical Center. He was 99 years old. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Rosalind on November 8, 1997; his brothers, Lloyd Wickett, Franklin Wickett, Kermit (Peggy) Wickett, Henry (Sheila) Wickett, Jr.; his sisters, Mildred (Don) Lyon, Evelyn (Bob) Hubler and Jerry Brown.

Those left to honor Bob's memory include his daughters, Carol (Dennis) Koon, Christine Wickett and Cathleen Wickett; his grandchildren, Sandy (Matt) Scotton, Susie (Tony) Gates, Matthew (Sara) Koon, Curtis (Callie) Heck, Amanda (Jordan) Roberts; his great grandchildren, Kora (Matt) Skarshaug, Hannah (Noah) Stephas, Katie Gates, Ryan Gates, Tyler Gates, Nick Gates, Brayden (Zoey) Koon, Kambell Koon, Joziah Koon, Bentley Heck, Brycen Heck, Kaitlyn Noel, Emma Noel, Drayton Roberts, Davin Roberts; his great-great grandson, Kai Skarshaug; his brother, David Wickett and sisters-in-law, Janet Wickett and Kathy Wickett and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Pence-Reese Funeral Home. Memorials may be designated to the Jasper County Courthouse Christmas Lighting Fund or St. Jude's Children's Hospital and may be left at Pence-Reese Funeral Home.

*New Virginia Christian Church*

Happy moments, <i>Praise God.</i>	Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Difficult moments, <i>Seek God.</i>	604 Main St.
Quiet moments, <i>Worship God.</i>	New Virginia, IA
Painful moments, <i>Trust God.</i>	641-449-3421
Every moment, <i>Thank God.</i>	



## scribblings from Sue

Contributed by Sue Stills

Well, Phoenix is still having temperatures over 100 degrees. Except for a couple of days in the high 90's, we have had over 100's every day since May. 114 degrees on October 2nd set the record for the hottest October 2nd ever. We can save on our hot water in the shower because just the cold water is sufficiently hot for a comfortable shower. The mornings, however, are now in the low 70's, so it is comfortable to sit on our back patio for a while. We did trade Iowa winters for Arizona summers. We knew what we were getting into. So we just have to wait for the very pleasant weather we will have in the coming months.

Our landscaper Steve and his crew did a great job sprucing up our yards and adding some character to them. Our front yard already had two tall pineapple palm trees, a tall juniper bush and a large healthy green bush. On the green bush side, they created a meandering "river" of medium-size rocks called rip rap and planted several low cacti (prickly pear, hedgehog, golden barrel), two agave plants and a Texas sage. They put in three quite large rocks in strategic spots for a balanced look. On the other side, they removed the juniper and planted three ruellias that have blue flowers, two lantana that have orange and yellow flowers and two bottle brush that will have red flowers. Three large rocks completed the new look. In the back yard, they removed the large and the small grapefruit trees and planted a Ruby Red grapefruit tree and a Minneola tangelo tree. They removed the three dead rosebushes and planted four coral fountain which have feathery leaves and tiny orange flowers. Steve adjusted the irrigation lines so that all the plants will be watered regularly. We are thrilled with our beautiful new landscaping!

We finally received the title on our '39 Roadster golf cart from the manufacturer in California and have registered it and paid the sales tax and registration for two years (wow!). So now we are awaiting the license plate and will be able to "legally" drive around Sun Lakes – to my brothers' and friends, to church, the pharmacy, our bank, Ace Hardware, our favorite restaurant and a grocery store. All of these are under two miles away. The few times we have already driven the cart, we have gotten many comments since it is a flashy red and quite unique. We will be able to enjoy the cart even more when the weather cools down.

I celebrated my birthday in September with Mel, my three brothers and friend Renee by eating at a Mongolian grill restaurant (look for one and try it), then sitting on our back patio and enjoying a French silk pie. The evening temperature was conducive to sitting out, a real treat. I received 15 cards and felt very lucky to have such a wonderful family and friends.

My current involvement with the Sun Lakes Community Theatre is as the "costumer" for a comedy to be performed in November. Three months ago, the Director of the play (a friend of mine) asked if I would take on this role and told me that the play required a "tear-away" police uniform. Well, I accepted, even though I had no idea of how I could accomplish that! With the help of YouTube, I learned that "snap strips" could be used up the sides of pants and down the front or back of shirts to enable the wearer to "tear away" the garments. The play has four female roles and one male who plays a policeman/stripper. Since the Community Theatre's contingent of male actors is comprised of retirees, the Director recruited a young, buff man who was willing to take on the stripper role and who would be "easy on the eyes" as he did so. So I am in the midst of converting a Halloween cop costume into a "tear away." Oh, the Director also wants the sleeves to tear off. Just another challenge. I bought "practice" pants and shirt at Goodwill to convert to tear-away before I cut up the costume. I also need to do tear-away boxer shorts. The actor will have underwear on under the boxers (what kind of play is this?). Mel says, "What have you gotten yourself into?"

We wish you all a safe and colorful autumn and a Happy Halloween celebration.



## JESUS' RIGHT HAND



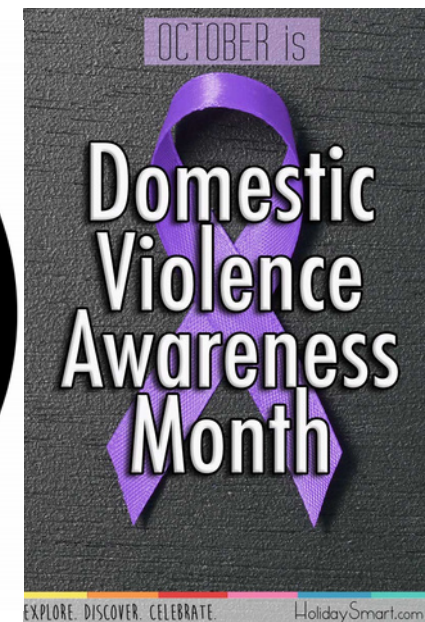
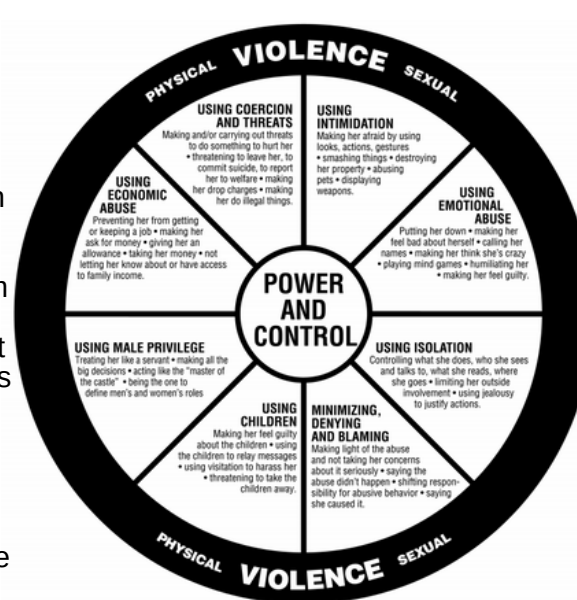
There is proverb from a Chinese philosopher that says, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." Although I'm not really into Chinese philosophy, this can hold true for many areas of life. For example, you can teach students by feeding them facts, but the real key is to engage their curiosity and fuel a desire to learn and understand. Once a child gains the ability to learn with understanding, it gives them a tool for a lifetime of learning. They won't rely simply of the facts they have been fed, but they are driven to understand things in their fullness, essentially, teaching them to "fish" for a lifetime of growth.

We were discussing our views about different Christian pastors and teachers we watched on television during our Tuesday fellowship at Jesus' Right Hand. All of us have church homes, but we all enjoy watching messages and teachings throughout the week. We began to unpack why we liked certain teachers and pastors and why others left us feeling a little flat. Strangely enough, it really didn't come down to things such a preaching style or personality (although we really didn't care for the promoting of books or merchandise). It came down to about three things: First, is the Word of God being taught with sound doctrine, not just one or two sentences taken out of context? Second, is an effort being made to explain those Scriptures by revealing the background of what was written, such as the who, what, where, when and why that helps us understand the depth of the Bible? And third, did the sermon or teaching give you a hunger to learn more or to draw closer to God?

We were truly blessed to have a pastor/mentor in our early Christian lives who instilled a hunger for understanding. He would have us read a passage of Scripture and ask for our interpretation of what it meant. He taught David and me to read before and after that passage, how to put things in context, research the history, the manners and customs of the time it was written. Sometimes it would come down to a single verse, and slowly the words would begin to come together to form a bigger picture. The moment of discovery was like a spark that set an entire field on fire. The Bible became alive, and our appetites for discovery and understanding gave us the deep roots to withstand every battle that we faced in our lives.

Jesus often used parables when He taught. Why?? He challenged His disciples and followers to dig deep, discuss and discover. He wanted to create a hunger in their souls that would cause growth. They learned daily, not just at the weekly service. Their daily lives were filled with continual learning. Jesus knew His time with them was limited, and they needed to be strong and mature for what was to come when He was no longer with them. The disciples would be responsible for spreading the good news of the Gospel throughout the world. (Mark 16:15...And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.")

The first century church was very different than we know today. Not only was it a Middle Eastern culture, but there were vastly different customs of that time. Plus, it was very different from the traditional Jewish temple worship. Jesus came and His time on earth changed things. They came together and learned, discussed and challenged each other. It wasn't one person talking behind a pulpit and a group of people facing toward the speaker, sitting and listening. It was alive and active with questions and debates. It always involved meals and was far from the mega church settings we see today. It nurtured an atmosphere of learning and sparked a hunger to grow deeper. Unfortunately, many people today are satisfied with being spoon fed once or twice a week and never growing beyond those few bites they receive. Pastors and Bible teachers are being charged with the



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task of being all things to all people who refuse to graze in the green pastures that are being laid before them each week. Please don't expect them to do for you what you refuse to do for yourself. Hebrews 5:13-14 tells us "Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." Please note the phrase "have trained themselves" in that Scripture. It is our responsibility to feed ourselves daily by reading God's Word and communicating with Him in prayer. After all, if you only eat one or two meals per week, how strong would you be to carry on your daily life in the natural? Let's all think long and hard about that one. And with that, I will step down off my soapbox and put it away for now.

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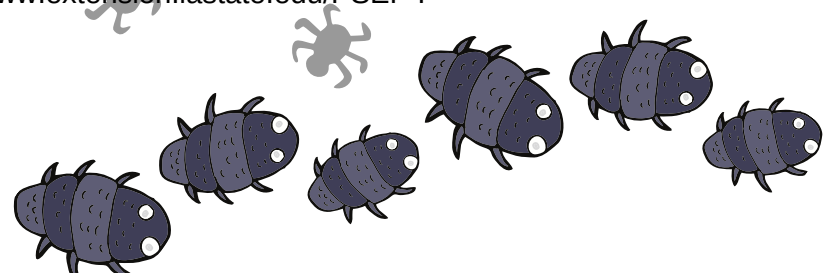
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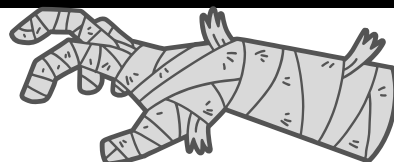
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# GROWING UP ON THE FARM IN THE 40's-50's

## THE OUTHOUSE

Contributed by Mel Stills



Everyone on the farm in the 40's and 50's had an outhouse or privy. As electrification in Iowa progressed, the need for an outhouse grew less but most were kept, just in case. Outhouses became the thing of attention in the month of October. For some reason it became popular to turn a worthy family's outhouse over on or about Halloween. I rarely participated in such shenanigans, but I did help move an outhouse one time.

There are all sorts of stories about upsetting outhouses. A lady in New Virginia once had hers upset, and unfortunately, she was in it at the time. Another I've heard about was a farmer who suspected the boys would be paying them a visit on Halloween night, and he moved his outhouse a bit, and an unsuspecting hooligan fell in the hole. Explain that to the folks! Another story is about boys running through yards and hitting a clothes line. I myself still have a scar on my left knee from running into cultivator parked behind the grocery store. I just now thought how turning over an outhouse may have badly interrupted a family's morning routine.

Try and look up "outhouse" for an article and nothing appears, but substitute "privy," and you have lots to read. Why is it called a privy? The dictionary states that the noun privy is a "toilet located in a small shed outside a house, an outhouse." The adjective of the word is "sharing in the knowledge of something secret or private," so probably "private" led to privy or outhouse.

There are all kinds of instructions on where to locate an outhouse/privy. There are instructions on how deep a hole to dig and its shape. Shape, you don't want the sides to cave in, and depth was related to how many were going to be using it. Where, you wanted it away from the house and any water well you might be using. Ours was probably 100 feet from the house and the closest well. It was South and just a bit East of the house, and all that was related to wind direction. Didn't help much when the wind was out of the South, but it didn't really matter that much since there were hogs and cows North, South and East of the house. Wind from the West picked up the smells from the farm West of us, so it didn't really matter that much.

Our outhouse was white, open under the roof so that there was air circulation. Ours was a one-holer, so one at a time. The wooden seat had a lid. There wasn't anything that looked like the seats we have today. Just a hole cut in a board and hopefully the edges of the hole were smoothed a bit for added comfort. We had your basic TP product, but there was a Sears catalog just in case. It was last year's catalog, so it didn't matter what pages were used. A bag of lime to help with odor, but it didn't help much. I've heard about folks who spend a long time in the toilet reading, but I don't think they grew up on a farm. You didn't dream about adventures, ponder about life, getting even with someone, or does she like me. You didn't want to spend any more time than necessary in the hot summer out there or in the freezing winter, with the wind coming up through the hole. You did what was needed, and you got out of there.

Now I have two younger sisters who were considered a bit more fragile than boys, so in the winter, if it had snowed, I had to make a path to the outhouse and get the snow off the lid. There would be no late-night trips to the outhouse for the girls.

My cousins moved from the Beardsley place to their own farm North of New Virginia, closer to St. Marys. Dad helped Uncle Hez build a storage shed and a new outhouse. They had no power tools; it was hand saws, hammers and nails. I learned how to sharpen a saw and offset the saw teeth and to never lay a saw down on the ground. When it came time to build the outhouse, they needed a two-holer and a deeper hole. Uncle Hez had a board up on sawhorses, and he asked Aunt Helen to sit on the board for a moment. Hez whipped out his pencil and quickly traced around Aunt Helen's bottom. She jumped up and was mad as hell, and Hez just laughed. We all thought it was funny, but Aunt Helen didn't think so.

For those who are into a treasure hunt, you might consider looking in the privy. It seems the privy was a convenient way of disposing of old items or hiding valuables, and digging in a really old privy site is considered an archaeology dig. You might find a lost ring, a very old bottle, just about anything, but I'll leave the privy digging to the professionals.

You are privy to my privy secret. Dreaming about the good old days does not include thoughts of the outhouse.



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After the sale was over, I started breaking camp and getting the trailer ready to travel. Willis and the boys gathered up their stuff in the barn and cleaned their stalls. We hooked up the trailer and got ready to roll. In the meantime, Rollie had taken off with Willis and the kids (and all the money!), leaving Mahlon, Joni, Emma and the baby to ride with me. Joni was taking his own sweet time about getting to the truck, and the rest of us were stewing about Rollie getting ahead of us. Joni finally showed up. We threw him in the truck and lit out for Iowa. Rollie had at least a half hour's head start on us, maybe more, but we kicked her into high gear and away we went. We made good time, even though the traffic was pretty heavy when we got down into Iowa. We had to stop a couple times for fuel; a heavy foot makes for poor fuel mileage! We never did catch up to Rollie; we were hating that.

We made it to the Bortrager's a little after 10:30. Rollie was nowhere in sight. Hmmm..... Surely they couldn't have beaten us could they? Mahlon and I unloaded their gear, and I took off for home. I pulled into the driveway and just left the camper on till morning. Rollie wasn't home either, so that meant we beat them! He told me later, they saw us go sailing down the interstate when they were pulling off for fuel somewhere in Minnesota. Man, I'm glad I didn't ride with him! Haha!



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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



The Interstate 35 FFA Chapter held their meeting on September 19 in Ms. Bedwell's classroom in the CTE building. Kolter Good called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

On September 17, 2024, the Interstate 35 FFA Chapter attended CDE Day in Osceola. They competed in many different contests. Here are the results:

**Horse Judging (150 participants):**

- Lilly Peterson- 5th Individual
- Kenzie Stark- 18th Individual
- Lily Maxwell- 16th Individual
- Lily, Elliot, Addison, and Morgan- 17th Team

**Livestock Judging (300 participants):**

- Beau, Lewis, Eilan, Nik- 11th Team
- Brady, Colby, Kolter, Henry- 12th Team
- Beau Dodds- 20th (Perfect score on steers)
- Lewis Jones- 36th
- Keaton Good- 106th (Perfect score on ewes and heifers)
- Blaine Cornelison- 124th (Perfect score on does)
- Eilan Naggar- 138th (Perfect score on ewes and does)
- Wyatt Porter- 176th

**Poultry Evaluation:**

- Brayden C., Carter, Max, Brayden M.- Champion Team
- Mckenzie, Carl, Quinten, Ross- 5th Team
- Emi, Chris, Ella- 7th Team
- Emi Olson- 2nd Individual
- Brayden Camp- 3rd Individual
- Mckenzie Phillips- 7th Individual
- Carter Bryant- 9th Individual

**Vet Science:**

- Brooke Bortner, Elizabeth Longobardi- Top 50

**Dairy Foods:**

- Eli, Gunner, Bryanna, Lily, Zoey, Betsy, Jenna, James

Members of FFA are starting fruit sales on October 3 until November. Find an FFA member to order! We will be selling fruit, cheese, meat, fudge, nuts, and many other things. We are also growing poinsettias to sell around Christmas time.

Our next high school meeting will be held November 5th during C Advisory. The next middle school meeting will be held November 4th during Advisory.

Anyone interested in joining FFA, contact the advisor, Hanna Bedwell, or email [hannabedwell@i35.k12.ia.us](mailto:hannabedwell@i35.k12.ia.us) with any questions.



## Local Student to Compete at International Miniature Rodeo Association Finals in Jackson, Missouri

Blaine Cornelison is a ninth-grader at Interstate 35 Schools where he participates in wrestling, 4-H and FFA. He is a member of Midwest Mini Buckers, IMRA, Iowa Rough Stock Rodeo Association and the Iowa Jr. High/High School Rodeo. Outside of school he enjoys raising and showing cattle and goats. Blaine's parents are Sara Hiatt and Tanner Cornelison. He lives with his grandparents, Brad and Lorie Howe, on a small farm outside of New Virginia. Blaine first tried bull riding at the Leon Iowa Rodeo in July of 2022. He enjoyed the thrill of bull riding so much that he joined the Osceola Youth Rodeo and Midwest Mini Buckers in the spring of 2023. It is there that the thrill of bull riding continues. During the Osceola Youth Rodeo/Midwest Mini Buckers Series, he decided that he wanted to try riding bareback. He enjoyed riding the mini ponies, so he has added that to the rodeos he competes in. He has competed in the Senior Bareback event at rodeos all year long and through the various associations that he belongs to, he has earned a spot at the IMRA Finals in November.

Blaine qualified in bull riding and bareback at the 2023 Yeti World Finals in Las Vegas. This past summer he qualified and competed at the National Jr. High Finals in Des Moines. He has won several belt buckles this year including: Match of Broncs Senior Bareback Champion, Labor Day Stampede Bareback Champion, IRR Senior Bareback Champion and was second in his division at the Midwest Mini Buckers finals. Blaine is looking forward to meeting and competing with other cowboys from around the Nation at the International Miniature Rodeo Association Finals in Jackson, Missouri.

A C2U (formerly Thelma's) Fried Chicken Fundraiser will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Eagles Lodge parking lot to help raise funds to cover the cost of entry fees and travel expenses. Tickets can be purchased at Southern Iowa Saddle Shop, Osceola Eagles, Stoney Oak Properties or by calling Brad or Lorie at 641-414-1578 or 515-661-7161.



### GREAT HUNTING PUPPIES FOR SALE

If you are looking for a hunting dog, here's your chance! Marty and Josephine have several puppies that need a good home and a place to hunt. They are already following their mom off to go hunting. They are 7/8 hound, mostly Walker with some Redbone and 100 percent hunting dog.

Give me a call: Terry Garner  
515-249-6371