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JUNE 20, 2024

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OF THE MONTH
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Class of 2024

By Aria Volz

Ladies and Gentlemen, Faculty, Family, Friends, and the Class of 2024, Today we stand on the precipice of a new chapter in our lives, a chapter that promises new beginnings, new challenges, and new dreams. As we gather here to celebrate this significant milestone, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey that has brought us to this day.

Our time here was filled with countless moments that shaped us into who we are today. There were moments of joy, like when we aced that seemingly impossible exam or when we cheered each other on at games and performances. There were moments of sorrow, like when we faced personal losses or when the weight of our responsibilities seemed too much to bear. But through it all, we stood by each other, offering support and strength when it was needed the most.

As we prepare to leave this place, I want to acknowledge the people who have been our pillars of support. To our families, thank you for believing in us and for your unwavering support. Your sacrifices and love have been the foundation upon which we built our dreams. To our teachers and mentors, thank you for challenging us, inspiring us, and guiding us. Your wisdom and dedication have not only imparted knowledge but have also ignited a passion for learning within us. And to my fellow graduates, thank you for the laughter, the tears, and the shared experiences that have made these years unforgettable. We have grown together, and we have become stronger because of each other.

In closing, I want to share a quote from Maya Angelou, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Let us go out into the world and make people feel valued, respected, and loved. Let us be the change we wish to see, and let our legacy be one of kindness and empathy.

Congratulations, Class of 2024. May your future be bright, your dreams be bold, and your hearts be full. And to close, one last dad joke...

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Banana. Banana who?
Banana split, we're outta here!*

Congratulations



THE FUTURE
IS
BRIGHT



City Of New Virginia

Council Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2024

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the June council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey and Galivan present. Absent Taylor and Truman. Minutes from the May meetings were approved.

Old business discussed: The storm drainage project at East Street and Dunn Street was discussed. The project will be privately paid.

A letter composed to a property owner for ordinance violations was reviewed and will be sent out.

Mark and Teresa Mattson were present to discuss the elm trees near the alley south of their house. The Mattsons want to keep the west tree and understand that it does need trimmed. The Mattsons are willing to work through this and pay a portion of the cost.

During one of the early morning wind storms in May, a very large tree limb blew into West Street just south of North Street and caused electrical line problems that Alliant Energy had to repair. Deputy City Clerk Baughman and his son Ross had to cut up and remove the tree limb from the road. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to pay \$25.00/hr. for the tree limb removal. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: There is a broken section of retaining wall for holding in the mulch at Lions Park. Boland Playground Equipment Company will be contacted about this issue.

There is a growth of trees near the end of a storm drain culvert at Border and Stansell Streets as well as large pieces of concrete. The trees will be removed and Steve Savage will be contacted to get a bid for removing the concrete.

The wood sheeting on the upper part of the Hen House is starting to rot out. The City will seek bids for repairing/replacing the wood sheeting.

There is a drainage problem along the south side of North Street. There are wood chips from having cottonwood trees removed that are blocking the flow of storm water. Steve Savage will be contacted to get a bid for removing the wood chips to allow for proper storm water drainage.

A property at East and Dunn Street not being maintained and mowed was discussed. A letter will be sent to the property owner including pertinent ordinance sections regarding this matter.

There is a tree in the 800 block of West Street that had a large limb blow down during the same storm as mentioned above. The tree limb fell onto private property. The property owner would like to see the entire maple tree removed. The City Attorney will be consulted about all the trees that have been discussed and get an opinion on what the City's responsibility is for these trees.

Water Utilities discussed: Nothing to discuss.

Fire Department Business: A bid sheet for repair of the fire station as a result of a water leak was reviewed. The bid sheet will be presented to people bidding the project. There are no new updates on the progress of Fire Truck 769.

A purchasing policy for the fire department was reviewed. Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the New Virginia Fire Department Purchasing Policy. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of May was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 22 calls for service during the month of May. Officers spent in excess of 36 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 200 miles within the city limits for the month. Six citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

The current city budget fund balances were reviewed.

GAMP UPDATE

Command strips have been placed on walls in the GAMP Community Building by renters as part of the decorating process for events. This has caused damage to the walls. The busiest part of the rental season for the GAMP Community Building is over. Cleaning of the building will be scaled back to once a month.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

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

ELF CLUB


No new updates.

Servicing City owned kybos was discussed. The vendor that did the servicing last has changed their policy, and pre-payment must be made prior servicing the kybos. A kybo business in Murray will be contacted to see what their policies and rates are.

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

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The July council meeting is scheduled for Monday July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. July meeting date – Monday July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.


Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

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 or call:

Jennifer Baughman 641-449-3492 for more information

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.



Recycling Dates
New Virginia

June 27
July 11
July 25

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Public Notice

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

2024 Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices

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

Business Card (3.5 x 2)	\$30.00
Quarter Page (5 x 4.5)	\$45.00
Half Page Horizontal (10.5 x 5)	\$85.00
Half Page Vertical (5 x 9.5)	\$85.00
Full Page (10.5 x 9.5)	\$175.00

Thank You's, Birth Announcements, Birthdays, & Anniversaries:
0 - 50 words = \$5.00 51 - 100 words = \$10.00
\$0.10 per word over 100 words \$5.00 for each photo
Obituaries and Weddings (Including one photo): \$40.00
Additional photo(s) \$5.00 each

City Of New Virginia

Special Council Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2024

The Council met in special session on Monday May 20th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Bailey, Dunkin and Taylor present. Absent Galivan and Truman. Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to open the public hearing to approve and adopt amendment for increased expenditures in public works for the 2023-24 New Virginia City Budget. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present and no written responses or email responses received in response to the proposed amendment for increased expenditures in public works for the 2023-24 New Virginia City Budget, Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Dunkin to pass and approve Resolution 2024-05 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING and ADOPTING AMENDMENT FOR INCREASED EXPENDITURES IN PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE 2023-24 NEW VIRGINIA CITY BUDGET. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The current city budget and fund balances were reviewed. Fire Chief Jake Zuercher advised the pumps in fire trucks 762 and 761 were recently professionally tested for certification. Neither pump passed the test. The pump on 762 needs replaced and could cost as much as \$50,000.00 to replace because it is obsolete and no longer available. Options will be explored for fire truck 762.

The north and south downspouts from the original fire station have been redirected down the north and south side of the east addition instead of discharging onto the roof of the east addition. There have been additional downspouts added to the east side of the addition as well. This should alleviate the gutters from overflowing and allowing water to come in on the underside of the roof. The wooden studs are drying out after tearing out sheetrock from the storage room walls.

A storm water drainage project at 300 Dunn Street was discussed. The property owner is putting a basement under his house. With the extra dirt from digging out the basement, the property owner would like to place storm water pipe in his ditches and use the extra dirt to cover the pipe. The homeowner was advised he would have to consult with Savage Excavating regarding getting the right pipe and size of pipe as well as the correct depth. The main portion of the project has been completed. The City was asked about how the project was to be billed. The Council did not intend to be billed for this project. At the April 15th council meeting, it was only discussed to have Savage Excavating look at the proposed water drainage project with no discussion on doing the project. With the public works portion of the City budget already \$10,000.00 plus dollars over budget, it is the Council's opinion that the homeowner is responsible for paying for the storm water drainage project. There have been numerous citizen complaints about the property at 602 Grand Avenue. The complaints include: two white dogs running loose and being aggressive towards people; burning trash (plastics, etc.) that stinks very bad; presumed grey water being piped out of house believed to be from washing machine; at least one person living in a travel trailer behind the house. A letter will be drafted with pertinent ordinance sections for the June meeting to be reviewed by the Council.

A letter drafted for trees at 507 Main Street that need to be trimmed or cut down was reviewed and okayed by the Council.

With no further business to come forth, Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting.

A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer W. Baughman

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



VENDOR	CLAIMS REPORT		AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
	REFERENCE				
A-D DISTRIBUTING CO INC	FLAGS		\$399.00	15286	5/8/2024
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS		\$572.86	15281	5/1/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE		\$79.81	15306	5/15/2024
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE		\$70.72	15275	4/17/2024
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE APRIL 2024		\$34.83	15288	5/8/2024
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GAMP SUPPLIES - VACUUM		\$410.40	15282	5/1/2024
CENTRAL IOWA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL		\$68.00	15289	5/8/2024
HIGHWAY LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES - DISC GOLF		\$55.96	15291	5/8/2024
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS		\$215.25	15276	4/17/2024
IOWA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POO	INSURANCE FY2024-2025		\$25,614.50	16326586	4/19/2024
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS FY24/25BUDGET		\$173.97	15277	4/17/2024
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS		\$385.39	16326592	5/3/2024
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX		\$418.13	16326593	5/3/2024
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY		\$62.00	15294	5/8/2024
JILL WICKETT	RETURN DEPOSIT		\$125.00	15307	5/15/2024
JOSEY GALIVAN	GAMP DISC GOLF SUPPLIES		\$24.61	15295	5/8/2024
MIDWEST PULLERS ASSOCIATION	TRUCK PULL FEES		\$4,500.00	15308	5/15/2024
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING		\$410.09	15296	5/8/2024
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	DEPRATING SUPPLIES		\$128.34	15297	5/8/2024
READY ROLLOFFS LLC	DUMPSTER		\$375.00	15298	5/8/2024
RHEA SCHIRM	RETURN GAMP DEPOSIT		\$125.00	15280	4/30/2024
RON HULTS	CLEANING GAMP		\$225.00	15299	5/8/2024
SARAH MCCUDDIN	RETURN DEPOSIT		\$125.00	15309	5/15/2024
SIMMERING-CORY IA CODIFICATION	CODE UPDATES-URBAN REVITALIZAT		\$1,100.00	15278	4/17/2024
STRANGE SPECIALTY TIRE & AUTO	VEHICLE REPAIRS - 768		\$1,765.25	15279	4/17/2024
STRANGE SPECIALTY TIRE & AUTO	VEHICLE REPAIRS		\$442.90	15301	5/8/2024
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING		\$1,136.44	15303	5/8/2024
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL		\$481.03	15304	5/8/2024
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET		\$549.06	15305	5/8/2024
	Total General		\$40,073.54		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS		\$1,170.86	15281	5/1/2024
SAVAGE GRADING & UNDERGROUND	OTHER CONTR SERVICE		\$1,003.14	15300	5/8/2024
	Total Road Use		\$2,174.00		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE		\$125.00	15287	5/8/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE		\$22.40	15306	5/15/2024
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING		\$15.00	15290	5/8/2024
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER		\$100.00	15292	5/8/2024
IOWA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POO	INSURANCE FY2024-2025		\$3,596.50	16326586	4/19/2024
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX MARCH 2024		\$461.92	16326583	4/25/2024
IA ONE CALL	METER LOCATES - IOWA ONE CALL		\$25.20	15293	5/8/2024
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS		\$347.62	16326592	5/3/2024
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX		\$383.85	16326593	5/3/2024
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT		\$4,755.00	15302	5/8/2024
	Total Water Utilities		\$9,832.49		
	GENERAL		\$2,068.98		
	WATER		<u>\$1,857.60</u>		
	Total Payroll Paid		\$3,926.58		
	TOTAL FUNDS		\$56,006.61		



CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$374.54	15313	6/1/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.81	15337	6/14/2024
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE - FIRE/GENERAL	\$65.28	15317	6/4/2024
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE GSUITE	\$166.62	15314	6/1/2024
CITY STATE BANK	GO BOND PAYMENT FIRE JUNE 2024	\$5,350.38	15315	6/1/2024
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	WATER TESTINGS & CABLES	\$31.90	15319	6/4/2024
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$213.36	15320	6/4/2024
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$95.19	16326604	6/1/2024
IA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSAT	WORKER COMP PREMIUM 24-25	\$2,964.00	15321	6/4/2024
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS	\$164.44	15322	6/4/2024
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$353.94	16326605	6/1/2024
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$383.55	16326606	6/1/2024
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	15324	6/4/2024
NAPA AUTO PARTS PREMIER PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR 762	\$190.42	15325	6/4/2024
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$802.65	15326	6/4/2024
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$399.69	15339	6/14/2024
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	\$168.81	15327	6/4/2024
R & R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS	\$1,837.50	15328	6/4/2024
RON HULTS	CLEANING GAMP	\$275.00	15334	6/7/2024
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	UNIFORMS - COATS & PANTS	\$11,316.00	15329	6/4/2024
WARREN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT	\$6,298.00	15330	6/4/2024
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,136.44	15335	6/7/2024
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$164.34	15332	6/4/2024
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$548.88	15336	6/7/2024
TOTAL GENERAL		\$33,442.74		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,145.79	15313	6/1/2024
IOWA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION IN	FY MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$95.00	15333	6/7/2024
INROADS ASPHALT PAVING +MATERI	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$10,147.00	15323	6/4/2024
TOTAL ROAD USE		\$11,387.79		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	15316	6/4/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.40	15337	6/14/2024
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE WATER SAMPLE	\$41.40	15317	6/4/2024
CITY STATE BANK	GO BOND PAYMENT WU JUNE 2024	\$4,400.62	15315	6/1/2024
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$15.00	15338	6/14/2024
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$70.40	16326607	6/1/2024
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$70.40	16326608	6/1/2024
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$70.40	16326609	6/1/2024
HIGHWAY LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$31.47	15318	6/4/2024
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	WATER TESTINGS & CABLES	\$100.00	15319	6/4/2024
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$95.01	16326604	6/1/2024
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$303.57	16326605	6/1/2024
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$334.64	16326606	6/1/2024
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,419.00	15331	6/4/2024
TOTAL WATER UTILITES		\$10,099.31		
GENERAL		\$1,905.07		
WATER		\$1,629.56		
TOTAL PAYROLL		\$3,534.63		
TOTAL FUNDS		\$58,464.47		



Saturday, July 13, 2024 New Virginia Old Settlers

Immediately following the 6:00 pm parade,
We would like all local Veterans and Active Military to
gather at the new Memorial Mural at 505 West Street
(North side of old hardware building) for a photo.

New Virginia Hometown Pride Committee



LITTLE MISS AND MISTER NEW VIRGINIA CONTEST "Experience Life in a Small Town" New Virginia Old Settlers 2024

If you would like your child to participate in the Little Miss and Mister Contest for the New Virginia Old Settlers Celebration, the child must be three to six years of age and reside in the New Virginia area. The child may enter more than one year but cannot re-enter after winning the contest. Entries should be received by June 24, 2024. The pictures and voting containers will be displayed at the New Virginia City State Bank, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 25 through July 11. Voting will be available at the Hen House from June 25 through July 11 when the Hen House is open. For those who are not aware of the voting process, anyone who wishes to vote for a contestant may do so by making a monetary contribution to the New Virginia Old Settlers by placing money in the voting container of the child of their choice. You may also vote starting June 25 through July 11 at 4 p.m. with a contribution using Venmo @NewVirginia-OldSettlers by including the child's name you are voting for in your comment. All money raised will go towards the New Virginia Old Settlers Celebration. Voting will end on Thursday evening, July 11, 2024 at 4 p.m. The boy and girl with the most money contributed to their voting container will be crowned Little Miss and Mister New Virginia at the Friday, July 12, 2024 evening program in Lions Park. In case of rain, it will be in the New Virginia Fire Station.

This is a fun contest and a great fundraiser for the New Virginia Old Settlers. Each child entered will receive a goodie bag on Friday evening when the winners are announced. The Little Miss and Mister New Virginia winners will ride in a convertible in the Saturday night parade.

To enter, please send a photo of your child (preferably a 4x6) or a digital image with the information below either by mail or e-mail to: Deann Strange, P.O. Box 504, New Virginia, IA 50210 or to newvirginiaoldsettlers@gmail.com or text to 515-210-8847
Child's Name, Parent's Name, Age, Favorite Activities, Parent Contact Info (phone number, address, e-mail address)

The display will only have the child's name, age, and favorite things listed.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Deann at the address above or call/text (515)210-8847.

IT'S FAIR TIME!

Warren County July 24-29 <https://www.warrencofair.com>
Clarke County July 14-22 [Cofairs.com](https://www.cofairs.com)
Madison County July 17-21 <https://www.madisoncountyfair.net>

Be sure to support your local fair.
Or all three!

New Virginia Old Settlers 2024

“Experience Life In A Small Town”

July 12, 13, 14

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Friday, July 12

5:00 pm Vendors open in the park

5:45 pm Close off West Street for Kiddie Parade

6:00 pm Kiddie Parade line up at Fire Station

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Lions stand is open

6:30 pm Kiddie Parade on West Street begins

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Water slide is open

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Bingo in the Lions Hall

7:00 pm Bill Riley Talent Competition begins in Lions Park **(Behind gas station)**

Honoring of the Volunteer of the Year,

Crowning of King and Queen,

Crowning of Little Miss and Mister New Virginia, and announcing of Kiddie

Parade winners at Intermission of Show. **(In case of rain held in Fire Station.)**

9:00 pm to Midnight- Street Dance with DJ X-Treme on West Street **(In case of rain held in fire station.)**

(NO UNDERAGE DRINKING ALLOWED.)

ALL PERSONS 21 YEARS AND OLDER WILL NEED TO GET A WRIST BAND IN ORDER TO DRINK ALCOHOL AT THE STREET DANCE)



SUNDAY

Sunday, July 14

7:30 am to 10:30 am Masonic Lodge Breakfast at Lions Stand in Old Settlers Park

10:30 am Old Fashioned Church Service/Lions Park Shelter House; Open to all

denominations (Bring Lawn Chairs) Old Settlers Park

Thank you to all the businesses and residents who support The

New Virginia Old Settlers Celebration.

All times and events are subject to change.

Watch for updates on our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/oldsettlersnv/>

Saturday, July 13

7:00 am Breakfast at New Virginia Legion Hall by Legion Post 281

9:00 am to noon Book Sale at the New Virginia Library

9:30 am Arts & Crafts Show drop off of items to display at New Virginia Lions Hall

10:00 am to 2:00 pm Arts & Crafts Show (Please pick up displayed items & award ribbons by

2:30 pm)

10:00 am Saddle Club Buckle Show at the Saddle Club grounds on East Street

10:00 am Kids Races start on West Street (Bring bikes, tricycles, and tennis shoes)

11:00 am Vendors open in Old Settlers Park

11:00 am Water slide opens (Hours 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Car Show Registration on West Street

12:00 noon to 10:00 pm Lions stand is open

1:00 pm Car show starts

1:00 Cribbage Tournament at the New Virginia Library \$5.00 buy-in

4:00 pm Car Show Winners Announced at the shelter house

4:00 pm Close off streets for parade route

5:00 pm Parade sign-up begins (West of New Virginia old School)

6:00 pm Parade begins starting at New Virginia old School

**Immediately following the parade all local veterans and active military photo at the new Memorial Mural located at 505 West St. (The North side of the old Hardware building)

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Bingo in the Lions Hall

7:00 pm Pedal Tractor Registration & Pull in front of Bill's 1st Stop on West Street

7:00 pm Saturday Night in the Park in the Lions Park Tom Hofer Music Performance **(In case of rain entire program held in the fire station.)**

**Quilts of Valor presentation immediately following Tom Hofer Music performance

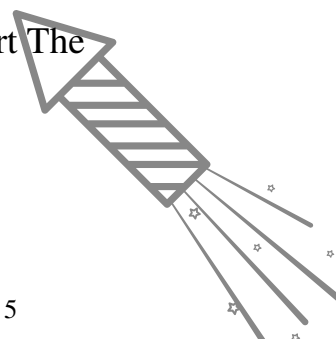
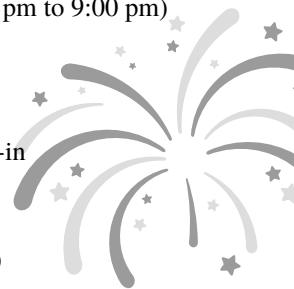
**Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony in Lions Park following the Quilts of Valor presentation

9:00 pm to Midnight Street Dance with DJ X-Treme on West Street **(In case of rain entire program held in the fire station.)**

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10:00 pm Fireworks display



New Virginia Christian Church

Happy moments,
Praise God.
Difficult moments,
Seek God.
Quiet moments,
Worship God.
Painful moments,
Trust God.
Every moment,
Thank God.

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

604 Main St.
New Virginia, IA

641-449-3421

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

THIS OLD BARN

Contributed by Mel Stills



Volunteer at the Warren County Fair

July 24 - 28, 2024

Learning Tent "Little Farm Hands"

Preparation for the Warren County Fair is in full swing, and Warren County Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers again this year. The Learning Tent, brought to you by Warren County Farm Bureau, will be back for its fifth year. The Learning Tent is filled with various agricultural education exhibits. The main exhibit is Little Farm Hands. These exhibits are portable and used throughout the year with our Ag in the Classroom program throughout Warren County. Kids can wander through the 'barns' as farm hands helping with 'chores,' which include harvesting corn, picking grapes in the vineyard, collecting eggs, milking a cow, and more! Volunteers will help guide visitors through the exhibits and restock items as needed.

Volunteer shifts are three hours long. These hours are eligible for silver cord, or other volunteer hours needed (WCFB is a not-for-profit organization). T-shirts will be provided for the volunteers to wear. It will be hot during the fair, so please dress accordingly. A cooler filled with water and snacks will be available during the entirety of the volunteer shift. Agriculture experience or backgrounds not required! This is a great way to educate or interact with our community while having fun!

Sign-up to volunteer here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pf8VIKwVoh7RuqnPRzMQgE5F5_k_c0R0iKXw9PUkh3s/edit?usp=sharing

If you have additional questions, please contact Keisha Thompson at (515) 961-6261 or Jenna Tlach, our intern, at (515) 393-0841.

Jimmy Dickens' Out Behind the Barn came out a bit late for my educational purposes. It came out in 1958, and I graduated high school in 1959 and was on my way to learn worldly things in the Navy. I learned a lot of things that Jimmy didn't sing about. I'd already learned where baby pigs and calves came from. I learned where my lever action Red Ryder BB gun had really come from, and I had learned how to smoke. That old red barn was the source for education and a lot of memories.

Our barn was your classic red barn built in the early 1900's. There were three horse stalls on the West side and six stanchions for milking cows and a small holding pen on the East side. There was a grain bin for holding oats on the North side, and the rest of the empty space was for hay. Most barns had lightning rods with glass balls. If the glass ball was broken, it was an indicator of a lightning strike, but our barn was hit by a BB gun.

Why were barns painted red? There are some different theories. Some believed they were painted red so that cows would find their way to the barn. We had one cow that didn't follow that logic, and she was color blind like all cows. Some believed red helped make the barn warmer in the winter.

Early in our history, barns were unpainted because of the lack of money to buy paint. Because unpainted wood does not stand up to the weather, farmers devised methods to better preserve the wood. An early recipe for paint was skimmed milk, lime and red iron oxide, red oxide from natural red clay. So red caught on for your average barn, but there were a few uppity farmers who had white barns.

Putting hay in the barn was a real treat. Generally, we had three cuttings a year. August was my favorite time of the year. It was generally hottest with little wind to cool you off. My memories are of the smell of new hay, chaff on a sweaty body, heavy bales and big dinners. I later learned that lunch was at noon, and dinner was really supper.

Dad would drive the tractor, and I would ride on a sled and snag the bales as Dad drove past. He picked the speed; I just had to have the bale stacked properly before he got to the next bale. Having to stop wasn't in his plan of the day.

Putting up hay was always an all-day project. I think I stacked the bales three high, and the sled was probably 15 feet long. We would take a load to the barn. There was a large door up at the very peak of the roof. A hay trolley went the length of the barn. There were these hay hooks that would carry bales into the barn. Through a pulley system, Dad on the little Ford would pull the load up, and it was my job to yell and stop him so that the load got dropped where I needed it. It was my job to go in the barn, climb up to the hay level and stack the bales so that we could get as much as possible in the barn. One time, I thought I could save some effort by riding the load of bales up to the door, step in and yell to Dad to stop. I realized about three-quarters up, that there wasn't room for me between the roof and the hay bales. I jumped and fortunately didn't break anything. I never told Dad.

There was evidence that at one time, loose hay was stored, but my memory is of only putting round bales in the barn. I know there was loose hay because I remember using a hay knife to cut off some to feed the cows. Some farmers had square bales, but Dad favored round, and I never asked him to explain to me why.

The barn always had cats. I'd find newborn kittens, and it was fun to watch them grow up. Not all made it. A lot got killed by old tomcats, other critters, cows stepping on them, and we had a dog that hated cats, so we were never overrun with cats. They never got fed by us except the squirts while milking cows. They lived off the mice and birds they could catch.

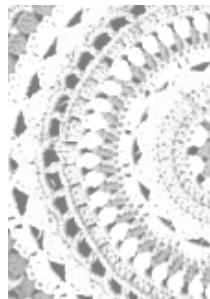
We always had mice; only once did we have rats. We were in the holding pen in the barn one day doing something with calves. A mouse ran out and right up the inside of Dad's overalls. Dad grabbed it as it ran up his leg. It was quite the sight with Dad dancing trying to get his bibs unhooked with one hand to get that mouse out.

I just remembered another thing learned behind the barn, how to cuss. Colorful words that a gentler, more sophisticated person might not use. Fortunately for me, my military career came right after my farming career, so I was well equipped. My professional career required me to learn a new language, but on occasion, I resort back to the old days.

Share your Creations at the 2024 New Virginia Old Settlers Arts and Crafts Show

There will be an Arts and Crafts Show in the New Virginia Lions Hall on Saturday, July 13. The project must be handcrafted and must have been completed by the person displaying the item. We will have three age divisions: Kids Division 0-12 years old, Junior Division 13-18 years old and Adult over 18. We will try to divide the age groups into categories of items.

Examples of items would be painted glassware, stained glass, metal or wood working, paintings, drawings, craft items, sewn, knitted, embroidered, or crocheted items. The items can be brought to the Lions Hall at 9:30 a.m., and the show will start at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Please make arrangements to have all items picked up by 2:30 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Be creative and participate. Items will not be for sale, but exhibitors may have business cards or flyers available. If you would like to volunteer to help with the show or have questions, please call Deann Strange at 515-210-8847.



CITY OF ST. CHARLES

June 3, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 6/3/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

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

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 5/6/2024: Motion made by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of June Bills: Motion made by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the June bills including a bill submitted late for tree trimming. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During May there were 33.7 patrol hours, seven calls, and 20 traffic stops in St. Charles.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The May sewer report was submitted to the City. A leak has been repaired. With the heavy rains, the flow has been up.
- Maintenance Report: The black city truck will need to be repaired.
- Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer was present. The Fire Department will be purchasing a used truck to replace a 1989 truck they have sold. Funds from the sale of the old truck will be used to make the purchase.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the May minutes and gave updates on the library summer programs.
- Tourism: The City was asked to look at a few repair and maintenance items at The Gateway.
- Old Settlers: A request for road closures was submitted during the Old Settlers Celebrations. A resolution will be included in the July Council meeting to approve the closures.
- Emergency Management: Dio discussed RAGBRAI and Hinterland. Madison County Supervisors would need to be contacted if the county highway in front of the Hinterland grounds is to have reduced speeds during the event.
- Clerks Report: The clerk suggested changing the date of the monthly council meeting from the first Monday of the month to the second Monday to allow time for all bills to reach the City for approval. The Council agreed to the change and an amendment to the Ordinance will be prepared.

Resolution 6A-2024 A Resolution approving the hiring of Public Works Staff: Motion by Megan Allison/ Whitney Hutton to approve the hiring of Cole Dickinson to Public Works. R/C vote was unanimous.

Ordinance 230 Amending Code 122 Peddler, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants Review: The Council will continue to review the proposed Ordinance change for the July 8th Council meeting.

Tree Removal: Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve Precision Tree Removal to remove two dead trees in the city right of way. Voice vote was unanimous.

Storm Drainage and Jetting: All storm drains will be inspected and a list will be put together of what needs to be vacuumed or jetted.

Opportunity and Complaint Forms: The City Attorney will be contacted concerning a dilapidated house. All remaining tree debris is to be cleaned up and removed from properties. Public Works has collected and disposed of debris not needing cut.

RAGBRAI: The Pre-ride and road inspection will be in St. Charles on the morning of June 5th.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion made by Dan Kozak to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on July 8, 2024, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk
Posted at: City Hall, Post Office, Montross, and Library

Caring Neighbors Circle

Caring Neighbors Circle members met Monday, June 10 to hear presentations from two community groups requesting money for their projects that would promote or create opportunity for our communities.

Presenters for 2nd quarter were present to vie for CNC's nearly \$1,800 gift monies:

-I-35 Birdie Club—Golf coach, Dan Krull, requesting funds to help defray membership costs for young golfers

-Barb Huston—quilter, requesting funds to support her passion of making Quilts of Valor for community members



Lois Stanley accepting CNC donation for

Uplift for Women. Non-winners are encouraged to return to present at upcoming quarterly meetings.



Barb Huston, with Quilt of Valor, winner of CNC donation for Quilts of Valor.



Caring Neighbors Circle members met Monday, March 11 to hear presentations from three community groups requesting money for their projects that would promote or create opportunity for our communities.

Three organizations were present to vie for Caring Neighbors Circle monetary gifts:

-Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center – Andrea Smith was requesting money to support local domestic violence victims, supplying short-term housing assistance, and material assistance such as hygiene products, clothing, diapers, etc.

-Uplift for Women - Lois Stanley was requesting funding for future uplift events for women. Eighty-six women attended the first event that was held at St. Charles Welcome Center; 40 kids attended an Uplift for Teens gathering. Money would be spent on speakers, building rental, food and paper products.

-I-35 – Outdoor Classroom and Ag Club -Tahra Bedwell requested money to be spent on the new I-35 outdoor classroom, field trips, shelving for greenhouse, water barrel, gravel, etc.

Excluding this quarterly meeting, CNC has gifted \$30,250 to a variety of community organizations since CNC inception in 2020. Organizations receiving CNC funds include I-35 Youth Soccer (purchased AED—share with Little League), Boy Scouts Troop, St. Charles Parks, Welcome Center, St. Charles Manor.

Interested in becoming a "Caring Neighbor"? Next quarterly, no-longer-than-one-hour, meeting: June 10, 2024. Check out Caring Neighbors Circle on Facebook for membership form and more information about how CNC is making a difference in our communities.



June 27
July 11
July 25

Recycling Dates
St. Charles

John Brown in 1850's Iowa and Area

By Kirk Freeman (St. Charles Library Director)

Continued from last month....

John Brown was born 9 May 1800 in Connecticut and the family later moved to Ohio, where he grew up in a strict Calvinist family. His first wife died in childbirth after 12 years of marriage and six children and one stillborn. His second wife bore 13 children which seven died in childhood (disease took four in less than three weeks and three from measles on the same day) for 20 children total. After a failed business in wool dealing, the family moved to North Elba, New York, in 1849. John Brown, though always an abolitionist, became a militant abolitionist in 1837 after the Lovejoy Incident that set Brown's course for the rest of his life.

What was the Lovejoy Incident? Reverend Elijah Parish Lovejoy was a minister, editor, journalist, and staunch abolitionist who wrote scathing articles against slavery in St. Louis, Missouri, in the early 1830's. After numerous death threats and vandalism against his press offices, he moved his family across the Mississippi River to Alton, Illinois. There he continued his printing of the abolitionist

viewpoint that led to a large mob of armed pro-slavery men crossing the river on 7 November 1837 and opening fire on Lovejoy's press offices located inside a warehouse. When the men inside the building shot back and wounded several men in the mob and killed a man named Bishop, the pro-slavery men withdrew from around the building. When Lovejoy eventually opened the door from the warehouse, he was ambushed by men hidden in the brush and hit by five bullets, dying a few minutes after.

Within the week, men in the mob took the defenders of the warehouse to court at the nearest courtroom, which was in St. Louis, for "unlawful defense." Basically, claiming that the printers' and journalists' response of shooting back was unlawful because it endangered the lives of the men in the mob who were, at the time, preoccupied with the task of firing into the warehouse. In short, the mob was so distracted the outnumbered warehouse defenders basically ambushed them by returning fire from the various windows. The trial lasted a few strange hours, and the press men were found not guilty on all charges.

A few days after that "trial" the printers and journalists countersued on the grounds the mob was purposely intent on homicide and should be tried for the murder of Reverend Lovejoy. The whole trial was a clown show, several of the men on the jury were in the said mob, even the jury leader sported an arm sling from the bullet wound he received. When this was pointed out, the judge declared he himself would vote in the man's place and declared the mob not guilty. Since the judge was both the judge and jury speaker now, the whole trial was now illegal, and the whole sham affair was declared a mistrial by the very same judge. All appeals that came to the judge afterwards were denied, and the prosecuting attorneys, it seems, were so cowed by threats so never filed any appeals to a higher court.

The incident, and the circus afterwards, enraged many Northerners towards the whole affair. At the forefront of this rage were the Abolitionists, as some historians point out, this was the moment that the Abolitionists movement went from a small group to a rapidly growing political force. At a church meeting in Ohio, John Brown rose and, with one hand over his heart and the other raised in an oath to God, swore the downfall of slavery even if it cost him his life.

When the troubles in Kansas started in 1854, John Brown and his family could not, in good-conscience, sit on the sidelines. By the winter of 1854-55 four of John Brown's oldest sons (John Jr., Jason, Owen, and Fredrick) headed to Kansas and set up residence in Lykins County in the spring of 1855. By this time Kansas was a territory that was previously argued over by pro-slavery and anti-slavery elements in the Halls of Congress. As a compromise, Senator Stephen A. Douglas (who later ran against Abraham Lincoln for President in 1860) got the Kansas- Nebraska Act of 1854 through, which basically left that decision up to the state residents via a vote. This led to a huge flood of pro-slavery supporters coming into the area and claiming sections of lands, then leaving the state and returning to Missouri, but as land-owning men, declaring they could vote in Kansas even if they did not legally reside there. But the most dangerous were the large groups from pro-slavery Missouri that would cross the border and use violence and bully tactics to get their way (earning the moniker "Border Ruffians"). In turn this led to a counter wave of anti-slavery supporters moving in and building settlements with militant abolitionists rushing to confront these border ruffians.

This growing powder-keg troubled John Brown's sons in Kansas. They soon wrote to their father in New York for help. John Brown took those letters and attended an Abolitionist meeting in Utica, New York, where he read them aloud and asked for weapons and some money as his boys in Kansas were not well armed and outnumbered by rampaging border

ruffians. The next day he was given \$60 raised by passing the hat, seven muskets with bayonets, seven volcanic repeating pistols and seven short broadswords in use by artillerymen and sailors at the time. All the weapons were donated by anonymous patrons at the meeting.

By October 1855, John Brown arrived with two other sons (Salmon and Oliver) and his son-in-law Henry Thompson. It was at this point in history that changed John Brown from an unsuccessful farmer, sheep herder, and wool trader to a path that would make him a worldwide name. The whole nation contributed, good and ill, to the fighting in Kansas, and the Midwest was embroiled in that territory whether it wished to be or not. But that was still to come. By the end of 1855, Free-Staters were in the majority, and the upcoming vote for statehood was appearing bright for a free Kansas. John Brown was optimistic that the whole affair could end without bloodshed. He was wrong.

In early 1856, though most of the citizens of the new territory were anti-slavery, President Pierce (a pro-slavery supporter) lit the match to the now full powder-keg when he sent in U.S. troops and declared Kansas a slave state and any who disagreed as traitors. This empowered the border ruffians so in early May of the year, 750 pro-slavery men attacked Lawrence, Kansas, setting the town ablaze and smashing the free-state printing press. Almost immediately, the House and Senate debated the illegality of this act by the President and the violent lawlessness it unleashed in Kansas. The man who was the most vocal against the President's move and his pro-slavery actions, Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, was ambushed alone one evening (when the capitol building was mostly cleared for the day) by Representative Preston Brooks of South Carolina. Sumner was nearly beaten to death with a gold-headed walking cane on the Senate Floor. Brooks had two cohorts, Representative Henry Edmundson of Virginia and Representative Laurence Kiett of South Carolina, that drew pistols on other politicians who were still in the building that rushed to intercede, until two New York Representatives dared them to fire and rescued Sumner. Sumner was attacked before he rose from his seat. The following flurry of blows to his head damaged Sumner so badly that it took three years to recover from the injuries, spending some time nearly blind from a broken skull, and even after recovering his eyesight, he lived with intense migraine headaches day and night for the rest of his life. Within a week Brooks was goaded into a duel with Representative Anson Burlingame of Massachusetts, but Brooks declined the challenge when he was reminded that Burlingame was a crack shot. Instead, Brooks challenged Sumner's fellow Massachusetts Senator, Henry Wilson, to a duel. Wilson basically told Preston where he could put that challenge and continued his duties even after threats from the infamous ambushing South Carolina representative.

From all these catalysts, death walked the Kansas hills and plains, and years of guerrilla warfare, raids, skirmishes, and murder ensued until a few months before the start of the Civil War. Until then Kansas had two capitals, two constitutions (one each for pro-slavery and free-state factions) resulting in a land soaked in blood.

Continued next month....



John Brown c. 1846-47

ST. CHARLES LIBRARY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. CHARLES OLD SETTLERS CELEBRATION
 Begins: 7/19/2024 - 4:00 pm
 Ends: 7/20/2024 - 11:00 pm

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

St. Charles Old Settlers 2024 “Welcome to the Neighborhood”

St. Charles is changing, and we want to you to come and visit as we celebrate some of these changes at this year’s Old Settlers celebration. The theme for our 138th event will be Welcome to the Neighborhood. A neighborhood is an area where people live and interact with one another. Come join us as we celebrate our neighborhood with games, food and live music. Won’t you be our neighbor?

Friday night we will celebrate the business neighborhood and play Back to the Future Trivia. With the many changes on Main Street, we invite you to experience the new businesses and find out, “What used to be in this building?” Visit our businesses and meet some entrepreneurs, then answer all the questions to be eligible for the drawings.

The official kickoff of the celebration will begin with the opening ceremony and coronation of King & Queen, George and Bridget Hutton and introduction of their “neighborhood.” We will then honor our veterans by awarding Quilts of Valor organized by Barb Huston and her neighborhood. We will introduce our silent auction items and then do the Luv the Locals giveaways. The evening will cap off with up-and-coming pop singer/songwriter, Neva Alden. Neva’s mom was raised in St. Charles, and we are thrilled to welcome Neva to the neighborhood. Google herself is the real deal. Live on stage at St. Charles Old Settlers.

Saturday, we wake up to a full day of activities - something for everyone. Breakfast is served by the St. Charles Community Foundation from 7:00 am to 10:30 am. The Gateway 5K and Fun Run begins at 8:00 am at the Imes Bridge. Register by 01 July to get a T-shirt. But before the run, experience Vinyasa - a free yoga session for runners to help warm up and stretch out. Nicole from Bit of a Stretch yoga studio in St. Charles will be at the Welcome Center at 7:00 am to guide you through. Saturday morning activities of 3 on 3 basketball, disc golf and pickleball are still up in the air. Watch Facebook for more information. Looking for something more mentally challenging and less physical? The cribbage tournament will be held in the air-conditioned Lions Hall at 9:00 am.

We welcome back Ohana Pedal Pullers for our ever-popular pedal-tractor pull for kids ages 3-11. This event is sponsored by Clanton Creek Fence & Gate and is free for kids to participate with kids their own age. Some may qualify for the state event. The morning continues with the Old Settlers Vehicle Show & Shine event revving up on Main Street until 2:00 pm, sponsored by PitStop Performance. During the Car Show and Shine, the Corner Service will again be open for business. The SCOS SOCO bags tournament will return to its normal time in front of the old school building. Bags fly at high noon.

The afternoon is full of activities and family fun with rides and slides sponsored by the Lions and operated by the I-35 Shooting Sports Club. The Lions will be selling wristbands for the weekend. Friday only is \$10, Saturday only is \$15 and \$20 for the full weekend. More outdoor backyard games and fun are sponsored by T & M Construction. Yardzee, Giant Jenga, Connect Four, Badminton, sand piles just for a start. The neighborhood trolley is back, sponsored by Knickerbocker Realty. It offers free train rides around the St. Charles Old Settlers neighborhood. For those wanting to try out their culinary skills, the Baking for Backpacks event is for you. Bakers of all ages can enter their masterpieces in the contest. They will be evaluated with their peers by age, and the items will be auctioned Saturday evening before the program. There are folks in our neighborhoods that need support. All proceeds will go to the I-35 Backpack program for families with food insecurity.

Wanna put down some roots? Join us for a workshop and learn to create some great gardens or containers with succulents. We will be gardening in the basement of the Welcome Center. Register by 15 July at scos@myomnitel.com. Containers and products will be provided or BYO container up to one gallon in size. The fee is \$20 for products which can be paid upon arrival. The St. Charles all class reunion will be gathering at the Baptist Church, also starting at 2:00 pm. We would be remiss if we did not remind everyone that all ages are welcome; come and see friends young and old, even if you did not attend school in St. Charles.

Saturday evening kicks off with the parade at 6:00 pm. The parade master is excited to get things started. Registration is at 5:30 pm at the city park. “Welcome to the Neighborhood” is our theme. Monetary prizes are awarded for theme interpretation in three categories: large float, small float, and bikes & walking. Let’s get creative and show off the neighborhood. After the parade, move on down to Old Settlers Park and get ready for Cow Pie Bingo and the Baking for Backpacks auction. Make sure you purchase your lucky square. The cow, compliments of Nehring Farms, will be released at 6:45 pm. There are only 100 squares. Get yours and be a winner! The evening continues by honoring our Old Settlers Button

Honorees for 2024, Joyce and Jack Daniels and their family. The silent auction this year features garden signs or outdoor decorations created by our talented local artists. To date we have pieces by Laurie McKinney, Sue Cornelison and Kayla Schultz. Watch Facebook for their creations. Please check these out and bid to help support SCOS next year. The bidding will begin on Friday evening and continue until Saturday at 8:30 pm. You need not be present to win, but it might help. Stick around for the street dance on Main Street sponsored by Alls Done, Inc. and PitStop Performance.

We can’t have SCOS without food! Our longtime partners, the St. Charles Lions Club, will be serving their infamous lionburgers and hot dogs as well as pork chop sandwiches and pork chop on a stick. The St. Charles Parish, also a staple, will be serving ice cream and desserts. The Boy Scouts will be there with their funnel cakes and corn dogs on Saturday. Kettle Corn will be available and some other great snacks. We are bringing in some food trucks to satisfy your cravings. On Friday night, we will offer a Mexican menu by Antojitos Mexicanos and Saturday will offer Pho T and Triple B.

We hope you will come and enjoy our neighborhood. Check out the schedule and have some fun. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces. “Like” us on Facebook St. Charles Old Settlers. Our website will offer the most updated information www.scoldsettlers.org or email us at scos@myomnitel.com.

138th Old Settlers Celebration, July 19-21, 2024 “Welcome to the Neighborhood”

Friday, July 19th

- 5:00 pm Food Trucks - serving until 8 pm
- Lions Food Stand - serving until 8 pm
- St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts - serving until 9 pm
- 5:30 pm Luv the Locals - Back to the Future - Main Street
- 6:00 pm Kids Rides & Slides Open
- 7:00 pm Opening Ceremony - Old Settlers Park stage
- King & Queen Coronation, Quilts of Valor, Luv the Locals drawing
- 7:30 pm Bingo - Lions Hall
- 8:30 pm Neva Alden to 11:30pm

Saturday, July 20th

- 7:00 am SCCF Breakfast - St. Charles Parish Hall serving until 10:30 am
- Vinyasa for Runners (Stretch out Yoga) - Welcome Center
- 8:00 am SCOS Gateway 5K and Fun Run - Imes Bridge
- 9:00 am Cribbage Tournament - Lions Hall BYO Board
- 3 on 3 Basketball - City Park TBD
- 10:00 am Disc Golf-City Park - TBD
- SCOS Vehicle Show & Shine - Main Street
- 10:30 am Pedal Tractor Pull - Check in at 10:00 am in front of old school
- 11:00 am Lions Food Stand Opens - closes at 8:00 pm
- St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts - serving until 9:00 pm
- Kids Rides & Slides Open
- Pickleball - City Park - TBD
- Food Trucks - 11 am - 8 pm
- 12 Noon Baking for Backpacks - Culinary Contest at the Welcome Center
- Bags Tournament - hosted by SoCo Baggers, in front of old school
- 1:00 pm Family & Kids Activities - Old Settlers Park
- Neighborhood Trolley Train Rides - 1 pm to 4 pm
- Plant Some Roots - Container gardening at the Welcome Center
- 2:00 pm St. Charles Alumni Open House - Calvary Baptist Church
- Live Music on Old Settlers Stage
- 2 - 4 pm Lindgren & Griffiths and 4 - 5 pm Drew Fry
- St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts - serving until 9 pm
- 3:00 pm 10¢ Bingo - Lions Hall
- 4:00 pm Spelling Bee - Lions Hall
- 6:00 pm Parade - Welcome to the Neighborhood 5:30 pm registration at city park
- 6:30 pm Cow Pie Bingo - Chances available until 6:30 pm or until sold out. Old Settlers Park
- Baking for Backpacks Auction
- 7:30 pm Old Settlers Program - Button Honorees, Parade winners announced, Silent Auction
- Bingo - Lions Hall
- 9:00 pm Street Dance - Main Street

Sunday, July 21st

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

King/Queen - Jack & Joyce Daniels Button Honorees - George & Bridget Hutton





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June 3, 2024

Community Center

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Ancel Kennedy, Matt Masters, Julie McMichael, and Lyndsay Cannoy were present. Jason Phillips was absent. Fire Chief Terry Stills, Public Works Director, Ronnie Hults, Dio Ayala, Emergency Management Director, Karen Szalkowski from Trees Forever, Joe Sciarrotta, and Rhoda Guy of Professional Operations Management were also present. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Cannoy/Masters to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried. There was no public input. The Council reviewed the Sheriff's Report. Ayala gave the Emergency Management report and introduced his summer intern. Arzani asked Ayala if the County would be able to help with a solution to remove the pile of tree limbs from the recent storms. Ayala will look into it. Stills gave the Fire and Rescue Report: 11 fire calls and 9 EMS calls. The Fire Association is considering a fund raiser for July. The Department was awarded a grant of \$11,475 that will be used to purchase equipment to fill Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Currently the Department needs to get these filled at a location outside of Truro. The Grant is a good start for this purchase, but more funds will be needed. Sciarrotta gave an EMT report. The current ambulance is a 2005. A new ambulance will be needed in the near future. The Department has more paramedics on board so transports will be increasing. Karen Szalkowski, the Field Coordinator for Southeast Iowa Trees Forever foundation explained how Trees Forever could help with projects for communities. A couple of the projects mentioned were pocket parks, trails, and putting in sidewalks. If Truro is interested, they would need to put together a steering committee. The program year starts in November. She mentioned that 98% of communities that participate in this program do go on and complete a project. Sciarrotta gave a Truro Boosters report. The Boosters are very active in Truro. Sciarrotta will be coming more regularly to Council meetings with updates. Two projects the Boosters are working on are getting the recently placed Patriot Rock painted and raising funds to build a new shelter in Hull Park. Guy gave the Wastewater/Water report. Currently all systems are doing well. Hults will be taking the Water Test 6/18/24. Guy will continue to be the Affidavit signer for Truro until Hults has his certification. At that time Guy will still work with the City but in a different capacity. Guy reported the City received a letter with a new compliance schedule of things the DNR requires. The new deadline for items to be completed is in 2028. Arzani asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7. A Resolution forgiving overpaid Health Insurance Reimbursement and setting Health Insurance Reimbursement going forward. The Council discussed if the Reimbursement should be paid monthly or every pay period. After discussion it was decided the Health Insurance Reimbursement would be paid every pay period. Vote was made by roll call: Masters Aye, Cannoy Aye, McMichael Aye, Kennedy abstained, Phillips was absent. Resolution passed. The City Attorney is working on an ordinance to re-zone Center Street from West Street to Railroad Street as Commercial only. The ordinance should be ready for the July Council Meeting. Arzani gave an update on possible Legal Action regarding the deteriorating streets in the new addition. He talked to two attorneys, both would require a substantial retainer to look into the matter. After discussing this, no further action was taken.

Arzani acknowledged the excellent community involvement in the cleanup effort after the last storm. Many trees and tree limbs were down in the park and around town and many volunteers helped to clean up. The Clerk reported Core Sampling at the new addition will be done June 24, 2024. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the consent items. The Clerk pointed out "Freedom Rock" was used in the minutes and should be changed to Patriot Rock. Kennedy mentioned that Bregar was misspelled. Motion by Kennedy/Cannoy to approve the minutes after correction. All Ayes motion carried. Motion by Cannoy/McMichael to approve the Treasurer's report, Budget Report, and Payment of bills. All Ayes motion passed. The Council discussed the partial forgiveness of the sewer bill when citizens fill a pool or water gardens. The next Council Meeting will be July 1, 2024. Arzani asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Masters/Kennedy to adjourn. All Ayes motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Bryan Arzani, Mayor

Attested: Rebecca Morris, City Clerk

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

TRURO AREA BOOSTERS PRESENT

2024 TRURO FEEDING FRENZY

SEPT. 7TH 10:00AM - 11:00PM

Hull Park

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW
- KIDS GAMES
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- LUNCH
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- SO-CO BAGS
- CY/HAWK GAME
- BBQ
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BOOK REVIEW ★★★★★

Sergeant Rex: The Unbreakable Bond Between a Marine and His Military Working Dog
By Mike Dowling

Reviewed by Sue Stills

After I watched Megan Leavey, a 2017 film that tells the true story of a young US Marine woman's bonding with Rex, her bomb-sniffing German shepherd, I found that I had the book Sergeant Rex on my bookshelf. The book is not about Leavey's dog, even though the dogs have the same name. The book is also a true story, the story of Sergeant Mike Dowling and his military working dog (MWD) Rex. They were one of the Marine Corps military K9 teams sent to Iraq in 2004. With Rex's supreme ability to sniff out weapons caches, suicide bombers and IED's, he was able to save countless lives, both military and civilian. The book describes the many harrowing missions that Dowling and Rex went on, with the ever-present threat of attack or death at any moment. This was an interesting and moving story of the complete trust and unbreakable bond that developed between a man and a dog.

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

July's book club selection will be
The Maid by Nita Prose.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

I-35 Neighborhood Area Churches

July 22-24, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Truro City Park

More details to come

Truro Public Library

New Books

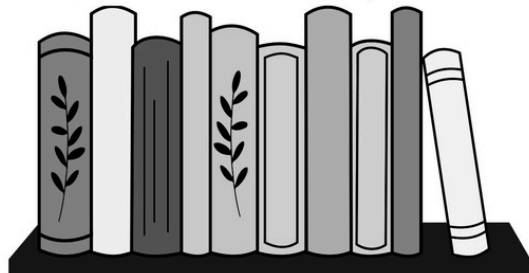
Camino Ghosts by John Grisham
First Frost by Craig Johnson
One and Only Family by Katherine Applegate
www.truro.lib.ia.us

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Friday Closed
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Events for Truro Library

TUESDAYS 10AM

JUN 25	JELLY FISH MAKE AND TAKE
JUL 2	UNDERWATER SUNCATCHERS
JUL 9	BUTTERFLY MAKE AND TAKE
JUL 23	BIRD BINOCULARS MAKE AND TAKE

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 Second Row (left to right): Sophia Shannon, Madison Young, Grayce Hundertmark, Ryane Becker, Madison Morris, Aria Volz, Ava Oberender, Jessica Metcalf, Randall Walker, Clark Murray
 Third Row (left to right): Justin Bowen, Jeanie Choate, Annie Haupt, Priscila Palacios, Auna Reines-Schmidt, Trysta Hagen, Sarah Frost, Emma Giles, Leah Wolff, Alissa Hornback
 Fourth Row (left to right): Ben Brenizer, Tanner Davidson, Casey Choate, Christian Choate, Sampson Henson, Conor Cassady, Logan Milligan, Jeron Eastwood, Silas Chopard, Noah Sheridan
 Top Row (left to right): Nathan Harrell, Nicholas Hanrahan, Keagan Searl, Dalton Black, Kade Mullins, Jaxson Bowlin, Cooper Oberbroeckling, Jack Osborn, William Denny, Riley Nichols, Aidan Laird



Roger Kitner being sworn in as
Commander of Warren County American Legion
for the next year



Darin Kirkpatrick presenting

Carl Minor

with his
50-year Legion Member
certificate



I-35 MINOR TEAM BLUE
SEW TOURNAMENT WINNER



I-35 MINORS WHITE
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I-35 MINORS RED
4TH PLACE



Local Student Qualifies to Compete at World's Largest Junior High Rodeo

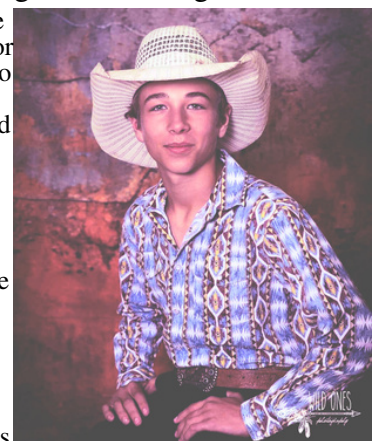
DENVER- Blaine Cornelison, an 8th-grade student at Interstate 35 School has earned a position on the Iowa State National Junior High Rodeo Team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Des Moines, IA June 23rd thru June 29th to compete at the 19th Annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR) in Bulls and Bareback Steer competitions.

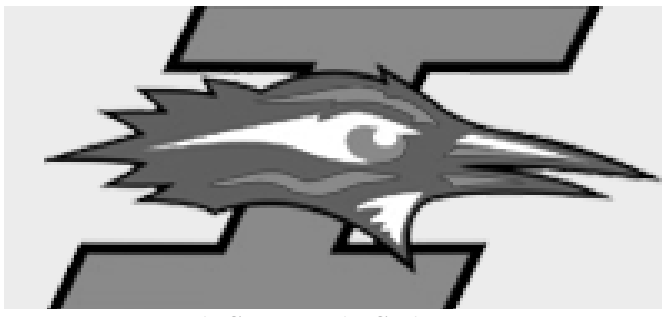
Featuring roughly 1,200 contestants from 43 U.S. States, five Canadian Provinces, Australia, and Mexico, the NJHFR is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$80,000 in prizes, NJHFR contestants will also be competing for more than \$200,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named a National Junior High Finals Rodeo World Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20 - based on their combined times/scores in the first to go-arounds to advance to Saturday evening's final round. World champions will then be determined based on their three go-round combined times/scores. Added money for the optional jackpot has increased to \$100,000 and is available to everyone at finals who enters the jackpot in their event.

Again, this year, the Saturday championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the *Cinch High School Rodeo Tour* telecast series on RFD-TV. Live broadcasts of all NJHFR performances will air on: <https://www.cowboychannelplus.com/>. Performance times are 7 p.m. on June 18th and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day thereafter.

Along with great rodeo competition and the chance to meet new friends from around the world, NJHFR contestants have the opportunity to enjoy shooting sports, volleyball, contestant dances, family-oriented activities, church services sponsored by Golden Spur Ministries, and shopping at the NJHFR tradeshow, as well as visiting area attractions as Perry hosts the NJHFR this year. To follow your local favorites at the NJHFR, visit www.NHSRA.com daily for complete results.

For ticket information and reservations, go to <https://nhsra.com/juniorhighfinals/>





ROADRUNNER PRIDE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Roadrunners Hit Summer in Stride

As the Spring sports seasons ended in May with multiple state runners at Drake University and school records broken, that success and momentum has carried into the Summer sports season. This summer has continued to provide student athletes the opportunity to showcase their hard work and determination. Middle School and High School Baseball and Softball is in full swing, and the summer speed and agility program is seeing higher numbers with more athletes participating. The High School Baseball program started the season 15-3 (as of 6/14) and Softball 11-9 as of the same date. Both programs are making a case to host post season games at Interstate 35, with time left to solidify that argument. Senior night for both high school programs will be on July 2. We would love to see fans come to the ballpark and celebrate our squads, especially the seniors that have paved the way and led our teams.

And that's a wrap

At I-35 Elementary, we wrapped up a big year! Our students continue to hike our proficiency numbers on our school-wide goals and on other assessments! We have the majority of our students growing at rigorous rates as defined by the school. I could not be more proud of what our students and staff are accomplishing! Students were celebrated with an awards ceremony on the last day of school to help recognize some of that hard work and dedication to learning that was demonstrated throughout the school year. As a collective school, we met both of our school-wide goals this school year, a feat that can only be attributed to all roles within the school family working together to support the learning process.

As you might guess, we are hard at work making sure next school year is even better! We continue to refine our systems and operations as we look at assuming fifth and sixth grade next school year and in our work to be an exceptional school. We have some exciting surprises in the works for students; I cannot wait to get them back in the building and engaging with our staff team!

In the meantime, students can join us for summer school starting July 9th and running on Tuesdays and Thursdays through August 1st. It should be a blast!

Mrs. Woods

Middle School Summer Academic Success

As the school year winds down and summer vacation looms on the horizon, it's natural for middle school students to eagerly anticipate the break from classes, homework, and early mornings. However, maintaining academic skills over the summer is crucial to prevent the dreaded "summer slide" and ensure a smooth transition back to school in the fall. Here are some practical tips for middle school kids to keep up on academics during the summer break:

1. **Set Realistic Goals:** Encourage your child to set achievable academic goals for the summer. Whether it's completing a certain number of books, mastering a new math concept, or improving writing skills, having clear objectives will keep them focused and motivated.
 2. **Create a Summer Schedule:** Help your child establish a balanced daily routine that includes dedicated time for academic activities. Set aside specific blocks for reading, math practice, writing exercises, and any other subjects they want to focus on. Consistency is key to making learning a habit.
 3. **Explore Enrichment Opportunities:** Summer is the perfect time for kids to explore their interests outside of the classroom. Look for enrichment programs, summer camps, or online courses that align with your child's passions, whether it's coding, art, science experiments, or creative writing.
 4. **Make Learning Fun:** Inject some fun into summer learning by incorporating interactive activities and hands-on projects. Visit museums, zoos, or historical sites for educational outings. Experiment with science experiments, conduct kitchen chemistry, or embark on nature scavenger hunts to make learning an adventure.
 5. **Keep Reading:** Encourage a love of reading by providing access to a variety of books that cater to your child's interests and reading level. Create a cozy reading nook at home, participate in library summer reading programs, or start a family book club to discuss favorite reads together.
 6. **Practice Math Skills:** Prevent math regression by incorporating daily math practice into your child's summer routine. Use online math games, worksheets, or educational apps to reinforce key concepts in a fun and engaging way. Cooking, baking, and budgeting activities also provide practical math practice opportunities.
 8. **Keep a Summer Journal:** Encourage your child to keep a summer journal to document their experiences, thoughts, and reflections. Writing regularly not only strengthens literacy skills but also provides an outlet for creativity and self-expression.
 9. **Prioritize Balance and Rest:** While it's important to prioritize academic enrichment, it's equally crucial to balance learning with relaxation and downtime. Encourage your child to enjoy outdoor activities, hobbies, and quality time with family and friends. A well-rounded summer experience contributes to overall well-being and sets the stage for a successful return to school in the fall.
- By incorporating these strategies into their summer routine, middle school students can stay academically engaged, foster a love of learning, and emerge from the break ready to tackle the challenges of the upcoming school year with confidence.

Where do teachers go during the summer?

The summer break is not only a vital time for students but also an essential period for teachers to recuperate and engage in professional development. After a demanding school year, educators need this time to rest, recharge, and reflect on their teaching practices. Recuperation is crucial for mental and emotional well-being, helping teachers return to the classroom with renewed energy and enthusiasm. However, summer is also an opportune time for teachers to refine their craft, explore new educational strategies, and stay abreast of the latest developments in education.

Teachers have various avenues to engage in professional learning over the summer. Many participate in workshops, conferences, and seminars that focus on the latest research and innovative practices in education. These events provide opportunities to network with colleagues, share experiences, and gain fresh insights that can be applied in their classrooms. Additionally, online courses and webinars offer flexible learning options, allowing teachers to deepen their knowledge in specific subject areas or explore new teaching methodologies at their own pace.

Professional development during the summer is not limited to formal training sessions. Many teachers engage in self-directed learning by reading educational books, exploring new technologies, or collaborating with peers in professional learning communities. These activities help teachers stay current with educational trends and pedagogical advancements. By actively seeking out and integrating new knowledge and skills, teachers can enhance their instructional techniques, making learning more engaging and effective for their students.

The knowledge and skills acquired by teachers during the summer are invaluable to the entire school community. Teachers who engage in professional development bring back innovative ideas and best practices that can be shared with colleagues through workshops, team meetings, or informal discussions. This collective learning enriches the school's educational environment, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and collaboration. By expanding their support for students and enhancing the overall educational experience, teachers who invest in their professional growth over the summer play a crucial role in advancing the school's mission and success.

Upcoming Events

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

- Thursday, June 20 Softball/Baseball vs. Ogden
 - Saturday June 22 Softball @Indianola
 - Monday, June 24 Softball vs. Ankeny Centennial
 - Monday, June 24 Baseball vs. Mt. Ayr
 - Monday June 24 Board of Education Meeting
 - Tuesday, June 25 Softball/Baseball - double header @ Panorama
 - Wednesday, June26 Baseball @ Bedford
 - Thursday, June 27 Softball/Baseball @ Pleasantville
 - Friday, June 28 Softball vs. MStM
 - Tuesday, July 2 Softball vs Saydel Community
 - Tuesday, July 2 Baseball vs Southeast Warren
 - Wednesday, July 3 Softball @ Southeast Warren
 - Wednesday, July 3 Baseball vs. MStM
 - Saturday, July 6 Baseball District vs. TBA
 - Monday, July 8 Softball Regional vs. TBA
 - Tuesday July 9 Baseball District vs. TBA
 - Tuesday, July 9 Dance Clinic
 - Wednesday, July 10 Softball Regional vs. TBA
 - Friday, July 12 Softball Regional vs. TBA
 - Saturday, July 13 Baseball District vs. TBA
 - Monday, July 15 Girls Wrestling Camp
 - Monday, July 15 Softball Regional Final vs. TBA
 - Tuesday, July 16 Baseball Sub-State vs TBA
 - Tuesday, July 16 Girls Wrestling Camp
 - Wednesday, July 17 Girls Wrestling Camp
 - Thursday, July 18 Girls Wrestling Camp
 - July 19 - Aug 4 Gyms Closed for Floor Refinishing
- ALL athletic competitions are VARSITY contests. For all sport and activity calendar please visit www.roadrunnerpride.org

Save the Dates

August 20
I-35 All Sports
Night

August 21
Back to School
Bash

Go ROADRUNNERS



Virginia Booster 4-H Club News

Written by Nora Nelson, Reporter

The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their May 8, 2024, meeting at 5:00 PM at the Interstate 35 School in Truro.

Brady Streeer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll call was "Are you excited about summer vacation?" Brianna Fantz read the secretary's report, and Jeta Nelson gave the treasurer's report.

This month's old business:

- YQCA needs to be done by June 1st for all animals to be exhibited except dogs and horses.
- Club Tour June 11th
- Petting Zoo - Should we do it again? Club voted yes.

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

- Animal ID due May 15th
- Beef Workshop May 18th
- Warren County Produced Scholarships
- Fair books Online, 2 books: Open and 4-H
- Exhibitor T-shirt guidelines are available for \$10 at the Extension Office
- The Club Voted to buy 4-H T-shirts for new members.
- Dog Project, Mondays 6-7
- Horse Project Wednesdays 6-8
- No Pullorum testing
- Rabbit Workshop Tuesday 6-8 pm June 6th and 9th
- Fair Clean-Up July 15th, 6:00 pm
- Booth Decorating
- Static Exhibit Saturday 8:00 pm
- Pre-Fair Picnic- July 20th, 6:00 pm
- Club Voted to have an Achievement Show this year.

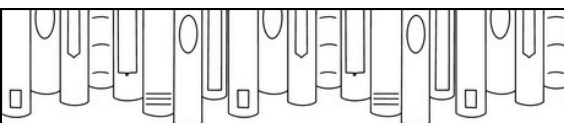
Any other new business:

- June Hosts -Everyone
- June Presentations - Owen

Jeta Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Nora Nelson seconded.

Brianna gave her presentation about how to raise meat chickens.

The next meeting is June 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.



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

Kids programs every Tuesday at 5pm and Wednesday at 10am!

Tween/Teen Programs every Wednesday at 1pm!

Book Club June 19th at 4pm!



www.newvirginia.lib.va.us

New Books:

- The One and Only Family by Katherine Applegate
- Mind Games by Nora Roberts
- For the Love of Summer by Susan Mallery
- The 24th Hour by James Patterson

Library Hours:

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



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

Veterans Strengthening America

Virginia Booster 4-H Club News

Written by Nora Nelson, Reporter

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Brady Streeer called the meeting to order. Roll call was "What is your favorite summer activity?" Brianna Fantz gave the secretary's report, and Brady gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business

- o Club Tour - The club voted to reimburse Brenda for the pizza.
- o The club voted to have an achievement show before the next meeting.

New Business

- o The club voted to have a club gathering during the county fair at the Bedwell's camper.

- o Fair Booth decorating theme is "Showtime"

New Business (Newsletter)

- o Livestock entries starting June 1 and deadline July 1
- o Clothing, Communication, Static Deadline June 15
- o County Youth Council 9-12 Graders
- o Warren County Produced due July 1 at 11:59 a.m.
- o Communication and Clothing June 24
- o Static Judging for Virginia Boosters on July 20 at 9:00 a.m.
- o Horse Riding Armbands are available.
- o Dog Project Mondays 5-6 p.m. beginner level or 7-8 p.m. advanced level
- o Horse Project ride nights Wednesday 6-8 p.m. at the fairgrounds
- o Fair Clean up July 15
- o Booth Decorating July 18
- o Pre-Fair Picnic-July 20 6:00 p.m.
- o Our club is hosting the exhibit building 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 26

Nora Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Rosemary Seward seconded the motion. Owen Ritchey's presentation was over his bucket calf Lucy. The next meeting will be held July 10 at 7:00 p.m. July host is Blake Erickson, and members giving their presentations in July are Jaydon and Peyton McDonald.

MPA Classes:

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Open Class

2024 New Virginia Iowa

Truck & Tractor Pull

Friday, June 28 @ 6:00pm

Gerry Allen Park

General Admission/Pit Pass:

\$15.00

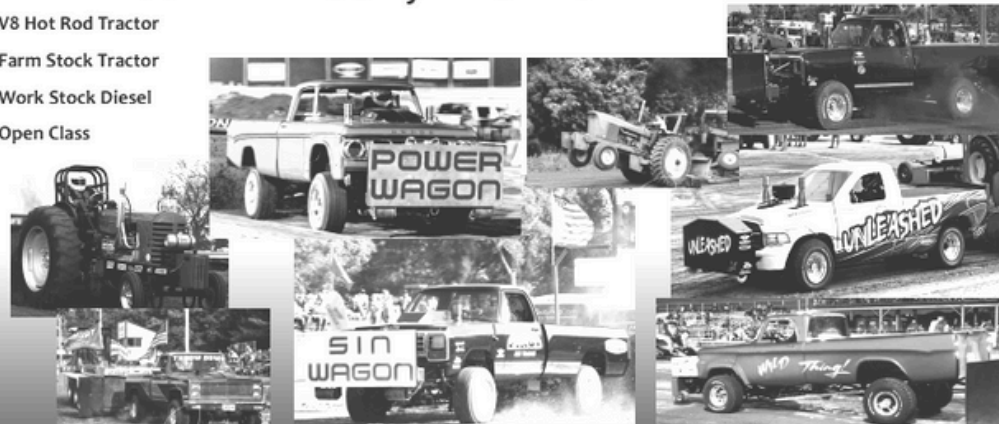
Kids 12 & younger free-

Parents/Guardian must sign

waiver for minor in pit area

Driver of Truck/Tractor plus

one additional person free



For More Information Call Matt Strange 515-249-6074 or Alan Brommel 515-249-8636



Yvonne "Bonnie" Downs

Born on May 18, 1926 to Noble and Fern (Nicoson) Nixon in Warren County, Bonnie passed away peacefully on her 98th birthday, May 18, 2024. Bonnie lived most of her life in Madison County, graduating from St. Charles High School in 1944.

Bonnie spent some time in California working at the ordnance plant during WWII before returning home and marrying Charles Downs on September 26, 1945.

Charles and Bonnie made their life on the farm outside St. Charles, IA, from that day forward. She lived on the farm for over 70 years, raising her family, cooking and baking her famous rolls, taking in ironing, raising chickens, and selling eggs and cream for grocery money. She loved working in her garden and her flower beds. Bonnie spent considerable time working at the turkey farm, north of St. Charles, which was extremely hard work. Sharing her

love for reading, she worked part time at the elementary school library in St. Charles. She and Charles were very active in the Rolling Hills Camper Club and Squires and Dames Square Dance Club. In later years, they enjoyed spending winters in southern Texas. She always loved visits from the grandkids and the great grandkids. And also, a good wiener roast out in the timber!

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents and husband Charles. She leaves her legacy behind with sons, Alan (Peggy) Downs of St. Charles, Craig (Lois) Downs of Boone, grandchildren Rob & Anne Downs of Des Moines, Scott & Ashley Downs of St. Charles, Melinda & Matt Brown of Granger, Kim & Grant Redeker of Boone. Great grandchildren Elena, Ethon, Eli Downs, Morgan, Blake Downs, Liam, Cooper Brown, and Charles, Stanley Redeker.

A live stream of the service was available at www.kalefuneralhome.com on Yvonne's tribute wall beginning at 11:00 am, Wednesday, May 22. Interment was in the St. Charles Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the St. Charles Library or Suncrest Hospice, 5959 Village View Dr., Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

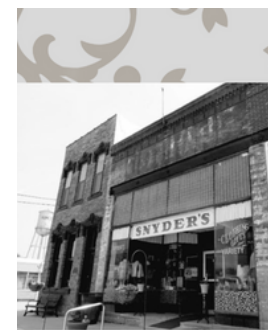
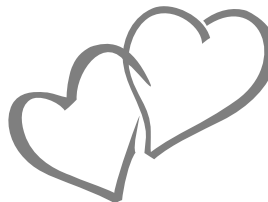
Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.kalefuneralhome.com

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takes care of itself." Wow. I was lured into complicating things and straying from the simplicity of just following Jesus. He said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29).

Comparison, Competition and now Complication are the thieves of joy and peace. There's nothing wrong with success or promotion. But at the cost of losing our joy and peace? No thank you. We may not be number one on Google's search engine, and still be a little-known ministry tucked away in the corner of rural Iowa, but according to God, we are doing exactly what we are supposed to be doing, touching lives, one lost and hurting soul at a time. Just like Jesus. And we wouldn't have it any other way. Bloom where you are planted, dear ones. It is through the satisfaction of what you have and where you are at that will bring great blessings, joy and peace. After all, aren't those the most lasting riches we can ever achieve? Be blessed by these words.

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"Comparison is the thief of joy." I struggled to keep this statement in my mind as I listened to the voice on the other end of the phone conversation last week. As desperately as I wanted to end this conversation, I knew that I had to focus and continue listening to the account rep from the company who manages our website. There were updates that needed to be made on the Jesus' Right Hand website, but for some reason we didn't seem to be speaking the same language. He kept pushing me to make changes that would "move us up to the top" in the Google search engine, but I just wanted some updated, real-life photos to replace the stock photos, and to change our email address. Of course, I had received the call at the ministry on a Monday morning, right before the organized chaos of unloading and sorting donations. To be quite honest, the WORST time for me to receive any phone calls is between the two hours before we open the doors on Mondays. Plus, he was asking me to do things I had absolutely no idea how to accomplish. So, I told him that I only had a couple more minutes to talk before our donations arrived, and he gave me my "homework" with a plan to follow up later the next day. I hung up the phone, and my head was swimming with the tasks set before me.

This isn't an unusual situation lately. Jesus' Right Hand is experiencing some serious growing pains. Conversations like that aren't out of the ordinary. The challenges to grow and reach beyond our comfort zone have become quite typical in our day-to-day lives. But as I looked back on that conversation, I realized that it drained me: mentally, physically and spiritually. I had lost my joy, but more importantly, I had lost my peace. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:70). It is that peace of God that is the guide, the compass in my life. It was then that I realized the "language" he was speaking was comparison, but the language I was speaking was the opposite. I really don't give a hoot about rising to the top of the Google search engine. We just want a website that gives people the information they need. We're not interested in squashing the competition with complicated algorithms and pushing aside the others to be number one. We want to reach hurting and hungry people for Jesus. Don't get me wrong, the business of food insecurity is a very competitive field. It's all about seeing who has the biggest numbers and the greatest need, because that's where the money will go. I even cringe to use the word "business." But that's what it has become. And that is truly sad.

Jesus' Right Hand has always been different. We march to the beat of God's heart, and His heart beats for His creation. Jesus looked out for the needs of those on the fringes of society, the outcasts, the rejected, the poor and homeless, and the hungry. He didn't have a website or crowd-funding campaigns. He had a rag-tag bunch of 12 guys who were smelly fisherman, a tax collector, a head-strong zealot and a traitor. I'm sure none of these guys would ever be on the short list for a leadership position. But the thing Jesus had going for His ministry was two-fold. He had His Father's guidance, and his disciples were passionate about following Jesus. They left everything to follow Him. And in many ways, JRH is much the same. We are following Jesus' example as His disciples, passionate about following Him and touching lives in the process. The abundance of food is the tool we've been given to reach the lost and hurting. And quite honestly, we don't need a high placement in Google's search results that brings people in our door. We have no need to be important, or to have high numbers or anything like that. Comparison (and Competition) is the thief of joy. In full transparency, the remainder of that Monday did not go well. I needed "action" photos for the website, so I grudgingly agreed to take extra photos and email them to our website rep. So, I took time to get in everyone's face with my phone, taking what I thought would be photos that reflected the reality of what we do. All I succeeded in doing was getting in everyone's way and slowing things down. I settled down to my computer after I got home only to find that all the photos I had taken earlier that day would not send through email. I was tired, frustrated and totally stressed out at the prospect of not being able to accomplish even the simplest of the four tasks I was asked to do. For the sake of mental survival, I just walked away.

But this experience turned out to be a teaching moment for me. The way God chooses to teach sometimes comes in the strangest ways at the most unexpected times. I am a huge fan of the series "The Chosen." Watching a live stream of the second episode of this season, there was an interaction between the disciple Matthew and Gaius, one of the Roman soldiers. As a former tax collector, Matthew had a lot of interaction in his past with Gaius, and well, they had history. Gaius was under intense pressure from his superiors when he encountered Matthew, and Matthew picked up on that. After some small talk, Gaius asked Matthew how he is doing. Matthew said when he gets up each morning, his ideas and fears are jumbled, and he feels overwhelmed with doubt. But then Matthew says, "But then I just pause for a moment and remember, I have only one thing to do today; follow Him. The rest

ROAD TRIPPING

Contributed by Terry Garner

This first week of June is bringing us temperatures over 100 degrees, with lows in the 80's, just a taste of the summer to come. The sunshine here and our irrigation system have helped Mel's tomato plants, and he has been harvesting yellow tomatoes. He also learned about blossom end rot and bought the recommended nutrients and fertilizer to hopefully avoid future rot.

Our Catholic Church has a Society of St. Vincent de Paul group, or conference. I was interested in learning more about the group, having heard Karen Taylor say that she volunteered at their charity thrift store in Lake Havasu, AZ. Some of my friends at the St. Patrick Irish Settlement Church are also involved in furthering the work of their SVdP group. So last year, I attended a few meetings, met some of the Vincentians and learned about the work they do to further their mission of "Feed Clothe Help Heal."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church, founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. The primary figure behind the Society's founding was Blessed Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam, a French Catholic literary scholar, lawyer, journalist and equal rights advocate, in collaboration with Emmanuel Bailly. The Society was named after Vincent de Paul (1581-1660), an Occitan French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians," as well as the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity and was canonized as a saint in 1737. The United States national headquarters of SVdP is in St. Louis, MO. There are about 800,000 members in some 150 countries. Programs include visits to homes, prisons and hospitals, housing assistance, disaster relief, job training and placement, food pantries, dining halls, clothing, transportation and utility costs, care for the elderly, and medicine. Revenue is raised through donations and thrift stores. (Source: Wikipedia.com)

Although I decided not to take the training in order to become a Vincentian, I have been volunteering with the small groups who help at the main St. Vincent campus in Phoenix and at the Mesa Dining Room. The main campus has the Central Kitchen where 7,000 hot meals are prepared daily, a Family Dining Room, and a Food Reclamation Warehouse where thousands of pounds of food donations are sorted, among other services. There is an extremely large garden area growing vegetables, herbs and fruits. At the main campus, we are part of the "kitchen crew," but we don't work in any kitchen. We work a three-hour shift and do whatever we are asked to do. We have worked cutting up potatoes, making peanut butter sandwiches and putting chips and nuts into plastic bags. The 50-pound sacks of potatoes came from the Navajoe Nation. All of the bread and buns used for the sandwiches are donated, and they may be white, wheat, or raisin bread or hamburger buns. They are put into plastic sandwich bags and are additional food for those persons who come for a meal. Mel and I have assisted in "plating" meals which involves filling plastic containers, putting lids on and putting them into rolling "warming" containers that are taken to area shelters. Another table of volunteers had different foods because both a lunch meal and a supper meal were being plated. About 1,650 meals are plated in these very fast-paced assembly lines. The meals are delivered to 15-20 area shelters.

Mel and I have volunteered at the SVdP Mesa Dining Room, helping in simple prep before manning the serving line to serve lunch to approximately 75 people, most who are homeless. The hot food is delivered from the main campus, and everything else has been donated, such as fruit, sandwiches, cookies, pies, chips. In addition to a tray of food, each person selects additional food items for their "carry-out" bag so they have food for later. At both locations, there are many more volunteers, not just our small church group. We have found our volunteer time to be rewarding, and our appreciation of our blessings has certainly increased.

May you all have a safe and happy summer.



Meandering Around Murray

In early May, Rollie and I were visiting the area greenhouses in the Murray community. We were also looking for the address of an Amish auction that was coming up in a few days. We got on some gravel roads that were just beautiful. They were narrow, and the trees were hanging over them, making it feel like you were almost in a tunnel. Being the first of May, the grass was still relatively short, so you could see under the brush into the pastures. You could see wildflowers, and the multiflora rose bushes were blooming and looking quite beautiful. (Don't tell the farmers I said that!) It would get quite hilly in spots, and when you crested the hill, the views were spectacular.

On one corner we came to, there was a little wooden sign and an old house that had fallen in. I got Rollie to back up and have a better look. Although the grass was somewhat tall, you could tell that someone had been mowing it periodically. There were the remains of an old building that had fallen down, I'm assuming it was the old house since there was a pile of bricks, and I figured that was the chimney. We were just looking from the road, so it was rather hard to tell, but that's my best guess. Surrounding it all was just lots of brush, but someone was clearly maintaining the site for sentimental reasons. Out in front there was a wooden sign with an inscription with names and dates: Homesite of John and Daisy Siefkas and their sons, George, Virgil, Chester and Verlin. I won't tell you exactly where it is, (south of Murray) because if I do, you will miss out on some of the scenery in this place. Take your time and do a little exploring, (Honey, are we lost?) You might see something I missed!



We did find the Amish auction site, so a few days later on sale day, we took the straight route there. Lots of stuff and lots of people! We had fun, bought some stuff we didn't need, and visited with friends we hadn't seen for a while. It was a good day! I bought an old seeder or drill with iron wheels. My plan was to park it in the yard and fill it with flowers. I spent 50 bucks on the seeder and am now going broke buying flowers to put in it! It looks beautiful in the shady spot of my yard.



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Producers and Landowners Can Now Sign Up for USDA's Grassland Conservation Reserve Program

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 3, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that agricultural producers and private landowners can now sign up for the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (Grassland CRP). The signup runs from today through June 28, 2024. Grassland CRP, offered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is a voluntary working lands conservation program that enables participants to conserve grasslands and provide important conservation benefits for wildlife, soil health and carbon sequestration, all while continuing most grazing and haying practices.

"Grassland CRP is a vital conservation tool that supports two of USDA's top priorities: the wellbeing of American agriculture and the health of America's grasslands, which provide critical environmental benefits for wildlife and carbon sequestration," said Matt Russell, FSA State Executive Director in Iowa. "Over the past three years, we have seen historic interest in the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program with producers signing up to conserve over 6.8 million acres. This historic interest from agriculture has proven that agricultural productivity and conservation priorities are not exclusive from one another, but can coexist and, more importantly, complement and enhance one another."

More than 2.3 million acres from agricultural producers and private landowners were accepted through the 2023 Grassland CRP signup. That signup reflects the continued success and value of investments in voluntary, producer-led, working lands conservation programs. The current total participation in Grassland CRP is 8.64 million acres, which is part of the 24.8 million acres enrolled in CRP opportunities overall.

On Nov. 16, 2023, President Biden signed into law H.R. 6363, the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22), which generally extended the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334), more commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill, through Sept. 30, 2024. This extension allows authorized programs, including CRP, to continue operating.

Landowners and producers interested in CRP should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for the program before the June 28 deadline.

Other CRP Options

FSA is also accepting applications for the Continuous CRP signup, which opened in January 2023. Under this enrollment, producers and landowners can enroll in CRP throughout the year. Offers are automatically accepted provided the producer and land meet the eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. Additionally, FSA also offers financial assistance to producers and landowners enrolled in CRP to improve the health of their forests through the Forest Management Incentive (FMI), which can help participants with forest management practices, such as brush management and prescribed burning.

Producers with expiring CRP acres can use the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), which incentivizes producers who sell or enter a long-term lease with a beginning, veteran, or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher who plans to sustainably farm or ranch the land.

More Information

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.



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