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100 YEARS AGO Contributed by Sue Stills

This new year of 2025 and the passing of former President Jimmy Carter on December 29, 2024 at the age of 100 brought to mind the question: What was it like in the United States and the world in 1925, 100 years ago? We “old timers” had parents and grandparents born well before then. We all know how the 1920’s ended – a stock market crash, followed by a decade-long depression leading into a second world war, but at the time, it felt like humanity had thrown off its shackles. Telephones, movies and radio were bringing the world closer together, aviation was making its debut, the first world war was behind us, and the Roaring Twenties was a decade of rapid economic growth. The Jazz Age was in full swing. Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington made their first recordings. People danced the Charleston, and some women were considered “flappers” which were described as “a subculture of young Western women prominent after the First World War and through the 1920’s who wore short skirts (knee length), bobbed their hair, listened to jazz, and flaunted their disdain for prevailing codes of decent behavior.” Prohibition was in effect throughout the 1920’s, that is, 1920-1933. The 18th Amendment of the Constitution (The National Prohibition Act) banned the production, sale and transportation of alcohol. The Act certainly did not eliminate any of those actions, and it was repealed in 1933 by the 21st Amendment. The fifth Miss America pageant was held at the Million Dollar Pier Ballroom in Atlantic City, NJ, on September 11, 1925. Miss California, Fay Lanphier from Oakland, won the title, and Miss Los Angeles, Adrienne Dore, was the first runner-up. Lanphier was the first Miss America crowned representing an entire state.

In 1925, the top grossing movies were *The Big Parade* (\$18-22 million) and *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* (\$10.7 million). *The Big Parade* was a silent war drama about World War I, starring John Gilbert. *Ben Hur* was a silent epic adventure-drama starring Ramon Navarro and a forerunner of the 1959 film with which most of us are familiar, starring Charlton Heston. *The Phantom of the Opera*, a silent horror film starring Lon Chaney, opened at the Astor Theatre in New York City. People were reading *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

In the 1920’s, regional airlines welcomed their first passengers, but the airline business was just in the beginning stages. Trains and cars were popular means of transportation. The Chrysler Corporation was founded as an automobile manufacturer by Walter Percy Chrysler. Many rural roads, however, were unpaved, as many of you Iowans remember. In 1925, the average cost of a new car was \$525, and gasoline was 20¢ per gallon. A Ford Model T cost \$260. Earl Wise built his first production plant for his potato chips, and the Teddy Bear was the most popular toy. The average cost of a house was about \$6,000. New York City became the largest city in the world, taking the lead from London.

How many of you have heard of the 1920’s fad of flagpole sitting? The fad originated with a daredevil named Alvin “Shipwreck” Kelly when, in 1924, a friend dared him to scale a flagpole. He stayed at the top for several hours, and after he saw how much attention his stunt generated, he found that business owners who needed publicity would pay him. Other people imitated him, but Kelly eventually set the record of 49 days on his flagpole perch. Crazy, don’t you think?

Here are some famous people who were born in 1925: Paul Newman, Jack Lemmon, George Kennedy, Yogi Berra, Tony Curtis, Barbara Bush, Audie Murphy, Johnny Carson, Robert F. Kennedy and Sammy Davis, Jr. Have you heard of Hard Boiled Haggerty? Don Stansauk was born on April 2, 1925. He served in the U.S. Navy on the battleship U.S.S. *New Jersey* during World War II. He was a professional American football player with the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers. In 1952, he debuted as a professional wrestler (6 ft. 1 in., 285 lbs.) under his real name in Green Bay. When he moved to Chicago, his promoter renamed him Don Sparrow because he “moved like a bird.” While wrestling in Minneapolis, his then promoter gave him the name “Hard Boiled Haggerty.” He was hated by the crowds because he portrayed an arrogant character. He retired from wrestling in 1972 and became a successful character actor, playing in a multitude of movies. Don died on January 27, 2004 at the age of 78.

News in the world in 1925 reported that Italian Fascist leader, Benito Mussolini, declared himself his country’s dictator. In Germany, soon-to-be dictator Adolf Hitler released his memoir/manifesto *Mein Kampf*. We know what danger laid ahead with these two men in power.

The United States population in 1925 was 115,829,000, an increase of 1,720,000 from the previous year. The Iowa population was 2,427,000. New Virginia’s population was 424 in 1920 and 404 in 1930. Iowa’s Governor in 1925 was Republican John Hammill. He was the 24th Governor and served 1925-1931. In 1925, William S. Beardsley (age 28), who served as Iowa’s 31st Governor 1933-1954, was living in New Virginia with his wife Charlotte and their four children ages 5, 4, 3 and 1. His drugstore was a popular place in 1925. Ben Leachman and his family lived in New Virginia and operated Leachman Lumber. In 1925, he purchased a Ford Model T truck from Charley McClure and used it to haul building supplies from the train depot, replacing his horse and wagon. The building at 404 West Street was built in 1925 as a Chevrolet dealership owned by Oliver Russell. Around 1943, the building housed Reed Implement. The New Virginia Consolidated School building on Broadway Street was built 1924-1925 and held its first classes in 1925.

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Council Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2025

The Council met in regular session on Monday January 6th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the January council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey, Taylor and Truman present. Absent Galivan. Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Old business discussed: The periodic examination by Denman & Company went well. It started at 8:00 a.m. and concluded at approximately 5:00 p.m. on December 18th. The City has not yet received an opinion from the State Auditor on the findings of the periodic review.

Citizen Input: The Mayor received a phone call from the Warren County dispatch center of a citizen complaint about the snow removal on Grand Street/Grand Avenue.

The need for ice melt at the GAMP Community Building was discussed. Ice melt will be purchased to have on hand at the GAMP Building.

Updates to the Tri-Corner-Express By-Laws were reviewed. There are formatting corrections needed in Article III: Officers and revisions to Article VI: Pricing d. vi and f.

Water Utilities discussed: No new updates and no items or issues to discuss.

Fire Department Business: Fire Truck 769 update – Reliant Fire still has not received the replacement skid unit for installation. After the skid unit is installed, the truck will have to go back to Karl’s Chevrolet for some final work before it is ready to be put in service.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Assistant Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2025. Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to appoint Dave Schaefer to Assistant Fire Chief of the New Virginia Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Dunkin to re-appoint Jake Zuercher as representative for the Warren County 911 Board and Dave Schaefer as alternate representative for the Warren County 911 Board. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2024 calls for service were reviewed. There were a total of 218 calls for service – 137 for EMS and 81 for fire.

Law Enforcement: The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the months of November and December were reviewed. In November there were 25 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies. Three citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 51 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 222 miles within the city limits of New Virginia for the month. In December there were 26 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies. Seven citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 47 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 200 miles within the city limits of New Virginia for the month.

City administration personnel named on all bank accounts and safe deposit box was reviewed.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to pass and approve Resolution 2025-01 – A RESOLUTION NAMING CITY STATE BANK AND IOWA PUBLIC TRUST AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST (IPAIT) DEPOSITORIES OF CITY FUNDS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to pass and approve Resolution 2025-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY PER FIRE AND EMS REPORTS ENTERED IN EMERGENCY SERVICES SOFTWARE. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to designate the Indianola RHT/Independent Advocate as official paper for publication of City budget, State of Iowa Annual Financial Report, Ordinances and any other necessary legal publications for 2025. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to designate the Tri-Corner-Express as official paper for publication of City council meeting minutes, public notices and any other legal publications for 2025. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor, to re-appoint Robert Stuyvesant as City Attorney for the City of New Virginia for 2025. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor the re-appointment of City positions for 2025 –Jennifer Baughman–City Clerk; Brent Baughman–Deputy City Clerk; Stephanie Galivan–Office Assistant; Kim McWilliams–Office Assistant; Chris Truman–Mayor Pro-Tem. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2025-26 City Budget was discussed. The budget will be worked on during the month of January to be ready for review by the Council at the February council meeting.

GAMP UPDATE

Ice Melt will be purchased for the GAMP Community Building as previously discussed in Citizens Input.

This year’s truck pull will be through MPA with Red Rock Sled providing the pulling sled. The date is set for June 28th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Event ideas for 2025 include: February 22, Saturday 2-5 p.m. (Tentative) country dance @ Legion Hall; February 9 or 16, Sunday 2-5 p.m. (Tentative) music jam @ GAMP Community Bldg.; March 9 or 16, Sunday 2-5 p.m. (Tentative) music jam @ GAMP Community Bldg.; April 27, Sunday - Kite Flying Event; July 11-13 – NV Old Settlers; September 21, Sunday - End of Summer Social; October – NV Trunk or Treat; November – country dance (Tentative); December 12 (Friday) & December 13 (Saturday) Christmas Home Tour.

ELF CLUB

The star topper was placed on the tree in Old Settlers Park for the holiday season.

TRI-CORNER-EXPRESS

Updates to the Tri-Corner- Express By-Laws from last month’s meeting were reviewed. After further discussion, additional updates will be made to be reviewed at the February council meeting.

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


With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The February council meeting is scheduled for Monday February 3rd, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. **February meeting date – Monday February 3rd, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

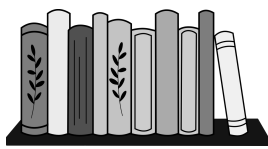
Gerry Allen Memorial Park
Community Building
 809 West Street, New Virginia, IA

	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


Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

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



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BOOK REVIEW

STORM WATCH
by C. J. Box

Reviewed by Sue Stills

I first started reading books by C. J. Box in 2018, mainly the series about Wyoming Fish and Game Warden, Joe Pickett. I have also read eight other books by this author. Storm Watch is the 22nd book in the Joe Pickett series, and it was just as interesting as all of the other books. While tracking a wounded elk in the midst of an epic Rocky Mountain spring snowstorm, Joe discovers a body at a mysterious high-tech structure. His investigation into this murder is obstructed by federal agents, extremists, and the Wyoming governor. Joe encounters additional murders and a shadowy group of local militant activists. As in previous books, Joe's friend Nate Romanowski plays a role in bringing the tale to its conclusion.

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.

Brobdingnagian

I came across this word in a book I was reading, and looked it up to see what it meant. The word comes from Jonathan Swift's novel, *Gulliver's Travels*.

Brobdingnag is a fictional land inhabited by giants, so anything

Brobdingnagian is huge or gigantic, enormous in size. As in: "Watch out for that Brobdingnagian meteor, it's coming right at us!"



Virginia Boosters 4-H Club News
Written by Ella Scott, Reporter



VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALAN BROMMEL	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE-PARKING SPO	\$303.39	15556	12/16/2024
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$748.74	15561	1/3/2025
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$49.81	15557	12/16/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$49.81	15582	1/7/2025
BORTELL WELDING	CHRISTMAS TREE TROPPER ELF CLU	\$950.00	15558	12/16/2024
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	TECHNOLOGY-GOOGLE SUITE	\$78.00	15562	1/3/2025
CENTRAL IOWA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$75.00	15583	1/7/2025
CHUCK BEEKER	CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST	\$125.00	15584	1/7/2025
CITY STATE BANK	LOCK BOX FEES 2025	\$17.00	15563	1/3/2025
HUSTON'S STORAGE	RENT-LEASE STORAGE UNIT	\$1,020.00	15587	1/7/2025
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$606.57	16326746	1/6/2025
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$1,141.11	16326747	1/6/2025
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	15588	1/7/2025
JENNIFER BOYLE	CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST	\$275.00	15589	1/7/2025
JOHN & AMANDA ALLUSP	CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST	\$175.00	15590	1/7/2025
KERRY JOHNSON	ELF CLUB SUPPLIES	\$523.58	15559	12/16/2024
NEW VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY	ANNUAL FUNDING FY2025	\$10,000.00	15591	1/7/2025
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$388.91	15560	12/16/2024
POSTMASTER	ANNUAL PO BOX FEE 2025	\$120.00	15592	1/7/2025
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	\$131.04	15593	1/7/2025
MACQUEEN	FIRE SUPPLIES CAIRNS XF1	\$771.80	15594	1/7/2025
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,181.90	15596	1/7/2025
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$229.00	15597	1/7/2025
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$560.08	15598	1/7/2025
	Total General	\$19,582.74		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,283.99	15561	1/3/2025
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL DEC 2ND & 31ST	\$212.50	15586	1/7/2025
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$12.18	16326747	1/6/2025
	Total Road Use	\$1,508.67		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	15581	1/7/2025
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.51	15557	12/16/2024
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.51	15582	1/7/2025
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$220.00	15585	1/7/2025
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER	\$100.00	15586	1/7/2025
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WETTAX NOVEMBER 2024	\$489.65	16326742	12/31/2024
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$418.34	16326746	1/6/2025
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$521.00	16326747	1/6/2025
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,167.00	15595	1/7/2025
	Total Water Utilities	\$6,086.01		
	GENERAL	\$5,672.59		
	WATER	\$2,190.13		
	Total Payroll Paid	\$7,862.72		
	***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$35,040.14		



**Recycling Dates
New Virginia**
Jan 23
Feb 6
Feb 20

The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their January meeting at 7 pm, at the Lions Hall in New Virginia on Wednesday, January 8th. Nora Nelson (Vice-President) called the meeting to order at 7pm. Roll call was what is your favorite thing to do in the winter. The secretary's report was read by Brianna Fantz, and Drake Nelson gave the treasurer's report. This month's old business discussion was talking about the Santa visit which took place in the New Virginia Lions Hall on Sunday, December 7th. All members thought this went well. The review of the monthly 4-H newsletter began the business, sparking conversation about upcoming dates. First the newsletter discussed that February 1st is the market beef enrollment deadline and March 1st is the 4-H enrollment deadline. 4-H Club officer training survey is January 26th, from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. The rabbit workshop takes place on February 3rd, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The poultry workshop is Saturday, February 8th, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. Enrollment deadline has a late fee. We discussed swine rule updates. Also, 4-H lock-in for grades 4th - 6th is February 14th through 15th from 7:00 pm on the 14th to 7:00 am on the 15th. It costs \$15 per kid and each 4-H member may bring up to two non-4-H friends. May 15th is the Livestock ID deadline. Year pins will be in February, and the February hosts are Lily, Nora, Drake, Scarlet, and February presentations are Lauren Miller, Emma Watts, Jason Gearig. The 4-H pledge was led by Emma Watts. Jason Gearig motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Blake Erickson seconded. Lastly, presentations were Charlotte Miller and Blake Erickson. Charlotte's presentation was about baton twirling, while Blake's was on Legos.

BINGO

@ NV Lions Hall 503 West St

	Soup Supper	
	 with Grilled Cheese 	
January 19 2025		4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
		BINGO 5:30-7:30 
Progressive Blackout at \$36 and half the sales		

Rent? Contact Ron Kirkpatrick 515-250-5116

ST. CHARLES HISTORY

The Biography of a Building

Kirk Freeman – Director, St. Charles Public Library

Even as a small boy, I loved history. From the many stories and letters read to me from my grandfather as we sat under a large oak tree in his yard at Patterson, Iowa, to listening on the periphery to the kinds of stories you get at family reunions in the Winterset Park before we kids would hike up to Clark Tower. I found it amazing when my great aunts and uncles, let alone my grandparents, recalled the first time seeing a car, or an airplane, and then watching humans walk on the moon all in a single lifetime. Stories of people lining up to watch the town's first phone installed in the local grocery/hardware store in the late 1890's and electrical power arriving in the 1920's to the early 1950's...to the rise of nuclear power in the 1970's.

I forced my poor parents to read me history books for bedtime before I learned to read. A topic my mother hated, so much so she would take me to different libraries and point me to the children's section and I would wander off to find the history sections.... I just instinctively knew when I was in the right area. Bless parents everywhere that read books they dislike to a child that was/is very particular on what they hear. So thanks mom and dad for allowing me a little spoiling at three. One of those books had a bunch of pictures; it was on historical architecture and how to identify a period by the building. That patient reading and showing pictures from that thick book helped me as an archaeologist identify the periods of the historical materials we found by the style of the buildings nearby. Of course, we also knew from the materials themselves, but everything helps in the voluminous reports.

That is why, while riding my bike around town as a kid, I could see a building design and get an idea of what it was for and the relative age of said structure. At the time there was a small "factory" that made campers on Main Street in St. Charles. But one of the buildings I noticed was far older than the others. It was just north of the lumber yard. I was curious about it...but the answer would not come to light until I was much older.

The building was built in 1875 and was a warehouse, a blacksmith shop, and then used for something I was not expecting. The small factory of Fryer and Flitcraft was an industry that existed in St. Charles at 110 South Lumber Street from around 1911 to 1915. A photograph of the St. Charles Train Depot from the time shows a two story, whitewashed building to the right with big, bold, capitalized letters reading

**FRYER & FLITCRAFT
MFGRS OF
ADHESIVE
FLY PAPER HOLDERS**



St. Charles Depot Picture C. 1911-13, with Factory to Right (Madison County Genweb)

The City of St. Charles has moved their city council meetings to the second Monday of the month. Consequently, we will not have city minutes in the paper this month, as the meeting falls after the paper has gone to the printer. This means our minutes will now be printed a month behind schedule. The city minutes will be back next month.

The product was a tin flypaper holder, designed to prevent numerous accidents that occurred with loose sheets of sticky fly paper being overturned by the wind or blown from the place it was needed by having the flypaper sheet inserted in a tin "holding" sleeve. This tin holder was curled inwards on three edges and opened on a short edge to facilitate the sliding of a flypaper sheet into the holder and keeping it in place until the well-used sheet could be removed and a new sheet inserted with much less hassle and mess. The dimensions were 9x12 inches to fit the common flypaper sheet of the time.



Flyer and Flitcraft

Fly Paper Holder c. 1912

Term of patent 14 years.

To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I, JOHN M. FLITCRAFT, own my design.

I am a citizen of the United States of America. I am a resident of St. Charles, Madison County, Iowa, I have invented a new, original, and ornamental design for a tray of which is shown, following is a specification. My invention consists in the ornamental JOHN FLITCRAFT design for a tray as pointed out in my claim in the presence of lawyers and illustrated by the accompanying drawing. Copies of this patent may be obtained for five cents each, by addressing the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C. Referenced by Citing Patent Filing date Publication date Applicant Title US2704974 * Feb 13, 1952 Mar 29, 1955 Bucks County Entpr Inc Trays

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The flypaper holder was patented in 1911 under the inventor: J. M. FLITCRAFT. The following is the patent office entry.

TRAY.

APPLICATION FILED FEB.10, 1911.

c9245 v Patented May 23, 1911.

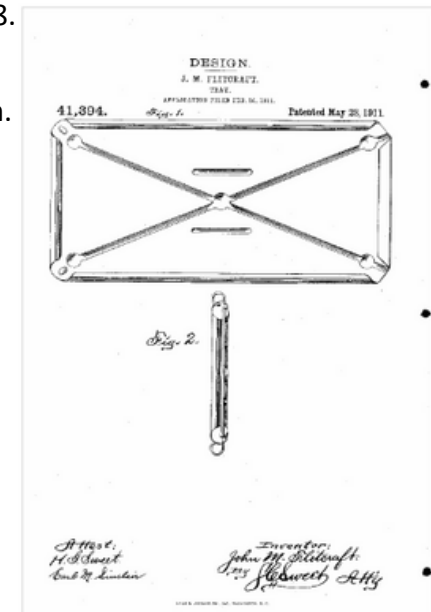
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOHN M. FLITCRAFT, OF ST. CHARLES, IOWA,
ASSIGNED, OF ONE-HALF TO J. W. FRYER,
OF ST. CHARLES, IOWA.

DESIGN FOR A TRAY.

41,394. Specification for Design- Patented May 23, 1911. Application filed February 10, 1911.

Serial No. 607,868.



Recycle

Jan 23

Feb 6

Feb 20

the city of Truro

Est. 1884

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ORANGE DREAMSICLE SALAD

- 1 box of orange Jello
- 1 box of instant vanilla pudding
- 1 c. of boiling water
- ½ c. of cold water
- 1 8 oz. container of Cool Whip
- 1 14 oz. can of Mandarin oranges
- 1 c. mini marshmallows

Combine orange Jello and boiling water until Jello is dissolved. Add cold water and chill for 15 minutes. Slowly add the box of instant vanilla pudding until smooth, then chill for 15 - 20 minutes. Fold in Cool Whip, Mandarin oranges and marshmallows. Refrigerate.

Truro Public Library

New Books

- One Big Happy Family by Susan Mallery
 - The Mirror by Nora Roberts
 - Chomp! The Truth about Sharks by Annette Whipple
- www.truro.lib.ia.us

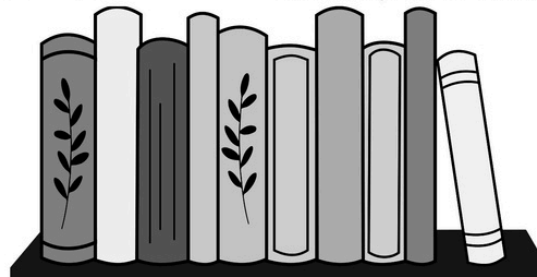
Borrow ebooks
& audiobooks

Libby.
The library reading app



Library Hours:

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

Squaw Creek Township is seeking sealed 2025 mowing bids for three cemeteries. Specifications and bid sheets are available online at squawcreektownship.com on the Township News and Events page, or you may contact Clerk Misti Kosman at squawcreektownship@gmail.com or 515-321-5174. Submissions are due by February 21, 2025.

TRURO PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB

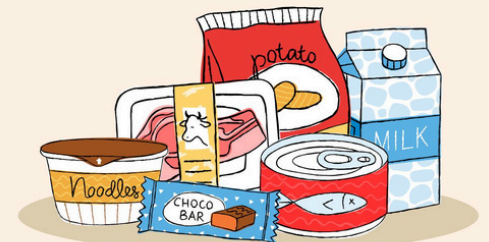
December 19th
One Day in December by Josie Silver
Two people. Ten chances. One unforgettable love story.

January 16th
First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston
The stakes couldn't be higher, but then, Evie has always liked a challenge

February 20th
In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende
The lives of three characters collide during the biggest Brooklyn snowstorm in memory

*Once a month at 5pm

TRURO COMMUNITY FRIDGE



We accept non perishable food. Anyone in our community of Truro can take advantage of the food that is in the fridge or pantry. Open during library hours.

Truro Public Library
114 E Center Street

- ITEMS NEEDED**
- ▶ Canned Food
 - ▶ Snack Foods
 - ▶ Food & Vegetable
 - ▶ Juice Pouches

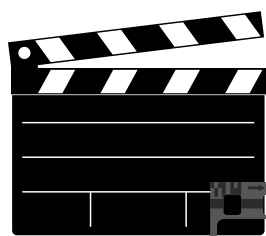
Jones Family DINER

Daily Lunch Specials

Sandwiches
Pizza
American



126 E. Center St.
Truro, IA 50257
Orders to Go: 515-468-5688
<https://www.facebook.com/thejonesfamilydiner>



Did you know...
New Virginia was
filmed in a movie in
December?

The film is to be
released in
October

Look for the interview
with the filmmaker in
the October
Tri Corner Express!



**\$6,400 Monies Available in 2025
for Community Organizations**

The Caring Neighbors Circle has gifted \$34,400 to community organizations and groups since 2020. Members meet quarterly for an hour or less, and after hearing three organizations give a 4-minute presentation of their needs, votes to approve one organization to be awarded approximately \$1,600! Organizations not receiving the top vote are encouraged to return to present at later meetings.

Become CNC Member—Membership form/ByLaws on Facebook--Caring Neighbors Circle. Members pledge \$50/quarter to come together with community members to make a difference with organizations that promote or create opportunity for our communities.

Next meeting of Caring Neighbors Circle-7 PM March 10, 2025 at St. Charles Lions Hall.

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By 1925, West Street was the main business street after the businesses on Main Street were destroyed by fire, the latest one in 1921.

Who was the President of the U.S. in 1925? Here's a little history lesson. The 30th U.S. President was Republican Calvin Coolidge, who as the 29th Vice-President, completed the four-year term of President Warren G. Harding (1921-1923) after he died on August 2, 1923 of a heart attack. Coolidge was elected President in 1925 and served until 1929. John Calvin Coolidge, Jr. was born on July 4, 1872 in Plymouth Notch, Vermont, the only U.S. President to be born on Independence Day. The Coolidge family had deep roots in New England. Their earliest American ancestor, John Coolidge, emigrated from England around 1630 and settled in Watertown, MA. Calvin's mother died in 1885 at the age of 39 when he was 12, and his only sibling, a younger sister, died at the age of 15 when he was 18. His father remarried in 1890. Calvin attended Black River Academy and St. Johnsbury Academy, both in Vermont, then attended Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Upon graduating from Amherst, Calvin moved to Northampton, MA and apprenticed with a local law firm. He was subsequently admitted to the MA Bar and opened his own law office in 1898. In 1903, Calvin met Grace Goodhue, a graduate of the University of Vermont and a teacher at Northampton's Clarke School for the Deaf. They married on October 4, 1905. They had two sons, John (1906-2000) and Calvin, Jr. (1908-1924). Calvin, Jr. died at the age of 16 after a blister on his toe became septic. The President suffered extreme depression after his son's death.

The President's political service began in 1907 in the MA House of Representatives from the 1st Hampshire district. He then served as: Mayor of Northampton; a MA Senator; President of the MA Senate; Lieutenant Governor of MA; and Governor of MA (1919-1921). Coolidge won as Warren G. Harding's Vice-Presidential candidate in November 1920. They won more than 60% of the popular vote. As Vice-President, Coolidge was invited by the President to attend cabinet meetings, the first Vice-President to do so. Although Coolidge was known to be a skilled and effective public speaker, in private he was a man of few words and was commonly referred to as "Silent Cal."

On August 2, 1923, Vice President Coolidge was in Vermont visiting his family home when a messenger brought word to him that President Harding had died. Coolidge's father, a notary public and justice of the peace, administered the oath of office in the family's parlor by the light of a kerosene lamp on August 3, 1923. My husband and I were in that parlor when we visited the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth Notch, VT in 2019.

Here are a few noteworthy accomplishments during Coolidge's 1925-1929 term: his inauguration in 1925 was the first to be broadcast on radio; lynchings of African Americans decreased; millions of people left the Ku Klux Klan; the Indian Citizenship Act granted U.S. citizenship to all Native Americans living on reservations; the St. Lawrence Seaway was authorized, a system of locks and canals that provided large vessel passage between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. The President chose not to run for re-election in 1928. He died suddenly of coronary thrombosis at home in Northampton on January 5, 1933 at the age of 60.

So much has changed in America and the world in the last 100 years. Persons born in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as those born in 1925, saw so many changes and advances in health care, medicines, technology, transportation, entertainment – actually in all aspects of life. There are many people living to the age of 100 and even older. Do you know anyone? Would you like to live to be 100?

Sources: Wikipedia.com; christandpopculture.com; reference.com; <http://iagenweb.org/>



A MESSAGE FROM MR. GRANDON

I-35 CSD SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings I-35 Community -

As winter settles in, I am excited to share some of the great things happening in our district. From planning for the future to celebrating current successes, there is much to be proud of as we reflect on 2024 and look ahead to the new year.

Facilities Committee Progress

Our Facilities Committee continues to work diligently on plans to ensure our buildings meet the evolving needs of our students, staff, and community. Recently, the committee has engaged in assessing priorities, gathering feedback, and exploring opportunities for updates and improvements. These efforts are aimed at creating a safe, innovative, and inclusive environment where all students can thrive now and for years to come as part of the I-35 CSD. Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to next steps in gathering student, parent, and community feedback later this winter and early spring.

Academic Growth and Achievement

As you read in the last *Tri-Corner-Express*, we are thrilled to report positive academic growth as highlighted in the recent Iowa School Profile update. Interstate 35 students have demonstrated improvements in key areas, reflecting their commitment to learning and the dedication of our exceptional educators. These gains are a testament to the collective efforts of our entire school community, families and students!

The 2025 ISASP testing dates for Interstate 35 haven't been set yet. Typically, testing occurs in late March or early April. We will share more information when it's ready and ask for your assistance in helping students do well on their tests and demonstrate their learning for the 2024-25 school year.

As we move deeper into the winter season, let us continue to work together to make Interstate 35 a place of excellence, opportunity, and community spirit. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and students.

Go Roadrunners!
Chad Grandon

INTERSTATE 35 CSD IS HIRING!

Contact Jen Baughman (jbaughman@i-35.k12.ia.us) to learn more about these positions. Scan the QR code to see the job posting flyer.

Visit www.roadrunnerpride.org > Employment to view all of the current job postings for I-35 CSD.

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LEARN MORE: *THE ROADRUNNER WAY*

You may have noticed the use of *The Roadrunner Way* around our district in 2024-25. It was the tagline on the Summer 2024 Roadrunner Report and we've been using it as a hashtag on social media posts that highlight our students and staff. This phrase was selected because it concisely captures how we do things in the I-35 community and how Roadrunner Country is a special place. Here, we value hard work, honesty, responsibility, collaboration, excellence and pride in ourselves as individuals and in our community as a whole.

To that end - we are expanding its use in 2025-26 into a schoolwide initiative. Still called *The Roadrunner Way*, this framework introduces six transformative habits designed to foster the above values among students and staff alike. The goal is that these habits will serve as a base for personal and organizational success. By adopting these habits, our students and staff will further develop their skills in navigating challenges, the tools to achieve their goals, and the ability to support one another in meaningful ways.

The graphic below shows these six habits. You can learn more about the effort in Dr. Woods' recent newsletter (QR code below).

Consider having family conversations about challenges and how they can be reframed as opportunities to learn and grow. By exploring these ideas together, families can create an encouraging environment where the principles of *The Roadrunner Way* naturally take root and flourish.

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO READ MORE IN
THE JAN. 6-17
NEWSLETTER



(Most recent edition as of publication)



ELEMENTARY UPDATE: 2ND QUARTER BOOK GOALS = NAILED IT!

Of our 239 students in 3rd-6th grade, **223 students met the second quarter book goal!**

93% of our students are reading books and comprehending the material in them. It is amazing to see our students engaging in reading so regularly! Reading matters for long-term education success because eventually students shift from "learning to read" in early elementary to "reading to learn" the material for their classes and beyond. From history to math, students read to absorb and retain information. In fact, we do the same as adults. Whether it's instructions on putting together furniture, information at our jobs or countless other scenarios, we are reading.

Read more elementary news in the most recent newsletter (as of publication of the *Tri-Corner-Express*). An email version was sent to all elementary families. But you can access a copy on the school's website on the Elementary page in the sidebar or by scanning the QR code in the left column on this page.

SECONDARY UPDATE: IT'S SCHOLARSHIP SEASON FOR SENIORS

As seniors prepare to apply to scholarships for post secondary education, we want to remind everyone to be aware of scams. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warns that scammers exploit the financial pressures of higher education by offering fraudulent scholarship and financial aid services. These **scams often involve promises of exclusive scholarships or financial aid packages in exchange for upfront fees or personal information**. To protect yourself, be cautious of unsolicited offers, high-pressure sales tactics, and requests for payment to secure aid. Always research the legitimacy of scholarship opportunities and consult with school financial aid offices or guidance counselors before sharing personal information or making payments. For more detailed information, visit the FTC's official website: <https://tinyurl.com/327k2v8v>.

ROAD TRIPPING

Contributed by Terry Garner

SOMEWHERE IN CLARKE COUNTY

Several years ago, we all began to notice eagles around in the wintertime. They usually showed up around the time the shotgun deer seasons started, and you could see them eating on the gut piles from the deer we shot. Driving back and forth to work, I could see them feeding on the dead deer on the side of the road. But then, come spring, it seemed like they disappeared for the most part till next winter.

Then, about 4 to 5 years ago, I noticed what looked like an eagle's nest west of our house. Either that, or one heck of a squirrel! I started keeping watch, and sure enough, I could catch the eagles there sometimes when I drove by. The nest sets off the road a ways, I need my binoculars to see it very well. (Of course, I need binoculars now to see most anything!) The landowner has been keeping an eye on them too and says they usually raise some chicks. A couple months ago, I rode my mule around to the backside of it and took this picture of the nest. I plan on keeping better track of it this year and taking some pictures if I can, to share with you all. I don't want to disturb them, but if I'm on my mule, I figure riding by once a month or so probably won't hurt. I'll get more pictures of them and post them for you all to see.

A few weeks ago, the news had a piece on the bald eagle. We all grew up thinking the bald eagle was our national bird. But it seems that it never really was written in stone; we just all thought it was. In December, President Biden took steps to declare the bald eagle our national bird and made it official. In the meantime, check out bald eagles on the internet to see what you can learn.



Check out this picture of an eagle nest I took when I was out riding my mule. I first noticed it in the winter of 2019/2020 when we were out hunting. I began to drive by periodically to see if I could see any eagles, and I was able to catch them with the nest sometimes.



I took these two pictures on January 10.



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



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

January Winters

Contributed by Mel Stills

January was never a favorite month to grow up on the farm. I think it was a lot colder, and we had more snow than they have now, but looking at the records, they say that the highs were in the 24-32° range, and we averaged seven inches of snow in January. Sue and her brothers laugh at those snow numbers. They grew up in Buffalo, New York, where they can get seven FEET of snow in one storm, and it happens repeatedly in a season and every year.

The only difference in summer versus winter chores was you were colder, but at least you didn't have to worry about weeds in Mom's garden. The holidays were over, maybe there was some Christmas candy left over, but as a kid there wasn't much to look forward to. Spring was a long way off, and I dreaded getting cold. There was no long underwear or heavy goose down coats to wear. I wore two pairs of denim pants, a couple of shirts, an old light jacket with a heavier (maybe) jacket over that, and an old hat with ear tabs and two pairs of brown cotton gloves that always got wet. Work shoes with five-buckle rubber boots, no insulation there either. Scooping silage was ok because it was warm. Hay bales needed to be rolled out for the livestock, and I needed to make sure the water heaters were working. The cattle not up around the house needed water, and I'd go down and chop a hole in the ice in the pond. I didn't splash water on myself on purpose, but I always had frozen pants and outer coat when I got back to the house. There were six cows to milk.

For fun I still had my trap line that I needed to run twice a day and skin and stretch anything I caught. Many a day I thought I'd freeze doing chores, but the cold made me motivated.

The house was always warm, well that is, when I was downstairs in the heated living room or kitchen. There was no heat upstairs in our uninsulated, no storm window house. There were no vents upstairs. The heat needed to go around a corner, up the stairs, down the hall to my room, and it never made it. A glass of water would freeze in my room. The bed had maybe three to six blankets on it. The bed was freezing when you got in it. Sometimes I'd heat a magazine on the stove before going to bed and throw it in under the covers to warm up a little spot. It didn't take long for the bed to be warm where I was laying. Move an inch though, and you hit a cold spot. With all the covers, I don't think I moved once I was asleep. There sure were no late-night trips to the outhouse.

Dad would call us for breakfast. It was sure hard to get out of that bed and have your feet touch a freezing linoleum floor. You didn't want to have him call you three times, though. At the third time, you were going to get wet. He didn't waste water once he headed your way. My sisters and I got dressed behind the living room stove. I don't miss those Iowa winters on the farm. I loved the beauty of fallen snow as long as it didn't block the way to the outhouse or getting the car up our lane. Growing up on the farm had its challenges and hard work no matter what the season.

PATRICIA ANN BEARDSLEY



Patricia Ann Freeman Beardsley passed from this life on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, surrounded by her family.

Patricia was born on July 14, 1933, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Arza Ross Freeman and Edna Jeness Moore Freeman. She lived in Des Moines until 1946, when her family moved to a farm west of New Virginia, Iowa. Patricia graduated from New Virginia High School and earned her bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education from Iowa State University. Over the years, she continued her education at the University of Washington and George Mason University, earning her teaching certification for grades 1 through 7.

While in college, Patricia married her high school sweetheart, Dan Beardsley. The couple began their life together in Montana, where Patricia utilized her secretarial skills to work as a legal secretary. From Montana, they relocated with their daughters to Seattle, Washington, where Patricia worked as a high school substitute teacher. In 1968, the family settled in Virginia, where Patricia found her true calling as an elementary school teacher. She spent 25 years teaching at Garfield Elementary in Fairfax County, primarily in first and second grades. Teaching was her perfect job, and she loved every moment of it.

Family life was a great joy to Patricia. Together with Dan and their daughters, she enjoyed tent camping, vacationing in the Outer Banks, genealogy, and active membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Colonial Dames. Patricia loved reading, especially pioneer and historical fiction, solving Sudoku puzzles and celebrating special occasions such as holidays, graduations, weddings, and births.

During her childhood, Patricia was a member of the Campfire Girls. Later, as a mother, she became a leader for Bluebird and Campfire Girls groups, creating meaningful experiences for her daughters and their friends. Patricia was active in PTA as both a mother and as an educator.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters: Carolyn Lundin (Rob), Sharon Adams, Elaine Morin, and Karla Siegel (Bob); her grandchildren: Benjamin Gerald (Jamie), Hannah Bell, Pamela Geyer (Scott), David Lundin (Emily), Karen Fenton (Wes), Keith Morin, Christopher Siegel, Laura Siegel, and Melanie Morin; her twelve great-grandchildren; her sister, Dolores Marie Glafka; her brother-in-law, Lonnie Baughman; and many nieces and nephews.

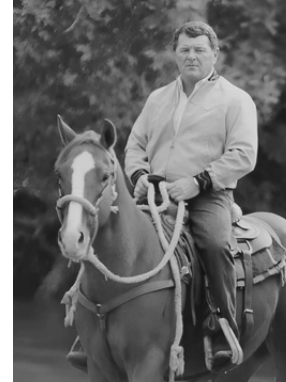
Those relatives who preceded Patricia in death are her beloved husband, Dan; her parents; her stepfather, Donald B. Warner; her sisters, Jeannine Wood and Joyce Baughman; her granddaughter, Julia Allison Morin; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of Patricia's life was held at Kale Funeral Home - Osceola, Saturday December 28, 2024 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Paul Burrow officiating. The family greeted friends prior to the service. A live stream of the service will be available at www.kalefuneralhome.com on Patricia's tribute wall beginning at 2:00 pm, Saturday. Following the Celebration of Life, burial took place at the New Virginia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Mended Hearts Northern Virginia Chapter 200, P.O. Box 897, Annandale, VA, 22003 or the New Virginia Fire Department, 506 West St, New Virginia, IA 50210.

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

DENNIS WAYNE HOWARD



Dennis Wayne Howard, son of Vincent Wayne Howard and Catherine Marie Scully Howard was born on January 10, 1948, in Osceola, Iowa. He passed away on December 26, 2024, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, at the age of 76.

Dennis' life was a testament to hard work and dedication. He spent his years working as a cattleman and in his early years was employed with the natural gas pipeline. His robust work ethic took him to Repperts Heavy Hauling, and he was skilled in shoeing horses and buying cattle and hauling livestock.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Dennis found joy in his love for calf roping and rodeoing. A true cowboy at heart, he was a founding member of the Iowa Rodeo Cowboys Association and an active member of both the United Rodeo Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father and mother, Vincent Wayne Howard and Catherine Marie Howard; his grandmother, Catherine McNally; his brother, Richard Howard; his sister-in-law, Marchelle Howard; and his brother-in-law, Gerald Carpenter.

He leaves behind a loving family who will cherish his memory: his daughter, Leslie (Dan) Rinner of Osceola, Iowa; his significant other, Marilyn Reed of New Virginia, Iowa; his sister, Elizabeth Carpenter of Cleburne, Texas; his brother, Brian (Sue) Howard of Des Moines, Iowa; nephew, Brian Keller of Las Vegas, Nevada; niece, Katie Ivy of Texas; nephew, Nick Howard of Truro, Iowa; and niece, Ginny Lee of Des Moines, Iowa. Dennis also leaves behind numerous other relatives and many friends who will miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Life service was held at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola on Thursday, January 2, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Interment followed at the New Virginia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to his family. Online condolences can be shared with the family at www.kalefuneralhome.com.

Dennis will be remembered for his steadfast spirit, his passion for the rodeo, and the love he shared with those around him.

GAGE C. RENBARGER

December 17, 2002 - October 10, 2024

Gage was laid to rest at Mount Tabor Cemetery, New Virginia. He is greatly missed by family and friends.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, February 8th, 2025 at 2pm
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Please join us in remembering
Gage and sharing stories.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Contributed by
Susan King



I had a boss once tell me that you can only consider yourself an expert on a topic, or in a certain field, if you have written books or articles about said topic/field. There is certainly some truth to that, but here I am writing garden articles for all of you, and I am FAR from an expert. In fact, I'm sure there is a lot of gardening prowess that I could learn from the vast majority of you. With that in mind, I may need your help as I prepare to sow my first seeds indoors this winter and while Google can provide me with the basics to get started, it cannot replace years of tried-and-true experience that many of you may have and that I need. Through my research, I have learned the general rule on when to start your seeds indoors is 6-8 weeks prior to our last frost date. With May 1st being the projected last Spring frost in 2025 for our area, I've circled March 1st as my seed sowing start date. I've purchased the essentials for my inaugural experiment: seed cell containers with a lid (provides humidity), grow lights, seed heating pads, sterile seed starting mix (not regular potting soil) and peat moss, to experiment with. Given this is my first attempt, I thought it was best to keep it simple and grow only a few different seed types with similar germination periods. Salads are a staple in our house, so I have Buttercrunch, Bibb, Romaine and Kale seeds, as well as a few herb seeds from my indoor plants (they are still alive and I let a couple of them bolt in order to harvest the seeds!). If you have experience with starting seeds indoors and would like to share some advice, or do's and don'ts with me, I would welcome the education before I get started! You can email me at: tricorn@newvirginia.com. Given my success with my indoor window herbs, I'm running on an optimistic high I can pull this off too.

Speaking of seeds, I have recently learned The Osceola Library has a FREE seed exchange program that includes: flowers, vegetables, herbs and even some bulbs. All that is required is a Clarke County library card, and you are able to "check-out" up to five seed packets for your personal use. Take them home and sow the seeds and after your harvest, you can pay it forward by gifting the library back some seeds, but you are not obligated to do so. Also, The Osceola Library is holding a Seed Swap and Giveaway on Saturday, January 25th from 10 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to share seeds with others, gather some seeds for your garden this year, experiment with some new varieties, learn or share some tips with others and meet some fellow gardeners. This event is open to the public and free of charge.



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JESUS' RIGHT HAND



Happy 2025 everyone! We have made it through another year, and boy, what a year this has been for this ministry. At heart, I love to write inspirational and encouragingly spiritual articles, but the first article of 2025 is a result of some number-crunching from this past year. Of course, God gets ALL the glory for everything that has happened, for without Him, we are nothing. Jesus' Right Hand was founded on a foundation of faith in God and the Bible, Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us, and this has not changed since 1986.

But first, a short backstory to catch everyone up about how we get these numbers: three times a week, we pick up "food rescue" donations from six different retailers. Some of the locations are picked up all three days, some only twice, and one retailer is a once-a-week stop. These retailers have all partnered with Feeding America, an organization whose goal is to eliminate food waste. When we return to the ministry with the food, we weigh the donations according to pre-set food categories, and then report the numbers to the Food Bank of Iowa, who coordinates the communication. Likewise, when someone comes to us for food, they give us their name, address, family size, and ages of the family members. These numbers are reported monthly to the Food Bank, but names or addresses are not reported.

There has been a lot of coverage on TV about food insecurity, and most food banks and food pantries will report the total number of people they serve instead of telling you about the number of households/families that come to them. The individual head count is always much higher and makes for better television news. Many food outreach organizations rely on grants and government funding for their organization, so the higher the numbers, the more support they receive. Jesus' Right Hand does not accept any type of government funding or participate in any type of government programs, simply because it restricts our ability to set our own rules and help anyone who comes to us for assistance. The bureaucratic red tape is suffocating, and so much time is wasted jumping through the hoops to do what God has so graciously blessed us to do without their help.

OK, now for the numbers. In 2024, we helped a total of 4,607 families with food. These families represented a total of 12,139 individuals (this is the number most agencies will give you). These numbers were compiled from food given through our weekly Fresh Food Giveaway, emergency food pantry, walk-ins and community fridge. In 2023, we helped 3,924 families with a total of 9,687 individuals. That is a huge increase, but we know there is a huge need.

For the amount of food donations we picked up last year, I had to email the Food Bank for the totals. If I had to add up all the individual categories on each weight sheet, times 14 sheets a week, well...I would have still been crunching the numbers. They had our numbers in a couple of clicks, and when the email with our totals arrived in our inbox, we were floored. In 2024, our drivers had picked up a total of 85,027 lbs. of food! These donations were only from the six retailers that participated in the Feeding America program and did not include individual, corporate, and organization donations.

I want to stop here for a minute and address a concern that will probably arise; 95% of the food that makes up those 85,027 lbs. is PERISHABLE items such as breads, bakery, meat, produce, dairy and deli, and the heat-and-eat meals/pizzas. These perishable items are given out during our giveaway every Monday, and we are even able to pay it forward to other food outreach

organizations when we have an excess. Except for any extra meat we receive which we can freeze for longer times, the food we pick up in a week's time will be in someone's food box by the end of Monday. This has been a proven way to keep a consistent flow of food coming through the ministry, reaching people in need, while eliminating all the food waste before the Feeding America program was established. My daughter came home from work in tears one day, telling me that after she had tossed a bag of food in the dumpster at work, she came back to witness a man lowering his young child into that dumpster to retrieve the food. Her employer refused to participate in this program, and the corporate offices required that food be thrown away and not donated. It breaks my heart to hear stories like this. THAT is why we do what we do, so that the food can safely be picked up, stored and given out in a timely manner.

Although the amount of donated food we picked up was mind-blowing, we still need to keep our emergency food pantry stocked. Thank you to the individuals, organizations and churches that donate food regularly; you are greatly needed and appreciated! And we can't forget to acknowledge the efforts of the Boy Scouts this year, who collected 151 bags of food that will help keep the pantry stocked for those with emergency food needs. The generosity of those in New Virginia, St. Charles and Truro was overwhelming and despite the freezing rain, the Scouts and their drivers braved the weather, and those of you who made a special trip to the ministry to bring the bags you didn't want to leave out in the weather...all to help feed those in need!

So yes, we still need and want your food donations. Our emergency food pantry empties out very quickly, especially with the larger families that come through. The shelf stable items you donate to us carry us through the entire year, including the food boxes that are prepared for the holiday programs. We are so grateful for everything we receive and work very hard to get it to those who need it the most. The financial overhead required to pick up, store and distribute the food is a consideration. We continually operate 12 freezers, five regular refrigerators and one commercial refrigerator to keep the food frozen and/or cold, which requires quite a bit of electricity. Our two vans make a minimum of five trips to Des Moines and West Des Moines each week (three trips to our retail donors, two trips to another non-profit who shares their donations with us). The vans require gas, maintenance and insurance. We have no paid staff in this ministry; everything is run on 100% volunteer effort. All financial donations are greatly appreciated and are totally used toward the goal of feeding those in need, the utilities, insurance and all the things it takes to operate this ministry to get the food to the people safely and efficiently.

Thank you for helping us to help others. Please, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Take time to go on a tour of our ministry, see it with your own eyes. We will be glad to see you. Be blessed and encouraged with what you have done to help us. It is so greatly appreciated.

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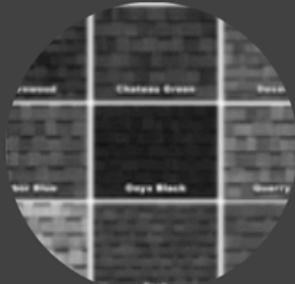


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Our neighbor, Alan Hayes, was in Vietnam; this would have been in the late 60's. His mother bought a subscription for him to be sent overseas so he could keep up on local happenings. To him, it was better than getting the local newspaper. He said he could find out more of what was going on in the community from the Advertiser than from anywhere else.

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CITY OF ST. CHARLES

The weather outside was kind of frightful, but the activities and smiles at Christmas in St. Charles on December 14th were delightful. The Lions Club hosted a spaghetti supper to start off the evening, giving everyone nourishment for the rest of the activities. Each person was given a game card to take to the businesses and activities around town to stamp to be eligible for prizes given away at Talk Shop Event Center at the end of the evening. The Gateway hosted Trees and Trimmings. The historic church was full of trees decorated by businesses, clubs, and individuals. Also, on display were holiday place settings, quilts, and nativities shared by residents.

There were some celebrities who were also available for pictures that evening. Of course, the most famous was Santa who rode into town on the fire truck. He checked in at the library to spend time with the kids and then was whisked off to the event center for a story prior to the giving of gifts. All prizes and gifts were donated by businesses in the area. We love our locals! Truth Chiropractic hosted Buddy the Elf. He was full of smiles and a hit with young and old. Prancer made a guest appearance that weekend at The Gateway. She was a good reindeer always smiling for another Christmas picture. Thanks to Remington Taxidermy for taming her and Shaun Eilander for creating her home for the weekend.

The committee would like to offer thanks to all who braved the weather to make this event a success. Looking forward to next year.



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Grant Writing 101 Workshop Scheduled for Warren County on February 6th, 2025

Representatives of nonprofits, local government, schools and other organizations are encouraged to register for a Grant Writing 101 workshop, which will be presented at the Warren County Extension and Outreach Office in Indianola, IA from 5:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. on Thursday, February 6th, 2025.

Grant Writing 101 will provide hands-on training in finding grants and writing successful grant applications. Warren County Extension will provide refreshments for the workshop. Participants may bring their own snacks or meal to eat.

Event registration is \$25. Participants may register to attend through the following URL: <https://go.iastate.edu/NZCKDN>. The deadline to register is January 31st, 2025.

Grant Writing 101 will be presented by Jen Hargrove, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community Development Specialist. She has extensive experience writing and reviewing grant applications and working with various federal, state, local and private foundation grant programs. Hargrove will assist workshop participants in exploring various public and private funding sources, and provide instruction and tips on planning projects and writing successful grant applications.

For more information about the workshop, contact Jen Hargrove at hargrove@iastate.edu or 515-509-0050.

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Both Flitcraft and Fryer had several patents created for their individual inventions: Fryer had a patent for a lever action gate (filed January 1912), while Flitcraft had the fly paper holder; a generator that used acetylene-gas (filed August 1910); a rubberized collapsible bucket and funnel for water (filed December 1914); and a water fountain design using a water filled jar (filed January 1921).

Both men lived next door to one another as in-laws on Market Street in St. Charles according to the 1910 census. John W. Fryer was born in Iowa City on 7 December 1861 and married Emma Harlow (b. 1869) around 1886, and from this union a daughter was born and named Leona in 1889. Fryer moved to St. Charles after 1901, being listed in the 1900 census as living in Polk, Jefferson County, Iowa. In 1908, Fryer's daughter married a young man named John Meredith Flitcraft (born 7 February 1884 near Elkhart, Polk County) in St. Charles on 15 December of that year. The Fryers were listed on the 1910 census as self-employed as occupation and renting their home. John M. Flitcraft is also listed in the same census as a Plumber and renting his home along with his wife and their 5-month-old daughter, Garnieta.

The business was prosperous for a while. The Winterset Madisonian and Indianola Herald reported throughout 1911-1913 that tens of thousands of these holders were shipped to various locations (a Chicago distributor as the most listed destination) every few months. But by 1913, it started to decline. In February 1913, Flitcraft sold his shares of the factory to Fryer (26 February 1913 Madisonian). The same edition reported that J. W. Fryer bought the "Sam Martin" property on Main Street and sold his old house to "Mr. Neal" and was preparing to repair and restore said property. In late June 1915, John M. Flitcraft moved his family to Elkhart, Polk County, Iowa, where they would remain for the remainder of their lives with John applying his trade as a local plumber. John died in 1953, and Leona passed in 1975; they lie side-by-side in Byers Cemetery, Polk County, Iowa.

John Flitcraft was the salesman of the two, listed in the newspapers as traveling to various locations to find large corporate buyers for their fly paper holders. After Flitcraft moved to Elkhart, there are no listings for John Fryer continuing this practice, and in July 1916, he packed up his home, sold the factory building to Al Thurtle (who used it for auto repair) and moved to Lenox, Iowa. John W. Fryer died on 22 September 1939 from Chronic Myocarditis after trying the occupation of farmer in New Virginia, Iowa, for fifteen years. His wife Emma died in 1951; both are buried together at Brooks Cemetery, Adams County, Iowa.

After the closing of the factory, it was in use as an automobile repair shop. In 1930, Mr. Thurtle sold it to George and Francis Leitch who continued the repair shop and did blacksmithing. Francis Leitch (b. 1904) would be the last blacksmith in the town of St. Charles. Mr. Francis Leitch, suffering from health issues, took his wife to Winterset to visit her parents and returned (leaving her at her parents) to the upper story of their house (block 3, lot 9 Hartman Addition) and removed the flue from the oil stove, started the stove and went to bed where he died from suicide by asphyxiation. His equipment was sold off on a freezing February day in 1943. Fred Murphy owned the building for a short time from 1944 to December 1945 when Eldon Hope purchased the garage, getting notoriety for putting a large lit clock over the front door in September 1947 that was the talk of the county for some time (it being the only one known outside of Des Moines). In 1948, Eldon Hope sold the building to Kenneth Husted and Raymond Tracy where, eventually, Mr. Tracy bought out Mr. Husted in 1951 and created the camper manufacturing business General Coach Manufacturing, Inc. This was a successful business until Mr. Tracy closed it in the 1970's. It was then purchased by Fickes Hardware and used as storage. It is an old building with a lot of history about a small town that was put on the business map via fly paper holders to campers. But the interest of the full story of this well used building all started from an eight-year-old kid biking past and noticing the different structural style of it over the other buildings around. Then, decades later, seeing an old photograph of it behind the town depot and the lettering upon it.

Buildings, like people, have a story to tell. It is the thrill of historians to take that story and breathe some life back into it. For myself, it was also a bit personal. As a hobby I try my hand at blacksmithing and am quite mediocre at it. For years I used as my anvil the same one once owned by Mr. Francis Leitch, the last blacksmith of the town I grew up in before I marched off to see the world then returned decades later. It was an honor for me to think maybe, somehow, Mr. Leitch enjoyed hearing it sing again when I used it.

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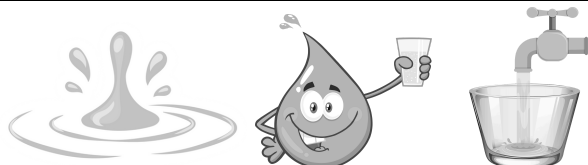
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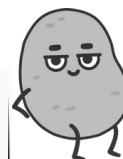
New Year's resolutions are usually about saving money, getting healthy or helping to make the world a better place. The perfect resolution that does all three? Reduce bottled beverages and drink tap water in a reusable water bottle.

Tap water is safe, affordable, sustainable and convenient.

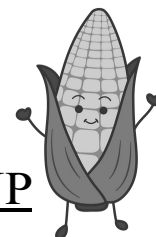
- Studies show that bottled water is no safer than tap water. Des Moines Water Works performs up to 250 tests daily in its state certified laboratory, and must meet 90 regulations for water safety and quality. In addition, tap water has zero calories, sugar and fat. Calories and sugar in sports drinks (when you don't need them) and sodas can add up quickly.
- At approximately one penny per gallon, Des Moines Water Works' tap water is about 1,000 times less expensive than bottled water. An 8 ounce glass of tap water can be refilled approximately 15,000 times for the same price as a six pack of soda.
- Plastic bottles not recycled properly can end up in landfills or waterways and most of the environmental impact from bottled water comes from the manufacturing and transportation of the product. While producing and distributing water is an energy-intensive operation, Des Moines Water Works was the first water treatment plant in the United States to become certified for Superior Energy Performance by the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Quality water is available right at the tap. Invest in a quality reusable water bottle that keeps water cold for hours. Many public buildings, schools, and area attractions have reusable water bottle filling stations – fill, drink, repeat.



New Year's resolutions that involve minor changes to your daily life are the easiest to stick with. While drinking tap water might be a small step, it can have a big impact to your health, budget and the environment!



POTATO CORN SOUP



2 (14.75oz.) cans cream style corn 1 onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped ½ tsp. salt
Margarine or oil ¼ tsp. pepper
1 (14.5 oz.) can chicken broth ¼ cup half and half
6 medium potatoes (peeled and cut into small chunks)

Sauté onion and celery in margarine or oil in large pot. Add chicken broth and potatoes and bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer uncovered until potatoes are soft, about 20 minutes. Add cream style corn, salt and pepper. Heat through. Add half and half and heat through.

There are many recipes for potato soup, and this one is pretty easy.



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