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PRAIRIES AND WILDFLOWERS

Contributed by Sue Stills

July 16, 2020

Iowa was once a land covered by vast prairies. Prairie grasses and flowers covered approximately 85 percent of Iowa. Wetlands dotted the prairie landscape, and a large variety of wildlife lived in Iowa's prairies and prairie wetlands. The Iowa prairie originated nine to ten thousand years ago, following the retreat of Iowa's most recent glaciers. The glaciers left behind a landscape that became a productive prairie ecosystem over time. Climate, soil and topography played major roles in the creation of the prairies. This area is in the "rain shadow" of the Rocky Mountains, meaning that it is drained of moisture by air currents rising over the mountains. Prairies tend to outcompete woodlands in areas that are in direct sunshine and strong winds, where moisture is a limiting factor. Once established, prairie plants held their ground. The dense roots of prairie plants did not allow invading trees and shrubs to grow.

Bison once dominated the North American grasslands. Up to an estimated 75 million of them wallowed, grazed, and stampeded their way across the prairie for 10,000 years. In the process, the bison tilled, harvested, and fertilized the landscape, cultivating the native plants that blanketed Iowa and stimulating life in the soil. Their grazing kept the land open and activated deep-rooted grasses and flowers. Their hooves textured the ground, making it more absorbent and erosion-resistant and tilled the seeds into the soil. Bison manure enriched the earth. It is largely to bison that we owe the deep, rich prairie soil and the well of nutrients that fuel our agricultural economy.

When European settlers first encountered the prairies of Iowa, the vast sea of grasses and flowers was unlike anything they had ever seen before. "Prairie," the French word for "meadow," was used to describe the landscape before them. Most settlers, who had come from wooded eastern states or Europe, did not feel comfortable on the open prairies. There was also a bias for woodland soils. Many pioneers believed that soil "too poor to grow trees" was not fit to produce crops. Had they known the world's most fertile soils lay under the open grasslands, it would have made little difference, however, because there were no devices the pioneer farmer could use to plow through the thick prairie soil. Most prairie plants are perennials that grow and die each year, producing a thick mat of ground vegetation that excludes any invading plant.

Adaptation of plants to prairie conditions is an amazing achievement. Historically, prairie fires were a common occurrence and were nature's method of keeping trees from taking hold. Native grasses and flowers put approximately two-thirds of their growth deep into the soil. Some roots are 12 to 15 feet long. The long roots reach deep for moisture, store food reserves for the plants, and are protected from the extremes of climate and prairie fire. Although the leaves and stems may be destroyed by fire, large root systems and underground buds allow the plant to quickly spring back to life. Constant sunlight and wind drain plants of moisture quickly. Prairie plants keep their exposure to these elements at a minimum. Most grasses have leaves that are finely divided, vertical, and slender. Some plants roll up their

leaves, and others have fuzzy hairs, further protecting them from losing moisture. Prairie plants make use of winds and the abundance of prairie insects to pollinate their flowers and spread their seeds. Native plants resist disease, tolerate drought, self-seed, and thrive on neglect.

The grasslands of the United States are divided into three general categories, distinguished by their dominant grasses. The first, and possibly most astonishing of the prairies to greet westward-moving settlers, was the **tallgrass prairie**. This covered much of the northern two-thirds of Illinois, nearly the entire state of Iowa, then north into southwestern Minnesota and south into northwestern Missouri. Tall grasses, sometimes 12 feet tall, were dominated by grasses such as Indian grass, big bluestem & switchgrass. Today, a tall grass called CORN dominates this area. The other two grassland categories are **mixed prairie**, composed of a variety of medium-sized grasses, and the **shortgrass prairie** with buffalo grass & other short grasses that were favorite foods of the bison herds. More than 70 species of grasses are known to grow in Iowa's soils.

In less than a century of settlement, nearly all Iowa prairie vanished. Although the tough prairie sod acted as a barrier to the plows of the early 1800's, John Deere's invention of the steel moldboard plow in 1837 meant that the farmers could more easily cultivate the land.

The plow was available by the 1850's and perfected in the 1860's. By the beginning of the 20th century, the Iowa prairie was essentially gone, with 30 million acres of prairie converted to farm land in less than 80 years. Less than one-tenth of one percent remains. Today, remnants of prairies are found in small pieces lying in forgotten places and in prairie preserves. Prairies are often carefully managed using controlled fires, grazing, and mowing to maintain a diversity of plants and wildlife. There are many organizations today dedicated to prairie restoration. The Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City is a wonderful source of information and a place to view native plants, bison, grassland birds, and monarch butterflies.

My husband Mel and I purchased our acreage south of New Virginia several years before we moved there in 1999. We envisioned restoring our far hillside, about 15 acres, into native plants. Mel gave me the following information about how we developed our prairie. The process involved spraying the weeds with Round Up, then chisel plowing the land, harrowing, and then drilling/planting the prairie seeds that we got from the Department of Natural Resources as part of their Prairie Restoration Project. After planting, the field was cultipacked to ensure seed penetration. After the first year, it was mowed to six inches high. The second year, to 12 inches high. At about year five, the field underwent a controlled burn. It took a few years for the prairie to become established, and now we have a wonderful diversity of grasses and flowers. The area between our house and the pond only needed burning to encourage the growth of the already existing grasses and flowers to come back to life. Mel burns some or all of our prairie areas annually to stimulate their growth and retard the growth of non-native plants.

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Even more beautiful to me than prairie grasses are wildflowers. The most basic definition of a wildflower is a flower that grows wild, meaning it was not intentionally seeded or planted. Scientists do not refer to wildflowers and generally try to discourage people from using the term altogether. That won’t change what I call them! The following terms are more accurate: 1) Native Species that naturally occur in the area; 2) Exotic or Introduced Species that are not naturally occurring. Of this second designation, some species are Invasive that out-compete other plants, some are Imported, whether deliberately or accidentally, and some are Naturalized, that is, introduced to an area, but now considered by the public as native.

Most prairie plants are perennial, that is, parts of the plant live anywhere from a few years to more than a century. Perennial plants can be divided into two types: woody plants such as trees and shrubs, and herbaceous plants that die back to ground level each year, with only the underground parts overwintering. Most prairie plants are herbaceous perennials. Native plants do not require fertilizer; they resist frost and bugs. They may take a few years to get fully established, but basically you plant them, then stand back!

Flowers have one main function (other than to make us happy) – to facilitate pollination of the female flower parts and development of the seeds and fruits. Flowers that are insect pollinated often have showy or fragrant parts to attract suitable pollinators. On the other hand, flowers that are wind pollinated, such as many trees and grasses, have very reduced flowers and are suited to launching and capturing windblown pollen without the need for showy or fragrant parts. In addition to insects and wind facilitating pollination, pollen and seeds may also be carried by water, on the fur or in the mouths of animals, through animal bodies, by birds, and by man.

There are quite a few wildflowers that also may be found in a cultivated garden, such as:

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| Purple coneflower | Aster |
| Black-eyed Susan | Virginia spiderwort |
| Daisy | Phlox |
| Wild bergamot – also called bee balm | Blanket flower |
| Butterfly milkweed | Coreopsis |
| Lobelia | Columbine |
| Types of sunflowers | |

There is such a variety of wildflowers that they bloom from April into September. Some years, some varieties bloom, and other years, others are more prevalent, perhaps due to variations in rainfall, temperatures, and whether the area was burned to stimulate growth. In 2019 in our fields, I saw much more Western Ironweed and Rattlesnake Master than ever before, and the Partridge Pea plants were especially tall. Differences that I have noticed so far this year are that the white Daisy Fleabane in the fields is extremely abundant and that some of the Birds-foot Trefoil has grown taller than I’ve seen before. The Trefoil is the beautiful yellow flower that grows along our rural highways in late spring-early summer. Wildflowers make such beautiful bouquets in the house, but I’ve found that many of them don’t last long after they are picked. Maybe that’s Nature’s way of saying “Enjoy me where I am!” The book I have used over the years to identify our wildflowers is Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers, a Nature Conservancy book. I have identified over 60 flowers and grasses in the book on our place.

In addition to adding beauty to our fields, roadsides, indoor bouquets, and gardens, wildflowers and cultivated flowers are of vital importance in supporting pollinators, including thousands of species of native bees, butterflies, beetles, flies, wasps, and moths. The Midwest region is an important breeding area for the monarch butterfly and is also home to several imperiled species of bumble bees and butterflies. Pollinators in the Midwest maintain healthy, productive plant communities, provide food that sustains wildlife, and play an essential role in crop production. Providing a wildflower-rich habitat is the most significant action that can be taken to support pollinators.

Iowa is the center of the monarch butterfly’s breeding range. The monarch butterfly population has experienced an 80 percent decline in the past two decades. This decline stems from the loss of milkweed habitat, which is the only food source for the monarch caterpillar, loss of overwintering habitat in Mexico, and extreme weather events. The Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium is a partnership of over 40 farmers, conservation organizations, state agencies, companies, and Iowa State University dedicated to education and conserving the monarch butterfly population. Mel and I have a large amount of milkweed plants on our acreage and have observed monarch eggs and caterpillars on the plants. We find true joy in walking and riding through our prairie, observing the seemingly endless variety of plants and wildflowers in it, and knowing that we have returned a very little slice of Iowa to its native state.

References: The Tallgrass Restoration Handbook for Prairies, Savannas, and Woodlands, Society for Ecological Restoration, 1997; Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers, The Nature Conservancy, 1995; The Iowan magazine, January/February 2016; Living with Energy in Iowa, Clarke Electric Cooperative, April 2020; DNR’s Iowa Outdoors magazine, fall 2019; publications by Iowa Association of Naturalists; websites xcerces.org and monarch.ent.iastate.edu



Big Bluestem Grass



Prairie Burn



Prairie Burn with Bison



Maximillian Sunflowers



Butterfly Milkweed with Butterfly



Purple Coneflowers with Butterfly

New Virginia Old Settlers 2020 King & Queen Rob & Donna Conway



Rob and Donna Conway moved into the New Virginia Community the summer of 1994. Both were still working at US West in Des Moines until they took early retirement in 1997. Rob, however, went back to work for five years as a Contract Employee doing the same job as he had done before retiring, then worked a couple more years with Qwest.

Donna started her volunteering the fall of 1997, assisting the Activities Director at the Osceola Care Center when it was still on the north side of Osceola. Once a week, she would make popcorn and deliver it to the residents' rooms. She also volunteered for several years at the New Virginia Senior Meal Site. That involved helping with meal preparation, delivering meals, serving meals and of course, clean-up.

In 2000, Donna and three other local women started a Red Hat Society group, with the poem which states "When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple" as their mantra. At that time none of them considered themselves "old;" they were just "practicing" for when they would get old. The group is limited to 20 women, but as one drops out and another joins, there have been over 35 who have been members. Meeting for a road trip for lunch and shopping, the original four are still enjoying the comradery of the group and of course, the food!

In 2008, Rob and Donna joined the membership of the New Virginia United Methodist Church and immediately turned their focus on doing "whatever is needed." Rob became a Trustee, Lay Leader and Adult Sunday School Teacher. Donna became the Financial Secretary and now Treasurer. Both serve in various other capacities and are involved in all aspects of the outreach of the church. Rob was instrumental in obtaining a grant to purchase a generator that would keep electricity and heat on in the event of outages. Donna, working as a representative of the Memorial Fund Committee, worked with Trevor Thornburgh on his Eagle Scout project to obtain the digital message board. In 2014, Donna, with Rob's assistance, facilitated a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University eight-week seminar focusing on wise money management. They also began planning a garden that would provide fresh vegetables free to the community. That was a real challenge, as neither of them had ever gardened before. But in 2014, with the help of others, they began laying the groundwork for the first garden which was planted and shared in 2015. This year they planted and are sharing their sixth "garden for the community." Donna was also involved with the Tri-Corner-Express for an extended period of time. And, "whatever is needed" never ends.

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank those of you who sent sympathy cards or expressed love and concern for my brother's passing.

God bless each of you.
Reba Reed

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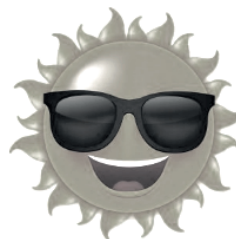
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normal, we are sorry to say that social distancing
and safety recommendations keep us from the
things we enjoy the most! Old Settlers is a time to
celebrate our communities and come
together - this year we have to come
together in spirit.

We look forward to getting back together as soon as
we can ~ in the meantime, check out
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Critter Corner

Pinkeye Management

With grazing season upon us, many producers are now on high alert for pinkeye. Pinkeye (Infectious Bovine Keratitis) is caused most often by either *M. bovis* or *M. bovoculi* bacterial strains. These bacteria are able to proliferate on the surface of the eye, especially if damage is present. This proliferation leads to eye injury which is known as pinkeye. It's estimated that pinkeye infects more than 10 million calves in the US per year and costs the beef industry upwards of \$150 million annually. Pinkeye can be a serious problem in a herd, but with the right management strategies, action can be taken to diminish its effects.

1. Vaccination

Vaccination is a useful strategy because it provides a baseline of protection for each individual in the herd. With the herd protected, minor injuries to the eye will be protected.

2. Fly Control

Flies are important to control during the grazing season because they are known to damage the surface of the eye, and they carry the bacteria that cause pinkeye. Flies can be controlled with products such as: fly tags, topical insecticides and dietary supplements that contain larvicide.

3. Eye Irritant Control

Flies are not the only thing that can damage the eye. It's important to protect the eye from simple things that can cause irritation. Lack of shade can cause eye irritation due to constant damage from UV rays. Overgrown seed heads in pasture are also prone to damage calves' eyes due to them being at their eye level.

4. Rapid Treatment

It's important to diligently watch your herd for pinkeye because the more quickly it's treated, the better the outcome will be. Draxxin or LA-200 are the drugs of choice to treat pinkeye. Severe cases warrant the affected eye to be sutured closed to allow healing. If eyes are not treated promptly, cows and calves can lose the affected eye.

Contributed by Dr. Dakota Hottle DVM

NEW VIRGINIA OLD SETTLERS PARADE SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020

LARGE FLOAT:

1. Oxbo Company
2. Blake Brown: Tractor and Float
3. Houston Snow Removal 2019 Ford Boss Plow pickup and grandkids

SMALL FLOAT:

1. Committee to Re-Elect Brian Vos
2. President Trump Tractor – Gary Leffler: 1957 Ford 860 Tractor
3. Jarad Taylor: Farmall F30 Tractor

CLASSIC CARS AND TRACTORS:

1. Colton Oser: 1953 Dodge M-37 Truck
2. Slye Family In Memory of Donald Slye: 1955 Chevy 1500 Truck
3. Gene Poore: 1980 Chevy Truck

WALKING GROUPS AND CLOWNS:

1. Team America – Warren County Republicans
2. Joe Carico for Warren County Sherriff
3. Thoma Brommel - 1959 404 IH

HORSES AND ANIMALS:

1. Stuart Belgians
2. City State Bank

MISCELLANEOUS / MOST UNUSUAL:

1. Kelsey Kohrs: Wild Ride DSM Party Bus
2. Dennis White: 1957 Farmall 350 Diesel
3. Alan Burnett: 1953 John Deere 70

DECORATED BIKES:

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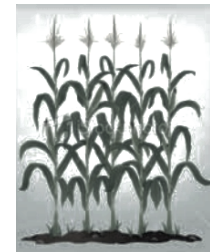
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Virginia Boosters 4-H Club News

Written by Brenda Streeter, Club Leader

The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their July 8th meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the New Virginia Lions Hall. Hanna Bedwell called the meeting to order at 7:00. Roll call was 'Have you taken a vacation this summer?'

Macy Nelson gave the Secretary's report and also read the Treasurer's report.

Old business included an update on the True Value Paint Grant. This grant will help with painting the Lions Hall. The club was reminded of the Roadrunner Connect initiative (they will be doing the week of July 12). The club also discussed marching in the Old Settlers parade and decided that with cases of the virus on the rise, it was probably better not to participate in the parade this year.

The review of the monthly county newsletter started the new business, sparking conversation about the many reminders and upcoming dates. A reminder for drug affidavit forms, the meeting attendance requirement to show (changed for 2020 fair), the exhibit building judging schedule, and summer day camps were discussed. Also, in the newsletter were the dates for the county fair: July 22-27. The fair has been postponed until 2021.

The fair board is allowing 4-H members to show their livestock projects and static exhibits. The livestock shows will be a one day show with exhibitors checking in, showing and leaving immediately afterwards. Static exhibits will be judged state fair style. Exhibitors will drop projects off at the extension office the week prior to judging. They will be evaluated on Saturday July 18th and families can pick them up the following week. Iowa State has 'How To' videos to provide information on different project areas that members might want to Explore. Jeta Nelson led the 4-H Pledge. Brady Streeter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nora Nelson seconded.

Brady Streeter gave a presentation about the projects that he is taking to the county fair and Hanna Bedwell gave her presentation on Mini Rex Rabbits.

Brady also provided refreshments for the club to enjoy.

The next meeting is on September 9 at 6:30 P.M. The presentations will be done by Jaden McDonald, Riley Bailey, Mackenna Alery, Ella Scott and Brianna Fantz. The hosts will be Braden and Briar Johnston. Have a good day!

In Years Past...November 14, 1918

Ox-roast and old-time barbecue in New Virginia on Saturday November 16th. Come early, stay late. The war is over! Let's have a celebration befitting the occasion. Ladies bring a loaf of bread with you. All the other eats will be on the ground. Roast beef, beans & hot coffee. Everything free. Auction sale of horses will be held in the afternoon. One good horse will be donated to defray expenses. YOU come!

August 2020

Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
Chicken Fried Steak	Roast Turkey	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce	Salmon Pattie	Spinach Salad
Mashed Potatoes	Duchess Potatoes	Lettuce Salad	Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream	Minestrone Soup
Spinach	Brussels Sprouts	Fruit Cocktail	Green Beans	Breadstick
Cinnamon Applesauce	Plums	Garlic Bread Stick	Cherry Fruit Salad	Cantaloupe
	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Peanut Butter Crispy Bar		Lemon Square
10	11	12	13	14
Oven Fried Chicken	German Meatloaf	Taco Salad	French Toast Bake	Pineapple Glazed Pork Chop
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roasted Red Potatoes	Tortilla Chips	Western Omelet	Garden Rice Blend
Brussels Sprouts w/Cheese	Mixed Vegetables	Salsa	Fruited Yogurt	Cucumber & Onion Salad
Spiced Peaches	Cinnamon Applesauce	Fiesta Corn	Banana Orange Salad	Apricots
Blondie Bar	Peanut Butter Cookie	Strawberries		Whole Wheat Roll
		Pound Cake		
17	18	19	20	21
Tuna Casserole	Deli Meat Sandwich	Steak in Brown Gravy	BBQ Roast Pork Sandwich	
Carrots	Minestrone Soup	Whipped Potatoes	Sweet Potato Fries	COOK'S
Mixed Berries	Crackers	Spinach	3 Bean Salad	
Chocolate Pudding/Topping	Fruit Salad	Applesauce	Strawberries	CHOICE
	Rhubarb Crisp	Pumpkin Bar	Oatmeal Raisin Bar	
24	25	26	27	28
Baked Fish Sandwich	Stuffed Pepper Casserole	Roast Beef	Turkey Burger on Bun	Tossed Salad w/ Grilled Chicken
Mac-N-Cheese	Sauteed Zucchini	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Lettuce & Tomato	Fresh Cauliflower
Asparagus	Grapes	Brussels Sprouts	Potato Salad	Cherry Cobbler
Spiced Apricots	Carrot Cake	Peaches	Melon Cup	Breadstick
		M&M Cookie	Apple Pie	
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Hello Readers,

We are still helping others as we were called to do many years ago. Thirty-five years ago, to be exact. However, the need has so increased to get the word out through others and ourselves. The Tri-Corner-Express newspaper has been a blessing to us, as we have had this added way to let many others know that we will help if they will just ask. We are not limited to just Warren County. We do not take government grants that would limit us just to our county. So, we do not have to say "Sorry, but you do not live in this county." People give because they do trust us to get it to the needed places for HIS Glory. We serve a mighty God, and we thank you for coming on board with the same purpose in your hearts.

The generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations has been tremendous during this time of increased demand for food. We have had weekly access to fresh produce and dairy products through the Food Bank of Iowa and Eat Greater Des Moines. We continue to receive weekly food donations from Trader Joe's and Kum & Go. This has allowed us to provide food for 60 families weekly during our fresh food giveaways on Mondays. Recently we began receiving donations of bakery and deli items rescued through the Feeding America program from the St. Vincent de Paul in Des Moines. These donations are being picked up and delivered to us, courtesy of a generous person who lives in our tri-county area. There have been several times we have been blessed by bakery donations from Helping Hand in Indianola. We were able to return the blessing to them at one point when we received an abundance of food. It's amazing how everybody has pulled together and found ways to get the food to those in need regardless of the name above the door. We are blessed with donors and supporters such as yourself who are faithful and generous with their giving.

This is Jesus' ministry, and we are held accountable by our CEO to do it HIS way. That is why we pray about our days and HIS desire for us in that day. If we call, HE does answer if we are still and let HIM tell us. Be still and know that I am God. Psalms 46:10. It works for everyone if we just believe God will answer if we call. It may not be in our time, but HE will accomplish it in HIS timing and for HIS Glory. Praise HIS Holy Name. The main purpose for our sharing is to say thanks to all of you who have also made this all possible for HIS Glory. HE said that HE will meet our needs according to the riches of HIS glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19. HE uses people like you who have made so much possible that we could not do ourselves. Thank you so very much. Keep your prayers going for this ministry and for the trying times we are all facing. HE said in James 1:2-3 to count it all joy when we face trials of many kinds, because the testing of our faith produces perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work that we may be complete and mature and not lacking anything. This too shall pass. These are some difficult times we are facing now, but remember it is not bigger than God. HE would like for us to pray. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ASV) if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. New King James Version. We may feel we have nothing to give during these times, but we have available to us the most important avenue of help.

It is in our mouths as we open them in prayer and believe HE will not allow us to go through things we cannot make it through. It is up to us how big we want to believe because we want our thoughts to be whatever is good, whatever is just or of good report, and we should think on those things. HE also said I am able to do immeasurable deeds above and beyond anything you can ask or think. Ephesians 3:20. We want you to know that we are caring individuals, extending a hand for you through and for Jesus Christ.

When nine of us gathered together many years ago and asked for a name in Christ Jesus, we could not see far enough ahead the reasoning or answers from God at the time. God knew what HE was doing when HE saw to it that we called it Jesus' Right Hand. It is HIM we consult and pray to for direction. We do want you to know how much we care and love you all in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Bible says love the Lord your God with all our heart and your neighbor as yourself. We say that God asks us to give and care as Jesus did as He walked the streets in concern and love for others.

We are Jesus with some skin on as we go forth with HIS heart and desire to care for others. We know we have some different ways of expressing what HE has called us to do for his Glory, however we need each other even though our calls may not be the same. It all works together in ways we cannot always see until it happens. We really do need your prayers for us as God hears and answers. We sincerely pray for this area

God has put us all in. We are here for you should you need someone to pray for you. Our numbers are on our answering machine. We are also open Monday through Friday from 9:30 until noon. Things are changing, and God will win if we believe it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Some very great things can come out of some trying times if we turn it over to God to do it in HIS time. This too will change if we will continue to trust God and believe it to be so through HIM.

Have a wonderful day and know God does know it all, and HE is the only one who can change it in HIS ways and for the Glory of God to reign in the middle of it all. Remember to do something nice for someone once in a while. It touches not only them, but also you as you continue to grow in HIM and HIS ways. We may say we care, but do we share with others encouraging and uplifting things that might change their down times? We want you to look up and not down and around you to what is going on around us. God knows, and if we trust HIM with all our hearts, it will change for the better as we do not lean on our own understandings. Have a great day in HIM and encourage someone today who needs to be lifted up and out of depression through difficult times.

In HIS Service and love,
Jesus' Right Hand Ministries



Deann Strange - NVOS Grand Marshall 2020
See page 12 for her nomination for
2020 Volunteer of the year award!

Council Meeting Minutes July 7th, 2020

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday July 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the July Council Meeting.

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

Minutes from the June meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

The ash trees in the 800 block of West Street will be removed by Blakely Tree Service. There will be a drain tile placed by the property owner on the west end of 115 Main Street that will run to the south.

There has been citizen complaints of the accumulation of items and junk/unlicensed vehicles on properties located on East Street, Broadway and Felton Street. Official letters will be sent citing pertinent ordinances regarding the accumulation of items and junk/unlicensed vehicles.

Water utilities discussed. Galivan suggested placing a water drinking fountain in Lion's Park. There was a drinking fountain in the park many years ago but was removed due to vandalism.

The Hen House water/sewer bill will be placed in the City's name. Dry Seal is going to replace all the metal siding and trim on the front of the fire station free of charge in appreciation of all the business citizens have given the company replacing roofs damaged by the hail storm. There will be a meeting scheduled to formulate a plan with all the individuals that will be involved with the project.

The Council was updated on the City taking over operation of the fire department. City Attorney Robert Stuyvesant will draft a Quit Claim Deed for the Virginia Township Trustees for the City to take over ownership of the fire department building, vehicles and equipment. The abstract(s) will be handed over to the City. Paper work is being done to get the vehicles transferred into the City's name. Funds will soon be transferred from Virginia Township to the City. 28E Agreements are being drafted between the City and all the townships covered by the fire department for fire and/or EMS service.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of May was reviewed. Fifty-one calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. Five citations/warnings were written in the New Virginia area. Officers logged in excess of 70 hours for the month in the community.

Renewal of Alliant Energy Gas & Electric franchise agreements were reviewed. A franchise fee to be included in the franchise agreements was also reviewed. The franchise agreements and the franchise fee information has been forwarded to the City Attorney for legal review. The current gas & electric franchise agreements will expire at the end of this year.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

June 8, 2020

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$22566.45; Regular Account \$865.37. We are looking into opening up the GAMP Community Building soon. However, there are several guidelines set forth by Governor Reynolds we must follow. Jennifer has placed calls in order to find the cleaning supplies needed for sanitizing the building after each use. We will also look into the possibilities of having someone clean and sanitize it after every rental. We have refunded some of the rentals that were unable to take place. We will continue working with the parties to reschedule remaining rentals for future dates.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have not met due to COVID-19 restrictions. We did have a wonderful group of volunteers at the playground on June 25th who worked really hard at getting 3 truckloads of mulch spread out on the playground. We would like to thank Mayor Huston and Merlin Morris for their time and the use of their equipment to complete this project. Also a Big THANK YOU to Julie Savage for hauling the mulch to us. Jennifer contacted another person at Prairie Meadows in regards to the grant received in 2019. The Playground Committee has received an extension to complete the shelter project. We will schedule the construction on the new shelter as soon as we can. A Big THANK YOU to Steve & Julie Savage for their work on the south side of Lion's Park making more parking area. Our account balance is \$13,874.05.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$8,495.42. The sign that is going up in Indianola around the construction site on the square was reviewed. The Committee put out a call for artists to paint murals on the sides of buildings in the business district. The Committee received several replies. There will be murals painted on the north side of the Jesus Right Hand building along the alley south of the bank. A mural will also be painted on the north side of the building north of the fire station. The Committee is also working on designing and purchasing 8 banners to hang on light poles in the business district. The Committee will work on fundraisers and sponsors for the banner to raise money for the project.

A Frisbee golf course for teenage kids and adults at GAMP Park was discussed. Galivan and Truman will gather information and pricing for this potential project. It was also discussed to consider establishing an ice skating rink in the winter time on the pulling track at GAMP Park.

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

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The August council meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 1st, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. August meeting date – Saturday August 1st, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

June Revenues

General Fund	2027.44
Debt Service	1.54
Water Utilities	7356.38
Road Use	5876.81
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>3455.58</u>

Total \$ 18717.75

Brent Baughman

Brent Baughman, City Clerk

**** SEE JULY EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) ****



Ask Dr. Drew! True Chiropractic Headaches

This month, I have a question for you: Do you experience headaches? Headaches that travel over the top of your head, above or below your eyes or linger in your temples? If you answered “yes,” you’re not alone. Nine out of 10 Americans* suffer from headache or migraine pain, with women 3x more likely to suffer from this illness than men. The pain can be so debilitating at times that it can result in missing out on work or family activities and even higher utilization of health care facilities.

One thing that I want to make absolutely clear is that headaches are not normal. In our culture, it's common for individuals to feel like headaches are just an ongoing part of life that we have to “deal” with. But, in all actuality, headaches are one of the body's ways of signaling to us that there is a bigger problem going on and should not be ignored. While a disease may trigger some headaches, others may be caused by an environmental or behavioral stimulus (such as lights, noises, or blood sugar changes). Whatever the case, 95 percent of headaches are classified as “primary headaches.” This class of headache can include: cluster, tension or migraine headaches; the vast majority of which are associated with muscle tension in the neck.

Thankfully, doctors of chiropractic are able to provide a drug-free solution to this issue by improving imbalances in the neck, alleviating the stress and tension between the neck and shoulders. Often times, once impingements are removed from the nerves, the frequency of the onset of headache pain is reduced and sometimes, eliminated altogether.

So, the next time you have a headache, before reaching for a pain pill, I encourage you to give chiropractic care a try in order to address the root cause of your headache pain and not just the symptoms. As a bonus, I'd like to share with you a video demonstrating techniques you can practice at-home to help relieve headache pain. Just send a message to eptruechiro@gmail.com with “At-Home Headache Techniques” as the subject line.

About E.P. True Chiropractic

With offices in West Des Moines and St. Charles, Iowa, E.P. True Chiropractic's mission is to provide a family-centered healing culture.

Dr. Kevin Miller and Dr. Drew O'Bleness share their passion for holistic health and chiropractic care with patients in the St. Charles clinic on Tuesday mornings, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. and Thursday afternoons from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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515-309-3791

*Source: <https://www.acatoday.org/Patients/Health-WellnessInformation/Headaches-and-Chiropractic>

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$144.37
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	OTHER CONTRACTUAL UPDATES PARK	\$379.34
CARD MEMBER SERVICE	OFFICE SUPPLIES INK	\$95.66
D&L ELECTRIC & AUTO SALES	OTHER CONTRACTUAL UPDATES PARK	\$909.31
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERV MOWING	\$880.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY2021	\$256.00
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$279.09
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$559.47
J&L SANITATION	GARBARGE SERVICE CITY	\$60.00
MIKE BETHARDS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERV SHELTER	\$2,020.00
SOUTHERN IA COUNCIL OF GOVERN	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY2021	\$530.57
STUYVESANT, BENTON, JUDISCH	LEGAL SERVICES	\$976.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$903.45
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$305.96
TOTAL GENERAL		\$8,299.22

ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,022.93
BLAKELY TREE SERVICES	TREE BRANCH REMOVAL BOLES	\$4,100.00
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$15.00
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$7.73
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$18.49
TOTAL ROAD USE		\$5,164.15

ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00
CARD MEMBER SERVICE	OFFICE SUPPLIES INK	\$65.48
CENTRAL TANK COATING INC	WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	\$4,900.00
CITY STATE BANK	BANK/COLLECTION FEES	\$17.00
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$12.00
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	DUES - ANNUAL SUPPLY FEE	\$55.85
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY2021	\$256.00
IA ONE CALL	METER LOCATES IOWA ONE CALL	\$19.90
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$381.44
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$496.41
SOUTHERN IA COUNCIL OF GOVERN	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY2021	\$530.56
SNYDER PLUMBING LLC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	\$299.00
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,136.70
TOTAL WATER UTILITIES		\$11,295.34

PAYROLL	GENERAL	\$2,654.46
	ROAD USE TAX	\$84.04
	WATER	\$1,908.96
	TOTAL PAYROLL	\$4,647.46
GRAND TOTAL		\$29,406.17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
NEW VIRGINIA SANITARY SEWER
Meeting Date: 7/25/2020 - Meeting Time: 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Fire Station Meeting Room

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.

CONTACT NAME: CHERYL BOLES CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: (641) 449-3636

FUND	A	B	C	D	E	F
(Whole Dollars)	EXPENDITURES			Estimated Ending Fund Balance 6/30/21	Est. 7/1/20 Begin Bal. & All Other Receipts	Est. Amt. (C+D+E) To be Raised by Taxes
	FYE 6/30/2019 Actual	FYE 6/30/2020 Re-estimated	FYE 6/30/2021 Proposed			
General	46,000	49,000	49,000	20,170	69,170	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	46,000	49,000	49,000	20,170	69,170	0
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation				0		

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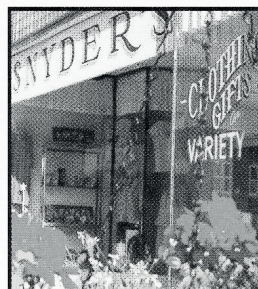
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In Years Past...

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Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices

The Tri-Corner-Express ad prices are as follows. Please email us your ad at tricorner@newvirginia.com or drop off your ad at Black Mailbox labeled TriCorner Express on The Hen House - West Street

New Virginia, IA

2 x 2 \$15.00

2 x 3 1/2 \$25.00

3 x 4 \$40.00

5 x 7 \$75.00

10 x 7 \$150.00

Thank You's, Birth Announcements, Birthdays, and 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): \$25.00

* Additional photo(s) \$5.00 each

New Virginia
Christian Church
604 Main St.
New Virginia, IA

Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.

Faith is not an assignment we sign up for, it is a blessing we are given.



Call 641-449-3421

Source for **In Years Past:**
The New Virginian newspaper
Historical Scrapbooks compiled
by Leota Houlette
New Virginia Public Library

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Front L to R: Bruce, Kenneth, Butch, Dick
Rear L to R: Mel, Clarence, Charlie

Quilts of Valor Presentation

Seven members of the Stills family, all United States veterans, received Quilts of Valor at the Old Settlers Celebration on July 11. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

All of these Stills men served in the U.S. Navy; Mel also served with the U.S. Marine Corps. The Stills family also acknowledges their deceased family veterans: Tracy Stills (U.S. Navy, son of Kenneth & Judy) and Francis M. Stills (U.S. Navy) and John M. Stills (U.S. Marine Corps), brothers of Mel. Collectively, the local Stills family served their country for 80+ years.

2020 New Virginia Old Settlers Car Show Results

1900-1954 stock class

1st place-Denny Miller-1949 Plymouth Special Deluxe

1900-1954 modified class

1st place-Jerry Boles-1932 Ford

2nd place- Philip Welsh-1939 Chevy Master Deluxe

1955-1959 stock class

Tie for 1st place -Roger & Betty Vander Velder-1956 Ford Thunderbird

-Bob Link-1957 Ford Thunderbird

2nd place-Allyson Oser-1957 Chevy Bel Air

3rd place-Charles Tyrrel-1956 Ford Crown Victoria

1955-1959 modified class

1st place-Rick Kimmel 1957 Ford Custom

2nd place-Gary Kesselring-1959 Chevy El Camino

1960-1965 stock class

1st place -Gary & Gwen Miller-1965 Ford Mustang Convertible

2nd place-Tina Murphy-1963 Chevy Bel Air

1960-1965 modified class

1st place -Dale Gwinner-1963 Chevy Nova

1966-1972 stock class

1st place- Clem Sevde-1969 Buick GS Convertible

Tie for 2nd place-Ellie Stone-1969 Chevy Chevelle SS
-Jim Crane-1967 Chevy Camaro

3rd place – Kenneth Ruth-1969 Pontiac Firebird

1966-1972 modified class

1st place- Alan Curty-1967 Chevy Camaro SS

2nd place- Curtis Chiles-1971 Chevy Monte Carlo

3rd place-Cliff Alexander-1967 Chevy Malibu

1973-1990 stock class

1st place- Chris Wulf-1987 Buick Grand National

2nd place- Bill & Tyler Jones-1973 Dodge Charger

3rd place- Allen Trampel-1976 Ford Mustang Cobra II

1991 to 2004 stock class

1st place-Kathy Maxon-1995 Chevy Z28 Camaro

2nd place-Jeremiah Ludwig-2003 Chevy Corvette

3rd place-Charles Davis-1995 Ford Thunderbird

1991 to 2004 modified class

1st place-Mark Larsen-1996 Chevy Z28 Camaro

2005 & up stock class

1st place- Donny Graves-2017 Dodge Charger Scat Pack

2nd place-Zac Clark-2020 Dodge Charger Hellcat

3rd place-Cory McDermott-2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor

2005 & up modified class

1st place-Paul Rangel-2016 Chevy Camaro 2SS

2nd place-Branden Bitner-2013 Chevy Camaro

Trucks & vans 2WD stock class

1st place-Delbert Kaldenburg-1963 Ford F100 Pickup

2nd place-James Tiernan 2003 Ford F-150 Lightning

3rd place-Gary Slye-1959 Chevy Panel Truck

Trucks & vans 2 WD modified class

1st place-Quintin Rottering-1940 Ford pickup

2nd place- Gary Slye-1955 Chevrolet 1500 pickup

3rd place- Adam Clark-1975 Dodge D100 Rat Rod

Trucks & vans 4WD stock class

1st place-Colton Oser-1953 Dodge M37

2nd place- Tina Paxton 1980 Jeep CJ7

Trucks & vans 4WD modified class

1st place-Wes Bedwell-1985 Dodge Power Ram

2nd place-Aril Nelson-1998 Jeep Wrangler

3rd place-Derek Palmertree-2006 Chevy 23500 HD Classic

Pro Street Race

1st place-John Carter-2018 Chevy ZL1 Camaro

2nd place- Mitchell Bauer-1972 Chevy Nova SS

Special Interest/Unfinished

1st place-Kevin Watson-1956 Allis Chalmers WD-45

2nd place-Gage Davis 1988 Chevy S10 Blazer

3rd place-Norville Huston-1919 Horse-drawn Mail Wagon

Mayor's Choice Trophy

Jerry Boles-1932 Ford

Pete Ahren's Award

Roger & Betty Vander Velder-1956 Ford Thunderbird

Best Paint

Rick Kimmel-1957 Ford Custom

Best Motor

John Carter-2018 Chevy ZL1 Camaro

Best Interior

Philip Welsh-1939 Chevy Master Deluxe

Best of Show

John Carter-2018 Chevy ZL1 Camaro

NVOS 2020 - Miss & Mister

Photo to the Left:

L to R: Cash Janssen, Archer Janssen, Quinn Bortell

Bottom Photo:

Front row L to R: Archer Janssen, Quinn Bortell, Charlotte Miller

Back row L to R: Evie Briggs, Cash Janssen, Lauren Miller

Do YOU have a cover story idea for Tri-Corner?

Please email your idea or draft of your own writing for review and consideration to:
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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Heartfelt thanks, again, goes out to the volunteers of our community. Their dedication to our New Virginia Lions Park and Playground was certainly felt Thursday late morning when volunteers were needed to help out with adding mulch around the playground equipment. These volunteers were there when the first load of mulch arrived around 11:00 a.m. Thursday morning until the third load of mulch was in place and scattered at 4:15 p.m.

For fear of leaving out any of our volunteers names and respecting others, we will only list a couple who we feel need to be recognized. Merlin Morris with his skid loader and Norville Huston with his tractor made numerous trips to dump the mulch in the playground area. Norville's maneuvering around the playground equipment was a sight to behold. (DISCLAIMER! No equipment was harmed during these maneuvers!)

Norville made a game out of it. Wheelbarrow loading and dumping in the difficult areas was handled by the younger volunteers. Savage Excavating Company made the three trips totaling 240 miles from Mulch Mart to the park with a total of 63 cubic yards of mulch delivered. Thank you to Julie for hauling the mulch for us.

Approximately fourteen additional volunteers were at the park: grandparents, working beside their grandchildren or without grandchildren, dads, moms and sons, and Boy Scouts came together for a common goal.

Thank you all again for the continued support.

New Virginia Playground Committee

An additional thank you to Savage Excavating for the recent work of providing parking on the south side of the park. The future projects in the works are: adding the new grills to the park, moving the old shelter, removal of the cement to make way for the new one (The grant given by Warren County Philanthropic Partnership for this project has allowed extended time for this to be completed), providing handicap access to the new shelter and placement of a new Lions Park sign.

The recent health concerns for the community prevent us from providing the specific time frame for the completion of the projects.

Again! THANK YOU ALL! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!!

New Virginia Playground Committee



Moving the Mulch



On June 5th, 2020, Spencer James Pontolilo graduated from the United States Marine Corps Depot, San Diego, CA. Spencer was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class prior to graduation. He will continue Marine Combat Training prior to entering his Military Occupational Specialty. Spencer is a 2018 graduate of Interstate 35 High School.

Deann Strange Nominated for Volunteer of the Year 2020

I would like to nominate Deann Strange for Volunteer of the Year 2020. She has been the president of the Old Settlers Committee for several years now. She oversees BINGO nights, soup suppers and other fundraiser's. She organizes and gathers donations for New Virginia's annual Easter Egg Hunt. She even found a way to still have a different version of the Easter Egg Hunt this year since the real event couldn't happen with all of the regulations, just so kids could have some sense of normalcy.

She helps organize the Little Miss and Mister competition and helps gather donations for the yearly fireworks show. She sends out and gathers vendor applications for Old Settlers.

Normally, she organizes and runs the Bill Riley Talent Competition here at New Virginia. Sadly, that event isn't happening this year, but she has organized it for all the past years.

Deann oversees the Old Settlers Car Show every year and sends out fliers, gathers sponsors for trophies, lines up volunteers for that day and helps with the entries the day of the event.

This year has definitely been more of a challenge with all the regulations but she has been working hard to make sure the Old Settlers Celebration can still go on. She has read public health guidelines, attended meetings, etc. just to make sure all guidelines are followed and figured out what events can still happen this year.

Deann volunteers countless hours to many different things and I'm sure I've forgotten some of them, but this year more than ever, Deann Strange is very deserving of the Volunteer of the Year Award!

-Nominated by Tiffany Bortell



First of all, thank you to our community, staff, and Board for your patience, effort, and support through these difficult times, but we recognize that for many it is getting more and more difficult. We are all seeking a return to normal as soon as possible, but it appears that is going to take more time.

The response to our family survey was incredibly helpful to our planning for reopening school in the fall. It was made very clear that a significant majority prefer in-person instruction this fall, with nearly 67 percent of those responding indicating so.

I never imagined that there would be a worse decision to make than deciding on what to do on a snow day, but then I never anticipated a global pandemic. We have planned and drilled for nearly every conceivable disaster, but this is something beyond our expectations. We recognize that no decision we make will achieve 100% agreement from all of our stakeholders. We all have to realize that for as strong a belief held by one family about appropriate actions, there is likely another family that holds as strong a belief in the opposite direction. As a school district, we are caught right in the middle of those two passionate positions.

We intend to make the most reasonable decisions possible, communicate the result and opportunities associated with those decisions, and provide parents with as much freedom and flexibility as possible to choose what is best their children.

Beliefs that frame our decisions:

- The best education for our students results from the school experience, which includes in-classroom instruction, extracurricular experiences, daily peer interactions, and academic extensions beyond the classroom.
- There are only two certainties in keeping COVID-19 out of our schools:
 - 1) don't open our schools or
 - 2) never have anyone enter our building who is infected

Neither seem reasonable given the feedback of our families, current guidance from the Department of Education and public health entities, or the reality of the transmission of viruses.

- Our current guidance on masks, social distancing, and the ability to enforce mandates related to both of these issues has been in conflict. Implementing many of procedures associated with those measures will be nearly impossible to do in a school setting. We will follow the guidance from the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Health, and American Academy of Pediatrics to make decisions on these details.
- It is early July and a lot can change between now and when school starts in August.

The drafts of our three models within our Return to Learn Plan can be found at this link https://mstm.us/district_homepage. The current guidance and intent is to return to school in-person on August 24. A continuous learning option will be available to students who cannot attend due to health reasons or if families are uncomfortable having their children return yet. Some of the specific details, including safety measures, will not be decided until the August Board Meeting. We expect that there will be adjustments to the plan before the start of school, but we are hopeful that the foundation of the plan will sustain and remain unchanged.

There are no right answers in this moment, and we concede that there is only one certainty: not a single person will agree with the entirety of our plan. We are going to do everything we can to be reasonable in our planning based upon an honest assessment of reality and provide each family with the greatest flexibility for choice in this environment.

Information will be added to our website throughout the summer and into the school year. This will include: links to resources, summer messages, current mitigation and cleaning procedures, and the draft plans.

It is our hope that our Return to Learn Plan will address the needs of our community, reflect the current health recommendations, and allow families to do what is right for them. We will continue to do our best in a very difficult situation.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.
Superintendent Tom Wood



University of Iowa Students Named to Dean's List for Spring 2020 Semester

• College of Liberal Arts:

- ☐ Taylor Ann Bowlin
- ☐ Kailyn Marie DiCesare
- ☐ Caitlin Jo Fairchild
- ☐ Ross Micheal Fix
- ☐ Hannah Marie Grandstaff
- ☐ Elizabeth Kennedy

• Tippie College of Business

- ☐ Daniel Marcus Kennedy

• College of Engineering

- ☐ Trevor Dean Thornburgh

THE AMERICAN LEGION NEW VIRGINIA CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP



We are in need of a new sign for our building to display the name of our local chapter. Donations are needed to make this new sign a reality. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions this year, we could not hold as many fund raising events to support our group. The Legion Members hope you will consider sending a donation to their group to help support this project. Please mail any donations to: American Legion Attention: Roger Kitner PO Box 507, New Virginia, IA 50210. Thank you in advance for your support!



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**Answers to
 THOUGHTS ABOUT JULY
 FORTH**

1. holiday
2. firecracker
3. red white blue
4. root beer float
5. uncle sam
6. flags
7. parade
8. picnic
9. independence
10. fireworks
11. swimming
12. hot dogs
13. celebrate
14. summer
15. homemade ice cream

**USDA Announces Flexibilities for Producers
 Filing 'Notice of Loss' for Failed,
 Prevented Planted Acres**

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 2, 2020 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing additional flexibilities for producers to file on acres with failed crops or crops that were prevented from planting because of extreme weather events. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is adding these flexibilities for Notice of Loss on both insured and uninsured crops to enable Service Centers to best assist producers.

"With many program deadlines approaching, our Service Centers are working hard to accommodate as many producer appointments as possible," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "By providing flexibilities to our Notice of Loss policy, we can ensure we provide the best customer service."

Filing for Prevented Planted Acres

For insured crops, producers who timely filed a prevented planted claim with the reinsurance company but filed a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) form after the deadline will be considered timely filed for FSA purposes. FSA can use data from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) for accepting the report of prevented planting with FSA. If the information is not available through RMA, the producer may also provide proper evidence to FSA that the prevented planted claim was timely filed with the reinsurance company.

For uninsured crops, producers may start a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) by calling their FSA county office, or they may print and complete the Notice of Loss (CCC-576) form from home and send to their county office. For prevented planted acreage, Notice of Loss forms mailed to the FSA office must be postmarked by the final acreage reporting date in the county to be considered timely filed. For all prevented planted cases, the Report of Acreage (FSA-578) form and the completed and signed Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed by the applicable acreage reporting date.

Filing for Failed Acres

For failed acreage of uninsured crops, the Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be completed, signed and verified before the disposition of the crop.

When to File a 'Notice of Loss'

A Notice of Loss cannot be filed for a crop before the final planting date, but it can be filed before completing the crop acreage report.

More Information

Producers who miss FSA's July 15 acreage reporting deadline will not face a late filing fee if filed within a month of the deadline.

For questions, please contact your FSA county office. To locate your FSA county office at your Service Center, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

The Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services, today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and the Afterschool Care Snack Program.

State and Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Effective 7-1-2020

Household Size	Free Meals					Reduced Price Meals				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	16,588	1,383	692	638	319	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	22,412	1,868	934	862	431	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	28,236	2,353	1,177	1,086	543	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	34,060	2,839	1,420	1,310	655	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	39,884	3,324	1,662	1,534	767	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	45,708	3,809	1,905	1,758	879	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	51,532	4,295	2,148	1,982	991	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	57,356	4,780	2,390	2,206	1,103	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
For each additional family member add:	5,824	486	243	224	112	8,288	691	346	319	160

Households may be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits one of four ways listed below.

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

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

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

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

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

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
 - (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
 - (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.
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Curbside Service 9-11 a.m. & 2-6 p.m. every Wednesday in July.

Last Day for Summer Reading Program is July 30th !

We have many puzzles for children and adults for checkout!

New Adult and Children's books every month

Hush-James Patterson

Always the Last to Know-Kristan Higgins

Fair Warning-Michael Connelly

And many more!

Check us out on Facebook



Hummingbirds prepare for migration by using feeders through August

Assumption Shrine, Churchville
(Formerly Church of the Assumption)
2841 South Street,
Churchville, IA
Business Office:
c/o St. John the Apostle Church
720 Orchard Hills Drive,
Norwalk, IA 50211
Fr. Daniel Kirby
Mass Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
(Rosary at 5:10 p.m.)
Mass : First Sunday of the month at
10:30 a.m. (Rosary at 10:10 am)

St Patrick's Irish Settlement
3396 155th St Cumming, IA 50061
Fr Thomas Dooley - 515-462-1083
Mass: Sunday 8 am
Religious Ed: Ginny Darr,
ginginery@aol.com
or call 515-707-9243

Martensdale Community Church
(An Evangelical Free Church)
3953 Hoover St PO Box 200
Martensdale, IA 50160
1 mile north of Martensdale on Hwy 28
Pastor: Jeremy Kidder
641-764-2491
Associate Pastor: Daniel Moore
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Bible Study: 10:30 am
Sr. High Youth 6 pm Sunday
Awana: 6:30 pm Wed Sept thru Apr.
Jr High Youth 6:30 pm Wed Sept thru
Apr. www.mcc-church.com

Fairview Community Church
19705 Hwy 69 Indianola, IA 50125
515-961-6069
Pastor Gearold McElwee
Cell 515-669-5519
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sun Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sun Evening Worship 5:30 pm
Cubi Club & Twenty/20 - 5:30 pm
Adult Endeavor - 6:00 pm
Wed Bible Study & Youth Classes 7 pm

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

Church Directory

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

St Charles Parish
305 W Main St PO Box 208
St Charles, IA 50240
Pastor: Darin Feikema
641-396-2441
www.saintcharlesparish.org
Sunday School 9 am
Worship Service 9:45 am
Fellowship time: 11 am

Truro Congregational
Christian Church UCC
155 E Garfield Box 17 Truro, IA 50257
Pastor Kenneth Briggs
641-765-4524 Cell: 515-314-6494
Email: revkbriggsacc@msn.com
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Coffee & Fellowship: 11:30 am

Immaculate Conception
101 St James St PO Box 88
St Marys, IA 50241
Fr. Chris Fontanini
Mass : Sunday 8 am
Leasa Garrett (Office Manager)
immacula@netins.net
515-961-3026
Office Hours: Tues/Fri 9 am-4 pm
Religious Ed - Sunday morning
following mass
Michelle Fick (Director) 641-297-2233



Calvary Baptist Church
109 N. Hartman St. Charles, IA 50240
641-396-2234
Pastor Doug Helton 641-396-2747
Sunday School - 9:30 AM
Worship - 10:40 AM & 6 PM
Wed. Prayer, Bible Study & Youth - 7 PM
Wed. AWANA (Sept-April) 6:30-8 PM

New Virginia Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
604 Main Street. / Box 112
New Virginia IA 50210
Pastor: Darin Feikema
515-490-4444 Cell: 515-770-3713
Sunday School: 10 AM
Sunday Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church
301 West Street / Box 301
New Virginia IA 50210
641-449-3779
Pastor Bruce Giese
515-867-4088
Pastor's email: pstrbruceg@gmail.com
[Church email: Newvamed@iowatelecom.net](mailto:Newvamed@iowatelecom.net)
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Fellowship following Worship Service
Sunday School at 9:15 AM Sept - May
Youth: 5:45 PM Wednesday Sept - May
Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM
Necessities Pantry open 6:00- 7:00 p.m.
2nd Wednesday

UMW 1:00 p.m. 1st Thursday (except July & August)
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New Virginia United Methodist Church

Medora United Methodist Church
10804 Hwy G-76 / Box 301
New Virginia IA 50210
641-449-3779
Pastor Bruce Giese
515-867-4088
Pastor's email: pstrbruceg@gmail.com
Church email; Newvamed@iowatelecom.net
Sunday School: 9:15 AM (children)
Worship: 9 AM
Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

Church of Christ

10985 44th Lane Prole IA 50229
Sunday Worship: 10 AM & 6 PM
Wednesday Worship: 7 PM
Elder: Duane Proudfit 515-961-4470
Elder: Mike Penick 515-989-4165
Deacon: Fred Bown 641-764-2484
Deacon: Richard Bown: 641-764-2765

Linn Grove United Methodist Church
7483--50th Ave
(4 miles north of Martensdale)
(1 block east of Hwy 28)
Prole IA, 50229
Pastor: Bernie Colorado
515-981-4062
Sunday Breakfast: 8 - 9:30 AM
(free will offering)

Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM
Adult Sunday School-1st & 3rd Sunday 11:15 AM
Pastor's email: bernico2003@yahoo.com

Broadhorn Community Church
½ mile East of Truro Exit, then ½ mile North
Pastor: Rev. Larry Smith
641-765-4555
Worship Service: Sunday 10 AM
Prayer & Study: Monday 7 PM
at Pastor's home: 750 - 1st St. in Truro
Pastorlarry@netins.net

St. Paul Lutheran
(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)ELCA
615 Iowa Ave / Box 290
Martensdale IA 50160
641-764-2752
Pastor Don Rothweiler:
C- 515-975-9225
Donrothweiler@yahoo.com
Worship: 10:00 AM
Sunday School PreK - 6th: During worship

Grace Bible Church of Southern Iowa
410 N Dewey
Osceola, IA 50213
641-784-8890
Sunday School: 9 am
Worship Service: 10 am
Pastor Chuck Myer

