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NVOS King & Queen

Jody Taylor is the youngest son of Herb and Mary Taylor, born and raised here in New Virginia, Iowa. He has two older brothers. Jaci Taylor is the youngest daughter of Richard and Sara Ripperger of Indianola, IA. She has two older brothers and two older sisters. Jody and Jaci met through mutual friends at church and later got married and started their little family. They raised two kids, Abby, and myself, Jarad. Abby is married to Matt Godfrey and has three little boys. I have recently married Kaitlyn (Boyer) Taylor.

Jody has done several things in the New Virginia community throughout his lifetime. He helped Troop 119 for a few years when I was younger, taking us boys on camping trips to Camp Mitigwa, Wisconsin, and the most famous one of all, Jody's Sweat Lodge. There is a story behind that place that a few men still probably remember to this day. Long story short, we went to a cabin in Boone, and it was in the wintertime. When we arrived, the cabin was pretty cold. Dad stoked the fire to get the place warmed up for us. Well, in the middle of the night, most of us woke up because it had to be over 100 degrees in there. We ended up opening all the windows, and most of us stripped down to our under garments. It was so hot we started to feel sick, so we named that cabin Jody's Sweat Lodge.

Dad has done so many other things in our community over the years it is hard to list them all. He has served on the sewer board, helped set up for Old Settlers, lends a helping hand to anyone in town that needs something like their yard mowed, or their driveway plowed in the wintertime. I could go on and on!

Jaci is just like dad when it comes to our community. She is always willing to help someone out. She is very good when a new family moves into their neighborhood on the north side of town. She will make them food and take it over to them and make them feel welcome. She has helped at the New Virginia Truck Pulls in the concession stands. Our mom also worked at Interstate 35 schools for a few years as the guidance counselor's secretary. Mom has always been incredibly supportive of my sister and me. She attended my sister's track meets and my football games growing up, cheering us on from the stands.

Dad and Mom now have three little ornery grandboys, Leo, Henry, and Max, who keep their lives busy too. Dad and Mom always make sure those little boys have the best time with Grandpa and Grandma. My nephews will have very fond memories they can carry with them their whole lives of their grandparents, from the bucket train and dirt bike rides, to sleepovers and snacks. My sister and I are very proud to call them our Mom and Dad. Congratulations on becoming royalty now!

Love,

Abby, Matt, Leo, Max, Henry, Kaitlyn and me!



NVOS Volunteer Of The Year

Hi everyone, my name is Alyssa Cornelison, I am one of Lonnie Douglas' granddaughters. For those who may not know him, my grandpa is the cowboy hat behind the black Percheron draft horse team, Gus and Miller, that have been a familiar and beloved part of the NVOS Parade for many years.



Horses have always been a huge part of Grandpa's life. His Percheron teams have kept him young, active, and busy through the years. He purchased his first team, Kate and Koley—a mother-daughter pair—in the 1990s, who were then followed by Rex and Tex, and today he proudly drives Gus and Miller.

During the summer and fall, his calendar is packed with events, including the NVOS Parade, the Warren County Fair, Living History Farms, the Covered Bridge Festival, and Howell's Pumpkin Patch. And when Christmas rolls around, you can often find him giving wagon rides when Santa comes to town. It makes me incredibly proud to know that, after all these years, he's still doing exactly what he loves at

85 years young.

Today, we recognize more than the man behind the reins. We honor someone who has faithfully shared his time, his talents, and his love of horses with this community for decades. For many of us, seeing Grandpa in his cowboy hat with Gus and Miller isn't just part of the parade—it's a tradition and a reminder of the people who make our small-town celebrations so special.

From a little girl's perspective, my grandpa was always somewhere between John Wayne and Gus McCray, bigger than life and a cowboy through and through. Grandpa, thank you for the example you've set for all of us through your hard work, your generosity, and your love for your family and community. On behalf of our family, congratulations on being named this year's Grand Marshal. It is a well-deserved honor, and we couldn't be more proud. Please join me in congratulating my grandpa, Lonnie Douglas!

For more pictures of the Douglas and Taylor families, turn to pages 19 and 20.



Another NVOS Celebration has come and gone! Be sure to watch for parade and contest results in next month's issue of the Tri-Corner-Express. And don't forget to thank the many volunteers and organizers who worked so hard to make this annual celebration a success and an enjoyable event for our communities.

Council Meeting Minutes

July 6th, 2026

The Council met in regular session on Monday July 6 th , 2026, for the July council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:01 p.m. with Council Members Bailey, Chandler, Dunkin and Galivan present. Absent Truman. Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Old Business: Official letters to citizens regarding issues discussed at the June meeting have been either hand delivered or sent by certified mail. No return cards for the letters sent in the mail have been received to date.

The two dead trees in GAMP Park were cut down and removed before the truck pull.

A pallet of asphalt cold mix for street patching has been picked up and is being stored in the fire station.

New batteries were installed in the red flashing lights at Knotts Street and East Street. The north light is working but the south light is still not working correctly. Both solar panels for the two red flashing lights will be sent back for new replacements.

Dirt work and grass seeding for last year's storm water project on Knotts Street will be completed this summer. Grass seeding will also be done for the new trail sidewalk project on West Street.

Hollie Zajicek, candidate for Iowa Senate District 11, was present to address the Council.

Citizen Input: Chandler moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve O Shucks Sweet Corn sign and Farmers Market signs to be placed in Old Settlers Park. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Fire Department Business: There is a 911/Warren County Emergency Management meeting on Tuesday July 7 th to discuss merging the 911 position with the Emergency Management position. Mayor Strange will attend this meeting.

The overhead water line for filling fire trucks was discussed. The line is two-inch copper. To replace an approximate 20-foot section of the copper two-inch pipe is very expensive. A cost estimate will be obtained to fix the area of pipe where there is a very small leak with copper pipe; to replace the 20-foot area with two-inch pex pipe; and to replace the entire water line with two-inch pex pipe. This proposal will be discussed with Fire Chief Jake Zuercher.

Water Utilities discussed: The June water report was reviewed. May water usage was 804,000 gallons averaging 26,000 gallons per day. Testing is in compliance with Iowa DNR permit requirements.

Law Enforcement: The Sheriff's Report from the month of June was reviewed. A calls for service report for the month is not available due to a records management system vendor change. Officers spent in excess of 28 hours in the City of New Virginia in June. Officers patrolled in excess of 100 miles within the city limits for the month.

Old Settlers Update: Road closed signs used for Old Settlers that have been used for several years are owned by Warren County. We will be able to use the signs one more time for this year's Old Settlers but will have to find another source for signs or purchase signs for future events. The water slide will be put up on Friday July 10th at 11:00 a.m. if there is anyone available to help. The Tent Fund Account bank statement is still going to the Old Settlers Association. There have been numerous attempts made to get the bank statement switched into the City's name. The fireworks fund was discussed and the need to consider increasing the amount funded for the fireworks show.

Resolution No. 2026-15 – A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS was considered for passage and approval. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-15. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Ethan Wherry with Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance For Community Development (MIPA) was present to give an overview of the services offered and to discuss grant opportunities for the City of New Virginia.

The fiscal year 2026-27 city wages were reviewed. City Clerk - \$3087.00/mth. (\$1543.50 from general fund and \$1543.50 from water utilities fund); Deputy City Clerk - \$1928.50/mth. (\$964.25 from general fund and \$964.25 from water utilities fund); Office Assistants to City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk – (20 hrs./mth. x \$27.55/hr. - \$551.00 from general fund and (20 hrs./mth. x \$27.55/hr - \$551.00 from water utilities fund); Mayor \$100.00/mth. from general fund; City Council Members - \$50.00/per mtg. from general fund; Treasurer - \$150.00/qtr. From general fund. Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve the 2026-27 fiscal year city wages. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2025-26 fiscal year expenses were reviewed. Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to expend an additional \$5,000.00 from the General Fund into the fire department savings account and \$7,500.00 from the Water Utilities Fund for maintenance/repair inventory items. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The June 27 th Truck Pull revenues and expenses were reviewed. There was a \$5,129.89 profit. All food was sold out except for a few bags of chips, three cases of pop and two cases of water which were sold at the end of the truck pull.

GAMP UPDATE

Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to pay Mary Huss \$50.00 for one extra cleaning of the GAMP Community Building. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A written contract will be drafted for cleaning the GAMP Community Building.

Chandler moved, seconded by Bailey to approve Clanton Creek Fence & Gate bid of \$1,438.00 for repairing chain-link fence in GAMP Park damaged by a tree that fell on it. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Upcoming Events in 2026: September 20th – End Of Summer Social at Hickory Hills. Ideas discussed – Drive-thru dinner, Game nights @ Lions Hall. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

ELF CLUB

No new information to present to the Council.

TRI-CORNER-EXPRESS

Fund balance \$19,675.97. No new information to present to the Council.

A proposal from Kinetic to bury fiber optic cable throughout New Virginia city limits was reviewed. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the Kinetic proposal to bury fiber optic cable throughout New Virginia city limits. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

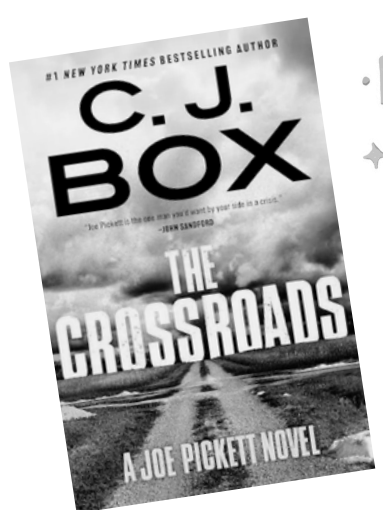
Options for the Lions Hall Building were discussed. There is a grant available for renovating the Lions Hall Building. The grant application is due February 26th, 2027. There must be three bids for each project of the renovation. No renovation work can start before July 1, 2027. There is a total of \$400,000 annually available for communities seeking this grant. There will be an extra \$1,000,000 available for the next grant process. To qualify, the building must be vacant for six months prior to the grant deadline. The organizations/groups that meet in the Lions Hall have been contacted about the potential renovation project and have secured other places to hold their meetings and activities if the grant is pursued. Mayor Strange will be meeting with a person at the Lions Hall that does grant writing for this particular grant on Friday July 10th, 2026, to see if she thinks it will qualify for the grant.

Galivan moved, seconded by Chandler to close the Lions Hall Building July 15th, 2026 pending the meeting with the grant representative on Friday July 10th, 2026. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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The G76 Highway resurfacing project from New Virginia to Medora was discussed. Mayor Strange talked with a representative from the Warren County Engineers' Office and was advised the project is scheduled to start in mid-August of this year. The project will be stopping 50 feet east of the city limits. InRoads got the contract and will be doing the work. The portion of the road within the city limits needs to be assessed for resurfacing. Mayor Strange will contact an InRoads representative to do an assessment and work up a quote for the City's portion of the road from the east city limits to West Street. Galivan moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-16 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC WAYS OR ROUNDS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA for Old Settlers events. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
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 Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.
The August council meeting is scheduled for Monday August 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
August meeting date – Monday August 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.


Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



THE CROSSROADS
by C. J. Box
Reviewed by Sue Stills

This is the 26th book in this author's series about Wyoming Game and Fish Warden, Joe Pickett. It was heartwarming to see a label affixed inside the book "Donated in memory of Red Taylor." I recollect that Red was the person who "introduced" the New Virginia Library to the C. J. Box series by donating some of the first books in the series.
Joe Pickett was found shot in the head in his pickup at Antler Creek Junction, a crossroads connecting three ranches. Each road led to a dangerous family, and each family was antagonistic toward Joe, so each was a suspect in the ambush that nearly killed Joe. Joe's wife, the new sheriff, and Joe's three daughters investigated the families, determined to uncover the truth about the attack on Joe. With Joe unconscious throughout most of the book, the storyline was very different from all of the previous books in the series, but it was compelling and just as interesting and easy to read.

A Little History of the Tri-Corner-Express

Contributed by Anonymus

You're reading the Tri-Corner-Express. It shows up every month in your mailbox, and you know you didn't subscribe. How does that happen?

In November 1989, a group of citizens in New Virginia thought it needed some organization to keep the town moving forward. The New Virginia Area Development Corporation was organized. They met in the grocery store. During discussion, they realized New Virginia, Truro and St. Charles were connected because of the school. Communication was very limited and what could be done to remedy that? Maybe a newsletter or newspaper.

Clyta Howell, Evadna Keller and Ann Williams volunteered to make a newspaper. They knew absolutely nothing about publishing a newspaper and reached out to Winterset and Indianola, with Osceola finally willing to help. The editor-owners of the Osceola Sentinal came to New Virginia and taught them how to publish a newspaper. The paper needed to include the three towns and Martensdale and St. Marys.

The paper needed a name, and the New Virginian could not be used. The reading area covered the three corners of Warren, Madison and Clarke counties, and the Tri-Corner-Express was settled on.

The three volunteers worked in the back of Ann's grocery store writing articles. Cheryl would type them up at work and bring them back to be cut and pasted in the form of a newspaper; Osceola publishing company printed the papers until their old press failed and was not replaced. Then Clyta and Shirley Zimmerline would drive to Lamoni every month to take the paper for printing; the roads could be bad so LaVon would drive Clyta in her 4-wheel-drive pickup.

When a computer was purchased, they were so excited with it and its six-inch by four-inch screen. By this time, the grocery store was not selling fresh meat, and they moved their office and storage into the walk-in cooler. When Ann sold the grocery store, they moved to the upstairs of Evadna's hardware store. Shirley Zimmerline joined the team as typist. The hardware store was sold, and they moved into the old library building on West Street, called Beardsley Hall. Vilna Kennedy was the best proofreader and very little got past her watchful eyes.

As time passed, health issues forced some of the volunteers to give up the paper, which left Clyta. In January 2014, the last Tri-Corner-Express was printed. In March, the City of New Virginia purchased the Tri-Corner-Express. February 2014 was the only month the newspaper was not published.

Here is a Thank You to all the volunteers, past and present, and advertisers who keep the paper going!





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.

NEW VIRGINIA JUNE CLAIMS REPORT

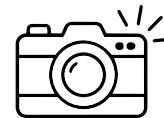
CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$714.08	16191	7/2/2021
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$51.31	16241	7/10/2021
BOUND TREE	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT GAMP AED	\$394.86	16210	6/30/2021
BRENT BAUGHMAN	RECORDING FEES RESOLUTION	\$100.15	16211	6/30/2021
BRENT BAUGHMAN	PARK MAINTENANCE TREE CUT GAMP	\$400.00	16223	7/7/2021
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE GRILL	\$1,713.81	16192	7/2/2021
COUNTRY CONCRETE	PHASE 1 WALKING TRAIL	\$4,400.00	16244	7/11/2021
DIRTY BIRD MARKET	T-SHIRTS	\$114.00	16212	6/30/2021
FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY	TRUCK PULL EXPENSES PORK BUTS	\$308.00	16188	6/20/2021
HINDERS UPDEGRAFF FRANKLIN PLC	LEGAL FEES	\$18.50	16213	6/30/2021
HINDERS UPDEGRAFF FRANKLIN PLC	LEGAL FEES	\$1,165.50	16225	7/7/2021
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE KEYS ANNOUN	\$19.46	16214	6/30/2021
IA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSAT	WORKERS COMP PREMIUM	\$1,303.00	16228	7/7/2021
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS	\$173.88	16216	6/30/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$30.60	16327123	7/3/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$628.19	16327122	7/3/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$1,124.74	16327123	7/3/2021
JONES FAMILY DINER LLC	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE TACO MEAT	\$274.33	16187	6/17/2021
MIDWEST PULLERS ASSOCIATION	TRUCK PULL FEES 2026 EVENT	\$4,700.00	16190	6/30/2021
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$329.98	16231	7/7/2021
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$149.56	16232	7/7/2021
PROIMAGE SIGN & LIGHTING	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE SIGNS	\$367.00	16219	6/30/2021
R&R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS	\$1,700.00	16233	7/7/2021
RED ROCK PULLING SLED	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE SLED	\$2,500.00	16189	6/27/2021
RJ'S ROLLING THRONES PORTABLES	PORTABLE TOILETS	\$1,152.00	16220	6/30/2021
RJ'S ROLLING THRONES PORTABLES	PORTABLE TOILETS NVOS	\$1,901.00	16234	7/7/2021
SOUTHERN IA COUNCIL OF GOVERN	FY MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION	\$871.50	16235	7/7/2021
THE EXCHANGE	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE ADVERTISING	\$278.06	16240	6/30/2021
WARREN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT	\$6,298.00	16193	7/3/2021
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,278.73	16237	7/7/2021
WEINMAN INSURANCE	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE - EVENT INSURANCE	\$832.63	20261507	6/30/2021
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$69.36	16238	7/7/2021
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$601.02	16242	7/10/2021
ZACH WOODS	TECHNOLOGY - SOFTWARE TRAINING	\$160.12	16239	7/7/2021
TOTAL GENERAL		\$36,123.37		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,222.73	16191	7/2/2021
COUNTRY CONCRETE	PHASE 1 WALKING TRAIL	\$5,972.00	16244	7/11/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$16.28	16327123	7/3/2021
JOSEY GALIVAN	STREET MAINTENANCE/MILEAGE	\$192.00	16229	7/7/2021
LOGAN CONTRACTS SUPPLY	STREET MAINTENANCE POTHOLE PAT	\$896.00	16217	6/30/2021
SAVAGE EXCAVATING	STREET MAINTENANCE SOUTH ST	\$5,700.00	16221	6/30/2021
TOTAL ROAD USE		\$13,999.01		
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$23.09	16241	7/10/2021
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$100.00	16224	7/7/2021
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING WATER	\$100.00	16226	7/7/2021
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL FEES FY2027	\$53.61	16227	7/7/2021
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX JUNE 2026	\$525.42	16327128	7/14/2021
IA ONE CALL	METER LOCATES - IOWA ONE CALL	\$20.70	16215	6/30/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$403.22	16327122	7/3/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$548.08	16327123	7/3/2021
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$19.50	16230	7/7/2021
OSCEOLA WATER WORKS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$36.92	16218	6/30/2021
SOUTHERN IA COUNCIL OF GOVERN	FY MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION	\$871.50	16235	7/7/2021
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,944.00	16236	7/7/2021
TOTAL WATER UTILITIES		\$7,646.04		
Payroll	GENERAL	\$5,532.20		
	WATER	\$2,069.37		
TOTAL PAYROLL		\$7,601.57		
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$64,537.36		

City of New Virginia	
June 2026	Deposits
General	\$ 2,539.86
GAMP	\$22,112.42
Fire	\$4,682.17
Elf Club	\$ 0.00
Road Use	\$5,221.17
LOST	\$5,909.79
Debit Service	\$ 13.17
Water Utilities	\$8,099.37
Grand Total	\$47,763.95

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.



Community Photo Corner

Share Your Summer!

We'd love to feature YOUR photos! Send us snapshots of gardens, flowers, kids' summer adventures, pets, farm life, local events, or anything that captures summer in our Tri-Corner-Express communities.

Please include a one-sentence description to go with it!

Email photos to tricorner@newvirginia.com.

We can't wait to see what you've been up to!



Emryn Naert (6) & Nora Nesvik (5) of St. Marys play in the sand and clay in the South River near New Virginia as a part of their 4th of July festivities!



Have you heard?
The St Marys
Chicken Dinner
is coming soon!

81ST ANNUAL ST MARYS CHICKEN DINNER

SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2026, 12:30 TO 5:30 PM
DOORS WILL OPEN AT NOON

St Marys Hall, 101 St James, St Marys, Iowa

Adults \$15.00, Children (Ages 3 – 10) \$5



Bingo, Games,
Inflatables,
Music, and
Face Painting!



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Great
Broasted Chicken!!

Take Out Available, enter through the east door

**NEW VIRGINIA
FARMERS MARKET**
Old Settlers Park
9am-NOON
JULY 25TH, AUGUST 8TH & 22ND
SEPTEMBER 12TH & 26TH

Thank You

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the New Virginia Township Trustees - Cheryl Boles, Julie Brownlee, Chad Daniels, and Joe Stuart - for their hard work and dedication in keeping our township and cemetery organized and well maintained.

A special thank you to Chad Daniels for the incredible work he put into creating the cemetery directory. The large map and accompanying directory are such a valuable resource for families and visitors. The countless hours locating graves, verifying names and dates, organizing and printing them in such an orderly manner is quite an accomplishment and is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank Ron Kirkpatrick and all of his helpers who mow, weed eat, prune, paint and all the other things it takes to keep our cemetery looking top notch! We have heard numerous compliments how the New Virginia Cemetery always looks so fabulous!

All of you put in so many hours and we want to say Thank You! Your care, time and knowledge do not go unnoticed! Stop by and check out the new directory at the New Virginia Cemetery. Again, a big thank you to all of you. You do an amazing job!

25TH
JULY



11AM
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HONORING
★ 250 YEARS ★
OF SERVICE & SACRIFICE
VETERANS
★ APPRECIATION ★
CEREMONY

RESPECT | REMEMBRANCE | RECOGNITION

DURING THE
WARREN COUNTY FAIR

Located at Warren County Fairgrounds: 1400 W 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA 50125

Veterans (active duty or retired) are welcome and will receive a meal coupon to the Warren County Cattlemen's stand or the Warren County Pork Producers after the program. They will be asked to redeem their ticket in their lanyard for the meal. The program should last about an hour and will include a Quilt of Valor presentation, a Veteran walk of honor, and a brief presentation by two retired Warren County high school graduates with combined 82 years of service.

NEW VIRGINIA HOMETOWN PRIDE AND
WARREN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD PRESENT



END OF SUMMER SOCIAL

★ **FEATURING** ★
RON BURCHETT
HIGH COUNTRY
KELLI KINGREY & CREW

Sept 20, 2026

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PM**

MUSIC - VENDORS - FOOD - DANCING

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, CHECK THE NEW VIRGINIA
HOMETOWN PRIDE FACEBOOK PAGE



Truro City Council Minutes

July 6, 2026

Community Center

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ancel Kennedy, Lyndsay Cannoy, Jason Phillips, and Matt Masters were present, and Julie McMichael was absent. Fire Chief Terry Stills was present and Public Works Director Ronnie Hults was absent. No one from the public was present to speak. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Cannoy/Phillips. All Ayes, motion carried. The Sheriff's Report and the Emergency Management Director's Reports were acknowledged by the Mayor and Council. Terry Stills presented the Fire and Rescue Report with 4 fire calls and 8 EMS calls. He noted that there will be a new recruit which will be on next month's meeting agenda. Mayor Arzani, in the absence of Ronnie Hults, presented the Water/Wastewater Report. The codification of ordinances process will continue with a special meeting with a date still to be determined. In the absence of Julie McMichael, Mayor Arzani updated the council about the grant(s) Julie has been working on. Arzani stated the state is assisting in the grant search for the library. The Grimes Asphalt quotes were discussed regarding Scenic Drive. A motion was made to approve the Lagoon Sewer Water Curtain Project (\$48,000 quote) by Kennedy/Masters. All Ayes, motion carried. The Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge Becki Morris for stepping in to keep City Hall open while Janelle Adams, the City Clerk, was on vacation. Becki is an asset to the City of Truro. The Mayor and council would also like to thank Julie McMichael for her continued hard work on the grants for the city as well as Matt Masters for his help in the process. The mayor and council would like to acknowledge the hard work of the volunteers, Truro Area Boosters, Mark Mease, Beeler Pork Inc, and Bryan Arzani, for a moving speech at the Flag Pole Dedication. They would also like to recognize veteran Dick Burhans, American Legion Post 552, Mark Hayes, Todd Johnson, and Helping Hands Foundation for making the dedication a beautiful and successful event. A motion was made by Cannoy/Kennedy to approve the Consent items. All Ayes, motion carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Phillips/Masters. All Ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. **Next regular city council meeting is set for 8.3.26 at 6:00 p.m.**

Bryan Arzani, Mayor

Attested: Janelle Adams, City Clerk

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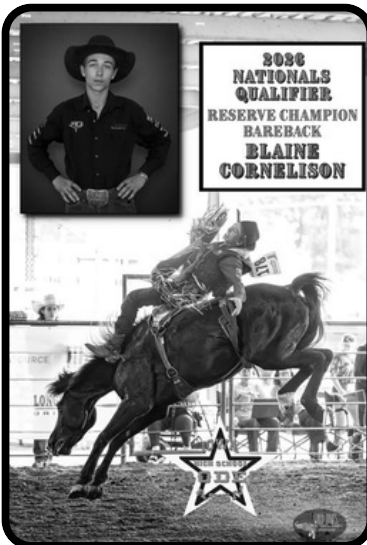
June 30 at 10:30 am: Blank Park Zoo

July 2 at 4:30 pm: Teen Craft Night

July 7 at 10:30 am: Dot Art

July 9 at 11 am: Giant Games

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CORNELISON QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO

A local bareback rider is making a name for himself on the high school rodeo circuit. Blaine Cornelison, grandson of Brad and Lorie Howe and son of Sara Hiatt and Tanner Cornelison, of New Virginia, has qualified for the National High School Finals Rodeo in Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 19-25.

There will be over 1,700 contestants from the United States and other countries competing in the weeklong event. Cornelison, 16, will be a Junior at Iowa Connections Academy this fall.

The NHSFR is widely regarded as the World Championship of High School Rodeo, bringing together top high school rodeo athletes from across the United States for a week of competitive events. The 2026 edition will feature traditional rodeo disciplines such as bull riding, barrel racing, team roping, steer wrestling, and more, showcasing the next generation of rodeo talent. Beyond the competitions, attendees can enjoy a 5-acre trade show with Western gear, apparel, tack, and interactive experiences.

Blaine participated in the Iowa High School Rodeo Association on weekends in September and May, and then competed at the State Finals in Bloomfield, Iowa, on June 5-7.

Blaine was the Reserve Champion Bareback Rider which qualified him for the National High School Finals Rodeo in bareback riding. The National High School Rodeo Finals will be broadcasted LIVE on the Cowboy Channel + or check for updates/videos on Blaine's Facebook Page: Cornelison Rodeo Page

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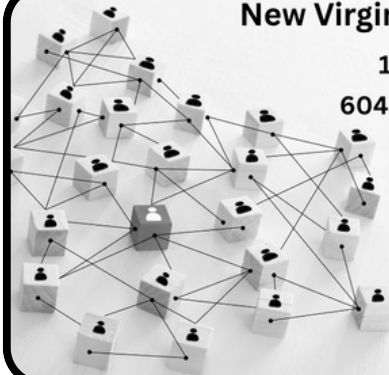
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Virginia Boosters 4-H members held their annual Farm Tour where members traveled to each other's farms to see their fair projects. A variety of animals were shown, including cattle dogs, rabbits, chickens, pigs, and and goats. Members ended the tour at Hickory Hills Park, where they enjoyed a meal and then held a meeting.

At the Virginia Boosters 4-H Club meeting on June 17, 2026, we discussed several upcoming events and opportunities. Members were reminded about food vouchers, static judging on July 18, and poultry testing on June 27 or June 30. Horse practice will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and dog practice is on Mondays at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed July 9–12, and members can help with hosting the static building on July 23 at 11:00 am. We also discussed fair entries, project deadlines, and clothing judging. The club talked about participating in the Old Settlers Parade, ordering year pins, and decorating the fair booth with a fair spirit theme. A motion was approved to purchase fair supplies. The meeting ended after announcements and planning for upcoming fair activities.

Pictures: Jase Blackford and Keifer Bedwell were just two of the members who shared their projects on the Farm Tour.



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- 4 eggs
- 2 ½ c. sugar
- 1 qt. cream
- ½ c. cocoa, dissolved in a small amount of warm water
- 1 t. vanilla
- whole milk or half and half

Mix eggs, sugar, cream, cocoa and vanilla together. Pour into freezer canister. Insert the paddle and then fill up canister to ¾ full with milk or half and half. Freeze according to directions for your ice cream freezer. When it's done, remove the paddle and discard water. Pack in ice to keep awhile, otherwise, transfer ice cream to a freezer safe container and place in freezer.

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FLATBREAD PIZZA

One flatbread
¼ lb. ground beef or Italian sausage
1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
Sliced mushrooms
Sliced red onion

Chopped green peppers
Other toppings as you like
Pesto sauce
Pizza sauce
Shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350°. Brown meat in pan. Set aside. Wipe grease from pan. Heat olive oil in pan and sauté vegetables for 3 to 5 minutes, adding a little salt and pepper. Spread pesto sauce onto flatbread, then pizza sauce. Add meat and toppings, then cheese.

Place flatbread on a baking sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes until cheese is melted and bubbly.

This serves one hungry person or two who don't eat a lot.

All of the toppings can be varied according to your preferences. Contributed by Sue Stills

Zucchini Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 pound of bacon
- 1 large or 2 medium zucchini, cut into chunks
- 2 onions, chunked
- 1 bag frozen corn (I use home-grown)
- 3-4 tomatoes, chunked
- 10-12 slices American cheese



Instructions

1. Slice the bacon into 1-inch chunks, then fry till chewy. Drain off some of the grease, but leave a good amount.
2. Add the zucchini, onions, corn and tomatoes. Cover and let cook until the zucchini is as done as you like it. (I prefer soft)
3. Turn the heat off, add the slices of American cheese, and cover again. Wait a few minutes for the cheese to melt, then stir it in.
4. Supper's done!

Technically, this isn't a casserole, but that's what I call it since it's all in one dish (skillet). I use my electric skillet to make this, but you could also use a large skillet on top of the stove. Either way would work. If camping, you could cook it in your Dutch oven. It can tend to get a little watery, depending on some of the vegetables; if that happens, just let it simmer with the lid off for awhile. The cheese will help it to thicken up in the end.

When you're done, you have one dirty skillet and one dirty knife, that's it! Clean-up is a breeze!

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Not really a kitchen tip, but you have to use the freezer, and it's in the kitchen, so here you go!

Bev Anderson writes:

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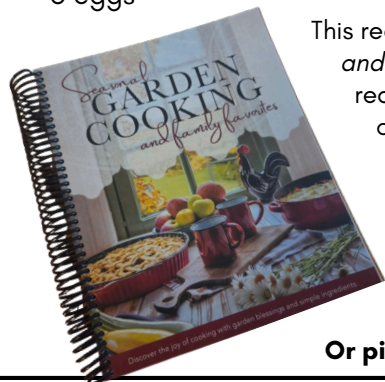
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|---------------------------------|--|
| 3 c. chopped zucchini | |
| 1 ¼ c. crushed saltine crackers | 1. In a greased casserole dish, combine first 4 ingredients. |
| 1 c. shredded cheese | 2. Beat remaining ingredients together and pour over top. |
| ½ c. cooked ham, cubed | 3. Bake 35-40 minutes, or until set. |
| ¼ c. butter, melted | |
| ½ c. milk | |
| ½ teaspoon salt | |
| 3 eggs | |

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As I join the I-35 Community School District, it is clear that I-35 CSD is a district with a strong sense of pride, dedicated educators and staff, supportive families, engaged communities, and a steadfast commitment to students. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside all of you.

As superintendent, I recognize that this position carries an important responsibility. Every decision we make should be guided by one central question: *What is in the best interest of our students?* I am committed to leading with integrity, transparency, collaboration, and a genuine desire to listen and learn before acting. Together, I believe we can continue building upon the many strengths that already exist while creating new opportunities for every student to thrive.

Over the next several weeks, my focus will be on learning as much as I can about our district and building relationships throughout our communities. Some of my initial priorities include:

- Collaborating with our building administrators to fill current staff vacancies and ensure we are well-prepared for the upcoming school year.
- Meeting with district office personnel to better understand our day-to-day operations and learn from their expertise about areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.
- Drafting and refining job descriptions for district administrative leadership positions to ensure clarity of responsibilities and organizational alignment.
- Catching up on district communications and ongoing initiatives to gain a comprehensive understanding of our current work.
- Scheduling meetings with staff members, families, students, and community stakeholders to listen, ask questions, and learn more about the hopes and aspirations people have for I-35.
- Spending time in each of our three communities to better understand the unique history, culture, and identity that make our district so special.

While these are important operational priorities, my most important priority is getting to know the people of I-35. I firmly believe that strong schools are built on strong relationships. I want to hear what makes you proud of our district, what opportunities you see for the future, and how we can continue working together to provide an exceptional educational experience for every student.

I am excited to begin this journey with you and look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for welcoming me into your communities and for the opportunity to serve as your superintendent. Together, we will continue building on the strong foundation of I-35 while preparing every student for success in school, in life, and beyond.

With gratitude,
Michael Gossen, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 2026

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

- 8/21: Away vs. Chariton, 6:00 p.m.; Varsity Scrimmage
- 8/28: Home vs. Grandview Christian, 7:00 p.m.; Varsity

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

- 8/20: Away vs. WCAC Scrimmage, 3:00 p.m.; JV-R, JV, Varsity at Ogden High School
- 8/24: Away vs. Pleasantville/MstM, 5:00 p.m.; JV-R, JV at Pleasantville High School
- 8/25: Away vs VM/Panorama, 4:30 p.m.; V at Van Meter
- 8/27: Away vs. Pleasantville/Chariton, 5:00 p.m.; JV, Varsity at Pleasantville High School

ELEMENTARY NEWS: READY FOR 2026-2027!

The school building looks pretty quiet from the outside, but this time of year, the building is rapidly transforming inside! The cleaning crew is hard at work. Shiny new technology is being installed. Fresh paint is going on the walls. I get to work on those special projects that greatly impact the student experience that don't get as much attention when teaching and learning are happening during the school year. There is a sense of excitement as everything is being prepared for our learners to return!

We will welcome some new teachers this school year. Ms. Madalyn Smith is joining as our school counselor. Mrs. Kim Gilbertsen will lead elementary art. Mrs. Nicole Wilson will be joining our team in a new role as a first grade teacher. Ms. Rylie Garner will serve as a special education teacher. You can learn more about our new teaching staff using the QR code!



Summer is a great time for preparations and progress, but we can also see student learning take a summer slide. If you are working to combat learning loss this summer with your learner(s), make sure to have them reading daily within their reading level. If you reach out, we can get more specific summer learning plans developed specific to the student's needs. Above all, keep learning and exploring! Extend that vocabulary and context through lived experiences, and throw a few math facts in there too!

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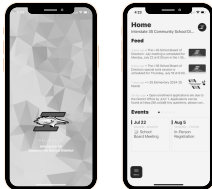
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SCHOOL CALENDAR AUG-DEC 2026

August 2026					Student Days/Hours	
M	T	W	Th	F		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28	5	29.5
31					6	36.2
September 2026						
	1	2	3	4	10	63
7	8	9	10	11	14	89.8
14	15	16	17	18	18	116.6
21	22	23	24	25	23	150.1
28	29	30			26	170.2
October 2026						
			1	2	28	183.6
5	6	7	8	9	33	217.1
12	13	14	15	1	38	250.6
19	20	21	22	23	43	281.4
26	27	28	29	30	48	314.9
November 2026						
2	3	4	5	6	52	341.7
9	10	11	12	13	57	375.2
16	17	18	19	20	62	408.7
23	24	25	26	27	64	420.1
30					65	426.8
December 2026						
	1	2	3	4	69	453.6
7	8	9	10	11	74	487.1
14	15	16	17	18	79	518.6
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It's always a monumental task when you realize that you have way more stuff packed in your file cabinets than they can hold. It started with helping my mother thin down her filed paperwork from 30+ years of work life, which took a solid week of shredding sensitive material. Then my daughter wanted all her paperwork from our family file cabinet. Being the wonderful mother that I am, I found a portable file box buried in the back of my closet so she wouldn't have to use a cardboard box or dresser drawer. However, that little file box seemed strangely heavy, and I soon realized that I was also a victim of the over-saving generation. I quickly emptied it, tossed her paperwork in it and got to work going through the pile of papers that were originally housed there, which seemed to date back to the foundations of this country! I thought it was a long process to go through all my mother's outdated paperwork, but my stuff came with a bonus...Memories. Some good, some not- so-good. Nothing like a walk down memory lane as a stark reminder of the immaturity and foolishness of younger days!

So, I set about the task of shredding the sensitive portions while tossing the rest into the recycle bin and praying the recycle truck didn't strip a gear lifting the can that week. It literally took me three weeks to shred all the paperwork I had in the bags all over my office floor. The shredder almost overheated daily, and the stray shreds were everywhere. Reminders of my conquests and failures lay in tiny little bits of paper which seemed to follow me all over the house. There were reminders that made me smile, like pay stubs with big bonuses which allowed us to get ahead financially in hard times. And reminders which brought tears to my eyes, like medical paperwork that detailed a terminal illness that would change our family dynamic forever. But there were times of praise and awe in the protecting grace of God, such as the accident report which could have potentially ended my daughter's life and a paid in full stamp on David's student loan. As I shredded the subsidy receipts from when we fostered the special needs children, I thought back of each child who had come through our doors and prayed that their lives were better now as adults. With the bags of paperwork slowly disappearing, I thought about the relief I would feel without the overwhelming weight of memories pushing down so heavily on my mind. Like shredding would make all the bad things go away and that I would feel so much better. But it didn't. I felt worse.

That's when I realized that clinging to the past will leave us hollow and oftentimes depressed if we forget the One who infused those moments with meaning. Memory was meant not only for good times, but also to remind us who God is, and what he's done for us in the bad times. He doesn't remove the memories from our mind, but He builds lessons upon them. In Deuteronomy 4:9, Moses instructs the people whom he's shepherded for forty years to "Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." They put physical reminders in places to remind them of God's deliverance or His goodness, and then they would stop and tell their children about why the altars or memorials were there. It's so important to bring God into the memories of not-so-good times. There is always a teaching moment hidden in there somewhere, if we would only take the time to look.

The important thing we must remember is that you can't dwell in the past. "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:18-19). Wait...isn't that a contradiction?? No, it was a teaching moment for the Israelites. They were being hindered by their past failures and afraid to move forward. They were dwelling in the past, afraid of the mistakes and consequences made by their ancestors but failed to remember that God had been gracious and delivered them time after time. Today, because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, God removes our sin and shame and casts them as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12).

So now, after the marathon purging and shredding sessions, my shredder is going to get a well-deserved lubrication session, and God has given me a memory lesson that I will not soon forget. You can try to shred, scrub, run or hide, but only God will make you truly feel clean, forgiven and as white as snow. All you have to do is ask and receive. Infuse those memories with God's mercy and grace. You have such a wonderful journey awaiting you. Take that journey without the weighty baggage of the past. You will not regret it.

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The last day of June found me making my way back to Wisconsin for training season for our dogs. Wisconsin has a season for just running your dogs on bear and treeing them, but you are not allowed to take the bear. What we call “kill season” comes later in September. Since all my girl dogs had decided it was time to come into heat, they had to stay home, so I was “dogless,” but still determined. My Amish friend Sarah, from Murray, and her littlest one caught a ride with me to see her daughter Fannie in Augusta, and to deliver a China cupboard that Fannie’s dad had made for her. It was nice to have someone to talk to on the ride up.

We arrived in Augusta that afternoon, I dropped Sarah and her son off at Fannie’s at the old mill, caught up with Fannie a bit, then headed on up to camp. I got the camper set up and the generator going to cool everything off, then went around catching up with everyone. We are a large group of families that love to hunt our dogs, but also love just being together, cooking and eating, telling stories, and hanging out with each other. We rent a pole shed and yard space from Boondock’s Bar and Grill to set up our campers and have our gatherings.

Mornings found us rolling out of camp in the dark, checking the baits, then turning dogs in to trail and hopefully run a bear. We would hunt till late morning, then head back to camp and cook a big breakfast, then usually some napping since we were up early, and some of them would stay out late hunting too. A couple of days, it rained so I did some running around and caught a few Amish stores as you know I like to do. I also stopped at La Grander Hillside Dairy. They have some good cheese and meat items; I did a little stocking up for the camper.

On Friday, I took some time and ran over to see Rose, my friend that moved out there last year. It was good to see her; we don’t get to spend enough time together anymore. We love catching up on our families and our goings on, and yakking on about recipes and food, since we both love to cook so much. We checked out her garden, which puts mine to shame, and pulled a few weeds. She made coffee and we snacked on cinnamon rolls (sorry about your bad luck Rollie!) 😊. Levi came home from work early since it was the day before the holiday, so I got to see him too. All too soon, it was time to get back to camp, so off I went again.

That evening, the bar put on quite a fireworks show. We had a front row seat for the fireworks, and I think the smoke from the fireworks helped keep some of the mosquitos at bay! The next morning, after most everyone had left to go hunting, I



got hooked up and took off for Fannie’s house to pick Sarah up and head back to Iowa. Our trip went well, no breakdowns thank goodness, and we were home. You should have seen Sarah’s kids lined up to see her when she got home. Those kids were so glad to see their mom! Susie was the “gladdest.” She is the oldest and had to run herd on the others while her mom was gone! When I got home to my dog pack, it reminded me of Sarah and her children. They were lined up at the fence giving me grief for leaving them home with Rollie!



At our June Garden Club meeting, we had the privilege of having Barry Mateer as a guest speaker. If you have had the privilege of meeting Barry, then you know Barry is a wealth of knowledge on many topics. The primary topic of the discussion he led was Native Perennials. We discussed many species we have that are not native such as the Osage Orange (Hedge) tree, multiflora rose, and roadside chicory. We also talked about some plants that are on the Noxious weed list that are invasive and obnoxious but are also very popular with bees, such as the Bull thistle and Canada thistle. Now, I’m not suggesting anyone plant Noxious weeds for bees, but what I will suggest is that in planning your landscaping and



gardens, plan for the pollinators and plan for the beauty you can see in wildlife from your window. Bring the outdoors in. It’s very uplifting on the days it’s too hot to go out.

Very easy plantings you can add to your yard are sunflowers, grow a big patch or scatter a few. The gold finches will love you for it. We feed the cardinals sunflower seed in the winter and are blessed with lovely volunteer sunflowers the next summer. Easy! I also suggest Butterfly bushes (Buddleja) as, yes, butterflies are certainly attracted and some varieties are very fragrant and beautiful as cut flowers. Rose of Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus) is very attractive to hummingbirds.

And finally, the easiest and most colorful flower to grow is the zinnia. Bees and birds love zinnia. They do not reseed on their own, but seeds are very easy to collect from dried flower heads and sow the next year. Buy once and plant year after year, great seeds to share with family and friends. Shown here is a zinnia fence planted by my son, Luke Miller. I’ll share a couple of photos here that, in print, may not be as vivid as in digital format so this article will also be shared on the New Virginia Garden Club Facebook page. Photos provided by Jennifer Miller.



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TERRY LEE BERRY



Terry Lee Berry, son of Edward Eugene Berry and Margaret May Stout Berry was born December 23, 1950 in Des Moines, Iowa and passed from this world surrounded by love and family at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines on June 8, 2026. Terry lived a life full of adventure, service, and immeasurable kindness.

Terry grew up in the New Virginia and Truro area and graduated from Truro High School, now known as Interstate 35, in 1969. Shortly thereafter, he demonstrated his patriotism by joining the United States Marine Corps, where he served honorably in Vietnam. Terry was immensely proud of being a Marine, a sentiment he carried with him throughout his life.

After his discharge from the military, Terry embarked on a long and fulfilling career as a truck driver. More than just a job to him, trucking was a way of life, allowing him to explore the country and forge countless friendships along the way. Known for his remarkable skill behind the wheel, Terry could maneuver an 18-wheeler with unparalleled precision. But it was his ability to connect with people that truly set him apart; Terry never met a stranger, only friends he hadn't yet spoken to. He retired from trucking in December 2017, yet maintained those treasured relationships until his final days.

Describing Terry is a task that defies simple words. He was, in every sense, an enigma—a juxtaposition of strong and gentle, loud and quiet, tough and tender. Terry's role in life was multifaceted, embodying qualities that might seem contradictory but, in him, found perfect harmony. He was both the formidable grizzly bear and the comforting teddy bear, a testament to his complex and loving nature.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Larry Berry; brothers-in-law, Jim Howe and Larry Hill; and his lifelong friend, Lanny Wenck.

He leaves behind a loving family and a legacy of cherished memories. Surviving him are his devoted wife, Debra Ann Berry of Truro, IA; children Bobbie (Rick) Finley of Truro, IA, Teresa (Cade) Curtis of Des Moines, IA, Brandon (Diana) Johnson of West Des Moines, IA, Heather (Shawn) Allen of Hartford, IA, and Ashley (Justin) Collins of Altoona, IA, 16 grandkids and 8 great-grandkids; sisters Sharon Howe of Norwalk, IA and Jeri Reeves of Indianola, IA; sister-in-law, Diana Berry of Ankeny, IA; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and countless friends. The family will receive friends during a Memorial Visitation from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Kale Funeral Home in Truro. Committal with military rites and the interment of his remains took place at Iowa Veterans Cemetery on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 9:30 am.

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

Terry will be dearly missed by all who knew him, and it seems just about everyone did.



The Jody and Jaci Taylor family



Candidates from left to right: Lyla Wilson, Alena Oberbroeckling, Anita Scholten, 2025 Queen Maci Darr, Nora Nelson, Lejla Babic-Kooj, and Kaitlyne Paul

& 2025 QUEEN, MACI DARR

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Those Arizona daytime temperatures hadn't been below 100°, and it was still June, so it was time to "get out of Dodge," as Marshall Matt Dillon used to say on Gunsmoke. So Mel and I forwarded our mail to Mel's cousin in New Virginia, made sure the irrigation system was working properly, turned up the thermostat in the house, informed our neighbor (an Iowan), packed our car and off we went to Iowa for two months. We left on Sunday, June 28 at 7 a.m. in a temperature of 83° and sunshine.

We drove state routes, heading east-northeast in Arizona. Our area and Phoenix are called The Valley because we are surrounded by mountains. Our drive northeast was very mountainous, with many nerve-wracking curves. Thousands of saguaro cacti dotted the hillsides. Then we saw tall pine trees, wind turbines, signs to watch for elk, horses and deer. Our elevation climbed to 6,000 feet. Interstate 40 took us into New Mexico at 11:40 a.m. Now we were in Mountain Daylight Time and lost an hour. Arizona does not observe DST. Our first stop was in Gallup for gas. It was so windy that I was nearly blown over on my way into the convenience store.

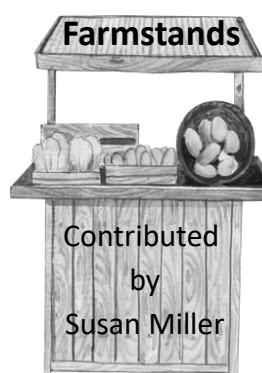
Driving east, we drove south of Albuquerque, the largest city in NM with a population of about 561,000, half of whom are Hispanic. The city was founded as a Spanish colony in 1706 and incorporated as Albuquerque in 1891. NM was granted statehood January 6, 1912, as the 47th state. The Rio Grande River flows through it, as well as old Route 66. The city hosts the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the largest balloon festival in the world, as well as the Gathering of Nations, the largest powwow in North America. We arrived at our motel in Tucumcari, NM at 5:20 p.m. with a temperature of 103°. We found out that all restaurants, except fast food places, are closed on Sunday in that city. So we ate at Mc Donald's.

The word Tucumcari comes from a Comanche word meaning "to lie in wait for someone to approach" or "ambush." The city was founded in 1901 and has a population of about 5,300. It is on the Mother Road, old Route 66. Route 66 was commissioned November 11, 1926, is 2,448 miles long, from Chicago, IL, to Santa Monica, CA, and 85% of it is still drivable. The towns it passes through, like Tucumcari, present a nostalgic living museum of vintage diners, neon-lit motels and quirky roadside attractions. We saw the Blue Swallow Motel, Safari Motel, Buckaroo Motel, Palomino Motel, Ranch House Café, Tee Pee Curios, and La Cita Mexican Foods. What fun it would have been to see those sights in their heyday in the 1920s and 1930s!

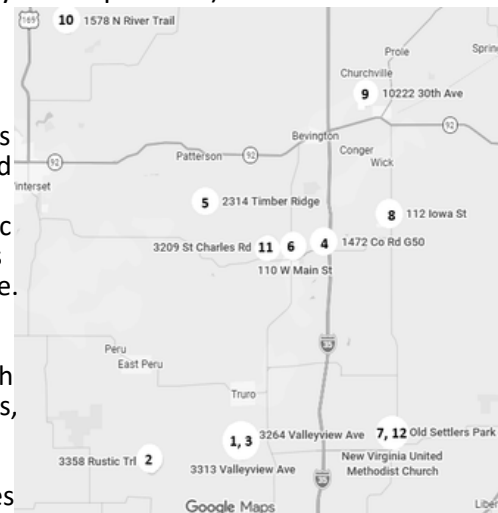
Now it was Monday, and after driving 45 miles northeast, we were in Texas with another time change to Central Daylight Time. State Route 54 took us through the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles ... old fashioned windmills, cattle, trains, nearly abandoned towns, two huge cattle feeding operations. Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, the world's largest, has 13 feedyards in six states. The operation in Dalhart, TX, has a capacity of 65,000 head. Friona Feeders in Friona, TX, has a capacity of 76,000. Surprisingly, we did not smell the cattle, as we often had on previous drives. It is just overwhelming to see thousands and thousands of cattle. There was an amusing sight in Hooker, OK ... the Hooker Inn.

At 11:30 a.m., we made it into Kansas, then into Liberal, the home of Dorothy's House and The Land of Oz Museum. The 1907 house has been restored and re-creates Dorothy's house. The Yellow Brick Road leads to the house, and the museum is filled with movie memorabilia. We saw acres of solar farms, as well as pumping oil wells. Overnight in Emporia, KS, then arrived at our rental east of St. Charles at 11:35 a.m., a trip of 1,389 miles. Just for fun, I write down all the state license plates I see; saw 28. Our only problem was hacks of our credit card at two gas stations, \$226 each.

So glad to be in Iowa!



The reintroduction of the Farm Stand is a fabulous bit of nostalgia. I remember road trip family vacations when my mom would coax my dad to stop at a roadside farm stand. She would find a 'lug' of peaches or cherries and we would feast during the winter as she preserved and made jams. I may not buy a 'lug' of anything but I enjoy finding local treasures and treats. I challenge readers to follow this map and they will shop for wholesome foods for their next Sunday dinner and holiday meals, buy gifts for most on their Christmas list and all while supporting our local small farms. (fyi- a lug is 20-25lbs of peaches, roughly 40-60 peaches)



- 1. Borchard Acres**, 330th and Valleyview, Truro,- on Facebook and BorchardAcres.com - stand open Saturday and Sunday. Baked goods, dehydrated fruits /vegetables, herbs, eggs and pasture raised poultry and more.
- 2. Barefoot Daisies Farmstand**, 3358 Rustic Trail, Truro- on Facebook, has baked goods - luscious cookies and sourdough and more. Preorders available.
- 3. Sunnyside Homestead Farmstand**, Valleyview, Truro- on Facebook, offers fresh milled flour, hand crafted lotions and soaps, a variety of baked goods and flowers. Preorders welcome.
- 4. Solfarm Stand**, 1472 G50 Hwy, St Charles Open Sat and Sun 10 am to dark, fresh, seasonal produce and starter plants.
- 5. Kaysen Family Farms**, 2314 Timber Ridge, St Charles- kaysenfamilyfarms.com - Pasture raised pork and beef, Thursday -Saturday 1-4pm.
- 6. Wayward Saints Farm**, 110 W Main St, St Charles- waywardsaintsfarm.com - Gift shop open in St. Charles Thursday to Saturday. Goat milk soap, hand lotion and body cream, duck egg soap, soy candles and a wide assortment of locally crafted items.
- 7. New Virginia Farmers' Market**- On Facebook- Old Settlers Park in New Virginia, Jul 25, Aug 8, Aug 22, Sep 12 and Sep 26, 9-noon. A variety of vendors offering fresh, local produce, plants, flowers, eggs, honey and honey products, herbs and products, fabulous and fancy baked goods and a variety of hand-crafted items. Follow the New Virginia Farmers Market Facebook page for the latest on vendors and food trucks.
- 8. St. Marys produce stand**, 112 Iowa St, St. Marys- Fresh produce.
- 9. Eden Ridge Acres**, 10222 30th Ave, Prole- edenridgellc.com Organically grown produce, farm teas and jams, organic milk and honey, woodland heritage pork, pastured poultry and eggs, natural home goods. Online year around, Tuesday and Thursday 2-6pm during summer months.
- 10. Speckled Hen Farms**, 1578 North River Trail, Winterset- speckledhenfarmsiowa.com - Sauces, mixes, coffee, artisan bread, eggs and local honey, fresh produce. Open weekends during the summer season. Follow on Facebook for special events.
- 11. Jo's Dough**, 3209 St. Charles Rd, St. Charles- Follow on Facebook for her latest sourdough masterpieces, bagels, cookies, breads and much more.
- 12. New Virginia Garden Club produce table**, 301 West St, New Virginia- follow New Virginia Garden Club on Facebook for details. Free Produce grown in the Plant-Grow-Share garden and typically offered on Tuesday and Friday during growing season. Provided by the Garden Club and Friends.

This is an extensive list and great fun to compile. I apologize to any farm stands I neglected to find. If I missed yours, please let me know so I could include it in the future and come visit. smillernv@icloud.com

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515-961-6069
Pastor Gearold McElwee
Cell 515-669-5519
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Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sun. Evening Worship 5:30 pm
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Adult Endeavor - 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study & Youth Classes 7 pm

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Osceola, IA 50213
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Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM
Adult Sunday School-1st & 3rd Sunday 11:15 AM
Pastor's email: bernieco2003@yahoo.com

St. Paul Lutheran

(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

ELCA
615 Iowa Ave / P.O. Box 290
Martensdale, IA 50160
641-764-2752
office@mystpaullutheran.com
Worship: 10:00 AM

LifePoint Church

801 N. Fillmore St.
Osceola, IA 50213
641-342-2334
Pastor Chuck DeVos
www.lifepointministries.net
info@lifepointministries.net
Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Classes @ 9:00 am Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Peru United Methodist Church

301 Brown St.,
Peru, IA 50222
Pastor Sharman Eaton
Social Time @ 8:30 am
Coffee and Snacks
Worship 9:00 am

GRANDSTAND WEDNESDAY JULY 22 ★★★

Rhett Walker

with Special Guest **BLAKE & JENNA BOLERJACK**

Gates Open: 5 PM Show: 7 PM



Blake & Jenna Bolerjack

Advance Online Purchase –
Including mobile orders while in box office line!

Adult-\$25 Kids-\$7 (12 & under)

Box office tickets day of event: Adults – \$30 / Kids – \$10

ALL TICKETS ARE GENERAL ADMISSION.
All tickets include access to the Track area for all ages. Lawn Chair permitted to sit on the track area.

Presenting Sponsor 

TICKET
01234

COUNTY FAIR



Warren County Fair

WARREN County Fair

JULY 22-27, 2026

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING!

"COME EARLY, STAY LATE!"

IN THE SPIRIT OF
WARREN COUNTY FAIR

GRANDSTAND THURSDAY JULY 23 ★★★



CASEY DONAHEW

with Special Guest **JORDAN BEEM**

Gates Open: 5 PM Show: 7 PM

Advance Online Purchase –
Including mobile orders while in box office line!

General Admission - \$25 (bleachers) Kids-\$7 (12 & under. All kids tickets are general admission)

Box office tickets day of event: Adults – \$30 / Kids – \$10

Track \$40 (Standing or Lawn Chairs permitted on the track)

Pit VIP \$55 (Standing Room Only)

PIT VIP & Track tickets are open to all ages with the purchase of PIT VIP or Track Ticket. PIT VIP Ticket & Track Tickets include parking in the in field. Beer & seltzers will be available in VIP Pit, Track & General Admission areas. Must be 21 to purchase alcohol with a wristband.

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GRANDSTAND FRIDAY JULY 24 ★★★

Gates Open: 5 PM Show: 7 PM



Rodney Atkins

with Special Guest **TrainWreck**

Advance Online Purchase –
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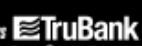
General Admission-\$25 (bleachers) Kids-\$7 (12 & under. All kids tickets are general admission)

Box office tickets day of event: Adults – \$30 / Kids – \$10

Track \$50 (Standing or Lawn Chairs permitted on the track)

Pit VIP \$65 (Standing room only)

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GRANDSTAND SATURDAY JULY 25 ★★★

GRAIN TRUCK RACES, COMBINE DEMO DERBY, TORQUE TURN NATIONALS

Gates Open: 5 PM Starts: 7 PM

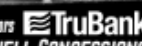



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General Admission-\$25 (bleachers) Kids-\$7 (12 & under)

Box office tickets day of event: Adults – \$30 / Kids – \$10

ALL TICKETS ARE GENERAL ADMISSION (Bleachers) Alcohol & concessions will be available. Must be 21 years old to purchase alcohol with a wristband.

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King Incognito
Elvis Presley Tribute



Jerry Frasier,
Comic Magician



Lew-E's
Comedy Circus

NEW! FOR 2026!

BEER FOOD LIVE MUSIC



LOCATED NEAR THE FREE STAGE

OPEN DAILY FROM NOON – 11:30 PM

ID REQUIRED



Wheels of Agriculture & Trivia Tractor

Laugh LIVE!

Kenny Ahern
Family Variety Theatre




John Cassidy
Comedy Magic



Chainsaw Carver



Bill Riley
Talent Search
Sponsored by **Indiana Noon Lions**



Pony Rides



Billy Heller
Music

Kid Zone



Dinosaur Dimensions

Foam Zone



Toby KID



Veterans Ceremony

Little Farm Hands
Warren County Farm Bureau



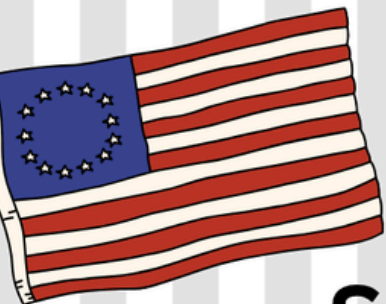
★★★★ IT'S KIND OF A Big Deal! ★★★★★

THE CORRAL BEER GARDEN, LIVESTOCK SHOWS, DISPLAYS, BOOTHS, EXHIBITS, AND MORE!



Mobile Glass and Blowing

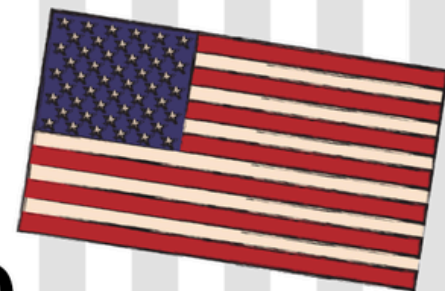




St. Charles Old Settlers

July 17,18 & 19

Red, White & You- St. Charles Celebrates 250



FRIDAY

- 5:00 pm Food Trucks Arrive
Rides & Slides
- 5:30pm Corner Service Open
- 6:00pm Toby the Balloon Dude
- 7:00pm Birthday Party Begins
Coronation
St. Charles thru the Years
Bingo
- 8:00pm Royce Johns- until 11:00pm

SATURDAY

- 7:00am SCCF Breakfast
- 8:00am Gateway 5K- Imes Bridge
Coffee & Cars- Main Street
- 9:00am Cribbage Tournament- Lions Hall
- 10:00am Disc Golf- City Park
Pickle Ball- City Park
3 on 3 Basketball- City Park
Pedal Tractor Pull- in front of school
- 10:30am Cemetary Walk thru History
- 11:00am Food Trucks start serving till 8pm
Rides & Slides
- 12Noon MadCo Baggers Bag Tournament
10 Cent Bingo
- 1:00pm MainStreet Marketplace til 4:00pm
Corner Service open til 4:00pm
Birthday Bash for Uncle Sam
Music on Main-Neva Alden
Toby the Balloon Dude
- 1:30pm Ice Cream & Desserts
- 2:00pm St. Charles Alumni Open House
- 3:00pm Heart of Iowa Trivia
- 3:30pm Foam Party
- 4:00pm AED Training
- 5:00pm Art Camp Art Show
- 6:00pm Parade- Red, White & You
- 6:30pm Cow Pie Bingo
- 7:00pm Bingo
- 7:30pm Old Settlers Program
Family Feud
- 9:00pm Street Dance on Main- Freddie & the Medicine Men

Sunday

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

SPECIAL INFO

- Live Music
Royce Johns Friday evening
Neva Alden on Saturday afternoon
Freddie & the Medicine Men- Street Dance

St. Charles history on display at Corner Service Station
on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

- Coffee & Cars
Saturday morning car show on Main Street

Cemetery Walk hosted by Madison County
Genealogical Society will highlight the lives of some of
our first settlers

- Peddle Tractor pull
Ages 4-11
Free registration at 9:30am in front of the old school.
Pulling at 10:00am



Gateway 5K
Registration

MainStreet Marketplace
Artisans, crafters and businesses
will have their work available.

King & Queen
Gary and Dawn Vetter

Button Honorees
Larry and Janet Adair

Check out the website
for more info,



St Charles Old Settlers