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## MURDER, MYSTERY, AND MAYHEM contributed by Karma Kimzey

These three stories are about our banking industries and murder, mystery and mayhem caused by a few unsavory characters. Story One has been retold in newspapers no less than four times in the last 128 years. Let's see if it contains Murder, Mystery and Mayhem.

The first story began in February 1895 when a handsome man from Denver, Colorado, found his way to the town of East Peru, Iowa, and bought the bank owned by a man named A. W. Wright. This handsome stranger was C. O. Davies. A bank was advertised as Citizens Bank with the president C. K. Hart and C. O. Davies the cashier. Although it was unclear who C. K. Hart was, Davies rented a building from Dr. W. Painter, bought a safe and joined all the prestigious societies and went to church where he was elected superintendent of the Sunday school. He was popular with the women and looked up to as a financial advisor advocating "honest money." He went all out helping the farmers with chores, milking cows and pulling weeds, wooing the women and giving candy and nickels to children. He was very popular. As banking in a small town was handled leisurely, often Mr. Davies would take a day or two off, leaving his clerk, Eldeon Baker, in charge. He would give him a small amount of cash from the safe to take care of the needs of the customers coming in.

Davies negotiated a loan with the Des Moines National Bank, and with two new partners, J. R. Kenshaw and J. Kuhn and their funds, along with the funds of several local citizens of between \$7,000 and \$9,000, the bank began operating under Citizens Exchange Bank July 3, 1895. On the morning of July 5th, Davies woke up Eldeon Baker at about 5 o'clock and told him he was going to Colfax and would be back Saturday or Monday by the latest. If necessary, he could be telegraphed, but he didn't feel the need to leave any money. He tipped his hat and departed. He remained gone for several days, missing Sunday school, choir and taking up the collection. He did not come Monday to help with washing, or Tuesday for ironing, nor to the bank Wednesday. By Thursday, the citizens of East Peru smelled a RAT and contacted Judge Wilkinson to have a Receiver, that is, someone appointed to hold the safe and take charge of the bank. Judge Wilkinson appointed W. H. Deardorf and R. A. Geene as Receivers, fixing their bond at \$3,000, and they commenced to work on the safe.

Prior to going away, Davies had attracted the affections of a young lady, the daughter of a prominent farmer, and she had agreed to marry him. She went to the appointed place and waited two days for him, but he never came. While in Winterset, not long before his departure on July 5th, Davies had visited a diamond emporium and purchased several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry with a promissory note. He wanted to give the appearance of a respectable banker to the residents of East Peru. He was also in possession of John Sprinkle's gold watch and used it to check the time when the farmers of the township did their milking. In all, C. O. Davies had absconded with over \$18,000 of hard-earned money and jewelry from the citizens of East Peru.

### January 7, 1896, Winterset News, Winterset Review, Indianola Herald

C. O. Davies, alias Tracy W. Douglas, alias Mesner, the man who started the bank of East Peru last spring, having absconded and taken over \$15,000 of the bank's funds, was arrested yesterday at Canandaigua, New York, on a warrant sworn out in the city by persons interested in the bank and is in jail there. Requisition papers were taken out and approved by New York Governor Morton, and he will be returned to Winterset for trial. Officers from Winterset will go to New York to bring him back. Detective Ed Johnston and Eli Harding of the police force, assisted by M. L. Salisbury of Denver, traced Davies to New York and secured his arrest. In April last year, A. W. Wright was running a small bank in East Peru. Tracy W. Douglas, the swindler's right name, came to East Peru and represented himself to be C. O. Davies.

### April 15, 1896, Winterset News, Winterset Review, Indianola Herald

#### C. O. Davies and Ed Streeter Dig Out of Courthouse Jail

When Jailer Stanfield went to the jail cells at 7:30 Wednesday morning, he was shocked 1

when he brought breakfast for four, and only two prisoners remained in the jail cells. Davies and Ed Streeter, a harness and hog thief, had escaped. Looking outside, Sheriff Silliman and Deputy Schoff discovered a hole, and upon returning into the jail, they realized that a tunnel had been dug. Silliman jumped up on a box and looked up on the roof of a cage. A carload of dirt was on top of it. Davies and Streeter had dug a remarkable tunnel. It was 40 feet in length. They started the tunnel Easter Sunday. Previously a coalminer, Streeter did the work himself. It was started as a passageway between two cells that had little use and was carefully concealed by boards. When they reached the courthouse wall, they dug a well ten feet deep, hauling the dirt back in a blanket. Sheriff Silliman and no fewer than ten others began the search for the escapees. Loftus White, a notorious liar who was jailed at the time for perjury, told the sheriff he knew exactly where the culprits were. By Wednesday evening and having no luck in finding the escapees, the Sheriff decided to take their search in the direction of White's farm, six miles north near North River.

MAYHEM: About midnight, two strangers came sauntering along the road near White's farm, one a little ahead of the other. The Sheriff and Deputy were instantly on their guard, but they did not have time to arouse their three friends resting in the barn. As the strangers approached the barn, the Sheriff drew his shotgun and yelled "Halt!" The two men on the road immediately fired two shots at the officers and ran, one running north and the other south. The three men came out of the barn to join the pursuit. In total, 11 shots were fired, seven by the officers and four by Streeter and Davies. The Sheriff sent the men in all directions. The fire bell was also rung, bringing additional men who were up and ready to join the search. By daylight, the whole country near Loftus White's was lined with armed men, most from the Jefferson Township Vigilante Committee. When a bundle of clothes was found, it was determined that Davies was the one heading south.

Early the following morning, a man fitting the description of Streeter was seen at the Crosby McDonald farm heading northwest towards the R. R. Powell farm. The stranger arrived around 10:00 at the residence and inquired if they had heard any gunshots from the night before. Powell told him that he had. At that point, Streeter gave himself up. All attempts to get him to tell where Davies was were in vain. Streeter stated he hadn't seen Davies since the night at the White's barn and that he thought Davies was wounded. He said further that it was four o'clock Wednesday morning when they got out of jail and that they laid in the brush at Cedar Creek near Bailey's farm north of Winterset most of the day before setting off to White's for food. He also claimed that Davies did all the shooting, as he had no gun.

#### Search for Davies Led to Mayhem

After the capture of Streeter, the crowd of men met at White's home to organize a search for Davies who was the more wanted man of the two. Parties began to search in every direction. The only clues found were a pair of overalls that Davies had worn when he escaped, and northwest of White's, was a pair of shoes belonging to Eben Jonet worn during the escape as well. Davies appeared to have vanished.

#### Jimmy Donahue Shot

Jimmy Donahue, 18, the son of a widow living in the neighborhood of Brown's bridge in Lees Township, was shot Thursday evening just after dark as he was riding on horseback. Just as he was crossing the bridge, he was commanded to stop by Frank Villiers, who was guarding the bridge with others, and he had been instructed to stop all strangers. The boy's horse bolted and started to run. Villiers fired his shotgun loaded with number 3 shot. A second man, Beadle, also fired a rifle. The shotgun round struck Donahue in the back of the head, his neck and shoulder, and he fell to the ground. He was picked up and taken home where Dr. Wray was called. He remained unconscious for a few days, but the Doctor felt his prognosis was good. The shooting of Jimmy Donahue gave rise to the question of why was he shot? He was out in the neighborhood delivering invitations to a party his mother was planning at their home, and he was riding back to town and not riding away. The Johnson Township vigilantes and law enforcement were called in. Continued on page 5.....

# CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA

## Council Meeting Minutes

The Council met in regular session on Saturday October 7th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. for the October council meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: A representative from Sternquist Construction will be here Monday October 9th to look at the bad cracks and unevenness in East Street north of the intersection of Knotts Street and work up a cost estimate for the repairs. Two other bids for the repairs will be pursued. Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve a bid based on price, quality of work and time element for the repairs. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City Attorney sent letters to the property owners regarding citizen complaints about the appearance of residential structures in the 300 block of Main Street and the 700 block of West Street.

The City Attorney sent a letter to the property owner regarding a tree near the alley behind the fire station being a safety hazard.

Citizen Input: A citizen was present to discuss the placement of a modular/manufactured home on a lot within the city limits. The Zoning Ordinance regarding requirements for modular/manufactured homes will be forwarded to Connelly.

Water Utilities discussed: All the fire hydrants within the water distribution system have been flushed.

Fire Department Business: The DNR grant for the fire department has been completed. Items in the grant include fire gloves, fire goggles and Nomex hoods. The amount of the grant is for approximately \$1500.00.

The need for the purchase of three new sets of bunker gear was discussed. Strange moved, seconded by Truman to approve the purchase of three new sets of bunker gear. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Information from the Emergency Services Advisory Board Meeting was reviewed. There have been 50 fire calls and 93 EMS/Ambulance calls year to date as of September 30th, 2023.

Law Enforcement: The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of September was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 25 calls for service during the month of September. Officers spent in excess of 30 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 180 miles within the city limits for the month. One citation and/or warning was written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Official Dissolution of the New Virginia Area Development Corporation (NVADC) and City assuming responsibility of monetary funds after NVADC accounts are closed were discussed. A Certificate of Administrative Dissolution of the NVADC has been received from the State of Iowa Secretary of State. An email will be sent to Secretary of State, Paul Pate, regarding the Dissolution of NVADC. Taylor moved, seconded by Strange to have the City of New Virginia assume responsibility of monetary funds after the NVADC accounts are closed. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Strange to open the public hearing on the first reading of Ordinance #119 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE AND EMS PERSONNEL. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding Ordinance #119, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve the first reading of Ordinance #119 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE AND EMS PERSONNEL. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #119. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Strange to open the public hearing on the first reading of Ordinance #120 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FIREWORKS. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding Ordinance #120, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve the first reading of Ordinance #120 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FIREWORKS. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Strange moved, seconded by Truman to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #120. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE, October 7th, 2023

The Community Building at GAMP Park was entered sometime during the truck pull event and was left dirty. The building was rented on the day after the truck pull with the renters finding it in the above condition. It was discussed to refund the rental fee. Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to refund the rental fee to the renter of the GAMP Community Building on Sunday October 1st, 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The Music In The Park event was successful. There has been a call out to artists for a mural to be painted on the north wall of the old hardware building. There will be a lady coming to meet with members of the Trail Committee at the library on October 25th at 5 p.m. to discuss questions about trails, grants, getting an engineer involved, etc.

The Elf Club will be looking at getting the Christmas lights on the tree in Old Settlers Park sometime soon.

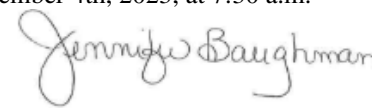
Trick or Treat Night will be Saturday October 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The movie Hocus Pocus 2 is planned to start in Old Settlers Park at 7:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket or two for a spooky good time for the movie in the park.

Pricing of porta potties was discussed. Strange moved, seconded by Taylor to purchase two regular porta potties at a price of \$2060.28. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. One will be placed on the south side of Old Settlers Park and the other one will be placed on the west side of GAMP Park. Servicing of the porta potties was discussed. The Virginia Township Clerk will be contacted to see who does the servicing and pricing of the porta potties at the cemetery.

The Council discussed the need to find a new person to clean the Community Building at GAMP. There is a couple that have expressed interest and will be contacted to discuss the cleaning task in more detail.

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

With no further business to come forth, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The November council meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 4th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. November meeting date – Saturday November 4th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.

  
Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



**Recycling Dates  
New Virginia**

**November 2**

**November 16**

**November 30**

### Public Notice

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





CLAIMS REPORT				
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$477.91	15039	10/6/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.81	15072	10/11/2023
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES ENVELOPES	\$603.61	15040	10/6/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	SPEAKER EQUIPMENT CABLE	\$39.38	15058	10/7/2023
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$184.40	15059	10/7/2023
IMAGETRED INC	LICENSE SUPPORT FEE	\$716.43	15061	10/7/2023
INTERSTATE 35 FFA	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE GATE	\$350.00	15062	10/7/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$421.59	16326454	10/6/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$738.33	16326455	10/6/2023
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	15063	10/7/2023
MIDWEST PULLERS ASSOCIATION	TRUCK PULL FEES	\$4,000.00	15038	9/28/2023
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$384.86	15073	10/11/2023
PI PI'S PORTA POTTY SERVICE	OTHER CONTR SERV-UNITS FOR PUL	\$1,100.00	15065	10/7/2023
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$83.84	15066	10/7/2023
PROIMAGE SIGN & LIGHTING	TRUCK PULL EXPENSE SIGNS	\$75.00	15067	10/7/2023
R & R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS-GAMP	\$1,150.00	15068	10/7/2023
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,136.44	15070	10/7/2023
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$445.07	15071	10/7/2023
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$411.62	15074	10/11/2023
	TOTAL GENERAL	\$12,460.29		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,189.92	15039	10/6/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	STREET MAINTENANCE PATCHING	\$75.00	15058	10/7/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$10.16	16326455	10/6/2023
LOGAN CONTRACTIONS SUPPLY	STREET MAINTENANCE POTHOLE PAT	\$185.00	15064	10/7/2023
	TOTAL ROAD USE	\$1,460.08		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	15056	10/7/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.27	15072	10/11/2023
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES ENVELOPES	\$445.93	15040	10/6/2023
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING/CHEMISTRY FEE	\$190.00	15057	10/7/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING WATER MILEAGE	\$45.00	15058	10/7/2023
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY2024	\$154.80	15060	10/7/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$323.56	16326454	10/6/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$389.68	16326455	10/6/2023
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,550.25	15069	10/7/2023
	TOTAL WATER UTILITIES	\$6,246.49		
	GENERAL	\$3,670.70		
	WATER	\$1,688.70		
	Total Payroll Paid	\$5,359.08		
	***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$25,525.94		

## Spiders in the Home Are No Cause for Worry, According to Insect Expert

Spiders or other insects that enter indoors are usually looking for warmth

October 9, 2023, 2:15 pm | Zach Schumm

AMES, Iowa – As autumn leaves begin to turn and the temperature begins to drop, people aren't the only ones looking to get cozy indoors, as many Iowans notice an increase in insect and spider populations around the home during fall. While finding unexpected spiders hiding around the home can be alarming for some, Zach Schumm, insect diagnostician with the Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic at Iowa State University, explains that most spiders in Iowa pose little threat to people.

Typically, spiders or other insects that enter indoors are looking for warmth, according to Schumm. While any spider has the potential to accidentally work its way indoors, the types of spiders commonly encountered in the home include wolf spiders, funnel weaving spiders, jumping spiders and cellar spiders.

Daddy long legs spiders hanging from their webs, by Passing Traveler/stock.adobe.com "The common offenders are the spiders that are more noticeable, either because they are larger or we happen to see them when they aren't hiding," explained Schumm.

All spiders, which can be distinguished from most other arthropods by their eight legs and two body regions, have hollow fangs capable of injecting venom into their prey. However, as Schumm explains, this characteristic should not be a cause for concern for humans, as they only wish to use their fangs on their food, not on people.

"In the United States as a whole, there are very few medically significant spiders that people need to be concerned about. The typical offenders we hear about, the brown recluse and the black widow, are very uncommon in Iowa," said Schumm. "In addition to being very uncommon, these spiders are typically nonaggressive toward people. Even when they do bite, they often dry bite, meaning that they bite without injecting any venom."

Black widows, which can be distinguished by the red hourglass marking on the underside of their abdomen, have been found in Iowa before, but are uncommon. Even when encountered, these spiders are often described as shy, and prefer to flee from humans when threatened. While their venom is highly toxic, bites are typically not serious since a very small amount of venom is injected. Symptoms of a bite typically include pain and swelling at the site of the bite, headache, shortness of breath and muscle spasms. Very few black widow bites result in serious medical complications.

Brown recluses, the other main species of venomous spider that can be found in Iowa, are also incredibly uncommon. Although their range technically extends into the lower part of the state, they are considered uncommon to extremely rare in the upper Midwest. True to their name, they tend to avoid areas with human activity and rarely bite. They can be distinguished by the dark, violin-shaped marking on their front body section. While bites are not typically immediately painful, a localized burning sensation typically develops within a few hours, followed by raised or darkened skin surrounding the bite. For more information on venomous spiders in Iowa, visit the ISU Extension and Outreach publication "Potentially Dangerous Spiders."

Since few Iowa spiders pose any real medical threat and are unaggressive, Schumm rarely recommends spraying insecticides around the home.

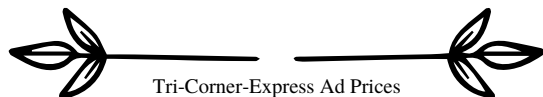
"Most spiders around the home are more of a nuisance than a medical issue, so I always recommend some level of tolerance," said Schumm. "If you want to reduce their numbers, it's important to seal up any small gaps where they may be entering the home. Putting on new door thresholds, repairing window screens and sealing up cracks can prevent spiders from coming indoors."

"There are some options for managing spiders using insecticides after they've entered, but I would argue that those methods are less healthy and more expensive than letting the spiders be. However, if you're allergic to spider venom or are finding those more medically significant species, you can put out sticky traps to monitor for presence and abundance of spiders or call a pest management company if needed," he added.

While discovering an unwelcome, eight-legged roommate can be startling, it is rarely a cause for alarm.

"People generally tend to be fearful of spiders, but the spiders we see around our homes aren't out to get us," added Schumm. "Next time you find a spider around the house, take the time to observe it for a bit. The more we understand things, the less fearful we tend to be."

For more information on common Iowa spiders, visit <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/5267>, or contact Zach Schumm at [zschumm@iastate.edu](mailto:zschumm@iastate.edu) or by calling 515-294-0581.



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New Virginia, IA

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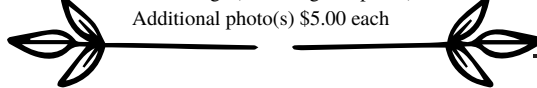
Thank You's, Birth Announcements, Birthdays, & Anniversaries:

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\$0.10 per word over 100 words \$5.00 for each photo

Obituaries and Weddings (Including one photo): \$40.00 \*

Additional photo(s) \$5.00 each



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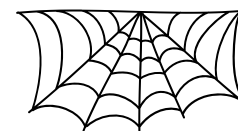
The City of New Virginia will receive sealed bids for snow removal from city streets, alleys, and sidewalks to include GAMP property for the 2023/2024 winter season. The bid should be figured to include fuel and salt for sidewalks & intersections. Payment will be made monthly based on weather conditions that require snow removal. See details/requirements for snow removal listed below. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Bids must be received by **November 3rd, 2023 by 12:00 p.m.**

**Please send bids to:**

City Clerk – P.O. Box 302 – New Virginia, IA 50210

**More specific details/requirements include:** Continuous blading of streets from start of snow to end of snow on accumulations of 1 inch or more; treat major intersections with salt as necessary; accepted bid could be terminated if snow removal is not performed to expectations/requirements.



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# PUBLICATION NOTICE

## FOR THE CITY / SCHOOL ELECTION ON 11/07/2023

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49.53 Code of Iowa, I, Kimberly Sheets, Warren County Commissioner of Elections, do hereby proclaim and give notice of a Special Election on November 7, 2023, for the City / School Election, to be held in Warren County, Iowa. There will be twenty-five (25) polling locations. We combined some precincts for this City/ School Election. If you have any questions, please contact the Auditor's office at 515-690- 9180.

Polls are open from 7:00am to close at 8:00pm.

Candidates that will appear on the City / School Election ballot are below. The date to start filing the affidavit of candidacy and nomination paper was August 28, 2023, and the deadline to file was September 21, 2023.

### City Candidates:

#### Martensdale:

Mayor – Write-in only

Council - Write-in only

#### Bevington:

Mayor – Maxine Bussanmas

Council – Jerry Bussanmas, Richard Kieler, Jeff Bussanmas Sharon Croy, and Jazmynn Eslick.

#### New Virginia:

Mayor – Justin Strange

Council – Chris Truman, Pamela Dunkin, and Josey Galivan

St. Marys

Mayor – Charles Gehringer

Council – Steven Fisher

### School Candidates:

#### Interstate 35:

School Board At-Large - Roger Cannoy and Jessica Bucklin

School Board #1 – Dan Hutton and Jeremy Maske

School Board #2 – Nathan Gibson and Eddie Vonnahme

#### Martensdale-St. Marys:

School Board #3 – Jeff Bowlin

School Board #4 To Fill Vacancy – Brenda Halverson and Heath Banks

School Board #5 (Madison County) – Nicole Bunch and Colleen Christy Haglan-Lynch

The pre-registration deadline for voters that are considering voting during the City/School Election is October 18, 2023. If a voter is not registered before or October 18, 2023, the voter will have to do an election day registration, which means the voter will have to show a form of a current, valid, photo ID, that contains an expiration date and proof of residency, see 48A of Iowa Code. The deadline to request mail-in absentee ballot is October 18, 2023. Mail-in absentee ballots must be returned to the Auditor's office by 8:00pm on election night, see 53 of Iowa Code.

In-person absentee will start October 18, 2023, in the Auditorium at the Administration Building, enter the SW door at 301 N. Buxton St. Indianola, IA 50125, see 53 of Iowa Code.

Hours will be 8:00A to 4:30P, except on October 23, 2023, till 5P, see 48A of Iowa Code. All polling locations are accessible to all voters including those with disabilities, 49.21(1). Curbside voting is available during in-person absentee and on election day at the voters polling location, see 49 of Iowa Code. Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the Warren County Auditor's office at 515-690-9180, IAC 721 –21.50(10).

Voting for in-person absentee or at the polling locations will require proof of identification. Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1. May have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct. 2. Prove identity and residence using Election Day registration documents. Or 3. Cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the Warren County Auditor's office by November 9, 2023, by noon. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 515-690-9180, 49 of Iowa Code.

We will have a public testing for our voting equipment on October 25, 2023, at 9:30am in the Auditors office, see 52.35 of the Iowa Code.

### Polling locations for the City/ School Election 11/07/2023:

#### Precinct Location Address

Jackson, St. Marys American Legion, 112 Iowa St., St. Marys, 50241

Jefferson, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 615 Iowa Ave, Martensdale, 50160

Squaw Creek, Medora Church, 10804 G76 Hwy, New Virginia, 50210

Virginia, New Virginia Lions Hall, 503 West St., New Virginia, 50210

Please see our website [www.warrencountya.gov](http://www.warrencountya.gov) to see the precincts ballot styles.



### GOOD KIDS!

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YOU!

The night of August 18, my pups woke me to someone knocking on our door. A high school age young man had come to the house to ask if it was our mini horses that were by the road? He said he knew we had small horses because he had seen them many times while driving by. He said when he drove in, the small horses had run beside the barn. Then his three friends were out the truck offering to help catch them. I declined their help knowing it is easier to catch them with a bucket of grain rather than being chased. I did thank them at the time but was not wide awake so missed getting their names.

So, we are thanking them publicly with this note. We are letting the community of New Virginia know there are outstanding, thoughtful and kind young people in our area.

Thanks, guys, for keeping our mini horses SAFE!

Bill Cox and Karen Krehlik

### CABBAGE SOUP

12 – 16 oz. kielbasa or smoked sausage    3 c. frozen diced hash browns

1 32 oz. container chicken broth    1 bag shredded cabbage

1 medium onion, chopped

Throw everything in the pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are done. You can mix this up by changing up some of the ingredients or adding whatever you wish. Pretty good on a cold, blustery day!



Continued from page 1....

## Rumors of C. O. Davies' Murder

As early as September 1896, rumors were rampant that Davies was caught by a posse of farmers in a woods in Madison County and was killed and buried. The perpetrators kept his murder a secret. Ed Jones who was in the Winterset jail for liquor selling at the time of the Davies and Streeter escape and after, said Streeter was visited a number of times by the posse after his capture. Jones claims to have overheard their conversations and learned from them that Streeter had seen the farmers "fill him full of lead" and bury Davies. Streeter's life was spared by that posse when he swore not to tell what he knew, and he was taken back to jail. Jones said he could find the location of the body. Madison County residents who have been interested in this story and the bank money, as well as officers, were investigating the rumors. Davies' relatives in New York, including his wife, have not heard from him since he escaped.

It was good to learn that Jimmy Donohue did recover from his wounds. Detective Salisbury and Mr. Henshaw have been in Bath, New York, the county seat of Stueben County. Their purpose was to swear out an attachment for all the property of the Mesner Douglas bank on the claim that it is the property of East Peru.



The Mayhem Continued, Story Two.....

## Attempted Bank Robbery in New Virginia, Iowa

Early Tuesday morning July 11, 1967, two would-be robbers attempted to rob the New Virginia branch of the Norwalk-Cumming State Bank. Entrance to the bank had been accomplished by forcing the lock on the front door utilizing an axe that was found on the bank floor in front of the door. The burglars had almost succeeded in cutting through a section in the lower right-hand corner of the heavy steel door of the vault. The crew gave up when a contractor and crew arrived on the job to resurface the main streets through New Virginia. The burglars abandoned the caper, leaving behind a cutting tool, acetylene and oxygen tanks, tools and a flashlight. The flashlight was still on, indicating the burglars had left in a hurry. Upon arriving at the bank, Richard Hatcher, Assistant Cashier, called the bank president, Floy Felton, who in turn called the Warren County Sheriff's department regarding the robbery. The sheriff's department, however, had already received a report of a break-in at the Reed Implement building across the street. Investigations of the break-in were handled by the FBI and the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigations. The attempt to cut through the vault door damaged the lock, making it impossible to open Tuesday. This door was on the Norwalk-Cumming State Bank vault in 1928 when the building was destroyed by fire. Following the fire, it was installed at the New Virginia Bank when it was built.

## Further Mayhem in East Peru, Story Three

August 1912

The town of East Peru's bank did remain unharmed, but thieves helped themselves to other businesses and items Thursday morning. The town was visited by safe crackers. Two safes were blown, one in the post office owned by L. A. Hammond, and the other in a furniture store in the same building. The thieves stole between \$600 and \$700 in money and postage stamps. The explosion was heard at three o'clock in the morning by the night operator at the depot. After hearing the noise, he looked toward the bank, and seeing it undisturbed, dismissed the sound as a revolver shot. The robbers then took a team and buggy belonging to Barcroft Livery. The team was found Sunday morning in a cornfield on the Harris farm just west of Winterset. The safecrackers had tied the line to the buggy wheels and deserted the rig. They were tracked as far north as the Rock Island right-of-way on the O'Laughlin farm. Investigating officers were confident this is the same party who blew the post office safe in Macksburg and the safe in the Patterson Mercantile store in Patterson.

Sources: Warren County Historical Society Archives of Madison, Clarke and Warren Counties; newspapers

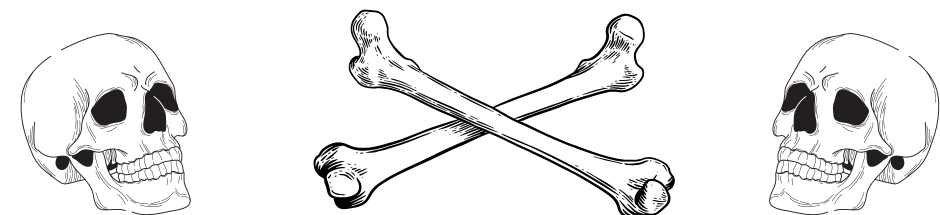
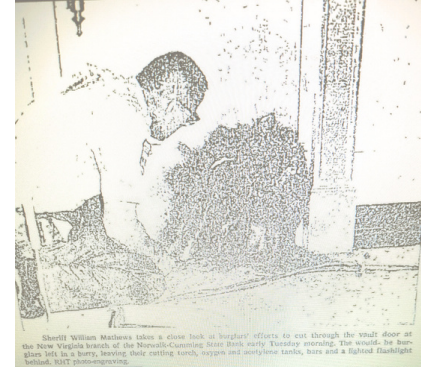


Image provided by the original FBI file



Sheriff Bill Mathews inspecting vault door

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## Trick or Treating in New Virginia

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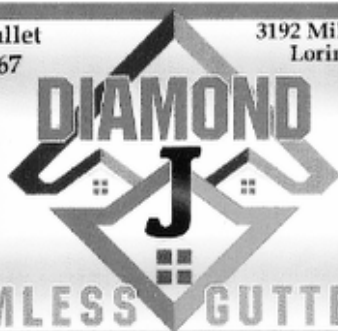
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# CITY OF ST CHARLES

October 2, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 10/2/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Lois Stanley, Megan Allison, and Whitney Hutton were present along with five guests.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 9/11/2023: Motion made by Whitney Hutton/Lois Stanley to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: During June there were 73.20 patrol hours, 7 calls, and 31 traffic stops.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The September report was submitted.
- Maintenance Report: A culvert at Imes Bridge needs replacing. The City will be taking bids. Ground cover will be put in the ditches to help control weeds at the bridge.
- Fire/Rescue Department: September minutes were submitted. The Fire Department has 3 new members.
- Library Board: September Library Minutes were submitted. A new book club has been formed by the library. A new Quilt of Valor will be displayed on October 14th.
- Welcome Center: Saturday, October 14th, the Welcome Center will host an Open House from 10 am to 8 pm with Food Trucks available from 4-7 p.m. and a live band from 6-8 p.m. The Welcome Center has had 717 visitors since May 24th. Motion by Megan Allison/Lois Stanley to approve the appointment of Tracy Bean to the Tourism Board.
- Emergency Management: The September report was submitted.
- Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison and the City Clerk met with the Madison County Engineer. A new 28E Agreement between the County and City is to be written.
- Clerk's Report: City Hall will be closed from October 5th – 13th. City Hall will reopen on Monday, October 16th.

Resolution 10A-2023 Approving Annual Finance Report for Fiscal Year 23: Megan Allison/Dan Kozak made a motion to approve the Annual Finance Report published September 27th. R/C vote was unanimous.

Right of Way Issue at 810 W Main Street: After Hwy G50 was relocated years ago, the right of way was not changed for this property. The owner is asking for the right of way to be brought in line with the neighboring properties. The City Clerk will work with the City Attorney on this process. Any accrued costs will be directed towards the owner.

Main Street Traffic and Speed: Sheriff Barnes reported his findings from spending time in St. Charles. Grants are being looked at to cover the cost of data collecting radar signs for St. Charles.

Possible Lot Split and Zoning Change: The City Council was made aware of a possible request for a zoning change in the future. Planning and Zoning will be contacted if this request should happen. The City Clerk will research procedures should this request be made.

"Slow" Signs for Beggars Night: Motion by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak to have "Slow" signs put out on either end of the business district on Beggars Night during the Trunk or Treat. Voice vote was unanimous.

Nuisance and Opportunity Letters: The Council asked to have a letter sent to a property owner who has acquired an excessive amount of cars on their property. Council Member Whitney Hutton had received a public request to have the parking ordinance enforced in the 200 block of W. Market St. The City Clerk had also taken a similar request. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

Public Forum: No Public wished to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion by Tom Blomme to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on November 6, 2023, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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



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### CORRECTION!

The Quilt of Valor  
recipient's name was  
misspelled:  
Ayrin Burns

St. Charles



TRICK  
OR  
TREAT



Oct 31st, 6 - 8 pm

# The Case of Old Billy Newell and John Hamner 1883

By Kirk Freeman, 2023

*Continued from last month.....*

William “Old Billy” Newell, according to one newspaper report, paid his wife \$50 as a settlement of separation, packed a trunk, and told people he was off to see a sister in Missouri. When two women he was seeing (just called “the Cheek girls”), also, left town around that same time, they assumed the three ran off together. The date was 14-15 June 1882, and William Newell just received his disability pension backpay for \$400 to \$500 that Newell (minus the \$50 paid to his wife) took with him. Local friends of Old Billy recalled that he was excited to get the money and was off to see “acquaintances” in Scott Township in the form of the two Cheek girls, and that was the last anyone saw of him. No one thought of Newell for a year after that.

Then in May 1883, a man named Charles Pugh, serving his first year of ten at Anamosa Prison for horse stealing in Benton County, found he was dying from consumption (tuberculosis). Pugh was a notorious character in the central Iowa region at this time, but he asked the warden to write a letter to Mayor Wray of Winterset to confess his knowledge of the murder of William Newell. A warrant was quickly issued for Pugh as a witness for this potential homicide and to produce evidence. Three men took a train to Anamosa Prison to retrieve Pugh and bring him back, who immediately led the sheriff and deputies to a spot in the woods near Jones Creek and unearthed the body of William Newell.

The day that the deputies from Winterset went by train to retrieve Pugh from Anamosa Prison, the sheriff (Jimmy Davis) went out to the Hamner farm in Scott Township and arrested John, who was in the field planting corn at the time. Hamner did not receive a reason for the arrest and was in jail two days before Pugh arrived, still not knowing his charges, according to a report from 1907.

Pugh gave the following description about the murder. He made a statement that John Hamner approached Pugh for help in robbing Newell of his pension. Pugh stated he refused, then went to Hamner’s father’s house, where the Cheek girls were waiting for William Newell and told him that John went to get money owed to him from Old Billy for helping him saw wood the night before but had not returned yet. Hours later, John Hamner arrived, and the Cheek girls asked where Billy was (as they were waiting to leave with him for Council Bluffs out of the Patterson Depot). John stated that he did not know, having left by train for Des Moines and had dinner, then drinks. As John had a bottle of whiskey on him, they all drank until around 1 pm when Hamner and Pugh went for a walk and John told Pugh that old Billy lay about two rods (33 feet) from a big tree that stood about a quarter of a mile east of the house. Pugh asked if Hamner killed Newell and Hamner said he did. Describing how they (Hamner and Newell) stopped the night before, when John asked, “There’s the house, do you see the light?” When Billy looked towards the house, John stepped behind Billy and fired a revolver directly behind Newell’s ear into his head. Billy did not fall but loudly shouted “murder” three or four times then decried, “Oh, John, I didn’t think you would be mean enough to kill me.” Then they clinched, where Hamner, holding Billy down with his hand on Newell’s throat, used his other hand to pull out his pocketknife and opened it with his teeth and slit Newell’s throat. Hamner then took about \$270 and went to sleep in his father’s barn. Waking early, Hamner went back to the scene and found Newell still alive so took a rock, the size of two fists, and crushed the old man’s skull. Covering Newell with a layer of leaves, Hamner took Billy’s hat, went into town, and cut the hat into strips and scattered it around the fields as he walked.

Once in town, Hamner got a bottle of whiskey and started to drink. He then walked to his brother’s place for a while and finally headed back home. Pugh said the money was in two \$100 bills, three \$20 bills and one \$10 bill. Leaving the body under the layer of leaves, both men then returned the revolver, which John Hamner recently borrowed from Solomon (Sol) Odell, and parted company.

After Pugh pointed out the exact location of Newell’s corpse, the sheriff inquired about the loaned revolver and Sol Odell did say that he did loan a revolver to Hamner to kill a stray dog and returned the weapon around the time Pugh described. Newell’s wife, Isabel identified William Newell’s body by his false teeth, items in his pockets, and the missing toe from the Civil War. With the victim now identified, John Hamner, taken from his cell without knowing what was ahead and dragged into the room with the corpse, was finally questioned. This was the first time Hamner heard the charges against him and angrily remained silent through the questioning and turned away from the rotting remains with a “white countenance” that the sheriff claimed as a sign of guilt.

However, that written description appears in a 30 May 1883 newspaper account. 7 An earlier account given in the letter Pugh originally sent from prison (not mentioned until a 1907 review of the case), Pugh stated that Hamner shot Newell three times, once in the head and twice through the body. In that letter, Pugh was there when Hamner used the rock to crush Newell’s skull and then helped bury the corpse. Then, in a 9 June 1883 newspaper entry, the witnessed account of a William Hart, also interred at Anamosa Prison, stated that he met both Pugh and Hamner the night after the murder at the James Hines Saloon in Des Moines on the west side of the Des Moines River. This saloon was near the Rock Island Depot and there Hamner said he killed “Old Billy” Newell after shooting him, slicing him, and then bashing him with a stone. He stated at the beginning of his sworn statement that he did not speak with Pugh in prison, then later said they spoke to recall “that son-of-a-b\_\_\_\_\_ they met that one night in June last year.” Three different accounts of the incident from contrasting statements, the harshest viewpoints nearest the time of the murder discovery, then more information added as time progressed.

John Hamner never saw his day in court, for near 3 am on Sunday, 3 June 1883, around seventy, hooded men rode into town and a group of them broke into the jail of the Winterset courthouse. Two constables were on duty, one on the top floor, and one just above the jail on the ground floor (no guard was in the outer jailhouse room that night as they usually were). This mob was heavily armed and threatened to shoot any citizen that dared show themselves at any window, firing at the few citizens that tested this threat. According to the account of another prisoner inside the jail, seven men entered the cell area carrying cold chisels and sledgehammers, which they used to efficiently hammer through the set of cell doors in minutes. Reaching John Hamner’s cell, they gave him time to finish dressing and asked if he had anything to say; he responded defiantly, “he had not.” Meanwhile, the guards on the floor above reported they heard nothing until the mob members battered through the last cell door. Then the guards started to ring the emergency fire bell.

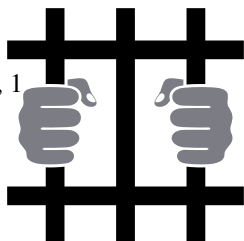
Footnotes:

5 The Perry Pilot, Wednesday, May 30, 1883. P., 1

6 The Winterset News Friday, January 18, 1907., p. 1.

7 Winterset Semi Weekly Madisonian Wednesday, May 30, 1883., p., 1

*Stay tuned for next month’s episode.*







# ROADRUNNER PRIDE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## I-35 Welcomes New Teachers

### Polly Blum - MS Interventionist

I am so excited to be a part of the Roadrunner family! My husband Brad and I live in Truro, and I chose to start working here so we could wholly embrace the community. This is the first school I have felt a part of since day one. I hold degrees in Child Development, Elementary Education, School Leadership and am currently adding a 5-12 English/Language Arts endorsement. Before coming to I-35, I taught most grades K-8 in



Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas, as well as spending time as an assistant principal. In my spare time, I love reading, my dogs, going to Husker games and hockey games, cooking, and again reading and my dogs! I am excited for this new adventure as an interventionist because it is amazing to see students' growth as the year progresses and see their pride in their accomplishments.

### Anna Valdez - 7th/8th Social Studies

My name is Anna Valdez, and I am the 7/8 Social Studies teacher. I grew up in the Clarke Community School District. I attended Simpson College and graduated with my bachelor's in Education. My husband and I live near Saint Charles where we enjoy showing our two boys how to farm, garden, and raise animals.

I student-taught at Interstate 35 and truly enjoyed the experience of "togetherness" and creating a great learning community for students. I'm blessed to have found a great community who accepts me with open arms and a great big smile! Go Roadrunners!

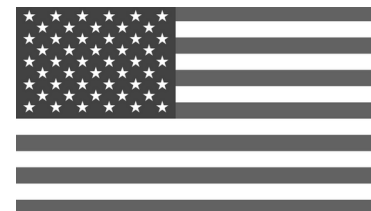


A special thank you to the St. Charles Fire Department for going over fire safety with our elementary students. It is always a great visit and very informative.

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## Interstate 35 Community Veterans Day Invitation

On behalf of the students, faculty, and administration at Interstate 35 Schools, we want to extend a special invitation to our veterans and our current service personnel, your



families and your friends, to attend our Veterans Day Tribute and Celebration of the United States of America.

We sincerely want to thank you for serving our country and keeping our nation safe and free. With your presence on this day, our efforts are to teach and instill a feeling of pride, honor, respect, and patriotism in our children. Paying tribute to you will be an honor from middle and high school students at Interstate 35. Our tribute will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 9th in the auditorium.

Immediately following the ceremony, lunch will be served by our students. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to the school by Friday, October 27th. Please contact Tiffany Bortell at 641.765.4818 to schedule your reservation. We would appreciate your response in order to get an accurate count for the number of lunches served.

Please join us for this Veterans Day celebration. We sincerely look forward to the opportunity of honoring you and thanking you for our freedom.

## New Teachers (continued)

### Pam Sereg - 7th/8th Reading/English Language



I am Pam Sereg, and I have been teaching for over 20 years. I have a master's degree in education and an endorsement in reading. I am currently working on my ELA endorsement for middle school. I teach 7th and 8th grade ELA. I absolutely love the I-35 students, staff, and families! I am married, have four grown children, and nine grandchildren with whom I love spending time. I enjoy traveling, art, reading, and music.

## Interstate 35 Hosts Military & First Responders Night

The Fall Football season brought a celebration of all of our heroes when Interstate 35 Community School District hosted a Military and First Responders Appreciation Night on September 22nd. Included in this event, the game ball was delivered by the Mercy One helicopter (landing on the 50 yard line!) and the Iowa National Guard brought in military vehicles for the community to take pictures with and a howitzer cannon was set off with every home touchdown! The elementary building joined in the fun by offering a meal for families ahead of game time and City State Bank hosted face painting for children of all ages. The first 100 kids also received a small football, thanks to Whitey Exteriors.



The entire evening was meant to bring everyone together and show our unity and appreciation for our past and current military personnel and first responders. Thank you to everyone that was involved in the event and came to cheer on our Roadrunners!

On the right, youth football participants hold the flag for the playing of the anthem. Above and right, first responders deliver the game ball to start the night. A job well done and a special thank you to Mr. Weber for his efforts in making this night happen.



## Middle School Student Earns Highest Honors

Congratulations to Addison Scrivner who was accepted for BOTH the South Central Iowa Bandmasters' Association Honor Band AND the Opus Honor Choir. Addison had to audition for both of these events, and she was competing against students from all schools in South Central Iowa for the honor band (including the Des Moines Metro), and students in all schools across Iowa for the honor choir.

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## Upcoming Events

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

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| Monday, Oct. 16    | Volleyball Playoffs (TBA)                         |
| Wednesday, Oct. 18 | Volleyball Playoffs (TBA)                         |
| Thursday, Oct. 19  | Cross Country District at Pella Christian         |
| Monday, Oct. 23    | School Board Meeting                              |
| Friday, Oct. 27    | State Cross Country                               |
| Wednesday, Nov. 1  | Fall Blood Drive                                  |
| Monday, Nov. 6     | Parent/Teacher Conferences-2 hour early dismissal |
| Thursday, Nov. 9   | Veterans Day Program                              |
| Thursday, Nov. 9   | Parent/Teacher Conferences-2 hour early dismissal |
| Friday, Nov. 10    | No School-Teacher Inservice                       |
| Monday, Nov. 13    | Girls Wrestling at Nodaway Valley                 |
| Thursday, Nov. 16  | Girls Wrestling at Ballard                        |
| Friday, Nov. 17    | Career Day--College/Job Fair                      |
| Friday, Nov. 17    | Drama Production                                  |
| Saturday, Nov. 18  | Drama Production                                  |
| Monday, Nov. 20    | Boys Basketball Jamboree at Central Decatur       |
| Tuesday, Nov. 21   | Girls Basketball vs. Central Decatur              |
| Wednesday, Nov. 22 | No School--Thanksgiving Break                     |
| Thursday, Nov. 23  | No School--Thanksgiving Break                     |
| Friday, Nov. 24    | No School--Thanksgiving Break                     |
- ALL athletic competitions are VARSITY contests. For all sport and

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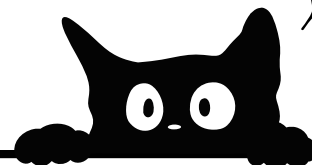
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## BOOK REVIEW



### The Maid by Nita Prose

This New York Times best seller was picked as a Good Morning America book club pick! The story is about a maid named Molly who works in a regal hotel, and she loves her job. She makes sure every room is restored to a state of perfection. Even though she is very good at her job, her personality is a little bit different, and others have a difficult time relating to her. So, when Molly finds a hotel guest dead in his room, all eyes look to her as the killer. With a full cast of memorable characters, this book is one I would recommend!

Contributed by Tracee Dembinski

Check it out at  
the  
New Virginia  
Library!



# BE SAFE ON THE ROADS THIS HARVEST

Green combines. Red tractors. Blue grain carts. Although the equipment varies in size and color, the job is the same — help farmers get their crops out of the field. Because it's harvest season. As farmers move from field to field, they must drive their equipment on gravel roads, farm-to-market roads and major highways. The big equipment moves slow. And in our fast-paced world, it can seem like a major inconvenience to be stuck behind a combine, especially when you're in a hurry.

## RESPECT THE ROAD

Farmers get it. They know 25 miles per hour isn't the fastest or most ideal speed. They understand you have places to be, deadlines to meet and families to see. They can relate. Because they're just trying to do their job — to get to the next field, to meet the deadline of harvesting their crops before it rains, to get home safely to see their family at the end of a long workday. But it's not just the large tractors and harvesting equipment. It's also ranchers pulling trailers of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and sometimes horses. It's a trailer loaded down with hay or produce. Those ranchers need space, too. They can drive faster than 25 miles per hour, but stopping quickly would put the lives of the ranchers and livestock at risk. Accidents involving farm equipment and other vehicles happen every year, and families are forever changed. Farmers and ranchers respect your right to the road, but they'd like that same courtesy extended to them. It seems, however, that awareness is often the toughest thing to grow — awareness about what farmers and ranchers do, but also about farm safety on and off the road.

## DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

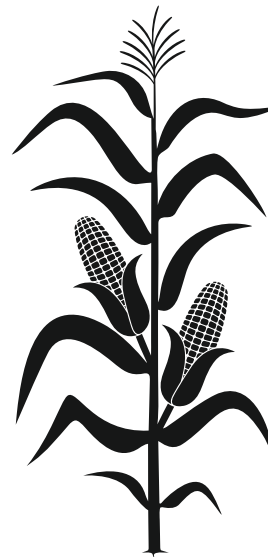
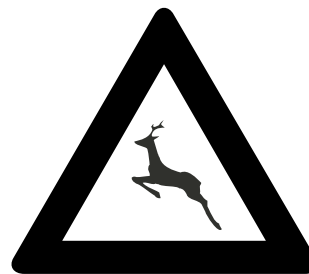
That's where we all come into play. Here are seven things you can do when you meet farm equipment on the road:

- 1. Be alert and cautious. And give large farm equipment and other slow-moving vehicles space.
- 2. Don't pass if you are in a space designated as a "No Passing Zone" or in any area that isn't safe to do so — intersections, bridges and railroad crossings, among others.
- 3. Make sure the tractor isn't trying to make a left turn before you pass on the left.
- 4. Expect farm equipment to take wider turns and have to use both lanes at times.
- 5. Don't tailgate. Give yourself space between your vehicle and the slow-moving vehicle ahead of you.
- 6. Don't assume the farmer knows you're there.
- 7. Be careful when you do get the chance to pass.  
Farmers will often move their equipment over when it is safe to do so.

And be mindful of the areas around grain elevators, auction barns and farm entrances. Farm equipment and heavily loaded trucks will be turning in or pulling out onto the road. As you drive behind or pass that farmer or rancher, think how you'd feel if that was your spouse, your child, your parent, your sibling, your friend. And treat the driver accordingly.

Please, slow down.

Let's all get home safely this harvest season.



On September 16th, Jim Stuart and Megan Eddy traveled to the Indian Creek Museum in Hastings, Iowa to compete in the Iowa hand corn husking championship. This was Megan's second year of competing, and she placed first in the Women's 21-to 50-year-old class. Jim has been competing for over 25 years and won the Men's 50-to-75 age group. Both are planning to go to the National Corn Husking Championship in Ohio on October 22.

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## JESUS' RIGHT HAND

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." This scripture in Proverbs 3:5-6 has been a recurrent reminder that has danced its way throughout the tapestry of my life for at least the last 25 years. The striking thing about this scripture is that it can be applied in nearly any situation with nearly any person. It perfectly sums up the relationship between a supreme God and His creation. He knows everything, and for the most part, I am clueless. Not a particularly comfortable position to be in for someone like me. It's a battle that many of us struggle with. We are traveling down the road of life, and then we come to a speed bump (or crater, explosion, catastrophic life event, etc.). We begin to analyze the situation, try to figure out a solution and before we know it, we're thinking that we've got everything figured out and taken care of. Then out of left field, we are suddenly shown that our analysis and solution have been rendered completely useless, and we are back to square one. Why do we do that? Are we programmed with a default setting that naturally jumps into action to solve problems without seeking God first?

When problems seem too impossible for us, we go elsewhere for help. Whether we go to friends, family or most importantly, God, we are trusting in someone other than ourselves. But the small things seem too unimportant to bother seeking help. Since when did we begin to categorize the God problems and the non-God problems? The scripture is rather clear..."Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart and lean NOT on your own understanding." Does that mean that we don't bring our prayer needs to someone? Absolutely not. If we bring others into the picture for the purpose of praying, that is still trusting in God and seeking Him. But sometimes we rush ahead and spend needless time worrying about things that we should be bringing to God, fully trusting Him with our lives. I've experienced countless times that my problem-solving, analytical, control-freak personality has charged ahead of God only to end up in a worse state than when I began. So, how do we apply this principle in real life?

Well, it helps to know the one in whom you place your trust. Most everyone has someone in their life that they trust, and that trust is developed as you grow to know this person more with time. It's no different with God. You need to have history. There needs to be a relationship. It goes farther than an hour on Sunday morning and maybe on a weekday evening. When that trust begins to develop, it needs to grow into all areas of your heart (with ALL your heart). This is where we must develop our faith muscles by exercising our trust. There will be some aches and some growing pains, just like with physical exercise. It is during this time that we need to resist the temptation to go back and use our experience, education, or life skills to take the situation out of God's hands and solve it on our own. Quite honestly, it's fairly easy to start trusting God, but when things progress, especially if it isn't moving as quickly as we think, we want to grab everything back and take care of business by ourselves. If we lean on our own understanding, we are working at a disadvantage. Did we create the heavens and the earth? Did we breathe life into the first human who was created out of the dust of the earth? Did we place the sun, moon, and stars in the heavens? I think we all know the answer.

When we have trusted God with a situation, we need to leave it there. Don't touch it, fret about it, think of solutions, or go over scenarios in your mind. We need to acknowledge that we trust God, seek His way of navigating through, and know that He will show us, in HIS time. There is another scripture that says "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7). Do you know what it means to "cast" something? It means to hurl or throw. It is a purposeful letting go of something, including your control of it. Once a baseball pitcher throws the ball, it is out of his control. God was very specific in the wording of this scripture. He didn't say, "hand me all your cares" because if we do this, we maintain control of whatever we are handing over until the very moment we let go. If we cast all our care, we are doing this with the mindset of faith and trust. It's very difficult to intercept something that we cast to God. Let that sink in for a minute.

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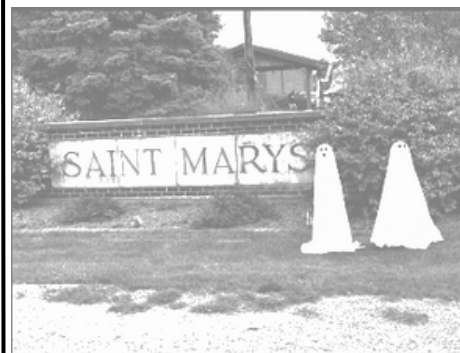
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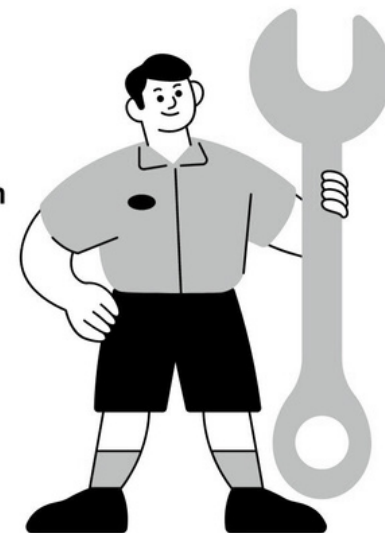
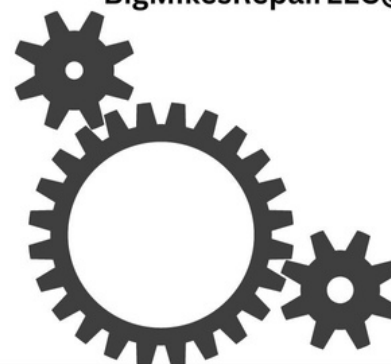


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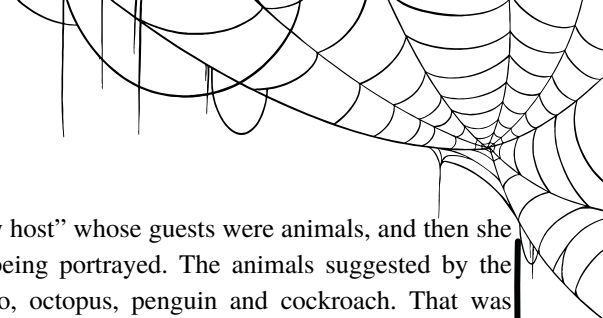






# SCRIBBLINGS FROM SUE

Contributed by Sue Stills



Our very hot Arizona summer will soon be just a “burning” memory in the record books, as the cooler autumn weather gives us some relief.

Our newly tiled floors were finally completed, and we were able to move back into our home on September 21, having stayed at my brother Jim’s for five weeks. The tiles are a very light tan with patches of darker tan/gray, and the newly painted walls, in the same light beige as the kitchen cabinets, look great, giving our “open concept” living area a brighter, color-coordinated and more expansive look. We also replaced the light over the dinette table with a Tiffany-style shade featuring leaves in browns, greens and tans. We vacated Jim’s just in time for my brother Tom and wife Gwen to move in for a week, arriving from Tucker, GA, with a U Haul truck and trailer filled with a portion of their household possessions. Jim remained at their house and continued to work on a construction project of Tom’s. They moved some of their things into their newly purchased home in Sun Lakes, two houses down from our brother Bill’s, and unloaded the rest into their garage. They have decided to start living in the house in December, rather than renting it out, bringing more of their household items with them at that time. Tom plans to return to GA in the spring to ready their house for sale. Unlike Mel and I when we were preparing to move from Iowa to Arizona, they have done little “downsizing” of their possessions, preferring to sort through them as needed in the future.

Mel had some improvement in his health after his heart valve replacement, but a continued problem with fluid retention landed him in the hospital again for a week in September, until October 1. He is now being more diligent in limiting his fluid and sodium intake and documenting his weight daily in order to avoid another hospital stay. He is feeling good, does not need supplemental oxygen and is again interested in working in the yard. He will be exercising, mainly walking, according to the home health physical therapist’s plan. We are truly thankful for his progress and feel that many prayers have been answered.

On September 30, Bill, Renee and I enjoyed a unique evening of laughs at a show presented by the Sun Lakes Community Theatre’s comedy improv troupe, the ImproVables. There are 20 members of the troupe. Some of the ladies whom I met when I helped with the SLCT’s comedy play in July are members of the improv troupe, and I was interested in seeing what their improv show was all about. They perform more than once every year, each show is different, and it is a popular show. In fact, the tickets for the September show sold out in 24 hours. A salad, pasta and dessert dinner was included in the price of the ticket, and then the show began.

It was open seating, and we chose the table “front and center.” To perform each “act” or “game,” the Director asked for suggestions from the audience, and then she selected some of the troupe to improvise what was suggested. For example, when the topic was golf, a person would step forward one at a time and do something funny related to golf for a few seconds. Sometimes several people together would improvise a skit suggested by the

audience. One of these was a “party host” whose guests were animals, and then she had to guess what animals were being portrayed. The animals suggested by the audience were a bulldog, flamingo, octopus, penguin and cockroach. That was pretty funny, seeing people trying to portray these “animals!” One of the “games” was going to require sound effects, and the Director needed two audience volunteers to accompany two troupe members who would improvise dialogue for a scenario suggested by the audience. The Director selected a man who had been fairly vocal throughout the show, and yours truly volunteered to go on stage after no one else volunteered. The scenario was at a circus, with some deviation. So some of the sounds we had to make were monkey, popcorn, balloon popping, crows, car with engine trouble, flat tire, motorcycles, motorcycles crashing and ambulance. We got some laughs over all that! The ImproVables’ next show is October 30. Stayed tuned!

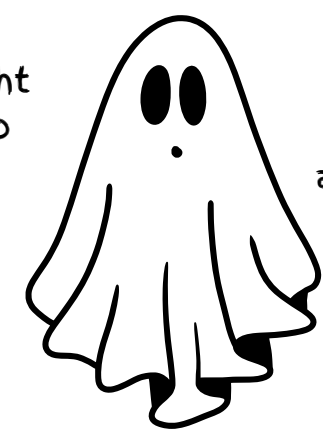
Our part of Sun Lakes is called Cottonwood, and on October 7, a community Open House was held at the country club. The 30-40 clubs and organizations in Cottonwood had tables set up describing their group and soliciting new members. These represented only some of the activities available in Sun Lakes. A person can be as active and sociable as one wants, just like in any other community. We are enjoying living here. Happy Halloween!



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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

Rev. Hugh Stone

Cell:641-414-4876

Email: hugh8@juno.com

Worship 09:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship: 10:00 am

Immaculate Conception

101 St. James St PO Box 88

St. Marys, IA 50241

Fr. Eze Umunnakwe, C.S.Sp.

660 215-0757

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sarah Gehringer (Office Manager)

641 297-2359

immacula@myomnitel.com

Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Religious Ed - Sunday morning  
following Mass

Michelle Fick (Director) 641-297-2259

Faith Fellowship Church

164 Highway 152 Osceola, IA 50213

641-342-6603

Pastor: Sheldon Lorenson

Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow

oefc@iowatelecom.net

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00

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 - 10:30 AM

Wed. Prayer, Adult Bible Study - 6:30 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 Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church

301 West Street / Box 301

New Virginia IA 50210

641-449-3779

Pastor Paul Burrow

515-402-1802

Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com

Church email:NewVA-Medora@outlook.com

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Fellowship following Worship Service

Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM

Necessities Pantry open 2nd Wednesday

10-11 am & 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

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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 Paul Burrow

515-402-1802

Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com

Church email:NewVA-Medora@outlook.com

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: 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 Murray United Methodist Church

Pastor Brandon Campbell

No Sunday School

Peru Worship 9:00 am

Murray Worship 10:30 am

