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## A Land of Plenty Wasted

Story By Brian Button, featured in *Iowa Outdoors* Summer 2022

Mention landfills, and most people envision diapers or plastic bags, but here's some food for thought - think about what didn't go into our mouths, because in Iowa landfills - food waste takes the cake. "Food waste continues to be the single largest landfilled item by weight," says Tom Anderson with the DNR's solid waste section. "It continues to grow. It is sad in some ways. Food gets thrown away every day. People may not understand how much money they spend on food they will throw away," he says. Yet it isn't just homes. Grocery and convenience stores throw away produce, baked goods, dairy, fish, meat and deli items. School and hospital cafeterias, restaurants, cafes and offices also created partially eaten food. Their kitchens make waste, too.

*This isn't guesswork.* Every five years, Iowa's landfill waste is studied. Armed with knowledge, towns and cities can educate people and create programs to prevent less from reaching landfills through waste reduction, recovery, recycling and composting. The DNR helps fund these efforts. Studies also give clues to Iowa's recycling rates. And if you think studies are done by professionals eyeing, sifting, weighing and recording findings by picking through waste at 10 landfills across the state large and small, urban and rural—you are correct.

The findings are astonishing. Twenty percent of all landfill materials is food waste. Most of it is loose food items from food processing, storage, preparation, cooking and leftovers and scraps. Almost 7 percent of it is food still in its original packaging—canned and boxed foods, canned and bottled drinks, bags of frozen foods directly off store shelves, home cupboards and freezers. Food totally wasted.

The second largest item, "plastic film," makes up 8.6 percent of landfill material. These are garbage and shopping bags, shrink wrap for packaging and plastic sheeting wrapped around pallets and more. "There are no real good diversion programs available. Some stores accept bags for recycling, but they can't go into recycling bins because they cause machines to bind," says Anderson. (A reusable cloth grocery bag lessens those issues, folks.)

Third, compostable paper, makes up 7.6 percent of waste. These low-grade paper items could be composted—paper towels and plates, napkins, tissues and food-contaminated recyclable paper. Iowa's fourth most landfilled item is mixed recyclable paper at 6 percent—manila folders and envelopes, notebook paper, junk mail, phone directories, catalogs and books. Rounding out the top five is cardboard and kraft paper—corrugated boxes, cartons and paper bags from groceries, department stores and fast food bags.

"Cardboard is going to be the interesting one," says Anderson about a new waste study that begins this summer. "With the rise of Amazon and online shopping, are those cardboard boxes being recycled or landfilled?"

When items could be composted versus landfilled, it could be done large-scale, like yard waste is by municipalities, or done at home. Either way, it rids tonnages from landfills where it takes up valuable space. Instead, it could create new soil.

### Why So Much Food Waste?

A lot of waste stems from food label confusion. "Label dates are often misinterpreted," says Anderson. With the exception of baby formula, all product labels are simply manufacturers' estimates of peak freshness, he says. Those "sell by," "use by," "best by" and "expiration" dates have "nothing to do whether food is safe to eat. Label confusion is a big reason for so much waste," he says. This leads to premature discarding of tasty, safe food. And if you routinely have leftovers, modify your cooking and serving portions. Buy what you need. Eat what you bought to avoid spoilage and expensive waste. In the refrigerator, put leftovers in front where visible for quick use and not forgotten until they go bad.

With food waste, "It's not just that apple, salad or milk discarded, but resources to grow that food," he says— water and energy to pump for irrigation, fertilizers, energy to plant, weed, harvest, clean, process and ship and refrigerate storage, then truck to warehouses and stores. With food waste, that energy, effort and resources are also thrown away.

### We Aren't Helpless—Fighting Waste

In 2019, the DNR launched popular grants to fight food waste. Part works with restaurants. More focuses on food banks and pantries to help them accept perishable food with cold storage and dry goods shelving. "The bottom line is to expand food recovery to get food to people," says Anderson. When Covid hit, food was no longer delivered to schools and restaurants.

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eat six"  
-Baseball's Yogi Berra

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City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 3rd , 2025

The Council met in regular session on Monday November 3rd , 2025, at 7:05 p.m. for the November council meeting.

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

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

**Old Business:** The flashing red lights for the stop signs at Broadway and Felton Streets have been installed.

The letter sent to the Saddle Club regarding horse manure on city streets came back undeliverable. It will be resent to another address.

An official city letter regarding an aggressive dog in the 800 block of West Street has hand delivered to the owner of the dog by the Warren County Sheriff.

**Citizen Input:** Justice Parker from the rural New Virginia area is considering the old gas station building for a potential daycare facility. The DNR monitors the property for soil contamination and is currently classified as tier 3 high risk due to contamination from years ago before new tanks were put in place. If testing can be done and if the results show no change in the area of contamination, the DNR would lower the tier 3 classification. A water test would also need to be performed. The City will talk to Rhonda Guy, the water operator, about the water test that needs to be done.

Members of the Lions Club were present to discuss potentially selling the Lions Club building. If the building is sold, the community would lose the location for community events offered by the Old Settlers Committee, Boy Scouts, Lions Club and many other community organizations. The Lions Club vision is community support and their preference would be to sell the building to the City. The Lions Club has two private offers on the building and will discuss the offers at their regular business meeting this week. The Council was advised the starting price of the building is \$20,000.00. The members of the Lions Club were asked about price negotiations if they were able to use the building rent free as well as other community organizations.

The pop machine at the GAMP Community Building will not take dollar bills. A work order has been placed to have the machine fixed.

Mayor Strange had a citizen inquiry about Church Street cracking. Street repairs for this fall have already been established including the breaking up of the south end of East Street and the repair of numerous street cut-outs.

A water bill issue was discussed regarding estimations. A new water meter will be installed at the residence.

There was a citizen inquiry about a hole developing in the front yard of a residence in the 700 block of West Street. This will be looked into.

**Fire Department Business:** The new attack truck #769 has arrived but it has a cracked/broken fitting that must be repaired before it can be placed in service.

Pumper/tanker 761 has had some valves replaced. It passed the pump test but still has a leak that needs repaired.

Attack Truck 768 still needs a diagnostic test performed on the engine.

Consulting firm contact information for performing a county-wide EMS assessment has been given to the County Supervisors.

**Water Utilities discussed:** The October water report from POM was reviewed. Water usage was 709,109 gallons averaging 22,875 gallons per day. Water testing is in compliance and on schedule with IDNR testing requirements.

**Law Enforcement:** The Sheriff's Report for the month of September was reviewed. There were 10 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies for the month. Officers spent in excess of 42 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 159 miles within the city limits for the month of September.

Discussion continued on new City software options. G Works, the current City software vendor will be contacted regarding annual renewal fee and if it includes charges for I-Cloud services.

Price quote for sidewalk repair at the Library was reviewed. Dunkin moved, seconded by Truman to approve the Thrasher Foundation Repair quote of \$2,461.18. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was one bid received for snow removal for the 2025-26 winter season. After reviewing the bid, Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve Norville Huston's bid of \$90.00/hr. for the 2025-26 winter season with the fire station and fire station parking to be a priority during heavy snow events. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2025 Annual Financial Report was reviewed and will be published as required.

### GAMP UPDATE

The GAMP fence project will start this week.

### KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

**Upcoming Events in 2025:** November 9th– Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; December 12 (Friday) & December 13 (Saturday) Christmas Home Tour. Four homes have committed to the 2025 Christmas Home Tour; December 14th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; January 11th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; February 8th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; March 8th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; Spring – Country Dance? Contra Dance? The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

### ELF CLUB

The star on the tree in Old Settlers Park will be put in place in the next week or two. Three ratchet straps have been purchased to secure the star to the tree.

### TRI-CORNER-EXPRESS

Fund balance \$15,177.61. No new information to present to the Council. Discussion was held regarding the continuation of the city-wide Christmas lighting contest. There will be a city-wide Christmas lighting contest this year.

The Council was updated on the Knotts Street storm drain project and the condition of the pipe south of the new intake.

The codification company sent information regarding restarting question set number 1.

The subdivision chapter is being rewritten. The Council will review the questions and discuss them at a special meeting scheduled for Monday November 17th 6:30 p.m. at the fire station meeting room.

The metal color for the front of the Hen House was reviewed and discussed. It will be an off blue color – either Gallery Blue or Ocean Blue.

Mayor Strange has downloaded an app on his phone to receive half-staff flag notifications. Dunkin 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 Dunkin to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

The November special council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. **December meeting date – Monday, December 1st , 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



City of New Virginia	
OCT2025	Deposits
General	\$ 40,178.27
GAMP	\$ 234.29
Fire	\$50,104.48
Elf Club	\$ 0.00
Road Use	\$4,194.59
LOST	\$6,778.53
Debit Service	\$ 7.41
Water Utilities	\$ 8,851.53
Grand Total	\$110,349.10



**New Virginia Lions Club Hall**

Due to its relatively low membership, the New Virginia Lions Club has decided to sell the hall located at 503 West Street in New Virginia. The Lions Club will remain intact supporting our local community. The Hall has a full kitchen and capacity for approximately 75 people. All reasonable offers will be considered. Please contact Lee Dentlinger at 319-217-6231, or any other Lions Club member with any questions or offers, or if you want to view the hall.

**The Sign** at the United Methodist Church in New Virginia  
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**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.

VENDOR NAME	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	VENDOR TOTAL	CHECK#	CHECK DATE
GENERAL					
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS		426.55	15900	11/03/25
BRENT BAUGHMAN	OTHER HOLIDAY SUPPLIES RATCHE	13.14		15917	11/04/25
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE - MEDICATION RUN	66.26	79.40	15935	11/10/25
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	UNIFORMS		899.58	15901	11/03/25
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS		1,254.86	15920	11/04/25
IA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSAT	WORKERS COMP PREM 25-26		614.00	15921	11/04/25
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS		417.04	16326957	11/05/25
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX		592.61	16326958	11/05/25
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY		62.00	15923	11/04/25
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING		357.74	15925	11/04/25
PAY PLUS ARCHTRANS	CC FEES AMBULANCE BILLING		4.20	16326962	10/20/25
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES		139.99	15926	11/04/25
R& R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS		1,225.00	15928	11/04/25
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE REPAIR - 761		777.83	15899	10/22/25
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING		1,229.33	15937	11/10/25
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHCILE FUEL		282.56	15930	11/04/25
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET		589.44	15931	11/04/25
	001 GENERAL TOTAL		8,952.13		
ROAD USE TAX					
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS		1,172.72	15900	11/03/25
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	STREET MAINTENANCE FLASHING LI		915.11	15901	11/03/25
JOSEY GALIVAN	LABOR LIGHTS & BOBCAT WORK		75.00	15936	11/10/25
	110 ROAD USE TAX TOTAL		2,162.83		
WATER					
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES - PAPER BILLIN		136.99	15901	11/03/25
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING		100.00	15918	11/04/25
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER		100.00	15919	11/04/25
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	DUES - MEMBERSHIP 2026		315.00	15922	11/04/25
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS		407.22	16326957	11/05/25
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX		597.62	16326958	11/05/25
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING		17.50	15924	11/04/25
PROFESSIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGE	OTHER CONTR SERV WATER		1,113.00	15927	11/04/25
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT		4,245.75	15929	11/04/25
	600 WATER TOTAL		7,033.08		
	Accounts Payable Total		18,148.04		
	Payroll Checks				
	001 GENERAL		2,113.77		
	600 WATER		2,045.48		
	Total Paid On: 11/05/25		4,159.25		
	Total Payroll Paid		4,159.25		
	Report Total		22,307.29		

**NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT**

Do you have a special neighbor you'd like to see spotlighted in the TriCorner? Email us at [tricorn@newvirginia.com](mailto:tricorn@newvirginia.com) and tell us in a few words just what makes your neighbor so special. We will share it with our readers.

"If you are interested in joining New Virginia Hometown Pride, please contact [nvhp50210@gmail.com](mailto:nvhp50210@gmail.com)"

I'm very thankful for my neighbor **Marilyn Taylor** — not just for the chats by the swing or a friendly wave across the yard, but for the way she shows up. Whether it's lending an ear or helping do alterations on a dress in a pinch, her kindness and generosity don't go unnoticed. It's the little things that make a big difference, and I'm grateful to live next door to someone so special.  
 ...Stephanie Galivan...

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809 West Street, New Virginia, IA 50210

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11th Annual  
**Christmas  
Lighting Contest**

The City of New Virginia will be having a residential Christmas Lighting contest this year. Cash prizes will be split among the three best displays. The displays will be judged by members of a youth group. The deadline to have your displays out is **December 7, 2025.** Contact Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk with any questions at [cityclerk@newvirginia.com](mailto:cityclerk@newvirginia.com) or 515-971-3897

New Virginia Hometown Pride Presents

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## Book Review

Firefly Lane  
by Kristin Hannah

Reviewed by Sue Stills

I watched this story as a series on Netflix, and I knew I wanted to read the book. It is a story of a 30-year friendship between two women, Tully Hart and Kate Mularkey. Meeting as ninth-graders in 1974, the two girls couldn't be more different from each other, in appearance, family background, personalities, future goals, everything. Yet through all their escapades and catastrophes, an unbreakable bond holds them together. Their lives are filled with love, laughter, heartache, jealousy and loyalty. Mother-daughter relationships play an important role in Tully and Kate's lives. This was a thoroughly enjoyable book about friends who vowed to always be there for each other.



# VIRGINIA BOOSTERS



Written by Ella Scott, Reporter  
Date: 10/08/25

The Virginia Boosters 4-H club held its October meeting at 7 pm in the Lions Hall on Wednesday, October 8th. Nora Nelson called the meeting to order at 7. Attendance was taken by our Secretary, Brianna Fantz, and the question asked was "What is your favorite Halloween candy?" Next, Drake Nelson gave the treasurer's report; our current balance is \$2,819.39. This month's old business was the club enrollment on 4-H online. The deadline is November 1st; it's \$20 for Clover kids and \$50 for 4-Hers. Our club members needed to fill out a chart that said their t-shirt sizes, so we could order club shirts. Also, we did some brainstorming on possible community service projects. Then we discussed this month's new business, which began the discussion of the newsletter. The wildlife habitat field day is October 10th, National 4-H week is October 5 - 11th, and the county fair livestock auction. Nora gave a reminder for November presentations and hosts, then we nominated and elected officers. Our new officers for the 25-26 year are Nora Nelson (president), Brianna Fantz (Vice President), Sophie Helgeson (Secretary), Ella Scott (Reporter), Drake Nelson (Treasurer), Kiefer Bedwell (photographer), and Peyton McDonald (Banner Club). We then adjourned the meeting, and Penelope and Sophie Helgeson gave their presentations. We ended the meeting with a potluck and pumpkin decorating contest. Our next meeting will be held at the GAMP building on Nov. 19th at 7pm



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## St. Charles City Council Meeting November 10, 2025

The St. Charles City Council met in regular session on November 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Council present: Blomme, Hutton, and Kozak. Also present: Library Board Director Blair, Fire Chief Rick Schaffer, Sewer Operator Guy, and 9 guests.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Blomme, second by Hutton, to approve agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Council meeting minutes for 10-13-2025 and 10-20-2025

b. Treasurer's Report for October 2025

c. Claims and Receipts Report for November 2025

Motion by Kozak, second by Blomme, to approve consent agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

### 3. SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Sheriff reported 14 calls, 23 stops, and 42.35 hours for October.

### 4. SAM SUMMERS/RHONDA GUY

The Hinterland Festival is considering options for sewer during the festival. The City Affidavit Sewer Operator, Rhonda Guy, offered suggestions to allow Hinterland to have its own sewer system, with no connection to the City's system.

### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

Jason Bolen asked about the lifespan of the City's sewer system. Many variables are affecting the sewer system, so there is no clear answer.

### 6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Sewer – A report was submitted. The biannual discharge will begin this month.

b. Fire/Rescue – Rick Schaffer reported the warning siren maintenance is complete, with new batteries installed. The search continues for an ambulance. A budget amendment will need to be done to purchase an ambulance.

c. Library – Board Chair Margaret Blair was present to present. A credit card has been acquired for the librarians to purchase books and supplies from Amazon. A 28E Agreement has been approved with Martensdale. A new board member will start on a trial basis in November.

d. Mayor Pro Tem – A public notice will be posted regarding junk, junk cars, tires, and other trash accumulating in yards. The Tiger Lily will be asked if city minutes can be placed in the business.

e. Clerk – The clerk will receive budget training for the FY 26 budget on November 25th.

### 7. ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution 11A-2025, a resolution approving the closing of Main Street on December 17th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm for Santa on Main. Motion by Kozak, second by Blomme, to approve Resolution 11A-2025. Roll: Ayes-unanimous. Motion passes.

b. Approval of Annual Financial Report for FY 25, published October 22, 2025 – Motion by Allison, second by Hutton, to approve the FY 25 Annual Finance Report. Roll: Ayes-unanimous. Motion passes.

### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Transitions at E Carpenter and N Cross Streets: Inroads will complete the work in November.

b. Complaints/Nuisance Letters – A template letter was reviewed. The council asking for specific examples of nuisances to be included.

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

A resident had inquired about deaf child signs being placed in town. Motion by Allison, seconded by Blomme, to install deaf child signs once the location is determined. Roll: Ayes-unanimous. Motion passes.

### 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

The Variance Board has been contacted to consider a variance at 214 N Hartman.

### 11. ADJOURN

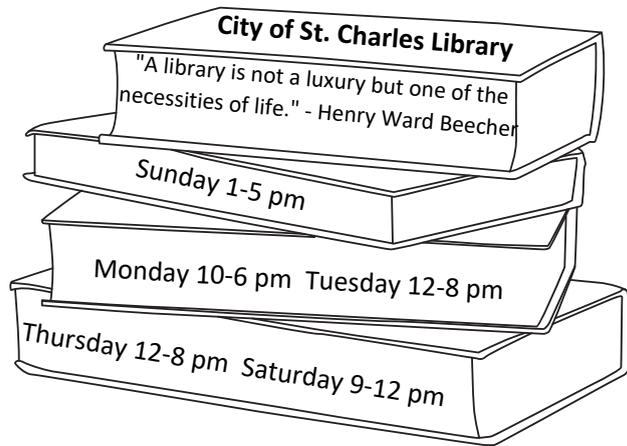
There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Kozak, second by Blomme, to adjourn. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Megan Allison, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: Tracy Kozak, Clerk/Treasurer

**The next regular scheduled council meeting is December 8, 2025.**



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The St. Charles Holiday Tour of Homes will be open from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Sunday. Four gracious homeowners are busy making plans and will open their doors for the community to come visit and experience their creative decorating talents. You may start the tour at the Gateway. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be shown at the door of each home. You may purchase tickets on the day of the tour at the Gateway starting at noon. Advance sales will be available at The Gateway on Sunday, November 30th from 1pm to 5pm, Monday, December 1st and Tuesday, December 2nd from 6pm to 8pm and Saturday and Sunday during **Trees & Trimmings.**

Also, on the busy Sunday schedule that weekend Tiger Lily is hosting a Christmas Tea Party from Noon to 2pm and the Kids Shop Christmas Store will be open at The Talk Shop from 1pm to 5pm. Check out Facebook for more info.



## St. Charles Holiday Sparkle

**Saturday..**  
**December 6:**

**I-35 Booster Club  
 Holiday Vendor Fair**  
 I-35 High School Commons  
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Trees & Trimmings**  
 The Gateway  
 12 - 6 p.m.

*Picture with Prancer  
 Home tour tickets on sale  
 Hot chocolate & cookies*

**\*\*Other local businesses will  
 be open for holiday shopping**

**Sunday..**  
**December 7:**

**Trees & Trimmings**  
 The Gateway  
 12 - 5 p.m.  
*Picture with Prancer  
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**Santa Stopping By**  
 The Gateway  
 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**Holiday Tea Party**  
 Tiger Lily Cafe, 12 - 2 p.m.

**Holiday Home Tour**  
 1 - 5 p.m.  
*Tickets at the Gateway*

**Kids Shop Christmas Store**  
 Talk Shop, 1 - 5 p.m.

St. Charles Holiday Sparkle brings a lot of activity to St. Charles on December 6th and 7th. The Gateway will be open on Saturday and Sunday for Trees & Trimmings. Local organizations, businesses, and individuals will be decorating trees, setting up nativities, setting holiday tables and showing off their talents for all to appreciate. Stop in to see the displays, vote for your favorite tree, have a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie. Then have your picture taken with Prancer. Santa will stop by on Sunday afternoon from 1:00pm to 2:30pm

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**Truro City Council Minutes**  
**November 3, 2025**

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ance Kennedy, Julie McMichael, Lyndsay Cannoy were present, Jason Phillips and Matt Masters, were absent. Public Works Director Ronnie Hults was also present. 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/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. Arzani and the council acknowledged the Sheriff's Report and the Emergency management Director's Report. Terry Stills was absent from the City Council Meeting but called in the Fire and Rescue Report with 5 fire calls and 9 EMS calls. Ronnie Hults presented the Water/Wastewater Report. The Water and Sewer Rates were reviewed and tabled to another time by the Council. A motion was made to approve the Alcohol License for Ego Dive to include a beer garden/change in the license by Cannoy/McMichael. All Ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution #2026-5 Bette Lanes Nirvana Subdivision was made by Cannoy/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. Council was made aware of the water tower/equipment being on private property. Discussions on solutions and possible purchase agreement between the City and Julie McMichael. Ongoing research. The mayor and City Council wanted to acknowledge and thank Jason and Dani Phillips for donating some of the flooring used to replace floor of the restroom of the Library. They also wanted to acknowledge Janelle Adams for the hard work on the "Haunted Council" for Trunk or Treat. City Clerk Monthly report was presented by Janelle Adams stating the SFR (Street Finance Report) will be submitted this week. The AFR (Annual Finance Report) is being worked on with a mentor to be completed by 12.1.25. She also stated she will be attending training on November 20, 2025, and the City Hall will be closed. Mayor Arzani also stated the new meter installations were almost complete. Despite some billing and programming issues, we were almost finished with the transition. Ronnie Hults presented the maintenance Department Monthly Report. Muskrats have been a problem at the Lagoons, and the problem is being resolved. He also stated he is replacing street signs and stop signposts because they were deteriorated. Ronnie also stated the water fountain at Hull Park has been removed because it was damaged and will be replaced in the spring. Hull Park is also being winterized for the season. A motion was made to approve the Consent items made by McMichael/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Kennedy/McMichael. All Ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. Next City Council Meeting 12.1.25.

Bryan Arzani, Mayor

Attested: Janelle Adams, City Clerk



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**COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Holiday Home Tour**  
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Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-4:00

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**I-35 FFA Chapter Hosts Greenhand Ceremony in Truro**

Truro, IA – November 12, 2025 – The Interstate 35 FFA Chapter celebrated the achievements of its newest members during the Greenhand Ceremony held in Truro on November 12. The chapter recognized 15 members who met the requirements to earn the prestigious Greenhand status.

To be recognized as a Greenhand, members must be enrolled in an agricultural education program, have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Creed, Mission, Motto, and Emblem, and actively participate in chapter activities. These criteria ensure that members understand basic FFA principles and demonstrate a commitment to the organization.

During the ceremony, each member received their official FFA jacket, a Greenhand degree pin, and a certificate of recognition. Following the event, families enjoyed a chili supper with cinnamon rolls, generously supported by donations from Iowa Corn, Jones Family Diner, Hiland Dairy, City State Bank, and the I-35 FFA Alumni and other local supporters.

**Other Chapter Activities**

Earlier this year, on October 22, the I-35 FFA chapter collaborated with local co-ops in Winterset and Osceola to host a Feed the Farmers Day, honoring the hard work of farmers in the community. Additionally, the chapter celebrated record-breaking fruit sales, thanking the community for its continued support.

The I-35 FFA chapter continues to engage its members and community through educational programs, service projects, and events that promote agricultural knowledge and leadership skills.

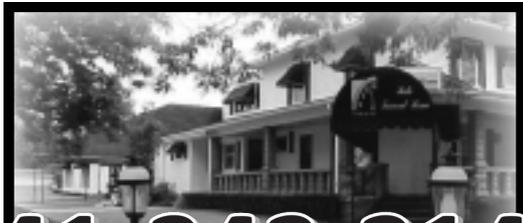


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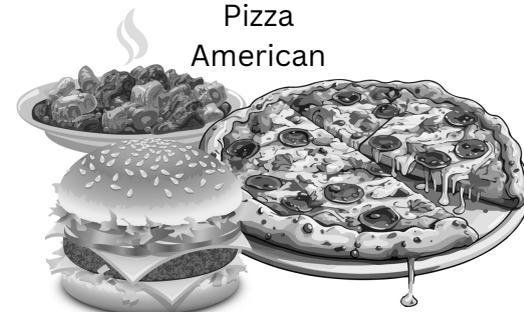
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## A MESSAGE FROM MR. GRANDON

### I-35 CSD SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Roadrunner Families,

I want to thank everyone in our community who took time to vote in the Bond 2025 election. The measure earned support from more than half of our voting public but did not reach the 60% supermajority required for passage. While a majority of voters agreed with the proposed improvements, it was not enough to move forward.

This plan was shaped by four years of work, two facilities committees, a community survey identifying the top needs within our district, and two school boards. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed along the way for donating their time to this process.

At this time, the district and Board of Education are working to determine the next steps to address the critical facility needs identified through this work. These needs will not go away, and costs will only continue to rise in the coming years. Please keep an eye out for additional communication as we highlight these infrastructure concerns to raise awareness and share updates on the next steps to address the needs identified through this multi-year process.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and community as we plan for the long-term future of our students and the school district. I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Go Roadrunners!

Chad Grandon, Superintendent

## REMINDER: THANKSGIVING BREAK IS NOVEMBER 26-28, 2025

### WINTER ACTIVITIES - *Mid Nov. - Mid Dec.* *Bold text indicates home event.*

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

*Start times vary. Please check online calendar for most current info.*

- **11/25: Girls (JV & V) Basketball vs. Central Decatur**
- 12/1: Boys (JV & V) & Girls (JV & V) @ Martensdale-St. Mary's High School
- 12/1: Boys (JV & V) & Girls (JV & V) @ Clarke High School
- **12/5: Boys (JV & V) & Girls (JV & V) vs. Van Meter High School**
- **12/9: Boys (JV & V) & Girls (JV & V) vs. (JV & V) Ogden High School**
- **12/12: Boys (JV & V) & Girls (JV & V) vs. DM Christian High School**
- 12/15: Boys (JV & V) & Girls (JV & V) @ Earlham High School
- 12/16: Boys (JV & V) & Girls (JV & V) @ Panorama High School

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

*4:00PM start time unless otherwise noted.*

- 11/25: Girls @ DM Christian, **Boys vs. DM Christian**
- 12/1: Boys @ Southeast Warren, **Girls vs. Southeast Warren**
- 12/4: Boys @ Martensdale-St. Mary's, 4:30PM  
**Girls vs. Martensdale St. Mary's, 4:30PM**
- 12/8: Girls @ Clarke, 4:30PM
- 12/12: Boys @ Earlham, **Girls vs. Earlham**
- 12/15: Boys @ East Union, **Girls vs. East Union**
- 12/16: Girls @ Mount Ayr, **Boys vs. Mount Ayr**
- 12/18: Girls @ Central Decatur, 4:30PM, **Boys vs. Central Decatur, 4:30PM**

#### HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

- 11/25 Girls Wrestling @ Norwalk, 5:00 PM
- 12/6 Boys Wrestling @ Independence Tournament, 10:00 AM
- 12/9: Girls Wrestling @ Norwalk, 5:00 PM
- 12/11: Boys Wrestling @ AC/GC Quad, 5:30 PM
- 12/13: Girls Wrestling @ WDM Valley High School, 9:00AM
- 12/13: Boys Wrestling @ Saydel High School, 10:00 AM
- **12/16: Boys Wrestling v Woodward-Granger, 5:30 PM**
- 12/18: Girls Wrestling @ Woodward-Granger, 4:30 PM
- 12/19: Boys Wrestling @ Shenandoah, 4:30 PM

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

- 12/9: Boys Middle School Wrestling @ Carlisle, 4:30 PM
- 12/9: Girls Middle School Wrestling @ Norwalk, 5:00 PM

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY!**

Interstate 35 Elementary  
November 25, 2025  
Grades 1st-4th  
1:00 p.m.  
High school Gymnasium

Please join us for a special program followed by refreshments provided by Hiland Dairy, the Winterset Fareway, and AEC in St. Charles, Iowa.

Please scan QR code to RSVP or click the link in the social media post.

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## **ELEMENTARY NEWS:**

### **SUPPORTING FAMILIES; BUILDING STRONG LEARNERS**

Dear Roadrunner Families,  
In this update, I'd like to remind everyone about community support resources available to families and share an update on the writing skills our students are tackling.

#### **Food Resources and Community Support**

Interstate 35 is home to a district-wide food pantry, which receives deliveries twice each month and is available to *anyone* in the Interstate 35 School District. You do not need to have a student enrolled in our school to participate. The pantry includes canned goods, shelf-stable meals, frozen meats, and more.

In addition, our Backpack Program helps families with weekend meals. There are no income requirements so any family in need may participate.

If you or someone you know could benefit from either program, please contact Rose Hanrahan at rhanrahan@roadrunnerpride.org or 641-765-5216. All inquiries are kept confidential. We're always grateful for our community volunteers who help make these programs possible. If you'd like to get involved, reach out to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

#### **Inside the Classroom: Building Strong Writers**

In grades K-6, students are developing their writing skills through a leveled sentence system. This approach helps students see writing as both creative and structured. By understanding how words function within a sentence, students gain confidence in using language to express ideas clearly and powerfully.

Each level builds on the last, helping students grow from writing simple sentences to crafting more complex ones that show depth of thought. Families are encouraged to practice these sentence levels at home, too! Resources are found on page 2 of the recent newsletter, which you can access using the QR code.

The luckiest principal in the world,

*Principal Woods*

**WE RECENTLY CELEBRATED  
OUR RAD ROADRUNNERS!  
CHECK OUT THESE STUDENTS  
ON PAGE 3 OF THE LATEST  
PRINCIPAL UPDATE.**



## **SECONDARY NEWS:**

### **LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

Dear I-35 Students & Families,  
It was an exciting month at Interstate 35 Secondary! Our students continue to learn in ways that connect them to the world beyond our classrooms. They are exploring future careers, honoring those who have served our country, putting on the fall school play and more.

#### **Career Day: November 18**

On Monday, November 18, the school hosted our biannual Career Day with more than 30 presenters representing a wide range of fields. From healthcare and skilled trades to business and public service, students will have the opportunity to learn about career paths directly from professionals in our community.

Events like Career Day help our students connect their learning to real-world opportunities, ask questions about education and training, and begin thinking about their own next steps after graduation. We're grateful to all of our presenters for sharing their time and expertise with our students.

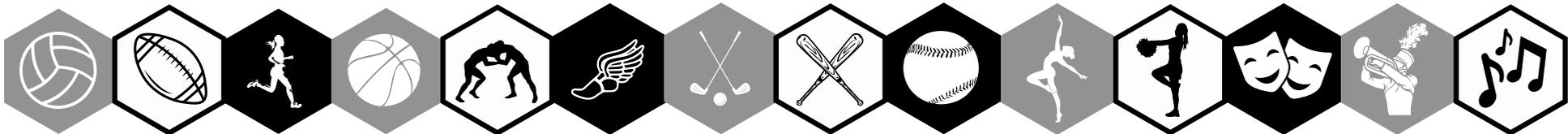
Our **Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs** are another way students gain valuable hands-on experience. Recently, several students in Mr. Boies' class were busy working on electrical wiring projects, learning important practical skills that prepare them for life after school.

#### **Honoring Our Veterans**

On November 11, 2025, our school community came together to recognize Veterans Day. The ceremony featured music from our band and choir, recognition of each branch of service, a guest speaker, and a special student reading from this year's writing contest.

Even though the national recognition day has passed, we want to again express our appreciation to all veterans and active service members in our community. Your service and sacrifice remind our students of the importance of citizenship, courage, and commitment. These are just a few of the values we strive to honor every day at Interstate 35.

*Ab Beal*



# I-35 BOOSTER CLUB



IGNITING DREAMS & SUPPORTING TEAMS

At Interstate 35, so many students are involved in something beyond the classroom. From Friday night football to band, from drama productions to robotics competitions, Roadrunners are ready to give it their all. In fact, I-35's student participation rate is very high among 2A schools, which is certainly a point of pride. It highlights just how deeply students, and our entire community, value extracurricular experiences.

That's where the I-35 Booster Club comes in. The all-volunteer group works year-round to make sure those opportunities remain strong and accessible for every student and program. Our mission is summed up in a simple slogan "Igniting Dreams & Supporting Teams." And the Booster Club is about more than sports. We support all kinds of activities that help students grow: athletics, band, choir, drama, robotics, and more.

With such high participation, I-35 programs face a unique challenge: the needs of a large district, but with the smaller community size that fits our 2A school. This is why we've worked hard to create a variety of donation avenues. Every donation makes a real impact. Whether it's a sponsorship, a Roadrunner Club membership, or simply attending an event and buying concessions, each contribution helps ensure Roadrunners can keep exploring their passions and representing the district with pride.

Together, we're all *Igniting Dreams & Supporting Teams* and proving that when a small community comes together, big things happen.



## HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR

DECEMBER 6TH  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### I-35 HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

- Angela Miller with baked goods & sweets
- Chelsea's Book Nook - blind dates with a book
- El Delicioso Street Tacos - parked out front
- Lavender & Honey Hills
- LJ Creations
- Modified Originals - creates, repurposes, reimagines home decor
- Mrs. Llew Creations
- Norwex & Clean Living
- Pampered Chef
- Plastic Welding 3D
- Perfectly Posh & Tastefully Simple
- Redhead Homestead
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- Wearmouth Apiary - Beewear
- Wild River Studios
- **I-35 Boosters will be selling clothing!!**
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## VOLUNTEER FOR WINTER CONCESSIONS!

We ask that one slot be covered per high school and/or middle school winter athlete in your family. Other volunteers also welcome!



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## 4TH QUARTER 2025 IS HERE!

**WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN 2026?**

We'd love for you to consider a company donation in support of our students involved in Roadrunner extracurriculars!

The I-35 Booster Club helps students make life-long memories and chase their dreams on the field, mat, court and stage, which is why the Booster slogan is *Igniting Dreams and Supporting Teams*. Help us continue to say "Yes!" to the asks we receive from extracurriculars.

We have donation packages & perks for every budget!

Learn more: [www.i35roadrunnerboosters.org](http://www.i35roadrunnerboosters.org)



## Ohio Future Feeders

### October 2025 Meeting Minutes

Ohio Future Feeders 4-H club had a meeting on October 12, 2025 at Aaron and Amanda Puderbaugh's home. The meeting was called to order at 5:22 pm by President Delaney Dory. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Presley Hawk. 4-H Pledge led by Tucker Dooley. We had 34 members, 4 Leaders, 20 Visitors, 58 people in all. Treasurer's report given by Ira Hawk.

#### Old business:

Our Club met on Sept. 28th and picked up trash along Highway 92. We had a great turn out. Thank you to all that helped. We had an Election of Officers. It was 4-H week so people wore their 4-H shirts at school or events. Thank you to those who wore shirts that will attract people to 4-H.

Elizabeth, Delany, Ira, Caleb, and Noah (Clover) are going to make a club t-shirt design. We set a club budget. 4-H Membership enrollment began Sept. 1.

Late fees are in place Jan. 1 2026. Please get registered ASAP.

Our upcoming Community Service projects include...

- Lions Club thank you for letting us use the hall for meetings.
- Trunk or Treat I-35 school to October 18th 6 PM to 7:30 PM set up is at 5:20 PM. Join Ayden, Wesley with PJ for the trick or chick or treat theme!
- Thank you letters to extension office fair board, superintendents and premium buyers.
- Please remember that kids and their parents are welcome to present and sign up to do a presentation!

The Ohio Future Feeders are going to have their next meeting on November 9th at 6 PM at St. Charles Lions Hall. Please bring new hats and gloves for kits for kids. Adjourned by Bryce and seconded by Braden, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. We enjoyed a Potluck supper and outdoor activities.

Your reporter of the Ohio Future Feeders 4-H club,  
Presley Hawk

## Ohio Future Feeders

### November 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Ohio Future Feeders 4-H meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Delany Dory. There were 27 members present, 3 leaders, and 9 visitors, in total 40. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dawson Dory, and the 4-H pledge was led by Lincoln Hawk. The treasurer's report was given by Ira Hawk. We covered old business to include a report on the Trunk-or-Treat event at I-35 by Ayden Donohue. The 4-H club trunk won the best trunk and the proceeds from that were donated back to the I-35 FFA group. Also, a club t-shirt design was presented by Clover Kid, Noah. A motion was made to accept the design for our 2026 Club T-Shirt. New business included Wyatt Monroe presenting the awards that the club received at 4-H Awards Night including 3rd place in Herdsmanship and 3rd place for our club booth at the fair. Club Christmas party was discussed. We will bring cookies and deliver them to local homes and nursing home folks in Dec. In place of the traditional gift exchange, we will instead bring presents/monetary donations to give to an adopt-a-family program through MSTM. This year, the Ohio Future Feeders have been invited to join in the caroling with MSTM choir on December 8th. Additionally, a motion was made and passed to change the club meeting location from the Lions Hall to the Gateway Welcome Center for future meetings to accommodate our growing group. Meetings will be planned to meet at the Gateway Welcome center for February meeting and moving forward. We discussed reminders to make sure enrollment in 4-H Online has been done.

A motion was made by Lincoln Hawk to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Brayden Eads at 6:23pm. Presentation given by Katie Monroe on Beeler Pork. Our next meeting is December 14th at 6pm at St. Charles Lions Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by Presley Hawk, Club Reporter

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DES MOINES, Iowa — IMPACT Community Action Partnership is taking applications for the 2025–2026

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that began October 1, 2025, and runs through April 30, 2026.

Those eligible to apply in October include households with elderly members age 60 or older, or a family member who is disabled. Applications for all other income-eligible households will begin November 1, 2025. Families in Boone, Jasper, Marion, Polk, or Warren counties interested in applying for LIHEAP should visit [www.impactcap.org/energyassistance](http://www.impactcap.org/energyassistance), to apply online or schedule an appointment by phone or in person. Families may also call 515-518-4770 to schedule an appointment or request an application to be mailed to them. Applicants will need to provide some form of identification, a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill, social security or I-94 cards, and proof of gross income for all household members for either the past 30 days, the most recent 12 months, or for the previous calendar year. LIHEAP assistance is based on household income and size, dwelling, fuel type, and other factors. Eligibility income maximums for participation are established according to the Federal Poverty Levels (FPL).



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4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
6	\$86,300
7	\$97,300
8	\$108,300

\*For households with more than eight members, add \$11,000 for each additional member.

\*\*All income will be annualized.

The program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Community Access and Eligibility Division, Community Action Agencies Unit, and has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs. This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy cost. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, among others.

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# JESUS' RIGHT HAND

Filling in for Joyce Mastin

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Joyce was not able to write her column this month, so the Tri-Corner-Express is filling in for her. As you may have noticed, our cover story this month deals with food waste in our landfills and the need to lessen this problem. We decided to use this space to tie in the work Jesus' Right Hand does to help alleviate this problem, and to help out folks in our community and beyond by keeping some of this food that would go to waste out of the landfill.

I stopped into JRH on a Monday this month, their day to distribute groceries to the community, and was blown away by the scope of their operation! First of all, this building just goes on and on. There are several rooms with racks of shelving, freezers, refrigerators, tables, there were several people showing up to help with distribution, everything from driving to Des Moines to pick up food, to people unloading the van and packing in boxes of groceries, weighing every box, sorting it onto the proper shelving, all that sort of thing. And these folks were all volunteers. Every Monday, every month, all year long. As for Joyce and her right-hand "man," Glenda, they're there every day, every week, every month, all year long. Volunteering.

The food is brought in from several businesses that donate and must be weighed before it can be distributed. Glenda sent me the monthly average for a three-month period. Jesus' Right Hand kept 6145 pounds of food out of the landfill on any given month. Every month, all year long. Multiply 6145 by 12 months in a year and you get 73,740 pounds of food that didn't make it into the landfill in a one-year period. Pretty amazing, to say the least. And this is just one community's effort to alleviate the problem of hunger, and in the process, help keep food out of the landfill. Think of the other communities all across the nation that aid in this solution by helping their own communities with food waste and getting it to the people that need it.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we here at the Tri-Corner-Express thought about all the things we have to be thankful and grateful for in our lives and wanted to acknowledge the great good that Jesus' Right Hand accomplishes in helping our community in more ways than one. Thank you, Jesus' Right Hand! You are much appreciated!

If you would like to help with donations or just volunteering your time, the folks at Jesus' Right Hand would be most appreciative of your efforts. Be thankful this Thanksgiving season and lend a helping hand to those less fortunate.

Look for a more in-depth article sometime in the future where the Tri-Corner-Express will bring you the whole story of Jesus' Right Hand and delve deeper into their operation.



## DONATION DRIVE



Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop 119 will be doing their annual non-perishable food drive for all three communities in New Virginia, Truro and St. Charles. We will be dropping bags off to each house on Saturday, November 29th starting at 9 am in all three towns. We will be back around to pick those bags up on Saturday, December 6th starting at 9 am (please set your bags back outside by 8 am). All of the proceeds will be delivered to Jesus' Right Hand for distribution to those in need in our communities in time for the holidays. Please be as generous as you are able. There is a great need.

If you have any questions, please reach out to  
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Contributed by Sue Stills

I told you last month about my debut as an actress in the play "Drinking Habits," a production by the Sun Lakes Community Theatre. I guess my interest in stage productions began in high school where the eleventh-graders put on a play every year, and the school also performed a musical. My grandmother occasionally called me "Sarah Bernhardt," by which I think she meant that I was dramatic. The actress named Sarah Bernhardt was born Henriette-Rosine Bernard in Paris on October 22, 1844. She was a French stage actress who starred in some of the most popular French plays of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She was called "the queen of the pose and the princess of the gesture." She was said to have a "golden voice," and she played female and male roles. She made several theatrical tours worldwide and was one of the early prominent actresses to make sound recordings and act in motion pictures. She died on March 26, 1923, at the age of 78. (Wikipedia.com)

"Drinking Habits" was written by Tom Smith who was born in 1969 in Rochelle, Illinois. He is a playwright, theater director, and professor of theater arts. He was originally trained as an improvisational comedian, and he founded Walla Walla TheatreSports in 1988. Theatresports is competitive, improvisational theater involving two teams. Mr. Smith's plays have won national and regional awards, and he has directed plays staged in various U.S. states. What does it take to become a playwright? A Google search revealed that one must write constantly, study the craft of playwriting through classes or internships and apprenticeships, build a network of theater professionals, and submit your work to theaters and festivals. While no degree is required, education in English or theater and formal training can be beneficial. Building a strong resumé by getting your work produced is essential for career development. Be patient, "keep your day job," and stay motivated.

"Drinking Habits" is about a small convent of three nuns, the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing, in which two of the nuns secretly make wine and sell it in town in order to make money to keep the convent open. Mother Superior abhors alcohol and will not even allow the word to be said, so the two nuns refer to their wine as "you-know-what" or some other funny description. The play is a farce/comedy and has so many funny lines and lots of characters going in and out of doors. I have spent endless hours learning my lines. I have lines on 33 of the 67 pages of the script. I received a lot of instructions from the Director regarding hand and arm movements, facial expressions, where to stand, what not to do, etc. The other cast members are so much more experienced than I, and the Director always had more "constructive criticism" comments to make to Sister Philamena (me) than to the others.

I somehow talked my brother Tom (a civil engineer) and my brother Jim (he has many construction skills) into building the set for the production. The set required three walls, four doors, and a closet with double doors, large enough for two people to get into. Tom said that none of the existing wall panels in the theater's storage shed were square and "true," so he and Jim spent a lot of time rebuilding them and making the needed doorways. They said, however, "never again, we just did this for our sister."

After two months of three-times-a-week rehearsals, we had our first performance on November 12. The play run is November 12-16. Our audience capacity for each performance is 128, and we are close to having a sellout for the five-day run, which would be a first for the Community Theatre. The audiences have been laughing, and the cast has heard lots of compliments after the shows. The three priests from our parish attended, and they enjoyed it a lot. Our Director has been excited about how well the show is going. So in spite of the work and stress involved, I have enjoyed the experience and the other cast members. Our fall weather here so far is just a delight, with 50's in the mornings and 80's in the days. I miss the fall leaf colors, but there are tradeoffs in life, aren't there?

Martensdale-St. Marys National Honor Society proudly hosted its beloved annual Veterans Day Assembly, a heartfelt event dedicated to recognizing and honoring the courageous men and women who have served and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces. This cherished tradition at MSTM provides an important educational experience for students across all grade levels and fosters a deep understanding of service, sacrifice, and patriotism.

The assembly was held on Tuesday, November 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in the high school gymnasium, with students from preschool through 12th grade in attendance. Community members, families, and especially veterans and active-duty military personnel connected to the school were warmly invited to attend this meaningful ceremony.

The program began with a presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 30, featuring MSTM students Calvin McCullough, Ben Deitenbeck, and Ryan Nehring. The crowd then joined together to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moving performance of the National Anthem by the MSTM High School Band.

The Wall of Honor stood prominently behind the presenters, displaying hearts bearing the names of family members and loved ones of students or community members who have served in the military. The wall was further adorned with creative decorations made by the kindergarten students, adding a personal and heartfelt touch to the tribute.

Local veteran Zach Tibbits served as the guest speaker for the morning, offering a powerful reflection on the meaning of Veterans Day. He was introduced by National Honor Society member and his younger sister, Lauren Tibbits. Zach shared that while Memorial Day honors those who lost their lives, Veterans Day is about recognizing those who are willing to give theirs. He reminded the audience that “freedom has never been free—it has had to be earned again and again,” encouraging everyone to pause, remember, and be grateful.

A long-standing tradition for MSTM fifth graders is the annual essay contest, “What the Flag Means to Me.” Last year’s winner, sixth grader Hannah Chiovaro, read her essay to the audience, sharing her thoughtful words about patriotism and respect for the flag.

To conclude the assembly, PK–12 Principal Jon Fitzpatrick read the names of all veterans connected to MSTM students and community members. As each name was announced, those in attendance stood and were recognized for their service. Kindergarten students then presented these veterans with handmade letters and personally thanked them, creating one of the most touching moments of the morning.

The district’s giant American flag was proudly displayed throughout the program, underscoring the spirit of unity and patriotism that defines Veterans Day. Martensdale-St. Marys once again came together as a community to honor those who have sacrificed for our country and to instill in students a lasting appreciation for the freedoms their service protects.



The Veterans lined up in front of the Wall of Honor as principal Jon Fitzpatrick read the names of all veterans connected to MSTM students and community members.



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# more to share

Contributed by Susan Miller

We are truly blessed and thankful to live in the heartland of America. Our climate allows for the growth of our food and beautiful flowers to feed our souls. The New Virginia Garden Club is very thankful for our friends and neighbors this past growing season. Some of you supported us with recent fundraising events, some by donating fresh garden produce to our tables, and some donated monetarily. These funds will help sustain the gardening projects in New Virginia including the Plant-Grow-Share Community Garden, Karen's Korner at Old Settlers Park and the Garden area at the New Virginia sign. The largest of the projects is the Plant-Grow-Share Community Garden that provided twice weekly free produce tables during the 2025 growing season. Most of the garden produce was grown in the community garden, but we had generous friends who strengthened the offering. The New Virginia Garden Club would like to thank a few people who gave generously. Wade Peterson donated pumpkins for the New Virginia children, John Simons provided garlic bulbs to grow for sharing next summer. Susan King provided a variety of produce on multiple occasions. We are all part of a community dedicated to caring for one another.



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## Local Cowboy Makes His Way Back to Las Vegas.



Blaine Cornelison is making his way back to Las Vegas, December 2-9th as a 2X world finals contestant in the Bareback Riding Division at the JR NFR. Blaine is a 10th Grader at Iowa Connections Academy. Besides rodeo, he is involved in 4-H and works at Beem's Towing and Recovery. He is a member of Midwest Mini Buckers, IMRA, Iowa Rough Stock Rodeo Association (IRR) and the Iowa High School Rodeo Team. Outside of school he enjoys raising and showing cattle and goats. Blaine's parents are Sara Hiatt and Tanner Cornelison. He lives with his grandparents, Brad and Lorie Howe, on a small farm outside of New Virginia.

Blaine was the 2024 Senior Bareback Champion at the IMRA Finals in Jackson, MO. He competed at the 2023 Yeti World Finals in Las Vegas in both bull riding and bareback riding. This year he has competed at rodeos all over Iowa and won several belt buckles including Match of Broncs Senior Bareback Champion, IRR Senior Bareback Champion and Senior Bareback Champion for Midwest Mini Buckers.

Blaine is looking forward to meeting and competing with other cowboys from around the World December 2-9, 2025. Livestream of the performances will be broadcast on the Cowboy Channel.

A spaghetti supper was held on October 26th at the Osceola Eagles Lodge to help raise funds to cover the cost of entry fees and travel expenses.

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## CLARENCE EDWIN STILLS



Clarence Edwin Stills, known to many as "Rocky," passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. He was 88 years old.

Clarence was born on May 9, 1937, in Corydon, Iowa, to Hezie and Helen (Stallings) Stills. He spent his early years in Buffalo, Missouri; Leon, Iowa; and Jamison, Iowa, where he began his grade school education. The family

later moved to New Virginia, Iowa, where he continued his schooling and graduated from New Virginia High School. The same week he graduated, Clarence enlisted in the United States Navy. He served four years as a machinist mate in the engine room and was stationed on the East Coast. During his service, he traveled halfway around the world three times and, for a period of time, was assigned to the same ship as his brother Kenneth.

After his military service, Clarence returned to New Virginia where he met Phyllis Turnbull. After getting married in August of 1961, the couple settled in New Virginia for 43 years. Clarence worked in various careers until 1972, when he purchased the Crabtree Produce building. There, he opened and operated a plumbing, heating, and air conditioning business, with Phyllis working alongside him in the shop. After retiring, they moved to St. Charles where they lived for the rest of his life.

A respected and active member of the community, Clarence served as the chief of the local volunteer fire department, was a trustee of his church, and a member of the New Virginia Lions Club and American Legion Post 281.

Clarence had many hobbies throughout his life. He enjoyed bowling, hunting, softball, golfing (continuing even as his health declined thanks to the support of his golfing friends), and visiting casinos. In retirement, he and Phyllis enjoyed wintering with friends in Texas.

Clarence is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Phyllis (Turnbull) Stills; daughter Tamera (Stills) Bice; grandchildren Keith (Paige) Bice, Christopher Moore, and Cassandra Moore; great-grandson Jaxson Bice; siblings Kenneth (Judy) Stills, Butch Stills, Charlie (Jody) Stills, and Linda (David) Ballard; as well as a brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Michelle (Stills) Moore; son-in-law David Bice; great-grandson David John Bice; parents Hezie and Helen Stills; in-laws Homer and Marvel (Town) Turnbull; brother Richard Stills; and sisters Marilyn Garner and Kathryn Ransom.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the New Virginia Fire and Rescue.

Clarence will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered for his dedication to his family, community, and country.

# Thank you



The family of Herb Taylor would like to thank everyone who thought of him and us during the past three years of his illness, and for your support after his passing... whether it was a phone call, a text message, stopping by to visit, sending a card, flowers or memorial, or dropping off food... it all meant a lot. We also are thankful for those who supported him and us during his hospital and hospice stay; then coming to be with us after his passing at the funeral and visitation. We also want to thank the New Virginia Fire and Rescue (Brent and Sammy) for the care you gave him on the way to the hospital. We are truly grateful to everyone for all the love and support you have shown our family.

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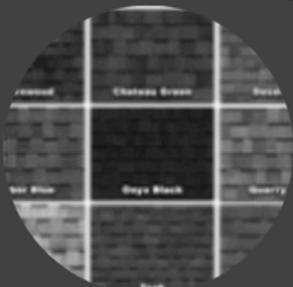
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# From the Kitchen of.....



## GOOD GRAVY!

A long time ago, I asked my Gramma Bessie why her gravy tasted different, but oh so good. She told me she always added a bit of potato water that she'd boiled the potatoes in. I've done that ever since, and it does make a difference. Maybe just a cup or so to a skillet full of old fashioned milk gravy. Try it!

Terry Garner

## Quick and Easy Stuffing

using extra water and butter, melt the butter in hot water (I just use hot tap water) in the same casserole dish you'll be baking the stuffing in. Add the stuffing mix and stir. Cover and bake at 350 degrees until the stuffing is starting to brown around the edges. You can also add a couple cans of oysters if you like oyster dressing. Use the oyster juice to replace part of the water.

Super easy and quick!

Here's another tip for gravy. You know how sometimes your gravy has grease floating on top and no amount of stirring will make it go away? Sprinkle a pinch or two of baking powder over the gravy and stir it in. The grease will disappear!

## Crack Chicken Sliders Casserole

### Ingredients:

- 2½ cups of cooked, shredded chicken breast
- 1 package Hawaiian Rolls (12 count)
- 2 8-ounce packages of cream cheese, softened
- 1 12-ounce package of cooked, crumbled bacon
- 2½ cups of shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 tablespoons of melted salted sweet cream butter
- 2 tablespoons of grated parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup of thinly sliced green onions
- 2 teaspoons of finely chopped fresh chives (optional)
- 1 ounce packet of dry ranch dressing mix
- 2 teaspoons of onion powder
- 1 teaspoon of freshly cracked black pepper

### Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine softened cream cheese, ranch dressing mix, onion powder, black pepper, and sliced green onions.
3. Mix in the shredded chicken, crumbled bacon, and 1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese.
4. In greased 9x13-inch baking dish, place bottom layer of slider buns down. Top with cream cheese chicken layer.
5. Top the mixture with the remaining 1½ cups of shredded cheddar cheese.
6. Place the top bun down.
7. In a separate bowl, mix melted butter, grated parmesan cheese, and chopped chives (if using). Brush this mixture over the rolls.
8. Cover with tin foil and bake for 25 minutes.
9. Remove the foil and continue baking for an additional 8 minutes or until the rolls turn golden and the cheese is melted.
10. Once done, let it cool slightly, then cut into individual sliders.
11. Serve and enjoy the delicious Crack Chicken Sliders Casserole!

Try this with your left-over turkey from Thanksgiving!

## PUMPKIN SOUP

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| 2 T. butter                                     | ¼ t. pepper                                |
| 2 lbs. pumpkin (roughly cut in 2-inch cubes)    | ½ t. nutmeg                                |
| 2 onions (quartered)                            | ½ t. salt                                  |
| 1 carrot (roughly sliced)                       | ¼ to ½ cup of milk, cream or half and half |
| 4 C. chicken stock or 4 C. canned chicken broth |  |

Melt butter in large pot. Add pumpkin, onion and carrot; cook gently about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add stock or broth and simmer about 1 hour until vegetables are soft. Process through a blender until smooth and return to pot. Add seasonings to taste and enough milk or cream to achieve a consistency you like. Reheat to serving temperature. Additional nutmeg may be sprinkled on top of each serving. Makes 8 cups of soup. This soup freezes well.

### Welcome to Our New Kitchen Page!

Do you have a kitchen question or a cooking tip you'd love to share with our readers? Maybe you have a favorite recipe or a clever technique that makes meal prep easier and more enjoyable.

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Email us at [tricornor@newvirginia.com](mailto:tricornor@newvirginia.com) to share your favorite recipes, cooking tips, and tricks for spending quality time in the kitchen.

Have a question? Send it our way — your topic might be featured in an upcoming article!

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They were closed. Instead of creating waste, “we provided cold storage to food banks and pantries to recover food.” Grants required Energy Star rated freezers and walk-in coolers. Funds went fast. The DNR is now on the third grant round with 89 projects funded so far.

“It’s been quite popular, well-received and desperately needed to serve more varieties of food—fruits, vegetables, proteins, milk, eggs—all of which requires cold storage to help those in need,” says Anderson.

Iowa City launched curbside waste food collection in 2017. Put into the same containers for yard waste, it is all composted, not landfilled. All those coffee grounds, leftovers, eggshells, meat, bones, pizza boxes and fruit and vegetable peels now make rich soil to save landfill space.

The Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency worked with Walmart and Sam’s Club to handle unsold produce and other food for composting. It cut their landfill waste in half.

Luther and Simpson Colleges and the University of Iowa installed food pulpers to capture waste food for composting. With DNR funds, these glorified waterless garbage disposals break food into small pieces for fast composting. In one year, Luther College pulped 55 tons to compost on site—cutting landfilled food waste in half. Iowa State University went to tray-less cafeterias. Instead of students loading up trays only to eat half, they are given plates. They can come back for more, but waste is less.

And what about disposable diapers? They are 3.5 percent of landfill waste—nearly six times less than food.

### **Digging into Waste**

#### **Garbage Gold Mine**

Each year, more than 495,300 tons of recyclable materials are landfilled in Iowa with an estimated value of \$60.3 million. Diverting landfill waste increases revenue, creates jobs and cuts greenhouse gasses. Nearly 70 percent of Iowa solid waste is divertible via reuse, recycling and composting. A third of it could be composted instead.

Sorting, processing and re-manufacturing recyclable materials creates 10 times more jobs than landfilling. It could create nearly 6,000 new jobs. Food waste collection, processing and composting could support 800 jobs. These jobs could spur local economies and give state and local governments more revenues and more economic growth versus the solid waste and recycling industry.

### **GREENHOUSE GAS IMPACTS**

Landfilling recyclable materials prevents them from being reused or manufactured into new products. Using these materials in manufacturing of new products and materials means energy and emission savings versus use of virgin materials.

The estimated energy and emissions impact of disposing more than 854,000 tons of recyclable paper, containers and compostable materials in Iowa is immense. If recycled or composted, more than 1.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions could be reduced. That’s like removing emissions of 303,000 passenger vehicles each year or conserving nearly 162 million gallons of gasoline or not burning more than 7,700 railcars of coal.



### **You Can Take a Bite Out of Food Waste**

Iowans send more than 190,000 tons of unopened, untouched food to landfills—enough to fill a line of dump trucks from Cedar Rapids to Waterloo. Of landfilled items, 20 percent—568,197 tons—is food waste. The average Iowan wastes 30 pounds of food monthly, while one in eight Iowans is considered “food insecure.”

By reducing food waste, you save on groceries—up to \$2,000 a year. It keeps food from taking landfill space and conserves resources needed to grow, process, transport and sell food.

#### **Buy only what you need.**

Unless it’s a staple you can eat or store long-term, avoid overstocking because it’s on sale. Some stores sell misshapen, slightly bruised or otherwise “ugly” produce at discount—perfect to save money for cooking and baking. Consider donating the rest to a local food pantry.

#### **Save: Plan ahead.**

Make a list and stick to it to avoid impulse purchases that go unused. Check the fridge to use what’s there before wasting money on more.

#### **Get creative with leftovers.**

Find recipes to give leftovers new life, like making soup, or leftover meat and veggies for pizza, soup or stir fry. Freeze leftovers in single portions for a quick meal.

#### **Cut clutter.**

Avoid “mystery leftovers” covered in fuzz at the back of the fridge by being organized. Keep leftovers labeled by contents and date. Rotate oldest food to the front to use first.

#### **Cleaning your plate.**

Only take what you’ll eat. Start with small servings and go for more if still hungry rather than taking too much.

#### **Learn how to freeze and preserve.**

Sure, lasagna was great the first three nights, but if you’ve had enough, save the rest. Learn best techniques for freezing and labeling containers.

#### **Take it to go.**

Don’t waste food when dining out—ask for a to-go box for one less meal to prepare at home. You paid for it.

#### **Compost what’s left.**

Sometimes, things just mold before we expect. Or you have cores and peels. Consider composting at home. Learn more at [iowadnr.gov](http://iowadnr.gov).

#### **Recycle right.**

All plastics may not be recyclable at your location. Adding non-acceptable items contaminates the recycling waste stream, which is hugely expensive and time consuming for recycling facilities. If recyclables are too contaminated, they get landfilled.

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Fr. George BoachieNyarko

515 210-2490 (Emerg. only)

gnyarko@dmdiocese.org

Mass: Sunday 10:00 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

## **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

## **Faith Fellowship Church**

164 Highway 152,

Osceola, IA 50213

641-342-6603

Pastor: Scott Davis

Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow

oefc@iowatelecom.net

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

## **New Virginia Christian Church**

(Disciples of Christ)

604 Main Street. / Box 112

New Virginia, IA 50210

Pastor: Darin Feikema

515-250-5116

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 PM

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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

Wednesday Worship: 7 PM

Elder: Duane Proudfit 515-537-9142

Elder: Mike Penick 515-989-4165

Deacon: Dave Henderson 515-250-5760

Deacon: Richard Bown: 515-681-0491

## **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 United Methodist Church**

301 Brown St.,

Peru, IA 50222

Pastor Sharman Eaton

Social Time @ 8:30 am

Coffee and Snacks

Worship 9:00 am





Grand Marshal Mike Croat

Fun Featured Events:

- Tricycle Races
- Minnow Races
- Hayrack Rides
- Face Painting
- Bubble Blowing
- Egg Racing



Lip Syncing Winners

1<sup>st</sup>- Jameson Ross

2<sup>nd</sup>- Leo Jevne



Nail Driving Contest Winners:

Women's: Tina Minor

Men's: James Stewart



Pie Baking Contest Winner

Taylor Walker



Ghostlight Days Committee Members

Back row: Robin Walker, Sarah Swalla

Front row: Patricia Donohue, Amanda Parker, Jean Hraha



Car Show Results

Truck- Jim Donohue

Late Model Truck- Danya Adair

Late Model Car- Cody Pasa

Car- Mark Adair

Grand Marshal Award- Aaron Frazier (red car)

Rootbeer winner- Mark Adair

