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TOBIN ANDERSON, 1-35 ALL STAR AND COACH
Contributed by Karma Kimzey

History making and “feel good” stories in our current world seem few and far between, but in the NCAA Basketball Tournament of 2023, the state of Iowa has had two. The first involved Tobin Anderson, a well-known name at Interstate 35 High School for his basketball skills. Tobin was born December 1, 1971 and was raised in Truro, Iowa. I wanted to touch on Tobin’s early life, and one of the first items on my agenda was asking former teachers, neighbors and classmates to give me information on Tobin in his years at Truro and Interstate 35, of course anonymously!! Here are their comments: “He is the first person that I was around playing basketball that out-worked everybody all the time. He had the will to win.” “His favorite things were basketball and fishing.” “In the hall at school, he seemed quiet.” “He showed the same dedication to schoolwork as basketball.” “I rebounded for him at one of his practices where he would shoot a minimum of 100. He put in 58 in a row before missing any.” “I think he played basketball. I was a wrestler.” “Even as a freshman, Tobin had the ability to make shots from anywhere on the court.”

In his early years at Interstate 35, in November of 1982, a JOGATHON was held at the Junior High. One hundred eleven students participated, with 62 students finishing the race. In the elementary division, Tobin Anderson finished 1st, John McCuddin 2nd and Randy Banks 3rd. \$2,586.37 was raised, with part of the money being used for after-school activities and Junior High athletics. The Interstate 35 Honor Roll was a constant in Tobin’s life at school.

Basketball history for Interstate 35 was made in the 1986-1987 season with their record of 20 wins and three losses and their first trip to the Iowa High School Boys State Tournament. The coaches and team members were: Coach Steve Anderson, Assistant Coach Eugene Baethke, and varsity members Trevor Chittenden, John McConkey and Bryan Morris (who were selected All Conference), Bruce McCuddin (All Conference 2nd team), Brad Bedwell, Tim Banger, Tobin Anderson, Andy Bryan, Donny Harris, Rick Brown, Don Huss, Tim Asher and Rick Sharpe. In their first State Tournament, the team was defeated by Pocahontas 69 to 55, with Pocahontas winning the championship in Class 1A over Central Elkader 44 to 43. In February 1988, Interstate 35 defeated Woodward Granger 61- 56, with Tobin Anderson leading the way with 26 points.

The 1990 basketball season was memorable, with the Interstate 35 Roadrunners boy’s basketball team defeating three opponents in one week in February: Interstate 35 78, Dallas Center Grimes 40. The win was locked in with Tobin Anderson’s perfect free throw shooting in the first half; Interstate 35 71, Central Decatur 59; Interstate 35 56, Murray 38. Tobin Anderson scored 32 of the points. In the Sectional, Interstate 35 beat Martensdale-St. Marys 96-48. Tobin Anderson led Interstate 35 with 31 points. The

winning continued in February, with the Interstate 35 Roadrunners beating Central Decatur of Leon 50-48 in Osceola to win the District. The victory advanced I-35 to the sub-State against Coon Rapids in Creston. Leading the Roadrunners was Tobin Anderson with 25 points. In March 1990, Interstate 35 went on to State and won over Coon Rapids Hayard 52-45. In the Iowa High School Basketball State Tournament, Interstate 35 lost to Maurice Orange City 73-59. Maurice Orange City had a 6’11” center and a 6’6” forward, making them good outside shooters. I-35 went on to win the consolation round, 86-67 over Postville. The Pride of Iowa Conference saw Tobin Anderson and Jay Anderson representing Interstate 35 on the first team and Benny Moffitt on the second team. A Des Moines Register article stated that All Star Tobin Anderson scored an average of 25.1 points per game and shot a 91 free throw percentage. This basketball tournament also listed two familiar names in the 3A team selection: First team Center Fred Hoiberg Jr. of Ames and third team Chris Street of Indianola.

1991: Before enrolling in Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT), Anderson spent a year of post- graduate study at the Maine Central Institute (Pittsfield, ME) where his team won a national prep school basketball championship.
1991-1995: Attending Wesleyan. He lettered all four years in basketball, accumulating a total of 1,116 points and an 84.8 free throw percentage (placing him at fourth). As of 2022, Tobin ranked 11th in all-time career scoring.
1996: Tobin received a Master’s Degree in Athletic Administration at Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL).

Coaching Career: In 1996, he was assistant coach at Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY) for one season. For two years, he joined the LeMoyne College (DeWitt, NY) staff before returning to Clarkson as head coach for the next five years where he posted a 67-66 overall record. He accepted the head coach position at Hamilton College (Clinton, NY) where in seven years, he compiled a 118-63 record, including three UCAA (Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association) regular season titles and a bid for the 2006 NCAA Division III Tournament. After the 2011 season, he joined the coaching staff of Siena College (Loudonville, NY), where he stayed for two seasons before accepting the head coaching position at St. Thomas Aquinas College (Sparkill, NY). While there with the Spartans, he put together a 209-62 overall record with five East Coast Conference and six ECC Tournament titles, reaching the NCAA Division II Tournament seven straight seasons, including the Elite Eight in 2017. St. Thomas Aquinas defeated St. John’s University (Queens, New York City) in an exhibition contest in 2015, 90-58. Anderson was named Coach of the Year for two straight seasons for the first time in the team’s history.

On May 3, 2022, Anderson was named Head Coach for the Fairleigh Dickinson University (Hackensack, NJ) Knights. Then came March Madness of 2023, and the

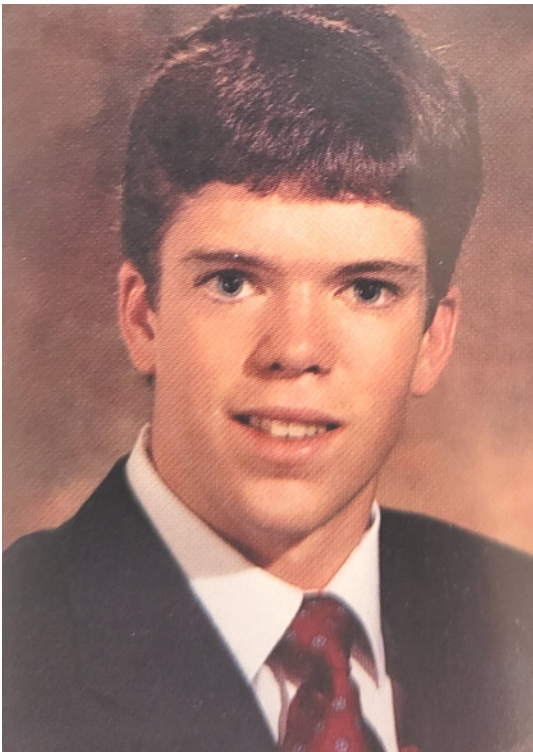
Knights were headed to the championship game of the Northeast Conference. Merrimack College (N. Andover, MA) defeated the Knights, 67-66. Merrimack was in their final year of a four-year transition from Division II to Division I and thus, was ineligible to compete in the NCAA Tournament. This allowed the Knights to receive the NEC's automatic bid to the Tournament as conference runner-up against the Texas Southern University (Houston, TX) Tigers. The Knights' 84-61 victory over the #16 seed Tigers allowed them to advance to face #1 seed Purdue University (W. Lafayette, IN). "The more I watch Purdue, the more I think we can beat them," said Anderson, reflecting continued faith in his team. That is exactly what the Fairleigh Dickinson Knights did, upsetting the #1 Purdue Boilermakers 63-58 in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. His pre-game remark and many more that he made to his team as locker room encouragement for them enlivened the media and went worldwide. The victory over Purdue created one of the biggest upsets in the NCAA Tournament history, becoming only the second #16 seed team to defeat a #1 seed team in NCAA Men's Basketball history.

On March 21, 2023, Tobin Anderson was named the head coach at Iona University in New Rochelle, NY, replacing Rick Pitino who had taken the head coaching position at St. John's University, Queens, New York City, NY. The story of Tobin's outstanding career as a basketball coach would be incomplete without including the legacy of Steven Anderson, Tobin's father. Steven Anderson was head coach at Interstate 35 High School for almost three decades. He also spent seven years as an assistant coach to Tobin at Hamilton College. He later coached at Douglas High School in Box Elder, South Dakota. (As a side note, I found this fascinating information about Tobin's father I wanted to share. During Steve Anderson's college years, he spent his off months helping on his father's and uncle's farms in Riverton and joining the Forest Service as a Smoke Jumper in Montana, amassing 81 jumps, including 51 fire jumps.) On August 3, 2017, the first Annual Steven Anderson Ball Clinic was held at the Interstate 35 High School Gym for grades 7th to 12th. The clinic was led by a former All American and current coach of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tobin Anderson, with a host of former college players and coaches. A suggested donation was \$10, and all proceeds benefitted the Steven Anderson Foundation which benefits area kids and their pursuit of summer basketball camps. Forty youngsters attended the first clinic. As of this writing, with the assistance of Tobin's brother Tucker, there have been a total of four annual clinics.

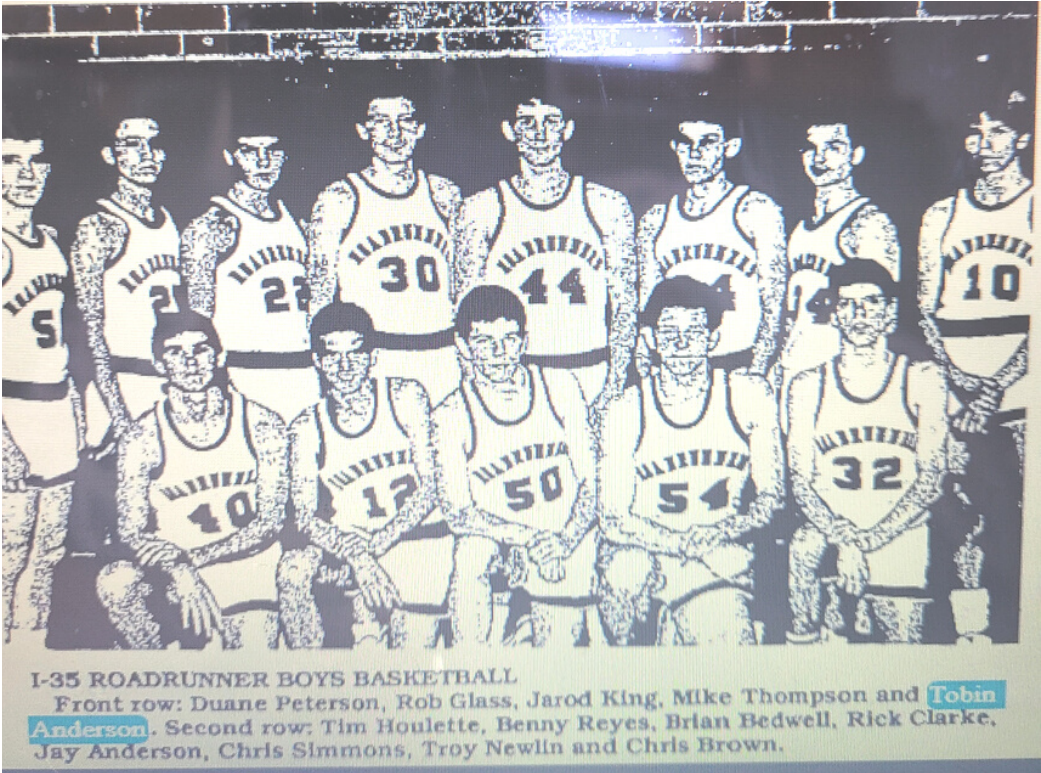
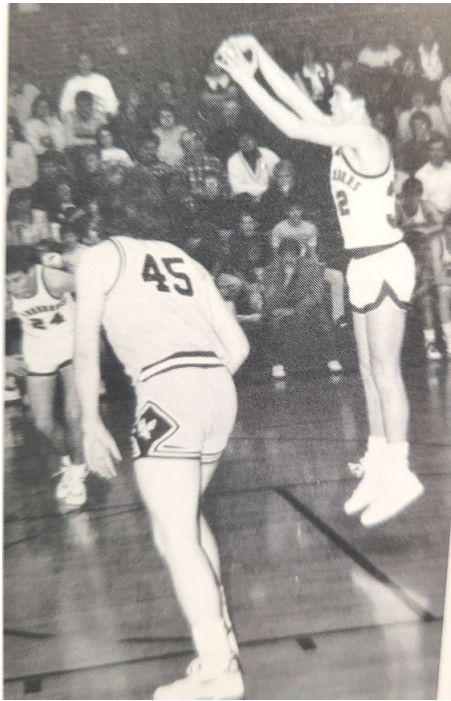
INTERSTATE 35 WALL OF PRIDE

The school is planning to add to the I-35 Wall of Pride. Tobin's dad Steven is already on the wall as coach, and Tobin has been nominated to join the illustrious honorees. The Wall of Pride recipients are announced in the fall at the Interstate 35 Homecoming game. Tobin Anderson and wife Jodi currently live in Blauvelt, NY, with their two children, son Bryce (16) and daughter Alexa (14). Tobin's mother, Connie Freeman passed away May 6, 2016, and his father Steven Anderson passed away July 10, 2017. Tobin's siblings are Tucker and Sarah. It has been an honor to write this story and to acknowledge this "hometown" successful and inspirational man, Tobin Anderson.

Sources: Newspaper archives in Madison, Warren and Clarke Counties; New Virginia Public Library; I-35 yearbooks; former teachers and classmates; Tucker Anderson; Wikipedia



Tobin Anderson
Senior Picture
Interstate 35 CSD



City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes -

The Council met in regular session on Saturday April 8th, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. for the April council meeting.

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

Minutes from the March regular meeting and Treasurer’s Report were approved.

Old business discussed: Placing notices in the March Tri Corner regarding bids for mowing City property for the 2023 season was overlooked. Public Notice for mowing bids will be placed in the April Tri Corner with the bids to be opened at the May 1st, 2023 council meeting. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to have R&R Mowing Services, last year’s approved mowing bids for City property, mow during the month of April until the 2023 mowing bids are approved at the May council meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

An outdoor movie at GAMP Park that was cancelled last Fall needs to be re-scheduled before the end of this Spring. Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to form a Movie Committee. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: No citizen input.

Water Utilities discussed: No new information or items to discuss.

Fire Department Business: Consideration of a proposed pay per call for ambulance transports was reviewed and discussed. The proposal is \$100.00 per EMS call that a patient is transported to a hospital. Funding would come from revenue generated from ambulance billing fees. The Medic would receive \$65.00 and the Driver would receive \$35.00. If a second Medic is needed on a call, the Medic would receive \$65.00. If an extra rider is needed on a call, the rider would receive \$35.00. Ambulance transports for the 2021-22 fiscal year were reviewed. There were 41 transports. In addition to the Medic and Driver, there were 3 extra Medics and 7 extra riders. The total that would have been paid out for fiscal year 2021-22 would have been \$4540.00. Ambulance transports for the first half of fiscal year 2022-23 were reviewed. There were 20 transports. In addition to the Medic and Driver, there were 3 extra Medics and 1 extra rider. The total that would have been paid out for the first half of this fiscal year (2022-23) would have been \$2230.00. Ambulance billing fees collected in fiscal year 2021-22 totaled \$12,378.56. Ambulance billing fees collected for the first half of the current fiscal year (2022-23) totaled \$12,353.30. After review and discussion of the above information, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve \$100.00 pay per EMS call that a patient is transported to a hospital: \$65.00 for Medic, \$35.00 for Driver and \$65.00 for a second Medic, \$35.00 for an extra rider to be implemented July 1, 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of March was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 17 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 47 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 215 miles within the city limits for the month. There were no citations and/or warnings were written for a traffic violation that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

A proposed new agreement & five year law enforcement contract was reviewed and discussed. The current agreement/contract ends June 30, 2023. The new agreement/contract will begin July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. Warren County agrees to provide 7.5 hours of law enforcement services each week. The City will pay \$12,596.00 paid in two equal installments of \$6298.00, first payment paid by December 15 and second payment paid by June 15 for fiscal year 2024. Payments will increase annually by 4% in successive fiscal years. After review and discussion of the new agreement & five year law enforcement contract with the Warren County Sheriff through June 30, 2028, Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the new agreement & five year law enforcement contract starting July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2028. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to open public hearing to pass & approve Resolution 2023-04 – A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Resolution, Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to pass & approve Resolution 2023-04 – A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to open a public hearing to pass & approve Resolution 2023-05 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING & ADOPTING THE 2023-24 NEW VIRGINIA CITY BUDGET. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Resolution, Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to pass & approve Resolution 2023-05 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING & ADOPTING THE 2023-24 NEW VIRGINIA CITY BUDGET. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the consideration in future budget processes a city maintenance person for all city work including mowing and snow removal.

GAMP UPDATE

April 8, 2023

Extension of the chain link fence on the south side of GAMP Park was discussed. One bid from Clanton Creek Fence & Gate has been received in the amount of \$12,789.00 for 695 feet of 6 foot tall galvanized chain link fence to match existing fence. Two more bids will be required before any action will be taken on this project. Chad Daniels will be contacted about re-locating the survey pins on the south side of GAMP Park. Steve Savage will be contacted about possible clearing and grading for the fence.

The truck pull is scheduled for June 23rd, 2023. Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to approve payment for the pulling sled for the June 2023 truck pull. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There is strong potential for a fall truck pull in September of this year if funding and help to run it can be secured.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$4,782.20. The annual kite event will be held April 16th, 2023 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the cemetery.

There have been numerous citizen complaints of dogs running loose within the city limits. One citizen was walking her dog on a leash and had a dog attack her dog. Council Members have received numerous complaints regarding dogs located at 303 Davidson Street, 509 West Street and 508 Main Street constantly run loose and causing problems. Any dog bite to a person or other animal is subject to impoundment for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days. Information regarding complaints received about these dogs will be forwarded to the Sheriff for further action.

There have been numerous complaints of a white Dodge Dakota sitting in the front parking of the old school that has not moved for months and looks to be inoperable. The Sheriff will be made aware of this vehicle so action can be taken to have it removed.


City curbside Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th, 2023. More information regarding the Spring Cleanup will be published in the April Tri Corner and placed in the April water bills.

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

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The May council meeting is scheduled for Monday May 1st, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. May meeting date – Monday May 1st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REVENUE FOR MARCH

General	\$2,077.80
GAMP	\$ 339.79
Fire	\$4,860.17
Elf Club	\$ 0.00
Road Use	\$2,563.57
LOST	\$4,991.37
Debit Service	\$ 12.96
Water Utilities	\$7,388.57
Total Revenue	\$22,234.23


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Fun Fact

The Empire State Building opened on May 1, 1931 .

CLAIMS REPORT		AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
VENDOR	REFERENCE			
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$991.88	14851	4/1/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.81	14852	4/1/2023
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$150.01	14865	4/10/2023
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	TECNOLOGY GOOGLE GSUITES	\$58.67	14853	4/1/2023
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$576.15	14867	4/10/2023
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$215.82	14854	4/1/2023
IA COMMUNITES ASSURANCE	INSURANCE ANNUAL RENEWAL	\$18,711.00	EFT	4/15/2023
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS FY23 BUDGET	\$164.69	14871	4/10/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$291.00	16326335	4/1/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$471.34	16326336	4/1/2023
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	14872	4/10/2023
LEAH NELSON	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	14873	4/10/2023
NAPA AUTO PARTS PREMIER PARTS	OPERATIONAL EQUIP REPAIR	\$266.49	14874	4/10/2023
NAPA AUTO PARTS PREMIER PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR AMBULANCE OIL	\$117.65	14881	4/10/2023
NITE OWL PRINTING	OPERATING SUPPLIES-HIPPA	\$485.64	14882	4/10/2023
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$42.14	14875	4/10/2023
RICKER AIR CONDITIONING, HEATI	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$265.36	14876	4/10/2023
TOP NOTCH FIREWORKS	OTHER CONT SERV FIREWORKS	\$2,500.00	14855	4/1/2023
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,092.95	14878	4/10/2023
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$294.34	14879	4/10/2023
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$338.44	14880	4/10/2023
TOTAL GENERAL		\$27,300.38		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,126.00	14851	4/1/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL - RUT	\$680.00	14869	4/10/2023
TOTAL ROAD USE		\$1,806.00		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	14864	4/10/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.37	14852	4/1/2023
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$190.00	14866	4/10/2023
HERB TAYLOR	OPERATING SUPPLIES-PIPE STRANG	\$36.12	14868	4/10/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER MILEAGE	\$72.00	14869	4/10/2023
IA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSAT	INSURANCE ANNUAL RENEWAL	\$2,481.00	14870	4/10/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$305.96	16326335	4/1/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$342.37	16326336	4/1/2023
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$3,370.00	14877	4/10/2023
TOTAL GENERAL		\$6,944.82		
GENERAL		\$2,415.13		
WATER		\$1,630.99		
Total Payroll Paid		\$4,046.12		
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CITY OF ST CHARLES

6 April 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 3/6/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Whitney Hutton, and Lois Stanley were present along with 11 guests. Council Member Megan Allison was absent. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Lois Stanley/Tom Blomme to approve the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Amara Huffine Madison County Chamber of Commerce: Tori Willis and Amara Huffine updated the City Council on the previous year's Welcome Center usage and expectations for this coming year. The Chamber will feature local items in the Welcome Center. Those that would like to have their crafts featured in the Welcome Center can contact the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. A reduced fee is offered to craft vendors.

Diane Fitch Madison County Supervisor: Diane was unable to attend the meeting and will reschedule at a later date.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 2/6/2022: Motion made by Whitney Hutton/Lois Stanley to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of March Bills: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Whitney Hutton to approve the March bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During February there were 37.31 patrol hours, 5 calls, and 5 traffic stops in St. Charles.

Sonia Hutton, Road Improvements on North Cross: Sonia would like to have North Cross Street considered for future asphaltting. The Council agreed that more work needs to happen on North Cross Street and plans to purchase equipment and gravel to remove potholes. The road will continue to be assessed and if funds should become available, asphaltting may be considered.

City Boards/Committees:

·Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer was present to present the February minutes.

·Library Board: Margaret Blair presented minutes from February. The Library is looking toward summer and the reading program.

·Welcome Center: Motion by Tom Blomme/Lois Stanley to approve Margaret Blair, Marcia Thompson, and Mary Seibert to the Tourism Board to oversee the Welcome Center. Voice vote was unanimous. The Tourism Board's goals are to preserve the Welcome Center, support the Chamber of Commerce, and to have the Welcome Center fit into the needs of the community. A rental agreement was presented and will be sent to the City's Attorney. There will be a clean-up day planned for April 29th at the Welcome Center with the Lions furnishing a meal for the volunteers.



Remember to join us every
Thursday at 6:30 for story time

·Old Settlers: Mary Seibert gave an update on the planning of the 2023 Old Settlers Festival. Cooking Up Some Fun will be held on July 14th and 15th. With a Street Dance to take place on July 15th. A fundraising breakfast will be held at the St. Charles Parish Hall on March 18th.

·Sewer Report: A report was submitted for February.

·Maintenance Report: A blade had been rented to maintain gravel roads. Butch Evans let the Council know the blade used is for sale. Motion by Dan Kozak/Tom Blomme to purchase the blade to maintain gravel roads for \$3750. Voice vote was unanimous. The City is considering sending items to be auctioned. An old overhead door, possible water pumps, and vehicle tire chains are being considered to clean out shop buildings.

·Emergency Management: February report was submitted.

·Clerk's Report: The new trash and recycling rates were given to the Council. The new rates reflect the yearly 3.5% increase stated in the contract with WM. Possible future vacation dates were given to the Council.

Public Hearing For Published Budget FY24: Motion by Dan Kozak to move into a Public Hearing at 8:13 PM. No public wished to speak. Public Hearing was closed at 8:16 PM. With the passing of SF181, property taxes valuations are expected to decrease. Final budget numbers will be presented to the City Council on April 3rd. Since there will be a decrease in the budget, there will not be another publication of the budget but the budget can be viewed at City Hall. Resolutions 3A-2023, 3B-2023, and 3C-2023, Property Tax Abatements: Motion by Tom Blomme/Whitney Hutton to approve Tax Abatements for 407 W Council Dr., 2493 Bevington Park Rd., and 110 E Clanton St. in St. Charles. RC vote was unanimous.

Opportunity Forms: A request was made to have local businesses listed at the Imes Bridge. The City will have a sign made to advertise the St. Charles Website, where local businesses are listed and updated.

Planned Street Projects: Line painting bids were submitted. Motion by Tom Blomme/Lois Stanley to accept a bid from Spec for center line painting and Main Street parking painting along with 4 handicapped spots for \$7500.00 A voice vote was unanimous.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion made by Whitney Hutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on May 1, 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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CITY OF ST CHARLES

Iowa Prohibition 1884-1894 and How That Led to the “Wildman” of St. Charles

Numerous groups were recruited for the prohibition act of 1884, but few stood out as blazingly as The Des Moines Searchers and Advance Guard of the Fighting Prohibition Army. The newspapers carried stories of how this group would routinely break into homes without warrants. Once inside they notoriously busted heads open with clubs, hurled people down stairways, and dragged people from sickbeds (and, in one case, a woman during childbirth). All this behavior was to find beer and liquor bottles and drag the offenders off to jail if they could not pay the immediate fine that the Searchers determined on the spot. Other offenders soon found themselves paying ever increasing fines weekly.

The group’s leader, George Franklin Pierce, simply known as Frank, was described as an energetic, nervous and mentally unstable man with a violent temper that he rarely kept in check. Frank despised immigrants and possessed a bullying and privileged attitude; he was also infamously trigger happy. In 1887, Pierce was on trial for contempt of court. Earlier that year, he seized a shipment of liquor from Hurlbut, Hess, and Company of Des Moines intended for buyers in the East. When Pierce refused to let the shipment go, the US Marshall arrived with a warrant for the shipment’s release. Pierce still refused. Now the state of Iowa found itself defending Pierce in court against the United States over a liquor shipment the state claimed legal in the 1884 law. The state court declared that Pierce could not be held in contempt for following his interpretation of the state’s decrees while also announcing it was not Pierce’s place to impose the state’s decision on the matter without consulting his supervisors. In the end, the state’s Supreme Court agreed with the bill of sale and the shipment was released to the buyers in the East. Pierce was released without incident though his enemies felt that the shipment was doggedly held onto by Pierce because he was publicly calling on the highest bidder to sell it to.

The same year of 1887, Frank Pierce was fined for gunning down and seriously wounding Harry Lloyd, who was unarmed, at Nym Wyatt’s house in Des Moines. Lloyd refused to let Pierce search the residence without a warrant. Pierce declared he felt threatened by the large size of Lloyd and fired into him at point-blank range. This was not Pierce’s only shooting. By this time, he was already noted as gunning down several men for various reasons since becoming a Searcher. By the end of his career, Pierce was known for shooting at least six men.

Around 1889-90, newspapers stopped calling the unit “The Searchers” and changed to “The Frank Pierce Gang,” or more simply, “Hoodlums.” Beforehand, blind eyes were turned towards the criminal behavior of The Searchers. Now, they were getting press for deeds that embarrassed the government and the staunchest prohibitionists throughout the state.

In 1889, Pierce and at least one gang member burst into the home of German immigrant, Mr. Lacy, who was out getting a doctor to come to his house as his wife was in bed in heavy labor. While Mr. Lacy was gone, Searcher Constable G. W. Potts violently pulled Mrs. Lacy from her mattress and dumped her on the floor in his search for liquor. It was at this moment Mr. Lacy returned home and asked the

Searcher, in extremely poor English, what he was doing in his house. Constable Potts answered by hitting Mr. Lacy so hard with his nightstick that Mr. Lacy’s skull fractured. As Mr. Lacy lay sprawled on the floor profusely bleeding, the constables ignored him and interrogated the laboring wife informing her they would get help for her husband after she revealed where the liquor was. She still declared the house had none, so the Searchers cut open the mattress and kicked holes in the walls. When nothing was found, they left. Mrs. Lacy was forced to tend to her unconscious husband while dealing with her labor. Luckily, the doctor arrived shortly afterwards. He came for the delivery of a baby and found himself taking care of both husband and wife.

During the summer of 1890, Pierce was fined again for the June 23 shooting of Terry Chambers while he was working at his restaurant and resort near the Des Moines Post Office. Chambers refused to be arrested without warrant; heated words were exchanged. Pierce shot Chambers at point-blank range, seriously wounding him. It was later found that Pierce was acting without orders or a warrant. There was no explanation given for why he just received a light fine (less than \$20) and immediately returned to his duties.

Later that same year, Irish immigrant Michael Quinn received a doctor’s permission to get a small bottle of schnapps from a local pharmacist to mix with laudanum to ease the suffering of his dying wife. Frank Pierce and several of his men followed Quinn home, and waiting until dark, burst through the door with pistols drawn. They found Mr. Quinn and his relatives gathered around his wife on her deathbed, and the Searchers tore the house apart for an hour looking for the schnapps. Quinn showed the doctor’s prescription for the schnapps to Pierce who tore it up in front of the group. It was then that Pierce, believing the bottle to be in the bed of Quinn’s wife, grabbed the dying woman by one wrist and violently pulled her out of it onto the floor. Stepping over her frail body, Pierce tore the bed apart. His men stood nearby with drawn pistols aimed at the mourners, and with a shout of victory, Pierce produced the small bottle of schnapps found under the mattress. Quinn was hauled away. The wife was left on the floor and the relatives had to remake the mattress, pillows, blankets and put her back in bed. Quinn was fined and left in jail throughout the night. Upon his release by the city jailor the following morning, Quinn spotted his weeping daughter on the steps of the building and heard her cry, “Papa, Mama is dead...!”

Even for the most dyed-in-the-wool prohibitionist, this was going above and beyond the carte blanche they previously held for The Searchers. The year 1890 brought about the beginning of the end of the ten-year prohibition. A strong force of anti-prohibition sentiment was in the people, and a collaboration of German and Irish immigrants built a strong coalition exposing the xenophobic bigotry of the prohibition law. The newest governor, Horace Boies, won his seat on the promise of ending the very unpopular prohibition law, which he did. The final factor towards the ending of prohibition was the infamous behavior of Frank Pierce and The Des Moines Searchers and Advance Guard of the Fighting Prohibition Army.



ROADRUNNER PRIDE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

I-35 Best Buddies Bowling

On Wednesday, March 8th, the I-35 Best Buddies Chapter went bowling to celebrate inclusion month. It was a great opportunity for building relationships and having fun. Students took turns bowling, helping each other, teaching, and even coaching one another on all of the fun aspects of not only bowling, but hanging out with friends from school! This was an awesome display by the Interstate 35 students of how to include all students in a fun activity. This group has scheduled club meetings every couple of weeks with Mrs. Vodraska, and plans trips like this one outside of the school day environment. Way to go Roadrunners!



Above: Members of the Best Buddies Program try their skills at Bowling. Right: Competition was had between Jared, Bo and Jack. Below, a few members of the Best Buddies Program pose outside the bowling alley.



Mad About Money 5th-7th Grade Assembly

The Interstate 35 5th-7th grade students attended and enjoyed learning about financial literacy at the “Mad About Money” assembly on Wednesday, April 12th.

Mad About Money is a fun, interactive performance featuring two actors performing three funny sketches all about money. The two performers include our students to participate in making the show interactive, entertaining and educational. Mad About Money is a free program to the school district due to a community business donating the funds to conduct this assembly that teaches the critical financial skills that every student needs. In addition to the in-school assembly, digital materials and informative handouts were provided to support the educational content of the program, including a resource named Money Smart 2.0 online curriculum. The middle school staff and students appreciate having this opportunity to teach our students the importance of financial literacy.

FUN...It's Elementary

We rounded off the Elementary Student Lock-ins with the Girls Sleep Over on April 7th. Boys were able to enjoy the event back on March 10th where we had 79 boys in attendance for the event. The girls totaled 80 participants for this first annual event. At each event, students moved through a series of activities and stayed up to the early morning hours enjoying a different side of staff and the school building. Mounds of fun were had and students are ready to enjoy the event for years to come.



Above, card stacking was one of many activities our boys lock-in offered to students. They could also participate in dodge ball, paper plane construction, gaming and dart games.



Above, some of our students were able to take time to manicure and socialize at a recent lock-in. Eighty girls participated in the first annual event. Joy and laughter were had by participants and coordinators.

Technology Updates

Student Chromebook information:

- To date, we have had 155 student Chromebooks turned in for repair - over 30 percent of our 1 to 1 Chromebooks issued to students. Of the 155 damaged Chromebooks, only about 28 percent (36 Chromebooks) are from normal wear and tear such as a bad battery or a corrupted operating system. Seventy-seven percent of the damage has been the direct result of misuse such as cracked screens (the most common issue), keys picked off, or fluids spilled on the Chromebook.
- Please remind your students of the expectations for care and use of their school-owned Chromebook.
- Remind your students that it is absolutely necessary to bring your fully charged Chromebook to school everyday. With the number of Chromebooks out for repair, we have an extremely limited supply of loaners available for students who forget to bring theirs.
- If your student's charger has been lost, they will need to purchase a new one - cost is \$20.

Infinite Campus updates:

- Interstate-35 is beginning the transition from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus.
- Tina Burkhead and myself are currently working on pulling data from PowerSchool to build the I-35 Infinite Campus site. The new site will be ready for use for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Online registration will be complete using Infinite Campus this summer. More details to come soon!

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, April 19	Spring Blood Drive
Thursday, April 20	Donuts with Grown Ups
Thursday, April 20	G/B Golf at Panorama
Thursday, April 20	G/B Track at MStM
Saturday, April 22	Promenade (7:15 p.m.)
Monday, April 24	Board Meeting
Monday, April 24	G Track at Winterset
Monday, April 24	B Track at Gilbert
Tuesday, April 25	G/B Golf at Shady Oaks Indianola
Tuesday, April 25	B Track at Mt Ayr
Wednesday, April 26	Baccalaureate Ceremony
Thursday, April 27	G/B Golf at Lamoni
Thursday, April 27	G Track at Clarke
Thursday, April 27	B Track at Bonduramt-Farrar
Monday, May 1	G Golf at Woodward Golf Club
Tuesday, May 2	G/B Track at Woodward-Granger
Wednesday, May 3	B Golf at Panorama
Thursday, May 4	G Track at Mt Ayr
Thursday, May 4	B Track at Southwest Valley
Friday, May 5	Elementary Assembly
Friday, May 5	Spring Play
Saturday, May 6	HS Large Group Band
Saturday, May 6	Spring Play
Monday, May 8	G/B Golf at Momon Trail
Monday, May 8	G/B Track at Pleasantville
Tuesday, May 9	Science Fair
Tuesday, May 9	PTO Meeting
Tuesday, May 9	5-8 Band and Choir Concert
Wednesday, May 10	B Golf Sectional TBA
Thursday, May 11	Middle School Party
Thursday, May 11	B Track District at PCM
Thursday, May 11	G Track District at TBA
Friday, May 12	G Golf Regional TBA
Monday, May 15	1/2 Grade Music Concert
Tuesday, May 16	Fine Arts Night
Tuesday, May 16	Baseball vs. Bedford
Wednesday, May 17	Awards Night
Sunday, May 21	Graduation

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Save our Community Refrigerators

Community refrigerators have become increasingly popular and necessary as a means to provide food to those in need in areas that are considered “food deserts.” Our Tri-Corner area currently has two community refrigerators located at the libraries in New Virginia and Truro. These two refrigerators are a vital link to our families, friends and neighbors and provide them with food that they may not be able to have if the refrigerators were not available. Community refrigerators are filled with donations from retailers, organizations and individuals at various times throughout the week. They are placed in neutral locations nationwide where people can access them easily, whether it is in a public building, an organization or even on a street corner. You can find these refrigerators in some of the harshest neighborhoods in the country, and you can find them in back rooms of libraries, just like in New Virginia and Truro.

However, there have been specific issues with the New Virginia location that have resulted in the library board's temporarily shutting down the New Virginia community refrigerator until these issues can be resolved. There have been numerous reports of kids and teens getting items from the refrigerator and taking them outside to the picnic tables, only to tear them up and leave litter all over the area. The first time this became an issue, it was decided that an adult had to be present with a child or teen in order to access the refrigerator. Although this seemed to help temporarily, it soon became a rule that was ignored and ultimately disrespected. It seems as it has become a challenge for some of these offenders to sneak back without permission and get some of the food that was placed there for those in need, only to waste it and create a big mess for others to clean up. Some of these offenders have been identified while others have not.

We realize there is a possibility that there are hungry youth in our communities. It breaks our heart to know there is even one person that is in need. However, this does not excuse outright abuse of the community refrigerator and blatant disrespect of the people at the library. These community refrigerators prevent food waste at the retailer level and get this food to the people who need it. There are families who stop by with kids after work to get some sandwiches or a heat-and-eat meal. There are seniors who need some eggs or fresh produce that lack the transportation to buy these items at the grocery store. These are the people who will suffer when the community refrigerators remain closed.

Hopefully, as a community, we can address these issues. The community refrigerators are a much-needed resource in our Tri-Corner and I-35 area as well as our state and country. Please talk with your children about these things in a way that they will understand their actions have a ripple effect that goes far beyond what they will ever realize. Thank you for helping us get this word out.



New Virginia Spring Clean-up May 13th, 2023



The annual Spring Cleanup Program is scheduled for Saturday May 13th, 2023. Residents may dispose of large items such as furniture that would not be picked up through the regular weekly trash pickup.

The following requirements will ensure a safe, efficient cleanup:

1. TRM Disposal out of Indianola will pick up items curbside at your residence. Items **MUST** be placed at the roadside, not in a ditch or across a ditch. Items in those areas **WILL NOT** be collected.
2. All items must be at the curb by 6:30 a.m. Items placed on the curb after the hauler has been in the area will not be picked up.
3. Items that are bulky and difficult to handle, such as swing sets, must be cut up or dismantled into smaller pieces, no more than 4 feet in length.
4. The following will not be picked up: leaves and organic yard waste, dirt/sod, construction materials, railroad ties, paints or thinners, oils, batteries, tires, vehicle parts, concrete or air compressors.
5. This service is available for residential dwellings and apartments only. No commercial businesses.

The intent of this program is to provide a useful service to our citizens and to help beautify the community – everyone’s cooperation is greatly appreciated. For questions or comments, please contact TRM Disposal at 515-962-2014 or by email at sarah@trmdisposal.com.

Thank You

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The Saturday evening fireworks are a big part of our Old Settlers Celebration. We still need donations to pay for the 2023 fireworks. We still need approximately \$1500.00 in donations to be able to receive our March 1 early pay fireworks discount. For those of you who like to do your business online, the New Virginia Old Settlers Association has set up a Venmo account for online donations. Our link to donate is <https://venmo.com/NewVirginia-OldSettlers>. You can, also, donate to the New Virginia Fireworks Fund at City State Bank or you may, also, mail a check (please write fireworks in the memo) to the New Virginia Fireworks Fund at the following address:
City Clerk of New Virginia
PO Box 302
New Virginia, IA 50210

Any questions feel free to contact Deann Strange
(515)210-8847 or newvirginiaoldsettlers@gmail.com



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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

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PUBLIC NOTICE NEW VIRGINIA CEMETERY CLEAN UP DATE

Starting Monday May 1, 2023, We will start taking all old flowers & grave ornaments, that are located around all headstone bases, & discard them in preparation for Memorial Day. If you have any items that you want to keep, please take them off your family grave before May 1, 2023.

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Community Happenings

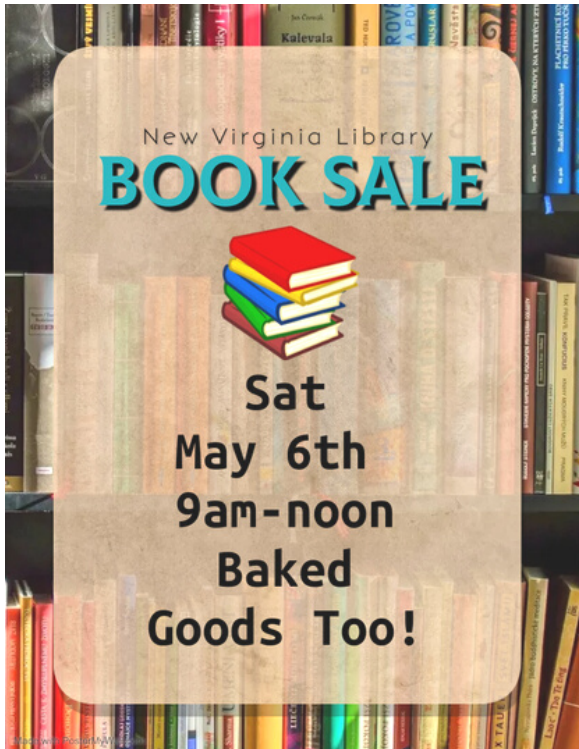
Public Notice

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.

ALL NEWS/COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS WELCOME

We welcome anyone who would like to submit news items, points of interest or any other community happenings to be published in the paper. These items would be family gatherings, places you have been, or news items that have taken place. Please place these items in the black box located at the Hen House or email them to tricornor@newvirginia.com.

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Jesus' Right Hand

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is a biblical concept spoken by Jesus in Luke 6:31. It's commonly referred to as the "Golden Rule." In Matthew 7:12 Jesus tells us, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Sounds pretty simple, doesn't it? You can simply go through life treating others just like you would want them to treat you and then, finally, we'll all just get along. Just one problem: Everyone has a different opinion of how they would want to be treated. Of course, there are common denominators that everyone can list such as kindness, respect and love. But even in those categories, there is a wide variety of opinions that divide the camp.

For example, we've seen all the t-shirts and yard signs that say "Be Kind." So, what is kindness? According to some of my web searches, kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. However, kindness can mean different things to different people. We are all flawed people with flawed pasts. Our life is so unique, so individual, just like our fingerprint. It's amazing to think of all the differences at that level. But when you add in the factor that we all have our quirks and flaws, it definitely complicates this whole Golden Rule thing. Where I might consider kindness as someone giving me a hug when they see me in the grocery store, an autistic person dealing with sensory issues would definitely NOT consider a hug an act of kindness. Get what I mean? So how are we supposed to navigate through life when life has thrown in so many varying factors? We go to Mark 12:30-31 where Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these." Without doing the first part, you really don't have the ability to even try the second part. When you strive to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, you gain the help of the Holy Spirit which helps you to love other people. But we need to take this a step further by saying that this is something God wants us to do ALL the time, not just when it's convenient. Sure, it's easy to treat others kindly when they are easy to love. But how about those who are just downright crabby? You know, the "get off my lawn" person who lives two doors down? And speaking personally for everyone here at the ministry...what about the person who comes through the door with an inflated sense of entitlement, having no regard for the limits on number of items they can take and no thought to the countless others who come in line behind them?

Surely, we are justified in treating them more harshly than others, aren't we? Well, according to God and His Word, the answer is no.

So, what is our plumb line for the Golden Rule? We love, because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). We can show grace because God shows grace to us daily. This doesn't mean we become a limp doormat for everyone to wipe their muddy feet; however, discipline and correction can be delivered in love. I was always amazed how my husband David would correct some of the people coming through the line on our Fresh Food Monday Giveaway. If he saw them being a little greedy when getting food, he would go up to them and gently say, "Let's remember that there are a lot of other people behind you in line that need food also." Maybe it was his gentle tone of voice or the love of God that just radiated from him during those times that would make hearts melt. It seemed that the people instantly understood what they needed to do and their attitude changed

instantly. The truth is, we don't know the road a person has endured to get to their today, and we don't know how uncomfortable their shoes were on that journey. It seems the plumb line for the Golden Rule is simply to be a conduit for God's love by seeing them through His eyes, speaking to them in His love and being His hands and His heart extended to the world.

Are we there yet? Absolutely not, especially if we start comparing ourselves with others, and even more so, if we compare ourselves with Jesus. However, we are all God's workmanship in progress, making daily strides to become more Christ-like by drawing closer to Him. Hopefully these words will encourage you and bring you to a place in your life where you have a greater sense of God's love and grace toward you. Please know that we are here at JRH for whatever reason and that we will strive to love you with God's love. Be blessed!

In His Love and Service,
Jesus' Right Hand

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of New Virginia will receive sealed bids for mowing, trimming/weed control around structures, fences, barriers, and maintenance of Gerry Allen Memorial Park to include labor and fuel. Payment will be on a monthly basis for the 2023 mowing season. Must be capable of furnishing own mower and weed eater for trimming. The disc golf course located on the back west side of the park will need to be mowed on a regular basis. The rest of the back west side of the park will need to be mowed three or four times or per request during the mowing season. Must provide a copy of proof of insurance. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Bids must be received by Saturday April 29, 2023. For any questions, call 515-577-8987.

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Every Wednesday Afternoon at 2:00 p.m. is Cribbage!
Every Third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. is Book Club!

New Books This Month

Earth's the Right Place for Love by Elizabeth Berg
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On the Line by Fern Michaels

Check our Facebook page for updates on upcoming activities!
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I -35 Girl Scouts ~Yay for Spring & Cookies!

Spring is in full swing and we are too! Spotlights this month include:

3rd Grade Brownies earned their “My Cookie Customers Badge” by learning about our cookies, who our customers are, good customer service, and money handling skills.

4th Grade Juniors earned their “Animal Habitat Badge” by making a butterfly house and learning where animals live.

5th Grade Juniors had a trip to the Des Moines Botanical Center to earn their “Gardener Badge” and made fairy gardens.

We appreciate the community support! We are still collecting pop can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House- you can drop them off with your local girl scout. Questions or for more information about your local Girl Scouts contact: Sarah Lawyer at 5SarahJL5@gmail.com / 515-480-0049.



Spa Day for the Grand Lady

Saturday, April 29th

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The workshop is being held because pressure canner lids with dial gauges need to be tested annually for
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Call Madison County Extension 515-462-1001 for more information about this program. For questions about
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Jerry Alan Cooley, son of Clarence Arthur and Dorothy Mae (Morgan) Cooley was born December 26, 1941 in Des Moines, Iowa and passed from this life Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa at 81 years of age. Jerry grew up in Des Moines and graduated from East High School with the Class of 1960 and graduated from Simpson College in 1967. He worked in construction and had his own construction company, Jerry Cooley Construction. Jerry was united in marriage to Karen Barrett on September 5, 1993 in New Virginia, Iowa. They have made their home in the New Virginia area and most recently moved to town in 2020. Jerry attended the Grace Evangelical Free Church in Indianola. Jerry enjoyed working hard and building things. He enjoyed playing Scrabble and crossword puzzles and enjoyed all sports.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Dorothy, and brother Gary Cooley. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Karen Cooley of New Virginia, IA, sister, Sandra Gaffey of Indianola, IA, nieces and nephews, Craig and Kim Phinney and their family and Tom and Kathleen Gaffey and their family, as well as other relatives and many friends.

Family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023 at Kale Funeral Home.

A Celebration of his Life Services will be held at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola, Saturday April 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Keegan Crosby officiating.

Interment will follow at the New Virginia Cemetery in New Virginia, Iowa

A live stream of the service will be available at www.kalefuneralhome.com on Jerry's tribute wall beginning at 10:30 a.m, Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Salvation Army.

In Loving Memory



My Australia Adventure

Contributed by Susan Kingsbury

As this April rolls in, I'm reminiscing about Australia and April 2022. You see, my son and his family live in Canberra, in the Australian Central Territory (ACT). Canberra is about three hours south of Sydney, NSW. I have two granddaughters there now so this gramma has been there a few times to visit. I've seen the sites in Sydney and would highly recommend an adventure there if you can stand the long plane ride. But this last April of 2022, my visit was a bit longer, and my son decided to take all of us on an RV adventure along the eastern coast of Australia to Phillip Island.

A highlight of that trip was the Penguin Parade. Every night around dusk, thousands of Blue Penguins come to shore. It's the largest colony of Blue Penguins in the world. There's a boardwalk for visitors to sit and watch as wave after wave of these fascinating little creatures come ashore. Oh, the noise that they make as they come to shore. They scamper up the beach and the next wave brings hundreds more. They go to their own burrows every night. One penguin stands guard, squawking at the burrow entrance, until all of their crew arrives. Some nights there are over five thousand that arrive. When we were there, they had 2913 come in. And, yes, they count them all. It's quite a sight to see. No videos or cameras allowed. There's a live stream available at penguins.org.au if you're interested in viewing it from your home. The French Island, only accessible by ferry, is home to 120 people. This is, also, home to wild Koalas and Wallabies. I'm sure they outnumber the residents. It was fun to explore the island looking for Koalas in the trees. They were very accustomed to visitors as they often posed for pictures. Everyone wanted to hold a Koala but that wasn't what happened on the French Island, as this is a refuge.



Lastly, we toured the Great Ocean Road to see the Twelve Apostles. They reside in the South Ocean and are made of limestone. At this time, due to erosion, only seven exist inside the park while four others are outside the park. It is an everchanging area as the waves have created these structures. Erosion destroys but also re-creates more. All along the way there were road hazard signs. You'll not see deer crossing signs but only kangaroo, wombats, and koalas. What an amazing adventure!

Welcome, Spring! The Iowa temperatures certainly vary widely as spring approaches, and everyone looks forward to seeing the last of the 30's (and lower!). Our Arizona temperatures are now 50's in the mornings and 70's and 80's in the days, and we had such wind on some days that I was reminded of Iowa. As snowbirds, we would have left Arizona already and headed home to Iowa. So this is a new experience for us, sticking around as the hot weather approaches. We will also be saying goodbye to four couples of friends who will be returning to their Northern homes.

The wind also brings the risk of Valley fever, an infection caused by the fungus *Coccidioides*. The disease is also called *Coccidiomycosis*. The fungus is known to live in the soil in the southwestern United States and parts of Mexico and Central and South America. People can get Valley fever by breathing in the microscopic fungal spores from the air, although most people who breathe in the spores don't get sick, but some do. Usually, people who get sick will get better on their own within weeks to months, but some people will need antifungal medication. The symptoms of Valley fever include: fatigue, cough, fever, shortness of breath, headache, night sweats, muscle aches or joint pain, and rash on upper body or legs. Diagnosis may involve a blood test, CT scan of the lungs, and/or biopsy of lung tissue. Hot, dry weather conditions have been shown to correlate with an increase in the number of Valley fever cases in Arizona. My brother Bill advised me to wear a face mask on windy days. My brother Jim believes that he suffered from Valley fever for several weeks a few months ago.

I finished the two quilts for the new baby, Mel's great-great niece, Madelyn Joy, who was born March 8. Madelyn's parents were very pleased with them. My friend Renee and I attended a 95th birthday party for her former next door neighbor Adele who now lives in a very nice assisted living facility. She had many friends in attendance and was very active all her life, including teaching sewing on the nearby Indian reservation.

Our home improvement projects have continued, and the new windows and new patio door are now in place. What construction dust? Next step --- window shades.

Our new "friend" Steve with a landscape company has checked and repaired the irrigation lines all around our place. His crew brought in new gravel for the front yard and planted two trees for us, a blood orange and a Mineola tangelo. Along the walkway leading to the front door, they planted six gardenia plants and three purple Katie Ruellia plants, which should provide us with fragrant flowers. Speaking of fragrance, our older orange tree is loaded with blossoms, and oh! what wonderful fragrance they provide. Our older grapefruit tree is also doing well, having recovered from the hail damage of several months ago. Speaking of fruit --- the Sun Lakes Citrus Sharers had a record picking season, with 104.8 tons of fruit picked and donated to St. Mary's Food Bank. The group of 262 people picked at 727 homes and picked 1,584 trees.

A cover story in the monthly Sun Lakes newspaper caught my eye with the announcement that the Sun Lakes Community Theatre, established in 1988, would be presenting a play in July called *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*. The synopsis of the story was familiar to me, and it is the same play that I helped with in Huntsville, TX, one winter, although the original name was *The Dixie Swim Club*. I had helped with the costumes and costume changes with the cast. So I called the director, and she invited me to the next meeting of the Community Theatre group. Long story short, I am now a member of the group, and I helped with the makeup for their recent five-night performance of the spoof *Sam Club* and the *Case of the Malted Falcon*, and I enjoyed it and met a lot of people. In years past, I performed with the Clarke Area Arts Council in three musicals and one dinner theater. So we'll see what "plays" out in the future.

April brought the special time of Easter, and we were happy to celebrate with family, friends and our new church family. I hope all of you readers experienced special blessings on that day.

James LeRoy Myers, son of Gerald Dean Myers and Lillie Aderien (Goodrich) Myers was born June 26, 1947 in St. Charles, Iowa and passed from this life Thursday, February 23, 2023 in Des Moines, Iowa at 75 years of age.

LeRoy grew up in Truro and graduated from Truro High School class of 1965. Following graduation he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea served from November 1965 until December 1968 when he was honorably discharged. He served in the Airborne Infantry, 2nd. Infantry Division and received the National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expedition Medal and Most Outstanding Sentinel of the Guard at Guard Mount at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He returned to the Truro area and on June 8, 1971 he was united in marriage to Dorothy "Dee" Lucille Folck in Bethany, Missouri. They lived near Truro and Murray before moving to the family farm near Truro, where they raised their three children, Michelle, Lee, and Tim.

LeRoy was a hard working and loving family man. He drove a dump truck for many years, for Coopers in Winterset, West Des Moines Sand & Gravel in West Des Moines and Beeler Trucking in Winterset. He also farmed and enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, cutting wood, drinking beer and mushroom hunting. He especially enjoyed having his family and friends around.

Those relatives who preceded LeRoy in death were his son, Lee Myers, parents, Lillie and Gerald Myers, sisters, Carol Clarke, Betty Willcox, and Janice Hurd, and brother, Rex Dean Myers.

LeRoy leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 51 years, Dee Myers of Truro, IA, daughter, Michelle (Sean) Geyer of Colo, IA, son, Tim (Charity) Myers of Osceola, IA, grandchildren, Sasha Myers (Rick), Callie Myers (Steve), Shelby (Clayton) Dale, Wyatt Myers (Allie), and Olivia, great grandchildren, Kairi, Roman, Little LeRoy, and Rory, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Memorial services were held at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola, Saturday March 18, 2023 at 10:00 am with Pastor Jestin Thomas officiating. Interment of his remains followed in the Hartman Cemetery near Truro.



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