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LEACHMAN LUMBER COMPANY

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With the passing on January 27, 2021 of the well-known actress Cloris Leachman, some of us may be wondering if she was any relation to the Leachman Lumber Company. This was a prosperous company in New Virginia from 1904 until 1973. It was begun by Harrison Benjamin "Ben" Leachman, with the help of his older brother Robert Parker Leachman. The business was later taken over by Ben's son Jean Rae Leachman and his daughter Altabel's husband Albert Beckett. Sales were written in "yard books" carried by each employee. This data was transcribed into a daily journal. Account summaries were then written into ledgers. The earliest ledgers included alphabetized indices. The later ledgers were loose leaf bound and divided into alphabetical sections. Ben's brother Robert later established the Leachman Lumber Company in Des Moines in 1921, and it is still a successful company on Hubbell Avenue in Des Moines, providing high-quality construction materials to contractors across central Iowa. Ben's sons Robert and William started a Leachman Lumber Company in Strawberry Point, Iowa. The business directory on the Strawberry Point website did not list this company as an active business today.

Harrison Benjamin Leachman was born November 22, 1871 in Sigourney, IA. He was the youngest of seven children. His father was a doctor, who was born and studied in Kentucky before coming to Iowa in 1864. He died when Ben was 11 years old. His mother moved to Des Moines with her family where Ben learned to earn money at an early age. He left home to work in Denver, CO while still in his teens. In 1892, he went to Newell, IA to manage a lumber yard. While there, he married Grace Mankey on December 24, 1897. Their first son Robert was born in 1899. Their second son James was born in 1903 in Aberdeen, SD.

Ben wanted a business of his own, so he asked his older brother Robert Parker Leachman to look at lumber yards as he traveled for Brinsmaids, a wholesale company. In 1904, Robert got off the train in New Virginia to look at the lumber yard. Robert bought it for his brother Ben to manage until Ben could buy it. So the Leachman Lumber Company began. Ben and Grace had three more children, all born in New Virginia: William in 1905, Jean (male) in 1908 and Altabel in 1914. Grace was known as one of the best cooks in the area, and cooking for her four growing boys and a younger daughter kept her busy. The family lived at 716 Elm Street, then later at 406 Main Street where Ben died on July 2, 1955. Grace died February 4, 1959 in New Virginia, and they are both buried in the New Virginia Cemetery.

The fire in New Virginia in 1913 destroyed the lumber yard office and a warehouse. Important records were saved in a large safe. There were busy years furnishing building materials before and after the fire. Some of the early homes built in the New Virginia area belonged to Ed Reed, Harold Taylor, Frank Stiffler, Dr. F.M. Fee, Walter Wickett, Fred Wickett, Ben Gleckler, Alden Smalley, and Neil Morrison, Sr.

During the early years, brick, lumber, coal, sand, glass, cement and other building supplies were hauled from the railroad depot and Des Moines wholesalers by Henry Hamilton using his team and wagon. Later, Leachman's bought their own team to be used until 1925 when a model T truck was purchased from Charley McClure, a Ford dealer in New Virginia. Unloading boxcars at the depot was a job, whether coal during a bad winter such as 1936, or cement in the summer. Much of the lumber came from the West Coast. Flooding took out the rails in 1947, and the line was abandoned. In later years, building materials for new homes were furnished to Cliff Norris, Bill Taylor, Gene Harris, Cliff Shane, Dale Keller, Richard Hatcher and Gene Trotter.

Sixteen-year-old Jimmy died unexpectedly in December 1919. He is buried in the New Virginia Cemetery. In 1920, Ben bought the New Virginia Opera House from Jim Bates to show good silent films on Friday and Saturday nights. The movie projectors were run by Fred Bryant and Robert Leachman. William Leachman took care of the tickets and the money, 32¢ for adults and 14¢ for children. Ben's son Jean, age 12, played the "player piano." In May 1921, the Opera House burned when a fire started in the light plant.

There were times when Ben's sons Robert and William left New Virginia for other jobs, but eventually would return. Robert married Pauline Donner of Murray in 1935. They moved to Strawberry Point, IA in 1938 where he bought the lumber yard. They had a son Charles. William joined his brother in Strawberry Point after serving overseas four years in the Navy. He married Helen Smith, a teacher there in 1947. They had two children, Park and Harriet.

Ben and Grace's youngest son Jean was born December 18, 1908 in New Virginia, IA. He graduated from the New Virginia High School in 1926. He grew up in his father's lumber business. On June 18, 1939, he and Ruth Elizabeth Walker, daughter of S.L. and Birdie Fast Walker of Knoxville, were married. Jean did not move to Knoxville, but Miss Walker came to teach in New Virginia High School. Mrs. Leachman graduated from Knoxville High School and took a course in music at Coe College. They had two sons, David Rae and James Walker. Jean and his dad were joined by Al Beckett, Altabel's husband, in 1939 when Al joined the firm. Al served in the Navy, returning to New Virginia after World War II. The Beckett children were Linda "Becky" and Bill. The Becketts moved to Florida in 1959. Gene Trotter moved from Milo to be a partner from 1959 to 1970. Even after Ben retired, he would go to the office every day. Jean closed the business in 1973, the Leachman Lumber Company having served the community for 69 years. Ruth died August 24, 1998 in Jersey City, NJ. Jean died December 18, 1996 (his 88th birthday) in New Virginia. Jean, his wife Ruth and their son James, who died August 27, 2000, are buried in the New Virginia Cemetery. Jean's obituary revealed that he enjoyed fishing, hunting and music. He was a quiet man, always meticulous and precise in his affairs. Although sometimes solitary and enigmatic, he was a good father and provider for his family.

David Rae Leachman was born in 1944, received a BA from Iowa State University (Ames) and then a Masters of Divinity from St. Paul School of Theology. After graduating, he took his first trip to Europe with a seminary classmate. He worked at the Thoreau Center in Des Moines, the United Methodist Student Center at Drake University, and developed liturgy with Hal Taussig at Grace United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. He met his future husband Robert Dawalt in 1980. They purchased a brownstone in Jersey City, NJ and worked in Manhattan. They stayed in that home for 35 years, welcoming David's mother Ruth into their home after David's father Jean died in 1996. This explains the fact that Ruth died in Jersey City. David and Robert have enjoyed vacations in Jamaica, St. Croix, St. Maartens, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Germany, Spain, Scotland, Iceland, Holland, as well as extended stays in Italy, India, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Thailand. They have also visited almost all the states here in America. They have been very fortunate in life and enjoyed a life rich in experience, watched the country change, and after 40 years, are content to be in Florida for the winter and in their shore house in New Jersey for the summer.

Al and Altabel (nickname Toady) Beckett's daughter Linda "Becky" now lives in Lafayette, CA with her husband Don Jenkins. She has been a successful registered nurse specializing in the field of childbirth. She and her husband have traveled worldwide on mission projects, often using her nursing skills. Becky graduated from New Virginia High School with the class of 1958. She had a special friendship with Kenny Stills while they were in school. Kenny presented her with "wildlife" gifts: a newborn skunk that grew to be a favored pet but unfortunately died on the operating table when it was about to be de-scented; two squirrels (Oscar and Emmy) who would crawl up Becky's legs to sit on her shoulders.

Al and Altabel Beckett's son Bill recalls that when he was growing up in New Virginia, the telephone numbers were two digits, and the streets had no street signs. He worked at Leachman Lumber every summer and on the weekends. He attended the New Virginia School and would have graduated with the class of 1961, but the family moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL in 1959 to aid in his recovery from rheumatic fever. He felt that he adjusted well to the much larger school, having 32 in his New Virginia class to about 650 in his new school. He graduated from Stranahan High School in 1961. Bill attended the University of Florida for one year, majoring in math and physics. He served in the US Army for three years which included tours in Vietnam and Thailand.

When Bill returned from the Army in 1966, he visited New Virginia for a short time, and he has not returned since then. Bill returned to school and graduated from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton in 1969 with a degree in physics. He married his wife Pat just before he graduated. Bill has worked for Sperry Systems Management involving missile-firing submarines and at the Eastern Test Range at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Kennedy Space Center. He spent five years in Tallahassee at Florida State University with Control Data, maintaining large computer systems. He earned a Master's Degree in Math from that university. Bill worked there in the Department of Education for 40 years. He is now retired, and he and Pat moved to Powder Springs, GA, west of Atlanta, so that they could be close to their three daughters and their families. They have five grandchildren (four girls and one boy), ranging in age from 1 to 16. After living so many years in Florida, Bill was not certain that he would enjoy Georgia, but he is quite happy there.

Robert Parker Leachman was Ben Leachman's older brother. He was born in Taylorville, IL on September 11, 1862. He and Ben were the founders of the Leachman Lumber Company in New Virginia. He married Rose Claiborne on June 21, 1899 in Mills, IA. The couple had four children: Robert, Berkeley, Maud and Eugene. Rose died in 1951, and Robert died on September 3, 1933 and is buried in the Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines, IA.

Now here is the connection with the actress Cloris Leachman. Berkeley Claiborne "Buck" Leachman was born in Des Moines on August 15, 1903. He married Cloris G. Wallace on October 3, 1925 in Iowa City, IA. The couple had three children: Cloris Leachman 1926-2021; Mary Wallace Leachman Castle 1929-1996; and Claiborne Leachman Northrup 1932-2010. Berkeley died on December 17, 1956 and is buried in the Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines, IA.

The founders of the New Virginia Leachman Lumber Company were Cloris' great uncle Harrison Benjamin "Ben" Leachman and her grandfather Robert Parker Leachman. Jean Leachman and Altabel Beckett's first cousin was Cloris' father Berkeley, so David Leachman, Becky Beckett Jenkins and Bill Beckett would be Cloris' second cousins.

Wikipedia tells us the following about Cloris Leachman:

Cloris was born on April 30, 1926, in Des Moines, IA, the eldest of three daughters. Her parents were Cloris (nee Wallace) and Berkeley Claiborne "Buck" Leachman. Her father worked at the family owned Leachman Lumber Company. Middle sister Claiborne Cary was an actress and singer. Her youngest sister, Mary, was not in show business. Their maternal grandmother was of Bohemian (Czech) descent. Cloris attended Theodore Roosevelt High School.

As a teenager, Cloris appeared in plays by local youth on weekends at Drake University in Des Moines. After graduating from high school, she enrolled at Northwestern University in the School of Education. There she became a member of Gamma Phi Beta and was a classmate of future comic actors Paul Lynde and Charlotte Rae. She began appearing on television and in films shortly after competing in Miss America in 1946 as Miss Chicago. She studied acting under Elia Kazan at the Actors Studio in New York City. She has appeared in countless films, television shows and Broadway productions over the seven decades of her career. Her final role was in the film *Not to Forget* (2021). She won eight Primetime Emmy Awards from 22 nominations, an Academy Award, a British Film Award, a Golden Globe Award, and a Daytime Emmy Award.

Cloris Leachman was inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame in 2011. In 2014, she received an honorary degree from her alma mater, Northwestern University. In 2017, she received PETA's Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to animal-rights issues, and in 1980, she was awarded a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in the Television Category. From 1953 to 1979, Cloris was married to George Englund, and they had four sons and one daughter. Her autobiography, *Cloris: My Autobiography*, was published in March 2009. She co-authored the book with her ex-husband George. On January 27, 2021, Cloris died in her sleep at her home in Encinitas, CA at the age of 94. The cause of death was a stroke with COVID-19 as a contributing factor.



1912 - in front of the Lumber Yard, Jean & Bill Leachman in a 2 cylinder Rio.



Building that housed Leachman Lumber office.



Before 1920 - Lumber Yard. Note team of horses in middle foreground. In the background is the Church of Brethren, located where Clarence Conard's house now stands. Potts' house in background.



Cloris Leachman, 1st row Junior year. Roosevelt High Yearbook 1941

LONG-TIME RESIDENTS RECALL THE LEACHMAN LUMBER COMPANY

Ben Leachman ran into trouble returning from a pheasant hunt when a pheasant flew into the windshield of his DeSoto, breaking it and resulting in blinding Ben in one eye.

The house at 406 Main Street where Ben, Grace and their family lived is still standing. Ben died in that house. Their previous home at 716 Elm Street is also still there. On West Street, the Leachman Lumber office building is still standing, and DSI Fabrication occupies the footprint of the lumber yard.

There is a story about Dean Wickett, that when he was a prisoner in a German prison camp during World War II, one of his labors was to haul bags of cement. He said he never wanted to do that again in his life. After he came back home and got a job at Leachman Lumber, one of his jobs was to haul cement. Poor Dean!!

Many recall the lumber, coal and other supplies arriving by train at the depot on the west side of town. There were scales on the north side of the lumber yard office.

Ernie and his son Merrill McCuddin were in the construction trade and gave Leachman Lumber a lot of business.

Jean Leachman always wore a cap and had a pencil tucked behind one ear. Jean's wife Ruth was a music teacher at the New Virginia School and was also a member of the Melody Makers singing group. The starting salary for a teacher in about 1961 was \$3,200-\$3,600 per year.

At Halloween, pranksters often hauled wire and other supplies out of the lumber yard and into the street.

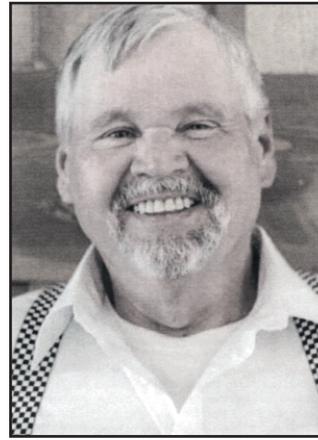
Jean Leachman and Al Beckett enjoyed going fishing together.

Ken Voltmer and Chuck Frederick bought the lumber building after Leachman Lumber closed.

In Years Past...

June 1975

A tornado hit the Vernon Mark farm north of New Virginia. A barn was destroyed, and a garage was damaged.



Charles Dale Hommer was born February 9, 1955 in Osceola, Iowa to Everett Raymond and Kathryn Hommer. He passed away peacefully at his home in Indianola on May 3, 2021. Charlie graduated from I-35 school in 1973 which was a great relief for his parents and the school. From there he went on to have many career paths. He was a farmer, gas & milk truck delivery, heavy equipment operator, bartender, vacuum salesman, UPS & State fair employee, cemetery manager, but his most loved talent was carpentry and pouring concrete with Merlin by his side on almost every project. Over the years, he was bound to teach his wife and kids all the tricks of the trade. At times they felt like grunt laborers but looking back they realized it was all part of the learning process even when one of the girls would break a fingernail. He left his family all with a good work ethic, skills, and ability to continue on their own.

In his younger days he loved sports, which he continued to teach his kids and grand kids. One of his famous sayings was "you run like I do so you better learn to hit the ball over the fence". Charlie had many good times coaching and playing for many years. Charlie took fashion cues from no one. He had many signature orange tee-shirts, cargo shorts, and hundreds of hats. If you stopped by the house or camper you'd better be prepared to see him in an orange tee and boxer shorts "it's my house I will dress like I want"...End of Story. He would never admit it, but he was a State Fair junkie. He was never a big one just to walk about the fair, but he enjoyed hanging out in the campgrounds and working on the famous gate 15. He made the grandkids feel famous because they would ride around with him in the golf cart or gator, and he knew everyone.

Charlie enjoyed camping and sitting around the campfire swapping stories that were at least 90% true. He loved Sprint Car races and would never miss a race in Knoxville. He taught the grandkids funny songs and bad words that they could only say at grandpa's house or at the farm. He never gave up his flip phone but would only answer if in the mood.

Charlie was world-renowned for his lack of patience, not holding back his opinion, and a knack for telling it like it is. He was highly proficient at cursing. He liked four-letter words just about as much as four-wheel drive pick-up trucks. He was generous to a fault, a pussy cat at heart, and yet he sugar-coated absolutely nothing. He touched many lives and will be missed. He will be sadly missed by his wife Cathy, children: Becky (Matt Van Wyk, Brian (Jamie) Hommer and Chelsi (BJ) Charlson all of Indinaola, grandchildren: Brooke, Aiden, Kale, Hudson, Gunner, Eli, Kylie, Faith, Bentley, and Claire, siblings: Tom(Sharon) Hommer of Indianola, Vicki (Merlin, who was also his best friend) Morris of New Virginia, and Don (Deb) Hommer of Lisbon, brothers-in-law; Pat (Lien) Cline of Plainfield, Illinois and Mike (Becky) Cline of Marion, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a special uncle Lynn (Delores) Hommer. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and many other friends and family.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, May 8, 2021 at I.O.O.F Lodge (where Charlie was a member because no church would take him) located at 1202 S Jefferson Way in Indianola. Family was present from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with a service at noon, followed by burial and lunch at the lodge.

In Lieu of flowers, Charlie would like donations to be made to the Pink Tractor Foundation: 16315 20th Ave, St Charles, IA 50240. Donations can also be made directly to the family to purchase a memorial bench.

City Of New Virginia

Council Meeting

Minutes June 7th, 2021

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 7th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the June Council Meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: The pop machine has been placed at the east end of the GAMP Community Building. The Atlantic Bottling Company Representative advised to see how the pop machine in GAMP Park goes over first and then a decision will be made about placement of a machine in Old Settlers Park.

Nelson advised he got a bid for \$1500.00 to install the water service to the Lion's stand in Old Settlers Park. Galivan moved, seconded by Strange to approve the \$1500.00 cost to install water service to the Lion's stand in Old Settlers Park. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. There is a dump truck, wooden side boards and an axle in the way regarding the placement of the water line. Nelson will contact the owner of the dump truck and other items to get them moved.

Felton Street south of Broadway still needs to be worked up to fill in the washout and pot holes.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to approve the storm sewer drainage project in the 800 block of East Street at a cost of \$17,500.00. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The possibility of placing concrete cornhole game boards in Lions Park was discussed. Ron Kirkpatrick would like to place a bench in Lions Park in memory of Marilyn. Two ash trees located along the alley on the north side of the park have died. The trees will be removed to make room for a concrete slab to be placed for the bench to be secured to.

Sharon Ellis at 402 Stansell Street, inquired if the sidewalk on the west and south side can be removed. There are sections on the west side that are upheaved and in very poor condition. The sidewalk will be allowed to be removed due to its poor condition. Ellis will be advised of plans for a future sidewalk project to put the sidewalk back in place. The City has the opportunity to obtain a large 21.2 kilowatt diesel generator free of charge from Everystep Hospice House. The only request is the placement of a plaque stating that the generator was donated to the City from Everystep. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to obtain the generator from Everystep with a plaque to be placed on it stating it was donated by Everystep. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fiber optic lines have been installed by Omnitel up to the west side of town at the intersection of Vermont Street and 38th Avenue. Omnitel's proposed work for 2021 is in areas of the west side of town (see attached map). Sign-ups are key to 2022 extension further into the city limits. To sign up, citizens need to register at connect.omnitel.biz. A \$50.00 deposit is required for a drop to your home. Construction bonuses available only during construction include: free standard installation of any service; no contracts; save \$75.00 with a \$25.00 monthly Internet credit for 3 months; free Omni-Fi premium Wi-Fi router for first 3 months. Prices for high speed Internet, unlimited data are as follows: 50 Mbps \$89.95/mth; 100Mbps \$119.95/mth; 500 Mbps \$159.95/mth; Gigabit (1,000 Mbps) \$219.95/mth. Digital phone with unlimited local calling can be added for \$5.00/mth. Contractors installing the fiber optic lines are held to a one year warranty. OmniTel is willing to remove the old cable TV pedestals. If you have questions, contact the Truro Office at 641-765-4201 or email at questions@omnitel.biz.

If interested, it is of utmost importance and essential that you sign up for the Internet service at connect.omnitel.biz. An agreement regarding the use of public right of way for a fiber optic communications system has been forwarded to the City Attorney. This will have to be approved by resolution which will be drafted by the City Attorney.

Water Utilities discussed: The Council was informed of a water meter issue in the 600 block of Main Street.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of May was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 16 calls for service during the month.

Officers spent in excess of 47 hours in the City for the month. There were no citations and/or warnings written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Proposed IT policies per ICAP, the City's insurance carrier were reviewed. Draft policies for acceptable internet use and passwords continue to be worked on. The Iowa League of Cities will be consulted for assistance with IT policies. The current 2020-21 New Virginia city budget and fund balances were reviewed. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to purchase the SET Smart Earth Technologies Starter Solution package along with extra remote smart shutoff valves. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. General fund potential purchases discussed include an outdoor movie screen, new computer, ADA and regular kybo, freedom rock, resurface basketball court in Lions Park.

Fire Department Business: The search for a good used pickup truck for \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 is underway. The truck will be used as a backup grass truck.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

June 7, 2021

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$33,005.68; Regular Account \$702.58. During the summer months, our rentals are much slower. The youth groups will not be meeting again until fall. With the new CDC guidelines, we are inquiring if the City Council still would like us to sanitize the building after every rental? The pop machine was placed at the GAMP building on May 19th, 2021. The disc golf course will be installed here in the near future. The City has received approval from the DNR to place the disc golf course in GAMP Park.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The New Virginia Playground Committee would like to thank Lane Sturtz & his crew for building the second shelter at the Lions Park. We would also like to thank Dryseal Roofing for their help with our project. This shelter is a wonderful addition to the Park.

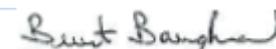
We would also like to thank Prairie Meadows for the \$7,500 grant we received and for working with us on the completion of this project. We will place a memorial tree in honor of Mary Bates at the park in the near future. Placement of this tree is to be determined. Our account balance is \$10,060.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$5527.28. An Art in the Park activity is planned for June 13th that will include music and activities for kids. The banners have arrived and will be placed on the light poles starting June 11th.

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

With no further business to come forth, Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. The July council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. July meeting date – Tuesday July 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

Second Shelter at Lions Park is Completed

As Memorial Weekend comes to an end, so does the completion of the shelter on the south end of the New Virginia Lions Park. The New Virginia Playground Committee would like to thank Lane Sturtz, owner of Sturco Builders, Lonnie and Delaney Harper, Chase Ferris and Leo Galvan for their hard work. Iowa's weather led to some wild workdays with 81 degree temperatures Wednesday giving way to 43 degrees and drizzle on Friday. However, the work continued through Monday, May 31 to complete this project.

We would like to thank the Prairie Meadows Betterment Grant Program for the \$7,500 grant we received. This grant helped fund our shelter project. The New Virginia Playground Committee would also like to thank Steve Savage, Savage Excavating, and Mike Bethards and his crew, MCB Construction, for their contributions to our project as well. We appreciate all of the support we have received to improve this park for the children of our community.

BANANA CAKE - from the Sweets cookbook by Patty Pinner

Cake

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
2 cups granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups cake flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
¾ cup milk
1 ½ cups mashed ripe bananas
1 cup walnuts, finely chopped
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Banana - Cream Cheese Frosting

¼ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter, softened
12 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 ripe banana, mashed
¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 tablespoons cream or milk
1 (1-pound) box confectioners' sugar

Grease and lightly flour three 9-inch round cake pans. Set them aside. To make the cake, cream the butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla extract in a large bowl. Set the bowl aside. In another large bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Add the flour mixture to the butter and sugar mixture, alternating with milk, beginning and ending with the flour mixture. Fold in the bananas. Mix until the batter is smooth. Stir in the walnuts until they are well distributed. Divide the batter evenly into the prepared cake pans. Bake for 25 to 35 minutes, or until the cake springs back when lightly touched. Transfer the layers from the oven to wire racks. Let them cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then unmold them onto the racks to cool completely.

To make the frosting, blend the butter, cream cheese, and banana in a large bowl. Add the nutmeg. Mix well. Add the vanilla extract and the cream. Beat until light and fluffy. In another large bowl, sift the confectioners' sugar. Add the sifted sugar to the cream cheese mixture. Mix well, until fluffy. Keep refrigerated until ready to frost the cake.

Transfer the cake layers, one at a time, to a serving platter. Frost between the layers, on top, and on the sides of the cake.

Note: The pinch of grated nutmeg *makes* the frosting.

When I make this cake, I use a large rectangular pan instead of making a layered cake. Since I never have fresh nutmeg, I use ½ teaspoon of nutmeg from the spice section. And I throw the walnuts on top of the frosting, we love it that way. You can also leave walnuts off a portion of the cake for those people who don't like nuts. Way faster than building a layer cake! Enjoy, it's super good!

VENDOR	CLAIMS REPORT REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$358.57	14167	6/1/2021
ATLANTIC COLCA-COLA BOTTLING C	POP MACHINE PRODUCTS	\$72.86	14175	6/8/2021
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	ADVERTISING ARMY FIRE TRUCK	\$162.90	14168	6/1/2021
D&L ELECTRIC & AUTO SALES	REPAIR LIGHTS FIRE STATION	\$687.46	14177	6/8/2021
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	MOWING EAST SIDE OF GAMP	\$950.00	14179	6/8/2021
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$174.15	14169	6/1/2021
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$140.47	16326177	6/2/2021
IA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSAT	WORKERS COMP	\$4,165.00	14180	6/8/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$267.73	16326178	6/2/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$329.66	16326179	6/2/2021
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$60.00	14181	6/8/2021
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$37.13	14182	6/8/2021
REGISTER MEDIA	PUBLICATIONS AMENDMENTS NOTICE	\$107.61	14170	6/1/2021
STURCO BUILDERS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE SHEL	\$700.00	14189	6/12/2021
T.R.M. DISPOSAL LLC	SPRING CLEAN UP 2021	\$1,102.45	14183	6/8/2021
VERIZON	TELEPHONE	\$151.68	14171	6/1/2021
WARREN CO FIRE/EMS ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES/IAM RESPONDING	\$379.30	14184	6/8/2021
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$940.14	14186	6/8/2021
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$58.19	14187	6/8/2021
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$320.68	14188	6/8/2021
	TOTAL GENERAL	\$11,165.98		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,094.83	14167	6/1/2021
	TOTAL ROAD USE	\$1,094.83		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	14174	6/8/2021
CITY STATE BANK	BANK/COLLECTION FEES	\$17.00	14176	6/8/2021
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$7.80	14178	6/8/2021
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER	\$13.25	14179	6/8/2021
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$151.53	16326177	6/2/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$281.57	16326178	6/2/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$348.22	16326179	6/2/2021
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,030.00	14185	6/8/2021
	TOTAL WATER UTILITES	\$4,974.37		
PAYROLL	GENERAL	\$1,373.84		
	WATER UTILITIES	\$1,443.50		
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Greater Madison County Community Foundation representative, Becky Egli Knight, presented a check for over \$17,000 in grant monies to St. Charles Parks for updating, repairs, and equipment.

The St. Charles City Park is a hub of activity: disc golf, basketball, two separate playgrounds for younger/older ages, base soccer/softball area, the standard swings, slides, merry-go-round, teeter totter and climbers, and newly installed volleyball/badminton, spring riders, hopscotch & 4-Square playing areas. Picnic tables available!

Park patrons appreciate the 2020 addition of the restrooms! Families have begun requesting, via Facebook (St. Charles Parks), to reserve the shelter area for birthdays, anniversaries, and other events.

Updated Rental Rates!

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More than 7,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the Dean's List for the 2021 spring semester.

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The family of Mark S. Belieu would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, thoughts, and love they have shown our family. A special Thank You to those who donated to Mark's Memorial

The Belieu Family

New Virginia Fireworks & New Virginia Old Settlers DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR NEW VIRGINIA FIREWORKS & FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR 125TH NEW VIRGINIA OLD SETTLERS CELEBRATION IN 2022

The Saturday evening fireworks are a big part of our Old Settlers Celebration. We still need donations to pay for the 2021 fireworks. We are also beginning to fundraise for 2022 which will be the 125th New Virginia Old Settlers. Please start to donate now so we can have a really big celebration next year. 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-Old-Settlers> You can also donate to the New Virginia Fireworks fund at City State Bank. You may also mail a check to donate to either the celebration or the fireworks fund to:

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New Virginia, IA, St Charles, IA, Truro, IA

Olivia Carlson, 3, Finance
Bailey Carla Hauge, 3, Food Science (AGLS)
Jamie Grace Smith, 2, Communication Studies
James Mason Cassady, 3, Management
Hunter Ryan Blum, 4, Animal Ecology
Derrick Stowers, 4, Psychology
Carissa L. Albers, 4, Journalism and Mass Communication
Christina Brown, 3, Environmental Science (AGLS)
Madelyne Jessica Feldmann, 4, Elementary Education
Lauren Christine Hagen, 3, Communication Studies
Kate Ann Jaros, 4, Biological Systems Engineering

Keann Marie Williamson, 3, Design Undeclared
Blake Ryan Clark, 4, Horticulture
Jenna Christine Fisher, 3, Early Childhood Ed.
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What's happening at the New Virginia Public Library?

Every Wednesday Afternoon at 2 p.m. is Cribbage!

Every Third Wednesday at 4pm is Book Club!

The Library is now a member of the AmazonSmile program!

We have many puzzles for children and adults for checkout!

Take and Makes Every Tuesday at 5 p.m.!

Special Programs Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.!

New Books This Month

The President's Daughter by James Patterson

The Bullet by Iris Johansen

Golden Girl by Elin Hilderbrand

Target Acquired by Tom Clancy

Check our Facebook page for updates on upcoming activities!

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THANK YOU!

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed in any way to the charitable work of the Madison Warren Ecumenical Association over the past year. Your contributions of food and non-food items, as well as monetary contributions, enabled us to give to the Food Pantries at both Interstate 35 and Martensdale/St. Marys Community Schools. In addition, we have donated \$1,600 to each of the schools, \$1,100 to Jesus' Right Hand Ministries in New Virginia and \$500 to 99 Ways which is a ministry devoted to reaching out to children and adults across Iowa to share the truth of God's love for each person. The elementary youth program, Hiz Kidz, is a program of 99 Ways that meets weekly during the school year at Interstate 35. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated.

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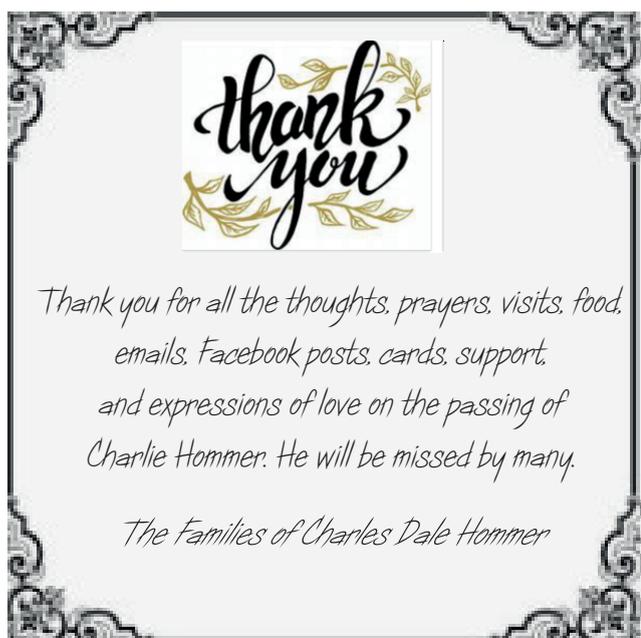
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Those Who Served



Norville Huston graduated from Interstate 35 in 1970 and joined the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Airman First Class. Norville trained in Environmental Control Systems, A/C, Heat and O2. Norville was assigned to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, SAC Headquarters, and 55th Maintenance Squadron. Offutt Air Force Base now houses the 55th Wing, 55th Weather Wing, US Strategic Command, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, 585 Command and Control Group, and the Heartland of America Band. Nearby in Ashland, Nebraska, is the SAC & Aerospace Museum.

The Air Force mission is to “fly, fight and win.” The 55th Mission is to “Provide dominant intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, electronic warfare and nuclear command and control to national leadership and warfighters...anytime and place.”

Norville’s military awards include the Vietnam Service Medal and two Presidential Unit Citations.

Norville owns and operates Huston’s Repair, is the Mayor of New Virginia and is on the NV Fire Department. Norville’s advice is to “get involved, volunteer, help your community be a better place.”

If you would like the Tri-Corner-Express community to know about your time in military service or a family member’s time, please contact Mel Stills at msstills@windstream.net or call 515 360-2873.



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

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In Years Past...

June 1975

Winston Churchill is reported to have said: Dogs look up to people, cats look down on people, but pigs treat people as equals.

Happy 4th of July!



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Happy Birthday Lonnie Baughman June 26th!

CITY OF ST CHARLES

SCOS 2021- Spirit of Adventure

We have experienced a different world for the last 15 months- give or take a few. Many of us stayed at home and restricted activities outside of our homes. Many continued to work and live as they had been without any quarantining or social distancing. However you chose to manage the pandemic, life was different. Things are now getting back to "normal" and we can go and do things that were not available to us. Our spirit of adventure has been awakened and we are looking for things to do again. Come join us at St. Charles Old Settlers and celebrate your spirit of adventure.

We will be returning to our full two-day schedule beginning on Friday evening. Eat dinner with the Lions Club and enjoy dessert with the St. Charles Parish. Official events begin 6:30 p.m. with the flag ceremony, a new event – Kids Pet Show, followed by coronation of our 2021 King and Queen- Anne and Perry Johnson. The Quilt of Valor presentation ceremony to honor some of our local military vets will follow. A Luv the Locals Expose is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meet some of our local businesses and entrepreneurs and celebrate their spirit of adventure. They are in your "back yard" or maybe just down the street. Enjoy some of Remington Taxidermy's exotic pets. The evening will cap off with music by the Treyor Wood Band.

Get your Saturday off to a great start by enjoying breakfast hosted by the St. Charles Community Foundation. Then hurry down to the Imes Bridge for the 1K/5K Fun RUN/Walk or the city park for a little 3 on 3 basketball. Cribbage starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Lions Hall and free Yoga in the Park will be available for all at 9:30 a.m. Come try it out. A popular event with the kids is the pedal tractor pull. Kids 4-13 may participate with kids their own age, maybe qualify for the state event. The Old Settlers Show & Shine event returns this year sponsored by Pit Performance from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Main Street. All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome. Please pre-register at scoscarshow@gmail.com.

The afternoon will feature the SOCO bags tournament, a Disc Golf Tournament at the city park sponsored by the I-35 Booster Club, inflatable UFO, games and activities for the kids. To cool off the kids, go where adventure is just a page away. Join the Discover your Adventure activity at the library. Also, 10c Bingo in the Lions Hall.

The evening will begin with the parade starting at the city park. Show your "Spirit of Adventure" with a large float, small float or walking/bicycle entry. Prizes will be awarded for theme interpretation. The evening continues with Cow Pie Bingo, announcement of event winners and entertainment in the park. We will also honor Mae Hulbert, our 2021 Old Settlers Button Honoree and introduce her family. Talking about Mae is a great segway to our fireworks display. She was a firecracker and would love the celebration being topped off with the fireworks display sponsored by St. Charles businesses. The fireworks display will be at the Avenue of the Saints Amphitheater at approximately 9:30 p.m. Following the fireworks, the Talk Shop Lounge will have live music by Dave Watson for everyone's enjoyment. Stick around and celebrate with friends old and new.

In addition to the inflatable's and kiddie rides by the Lions, the SCOS committee has booked something new for Saturday evening- the mechanical bull and inflatable axe throwing. Give these events a try. How adventurous are you? The ever-popular Mrs. Benedict Coloring Contest will be back. Watch for details.

We have titled our silent auction event "Suitcases and Stuff". Local artists have decorated or repurposed vintage suitcases and the committee has added some fun things inside each of them to pique your interest and take you on an adventure. This event along with Cow Pie Bingo are the only two events that generate money for next year's event. Help us out and participate.

We hope you will come and enjoy the weekend with us. Celebrate your spirit of adventure. There are activities for everyone. Life is always subject to change and so is SCOS so please check out the schedule for times and specifics. You can also like us on Facebook or go to our website for updated information www.scoldsettlers.org.



Luv the Locals Expose

Meet some of our local businesses and appreciate what St. Charles has to offer their community. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Old Settlers Park. For more info Reach out to scos@myomnitel.com



Kids Pet Show- Adventure of the Heart

Animals inspire adventures. Ages 4 to 14 are welcome 3 classes- dogs, cats and miscellaneous. Prizes awarded. Must be knowledgeable about pet for judge. Tricks welcome. Registration by July 15. Forms are at library or Montross.



Parade- Show your Spirit of Adventure

Register at 5:30 p.m. at City Park.
Cash Prizes for Theme interpretation
Large Floats/ Small Floats/Walking & Bikes



Silent Auction. Old suitcases

Decorated for auction. Fun surprises inside.
Available for bidding all weekend. Final bids
Taken at 8:30 p.m. SCOS Fundraiser.



SOCO Bags Tournament

Registration at 11:00 a.m. Bags fly at noon Market St.
\$40 per team. contact socobaggers@yahoo.com
Two pools of play- payouts for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each.



Disc Golf Tournament

Registration at 12:30 p.m. at City Park
\$15 per person/cash prizes for 1,2nd & 3rd.
Bring your own discs if possible.
Sponsored by I-35 Booster Club



1K/5K Fun Run/Walk

8:00 a.m. Start and finish at Imes Covered Bridge
5K individual-\$25/ 1K individual-\$15//Teams of 5 \$15 each
Register by July 1 to get t-shirt
<http://getmeregistered.com/StCharlesOldSettlers5K>
Proceeds to St. Charles Fire Department



Cow Pie Bingo.

Purchase a \$5 chance for \$200 Casey's Gift Card.
If the Cow plops on your square you win!



Fireworks at Avenue of the Saints Amphitheater.
Fireworks are sponsored by local St. Charles area businesses.

Music to follow at Talk Shop Lounge.

St. Charles Reminder

PLEASE KEEP YOUR GRASS
OFF THE ROAD!

Blowing your grass clippings onto
the roadway can clog storm drains,
cause flooding and is dangerous for
motorcycles.

Please keep your
clippings on your lawn.
Thank you!



Old Settlers Show and Shine

Show on Main St. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./\$10 fee
Pre-registration at scoscarshow@gmail.com
Sponsored by PitStop Performance



Cribbage Tournament

All ages. BYO Board. \$10 entry fee.
½ fees paid out in prizes ½ to St. Charles Fire Dept.
9:00 a.m. Lions Hall



Explore your Spirit of Adventure

Adventure is just a page away! Read aloud stories,
crafts and family fun at 2 p.m. at the SC Public Library
Children under 4 must be accompanied by adult.



Pedal Tractor Pull

10:00 a.m. Saturday morning/ Market St- in front of school
Ages 2-13 can participate. Ages 4-13 can qualify for state
Free will donation. Bring a lawn chair.



St. Charles All Class Reunion

Calvary Baptist Church- Saturday 2-5:00 p.m.
Enjoy old friends and reconnect with new.



3 on 3 Basketball

Girls & Boys teams of all ages/ \$5 per person
Three brackets- 9th grade & up, 5th-8th and 4th & under.
Fees paid out for prizes. Get your teams together

135th Old Settlers Celebration, July 16-18, 2021
Old Settlers- Spirit of Adventure

Friday, July 16

- 5:00 p.m. Lions Food Stand Opens - Closes at 9:00 p.m.
Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts-by St. Charles Parish in the shelter house
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Rides & Activities Open
- 6:30 p.m. Flag Ceremony Old Settlers Park
Luv the Locals Expose** Old Settlers Park
Kids Pet Show ** Old Settlers Park
- 7:30 p.m. King & Queen Coronation- Old Settlers Park
Quilts of Valor Recognition- Old Settlers Park
- 8:00 p.m. Treyor Wood Band until 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 17

- 7:00 a.m. SCCF Breakfast- St. Charles Parish Hall serving until 10:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. 1K/5K Fun Run/Walk- Imes Bridge**
3 on 3 Basketball- City Park**
- 9:00 a.m. Cribbage Tournament- Lions Hall BYO Board**
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga in the Park- All are welcome. Old Settlers Park
- 10:00 a.m. Pedal Tractor Pull- Market St. in front of school**
Old Settlers Show & Shine-Main Street **
- 11:00 a.m. Lions Food Stand Opens- closes at 9:00 p.m.
Ice Cream & Homemade Desserts- serving until 9:00 p.m. (St. Charles Parish)
Kids Rides & Activities Open
- 12 Noon Bags Tournament- hosted by SoCo Baggers, In front of school **
- 1:00 p.m. Disc Golf Tournament- hosted by I-35 Booster Club, City Park **
- 2:00 p.m. Discover your Adventure- St. Charles Library **
St. Charles Alumni Open House- Calvary Baptist Church
- 3:00 p.m. 10¢ Bingo- Lions Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Parade-Spirit of Adventure 5:00 p.m. registration at City Park **
- 6:45 p.m. Cow Pie Bingo- Chances available until 6:30 p.m. Old Settlers Park **
- 7:00 p.m. Bingo
- 7:30 p.m. Old Settlers Program- Button Honoree, Parade winners announced, Entertainment
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks- Avenue of the Saints Amphitheatre
Food & Entertainment at Talk Shop Lounge **

Sunday, July 18

- 9:45 a.m. Community Worship Service- Coffee & Donuts to follow

Old Settlers King and Queen- Perry & Anne Johnson
Button Honorees- Mae Hulbert
Silent Auction-

** Designates more info on back or at website

Like St Charles Old Settlers on FACEBOOK Or WWW.SCOLDSETTLERS.ORG
All times and events are subject to change

NEWS & EVENTS

1. St. Charles Old Settlers Celebration will take place July 16th and 17th.
2. Big Country Bash will be at the Avenue of the Saints Amphitheater on July 2nd & 3rd.
3. Grimes asphalt is planning to be in town for road construction in June, weather permitting. A list of the construction projects can be found at City Hall.
4. Anyone wanting to reserve the City Park Shelter House please call City Hall at 641-396-2545. We have several dates that have already been reserved. A list of reserved dates can be viewed on the St. Charles Parks Facebook page, under events.

An Open Letter to Our Patrons,

Welcome back to the St. Charles Public Library!

This past year's challenges have been significant. But the light is at the end of the tunnel, and we are looking for a return to "normal!" Since 1992, the St. Charles Library has served the citizens of St. Charles and surrounding areas. Now, more than ever, our community relies on the Library for Internet services, research materials, and engaging entertainment.

***We add new books to our collection every month.** We take recommendations from our patrons and add new favorites that appeal to our community.

***We work to provide updated technology** to support our communities' requested needs. *We increased our wireless capabilities and added new computer workstations, wireless printers and **e-readers for check-out.** We have e-books in our collection, as well as an online catalog to better serve our community.

***We have a reading/conversation area for teens and young adults.** Our **children's space features a whimsical reading house** complete with blackboard for writing messages and a puppet theater for retelling favorite stories. **Comfortable chairs and a place to congregate have established the St. Charles Library as a more welcoming and inviting place for patrons of all ages!**

***This summer, we collaborated with the St. Charles Park and Rec group to provide a summer camp for neighborhood children.** At the suggestions of the Old Settlers Committee, we adopted the 2021 "Adventure Theme" and are inspiring young readers to discover their own adventure through books!

***The Library has a significant collection of articles and artifacts featuring the history of St. Charles and its earliest citizens.** Displays of hundred-year-old school yearbooks and class photos are on display now.

Since opening in 1999, the St. Charles Public Library has worked to be a more visible, more valuable presence in the community. **Now, we invite YOU to come on back and check out what is happening at the St. Charles Public Library!**

Hope to see you soon!

St. Charles Public Library Staff and Board of Trustees

**St. Charles Public Library
St. Charles, IA**

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Sun: 1-5 pm
Mon: 10 am-6 pm
Tues: Noon-8 pm
Thurs: Noon-8 pm
Sat: 9 am-noon

SC Library is partnering with the Park and Rec Department to offer a free 'Summer Camp' for kids ages 5 to 11. Sessions will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning June 8.

Stay tuned for registration information next month in the Tri-Corner-Express or contact the SC Library for more details.

4-H PROUD

Virginia Boosters 4-H Club News

Written by Abby Fantz, Reporter

The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their May 12 meeting at 7:00 PM in the Lions Hall.

Hanna Bedwell called the meeting to order at 7:00. Roll call was 'What is your favorite subject in school?' Brady Streeter gave the Secretary's report and Hanna Bedwell read the Treasurer's report.

Old business was discussing the upcoming club tour. The committee told the club what they had planned. The club tour will be on Wednesday, June 9 at 5:00 PM before their meeting. The club will go around to the houses of club members to allow members to show off their livestock projects. The route has yet to be determined. At the end of the tour, the club will go to Hickory Hills and hold their June meeting there.

The review of the monthly county newsletter started out the new business, sparking conversation about the upcoming dates and the many workshops available to 4Hers. The YQCA deadline (June 1), livestock ID deadline (May 15), the date for the Warren County Fair (July 28-August 2), and many workshops available to 4Hers were discussed. The club finished up the new business by discussing a club achievement show. In the past, the club had had a judge come and offer tips and advice on their static projects. It had proven very helpful, so the club decided to do it again this year.

Abby Fantz led the 4-H Pledge. Brady Streeter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brianna Fantz seconded.

Unfortunately, the club did not have any presenters this month because of various conflicts.

The host for this meeting was Brady Streeter.

The next meeting is on June 9 at Hickory Hills after the farm tour. The presentations will be done by Abby Fantz, Mackenzie Loomis, Hazel Helm, and Rosemary Seward. The club will be having a pizza party. Have a good day!

125 YEARS OF NEW VIRGINIA OLD SETTLERS

2022 will mark the 125th Anniversary of New Virginia Old Settlers. The Tri-Corner-Express is asking our readers to submit past articles, pictures, memories, etc. of past celebrations. Our intent is to publish something about Old Settlers each month for the entire year in 2022.

Please send your submissions to P.O. Box 302, New Virginia, IA 50210
or email to tricorner@newvirginia.com.

Thanks for helping make next year a memorable one!



Drake University Announces Spring 2021 President's List

New Virginia, IA - Ally Bedwell



HOW MANY TOMATOES?



Mel and Sue Stills recently had a visit from a friend from Napoleon, Ohio, Jim Durham. He is an 80-year-old native of that town and describes himself as a 200-acre tomato farmer. Jim's acreage is leased by Kurtz Farms, Inc. in nearby Malinta, Ohio. In addition to tomatoes, corn and soybeans are also raised on Jim's land. The crops are rotated for maximum fertility and avoidance of crop disease, with five years elapsing between tomato crops.

In the fall of the year, the crop land is tilled, then leveled and sprayed for weeds in the spring. Depending on the temperature and the wetness of the fields, tomato planting is ideally begun in the first week or second week of May and completed by the 12th of June. Differing varieties of tomatoes are planted with the goal of sequential ripening. Jim states that the tomato plants come from a grower in Georgia and are about eight inches high upon arrival. The roots are wrapped in a dissolvable plastic.

The tomatoes are planted by a newly received machine manufactured in Belgium. The plants are loaded by hand into the planter which is pulled by a tractor that operates by GPS. It runs at 4.5 mph and plants two double rows at a time, with 60 inches between the rows and about 12 inches between each plant. Jim says that the old planter that was used previously moved at a rate of .6 mph. So the planting is done more efficiently these days. Fertilizing and weeding are done throughout the growing season.

The tomatoes are harvested from about August 4 into mid-October. The harvesting machine picks a double row of tomatoes at a time, shaking the tomatoes loose from the vines and onto a conveyor belt, then depositing them into a tub. The capacity of the tub is 11 tons of tomatoes. At the same time, a sensor on the machine separates the green tomatoes and dirt clods and discharges them onto the ground, while the leaves and vines are chopped up in another operation and shot onto the ground. A good harvest year will yield 44 tons of tomatoes per acre, at about \$100 per ton. The tomatoes are bought by Red Gold, Inc. in Elwood, Indiana, and are canned.

Jim Durham is an interesting man whom we met at Sue's great-niece's wedding reception in Skaneateles, NY in 2017. Sue's niece Jennifer hosted the reception for her daughter and her new husband, and Jim has continued to be a friendly, grandfatherly presence in Jennifer's life. Jim and Mel found a "kindred spirit" in each other... a couple of old farmers. Jim calls Mel occasionally, especially in the spring, asking how the morel mushroom hunting is going. Jim is a widower with one daughter, two grandchildren and a restored 1957 Ford tractor. He served three years in the Army and has lived in Napoleon all his life. Napoleon is a town of 8,749, southwest of Toledo, Ohio. Mel and Sue enjoyed Jim's visit and have been invited to visit him whenever we travel through Ohio.

Pack and Troop 119 Funnel Cakes are back at New Virginia & St. Charles Old Settlers!

See you Soon!!

New Virginia Old Settlers 2021
“Let’s Just Have Some Fun in 2021”
July 9, 10 and 11, 2021

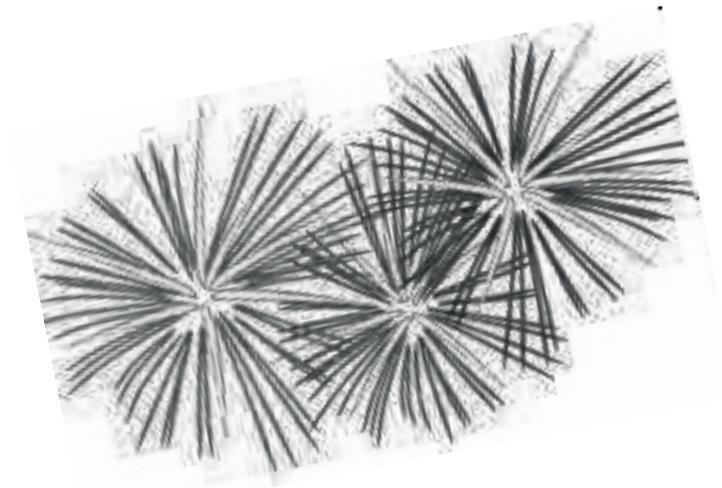


Friday, July 9

5:00 p.m. Vendors open in the park
5:45 p.m. Close off West Street for Kiddie Parade
6:00 p.m. Kiddie Parade line up at Fire Station
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm Lion’s stand is open
6:30 p.m. Kiddie Parade on West Street begins
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm Water slide is open
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm Bingo in the Lion’s Hall
7:00 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Competition begins in Lion’s Park (behind gas station)
Honoring of the Volunteer of the Year, Crowning of King and Queen, Crowning of Little Miss and Mister New Virginia, and announcing of Kiddie Parade winners at Intermission of Show.
9:00 p.m. to Midnight- Street Dance with DJ on West Street
(NO UNDERAGE DRINKING ALLOWED. ALL PERSONS 21 YEARS AND OLDER WILL NEED TO GET A WRIST BAND IN ORDER TO DRINK ALCOHOL AT THE STREET DANCE)

Saturday, July 10

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at New Virginia Legion Hall by Legion Post 281
9:00 a.m. Saddle Club Show at the Saddle Club grounds on East Street
10:00 a.m. Kids Races start on West Street (bring bikes, tricycles, and tennis shoes)
11:00 a.m. Tribute to Allis Chalmers and Reed Implement on the Reed Implement Lot
11:00 a.m. Vendors open in Old Settler’s Park
11:00 a.m. Friends & Families Games in Lion’s Park (behind gas station) Water balloon games.
11:00 a.m. Water slide opens (Hours 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm Car Show Registration on West Street
12:00 noon to 10:00 pm Lion’s stand is open
1:00 p.m. Car show starts
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm Bingo in the Lion’s Hall
4:00 p.m. Car Show Winners Announced at the shelter house
4:00 p.m. Close off streets for parade route
5:00 p.m. Parade sign up begins (West of New Virginia old School)
6:00 p.m. Parade begins starting at New Virginia old School
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm Bingo in the Lion’s Hall
7:00 p.m. Saturday Night in the Park in the Lion’s Park (behind the gas station) Announcements
7:15 p.m. Galen and Stephanie Briggs family band in Lion’s Park
8:30 p.m. Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony in Lion’s Park
9:00 p.m. to Midnight Street Dance with Whiskey Bizkit on West Street
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10:00 pm Fireworks display by Viking Pyrotechnics Inc.



Sunday, July 11

7:30 am to 10:30 am Masonic Lodge Breakfast at Lion’s Stand in Old Settlers Park
10:30 am Old Fashioned Church Service/Old Settlers Park; Open to all denominations
(Bring Lawn Chairs- if inclement weather service will be held in the Lions shelter)

Thank you to all the businesses and residents who support The New Virginia Old Settler’s Celebration. All times and events are subject to change due to Covid-19 Guidelines. Watch for updates on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/oldsettlersnv/>





Keep your trees healthy for generations to come

June 9, 2021, 8:30 am | Jeffery Iles

AMES, Iowa — Iowans continue to deal with and recover from the impact of the derecho that swept through the state a year ago this August. The massive loss of trees — over 80,000 in Cedar Rapids alone — coupled with the spread of the emerald ash borer across the state, prompted many citizens to plant and now care for freshly planted trees. But new trees, with smaller, less-extensive root systems, will be challenged in the weeks to come, according to Jeff Iles, professor and chair in horticulture at Iowa State.

Temperatures are expected to ramp into the 90s, with little to no rain forecast for much of the state. Trees, especially those planted over the last several years, will need supplemental irrigation, and now's the time to make a plan to help them through the summer.

But how much, when and where to deliver water remains a difficult question to answer. In fact, variables such as soil type, tree species, the presence or absence of mulch, and occurrence and timing of natural rainfall all influence watering practices. With that said, these generalized recommendations will help young and not-quite established trees get through this hot, dry period:

- Newly-planted trees and shrubs may require supplemental watering one to three times each week during the first few months after planting.
- Daily irrigation may be required during exceptionally hot and dry weather, and especially for plants that were container-grown.
- With moderating temperatures and some rainfall, and as plants become established, one supplemental watering each week may be sufficient.
- Amount? 2-4 gallons of water/inch of trunk is a good estimate. Another useful recommendation is one gallon/sq. ft. of soil surface within and slightly beyond the tree canopy.
- In subsequent years (and depending upon local weather conditions) frequency of supplemental irrigation can be scaled back.
- Initially, water should be applied directly over the existing root system. As roots grow and expand their network, the area to be watered must be enlarged as well. After one year of growth in the landscape, roots can easily grow as wide as the developing branch spread/canopy.
- Applying a layer of organic mulch (2-3 inches deep) over the developing root system will help conserve soil moisture, reduce competition from other vegetation, and keep mowers and other lawn maintenance equipment away from sensitive bark tissue.

"You did a great thing by planting a tree or several trees. But your work isn't done. Protect your investment with important and much needed supplemental irrigation. Your trees will thank you as will countless, nameless visitors who will visit and enjoy your trees, for years and generations to come," Iles said.

For more information about caring for plants during dry weather, visit the ISU Extension and Outreach Horticulture and Home Pest News site



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Program funding provided by the Winterset Public Library

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Summer Solstice 2021

Sunday, June 20

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.**

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



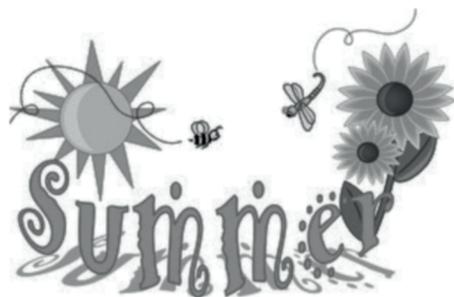
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July 2021

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5	INDIANOLA MEAL SITE 515-961-1155	MARTENSDALE MEAL SITE 641-764-2736	8	9 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham California Blend Vegetables Cantaloupe Banana Bar
CLOSED	6 Egg Salad Sandwich Green Pepper Coleslaw Banana Lemon Bar	7 Hamballs with Glaze Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream Green Beans Sweet Cherries	15 Taco Salsa Fiesta Corn Peaches Tapioca Pudding	16 Cook's Choice
12 Steak & Brown Gravy Mashed Potatoes Zucchini & Tomatoes Cinnamon Applesauce Pumpkin Bar	13 Hamburger Noodle Casserole Lima Beans Yogurt Blueberry Bar	14 Oven Fried Chicken Pea Salad Fresh Spinach Salad Watermelon	22 Tuna Pattie Dill Potato Creamed Peas/Carrots 1/2 Banana Cranberry Cake with Butter Sauce	23 Cook's Choice
19 Park Tenderloin on Bun Red Potatoes Coleslaw Strawberries	20 French Toast Bake Western Omelet Yogurt Banana Orange Salad	21 Chicken Mashed Sweet Potatoes California Vegetables Pears & Cranberry Salad	29 Beef & Cheese Sandwich Broccoli Scalloped Potatoes Tropical Fruit	30 Cook's Choice
26 Porcupine Meatballs Steak Fries Asparagus Fruit & Cottage Cheese	27 Chicken Alfredo Brussel Sprouts w/Cheese Whipped Fruit Salad Caramel Apple Crisp	28 Taco Dinner Carrot Raisin Salad Plums	29 Lemon Pepper Fish Sweet Potato Corn Strawberries Gelatin Poke Cake	30 Cook's Choice

*Milk offered with all meals. All meals meet 1/3 of the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for older adults.

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Master Gardener Training 2021 to Be Offered Online

Training will include 17 online modules for participants

Winterset, Iowa—04/29/2021 – The application window is opening for this year's Master Gardener training, which will be offered 100% online in the fall.

A total of 17 educational modules will be offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, on topics that include houseplants, pollinators, vegetables and perennial flowers. Each course module includes a book chapter, lecture video, online discussion board and a quiz. Applicants have from March 1 through July 1 to apply. Apply and [learn more about the program online](#).

"We have set up the course so that participants can work through the book chapters and online materials at their own pace, on their own time," said Susan DeBlieck, Master Gardener program coordinator with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Participants will connect on online discussion forums to share ideas about how they plan to volunteer and what they are learning about plants." Examples of Master Gardener volunteer projects include building partnerships to increase pollinator habitat in the community, maintaining demonstration gardens at county fairgrounds, and donating fresh produce to food pantries.

Iowa State has offered Master Gardener training for over 40 years, engaging more than 15,000 people in learning about gardening best practices. This year, the course is being offered online via Canvas.

The fee is \$195 and covers materials. Participants will need to pass a background check to participate. After completing the Master Gardener Training, participants have 13 months to complete 40 volunteer hours.

There is one open-book test at the end of the course that participants will need to pass to complete the course and receive their certificate. Iowans who want professional development training for their job and who do not plan to volunteer can participate in the ProHort option, for a fee of \$550. No background check is required for this option.

The full color Master Gardener Training book, the "[Resource Guide](#)," is available in the Iowa State University Extension store for \$39. It includes go-to tables such as bloom time of favorite perennials and best shrubs for wildlife.

For more information, DeBlieck can be reached at 515-294-6764, or deblieck@iastate.edu.

10 AMAZING Facts for the

4 T H O F J U L Y

1

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national animal but was out-voted when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the bald eagle.



The stars on the original American flag were arranged in a circle to ensure that all colonies were represented equally.

2



4



Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day: July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



3

John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until later.

5

History's first submarine attack took place in New York Harbor in 1776.



6



There were no fireworks on July 4, 1776, but there were fireworks 1 year later, on July 4, 1777. This was still 6 years before Americans knew whether the new nation would survive the war.

7



George Washington was the best spymaster in American History! He ran espionage rings in British-held areas and he was a genius at misinformation. He constantly befuddled the British by leaking, through double agents, inflated reports of the strength of his army.

8



Washington was robust man with a seeming immunity to disease and bullets. In one encounter in the French and Indian War, he absorbed 4 bullets in his coat and hat and had 2 horses shot from under him without any injury to himself.

9



The United States of America won its independence despite the fact that the British Army was established, experienced, disciplined, and trained and the American army was not. In addition to this, the British Army had ample quantities of powder, guns, and clothing and the American Army was not well supplied.

10

The song "Yankee Doodle" was sung originally by British officers making fun of backwoods Americans.



Critter Corner

Bull Breeding Soundness Exams

Before turning out your bull to the breeding herd, it's always best to know that he's giving you the best chance of being successful the subsequent calving season. In order to know how fertile a bull is, a Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) must be conducted. The exam verifies that the reproductive tract of the bull is intact and healthy, that his semen is vigorous, and it even ensures that his feet are sound. Bulls that pass a BSE are sound and ready to breed females in the breeding herd. This gives the producer the best chance of having bred females and calves the subsequent calving season.

The first thing I examine in a BSE is the soundness of the bull's feet and how athletic the bull appears to be. A bull that is overly conditioned will not be in good enough shape to breed the most females possible. A bull will pass this part of the BSE if he's mobile and he's in the Body Condition Score range of 4-7.

Next, I examine the soundness of the bull's reproductive tract. Every gland and all reproductive tissue must be smooth and without abnormalities. It's common that bulls will get Vesiculitis which is an infection in the seminal vesicles which can lead to decreased fertility. It's also common that bulls can get lacerations on their sheath, which can prevent them from physically being able to breed females. The bull will pass this section if everything palpates normally.

The next step in the BSE is to examine the health and fertility of the bull's semen. The sample needs to be looked at with the naked eye and microscopically to ensure fertility. Under the microscope I look at the motility and vigor of the cells as well as the morphology. At least 70% of the cells should have a forward motility with good vigor and I like for the morphology (shape) to be around 70% at minimum. The most common reason bulls fail this section of the BSE is due to poor motility. Bulls with nonmotile cells will fail to breed and settle females.

If bulls pass all sections of their BSE, they are deemed as satisfactory potential breeders at time of exam. These bulls can then be turned out with females so they can do their job. In most cases a sound, experienced bull can cover up to 25 females in one breeding season. Yearling or younger bulls can usually cover around 15 females.

Contributed by Dr. Dakota Hottle

New Iowa Soil Evaluation and Judging Guides Available

Handbook and scorecard used in soil contests are newly updated. Understanding soils and factors that affect them are key to some of the biggest decisions Iowans will make.

Farmers, gardeners, and home and business owners can all benefit by improving their knowledge of the land beneath their feet. To help with this effort, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has updated its popular "Soil Judging in Iowa" handbook and the "Iowa Soil Judging Scorecard." The handbook helps readers understand the properties of different soils and make good recommendations for land use. The handbook covers surface features and slope, soil features and the soil profile, land capability and productivity, evaluation of land use and management practices and suitability of soils for nonagricultural use.

Visit the ISU Extension and Outreach



In Years Past...

June 1975

Prize winners at the drawing at the new firehouse included a 2-minute shopping spree that collected \$116.00 worth of items for Gene Scrivner. Loyd Green got a second-place ticket. He had 2 minutes to shop all he could carry in his arms, and he netted \$28.00 worth of items.

Hello friends,

Are you finding it difficult at times to keep yourselves encouraged enough to move forward? Do you know others who need encouragement just to get through the day? Sometimes we just feel as if we need a word of encouragement, maybe even hoping at times that someone is praying for us. However, there is a way that we can encourage ourselves if we will just get quiet and think on the good things. It says in Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things." We have the power to work toward encouraging ourselves if we will do just that; think on those things. There is a scripture that tells us to be still and know that He is God. By faith we can believe that God hears and answers our prayers. We can all experience that power of faith working in our lives if we would just not get overly concerned and revert back to what has worked for us before. God does not change. He longs to hear our prayers and knows if we are truly sincere in our requests to Him. He also knows what is best for us. It is so good to have a relationship with God and just talk to Him openly. Then we can believe, by faith, that He has heard us and are confident that He loves us very much and also wants the best for us. We should end then by praising God for all He does for us and let Him know how much we love Him. Remember, it all begins with God. He is the only way, and He hears every prayer and longs to satisfy your needs. All we have to do is ask and believe by faith, and it will be answered.

By the time you are reading this, Jesus' Right Hand will have transitioned back into welcoming everyone into our building for the Fresh Food Giveaway every Monday from 1-3 p.m. Our target date for this was set for June 14th for the food, and on June 21st we will be opening up our clothing closets once again. It has been a long 15 months of separation from those who come to us each week. Although the drive-thru operation met the physical needs of anyone who came, it was sorely lacking in meeting the emotional and mental needs of everyone involved. Jesus' Right Hand is a "People Who Love Center," and there was always something missing in our hearts during this time of separation, especially for those who worked behind the scenes filling the boxes and bags that were placed in your vehicles. We are so excited to interact face-to-face once again, being able to minister and pray with those who need it and to give those wonderful hugs after so long.

We have learned a lot in the past 15 months, especially when working together with other agencies and ministries to help each other through the pandemic crisis. We have learned that New Virginia and the surrounding rural communities are considered a "food desert." The definition of a food desert is an area that has limited access to affordable and nutritious food. Here in New Virginia, the closest grocery store that has fresh produce, meat and dairy products is in Osceola, which is over 12 miles away, and it makes access to these items difficult for people with transportation, physical or financial issues in their life.

With this being said, we want to encourage EVERYONE in our area to access the wonderful selection of food items we have available on Monday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. during the Fresh Food Giveaway. Please don't feel like you are taking away food from someone who needs it. If you only need a dozen eggs or a gallon of milk, and it is available at that time, we welcome you to come in to see us. If you don't have any fresh fruit or veggies, and it will help out, please come see us. We even have beautiful flowers to brighten your day! God provides our bounty each and every week through very generous donors and other sources, and we have NEVER run out of food to serve the needs of the community. There are no income or residency requirements to come and see us. If you are curious and want to see what Jesus' Right Hand is all about, please come see us and find out! We are here for our community, for the surrounding area, and for whoever comes to us for whatever reason. You will be pleasantly surprised!

Be encouraged by the hope that God gives us. He loves us all more than we can ever think or imagine with a love that is unconditional and unending. And so do we!

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Kids Art Workshop June 24th at 10 a.m.

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We have puzzles and Large Print books for checkout!

Check out this month's new books!

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Check us out on Facebook for any updates!

www.truro.lib.ia.us

Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

"CANDLE WITH CARE"

- 1 Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- 2 Keep candles at least 1 foot (30 centimeters) away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach. In a locked cabinet.



FACTS

- 1 December is the peak month for home candle fires.
- 1 More than one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- 1 Three of every five candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.



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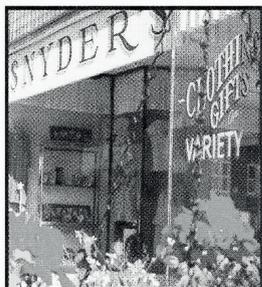
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Trevor Thornburgh named to University of Iowa president's list for 2021 Spring semester - June 9, 2021

Trevor Thornburgh of New Virginia, IA was among the more than 1,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the president's list for the 2021 spring semester.

Thornburgh is a third year undergraduate student in the UI's College of Engineering and is majoring in Civil Engineering.

President's list status was earned by only 55 first year undergraduates during the 2021 spring semester at Iowa; only 189 second year students; only 266 third year students; and only 508 fourth year students.

The president's list was established in the fall of 1983 to recognize academic excellence.

In order to be included on the list, a student must have a minimum 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the fall 2020 semester, and a minimum of nine graded hours with a 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the spring 2021 semester. Courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U), pass/fail (P/F), or pass/non-pass (P/N) basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the president's list.

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10:30 a.m. (Rosary at 10:10 am)

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

Martensdale Community Church
(An Evangelical Free Church)
3953 Hoover St PO Box 200
Martensdale, IA 50160
1 mile north of Martensdale on Hwy 28
Pastor: Jeremy Kidder
641-764-2491

Associate Pastor: Daniel Moore
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Bible Study: 10:30 am
Sr. High Youth 6 pm Sunday
Awana: 6:30 pm Wed Sept thru Apr.
Jr High Youth 6:30 pm Wed Sept thru
Apr. www.mcc-church.com

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

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

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

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

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

Faith Fellowship Church
164 Highway 152 Osceola, IA 50213
641-342-6603
Pastor: Sheldon Lorenson
Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow
oefc@iowatelecom.net
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00

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

New Virginia Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
604 Main Street. / Box 112
New Virginia IA 50210
Pastor: Darin Feikema
515-490-4444 Cell: 515-770-3713
Sunday 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 a.m. & 6 - 7 p.m.
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New Virginia United Methodist Church

Medora United Methodist Church
10804 Hwy G-76 / Box 301
New Virginia IA 50210
641-449-3779
Pastor Paul Burrow
515-402-1802
Church email;NewVA-Medora@outlook.com
Worship: 9 AM
Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

In Years Past....

June 1975
Jack Keller and Danny Hopkins are the
first ever from New Virginia to receive the
rank of Eagle Scout.

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

Linn Grove United Methodist Church
7483--50th Ave
(4 miles north of Martensdale)
(1 block east of Hwy 28)
Prole IA, 50229
Pastor: Bernie Colorado
515-981-4062
Sunday Breakfast: 8 - 9:30 AM
(free will offering)
Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM
Adult Sunday School-1st & 3rd Sunday 11:15 AM
Pastor's email: bernieco2003@yahoo.com

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

St. Paul Lutheran
(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)ELCA
615 Iowa Ave / Box 290
Martensdale IA 50160
641-764-2752
Pastoral Care
515-850-2101
Worship: 10:00 AM
Sunday School PreK - 6th: During worship

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

