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RUTH BUXTON SAYRE

BY SUE STILLS

WITH AN INTRO BY TERRY GARNER

Terry writes: Some time ago, I picked up a book at the library titled *Ruth Buxton Sayre, First Lady of the Farm*. As my family farm was part of the Sayre farm in the past, naturally I was interested in this lady. I read the book and was truly amazed at all this lady accomplished in her lifetime. She was from the prominent Buxton family in Indianola and married Raymond Sayre from New Virginia in 1918. From what I can tell from reading the book, I think they lived on my farm south of the Maverick station where I grew up. Read on to learn more about Ruth Buxton Sayre and how she helped to lessen the burden of farm wives back in the early 1900's.

teaching the Normal Training class for girls preparing to be rural teachers, and was astounded at how lacking rural education was. She would remember their plight in years to come and put up a vigorous fight for the improvement of rural education.

During World War I, Ruth's fiancé, Raymond Sayre, joined the Army. They were married on October 4, 1918. After the war, Raymond worked at the YMCA in Ames for a year, and in November 1919, they moved to his family's farm about five miles from New Virginia. Ruth struggled to adapt to the life of a farm wife, without running water or electricity. They raised corn, cattle, hogs, sheep, and chickens. Life was hard, and Ruth refused to believe that changes couldn't be made that would improve the living standards and conditions for farm people, education, and churches. In early 1922, Ruth began her lifelong journey toward those goals. She became the Farm Bureau chairman for Virginia Township, with the goal of organizing rural women to take advantage of the Iowa State College Extension courses. The approach was to find five local leaders to attend Extension meetings and pass the information along at neighborhood meetings. Her first attempts at recruitment were dismal, but she had great sensitivity for people, and she slowly found her leaders. The Township women began studying home nursing, learning the value of hot lunches in schools, learning cheese-making, making dress forms, and learning the latest developments in nutrition, home furnishings and home management. By 1928, the county had 75 active leaders who held 468 meetings to pass along information to nearly 4,000 women.

In 1928, Ruth received an award as Master Farm Homemaker, an honor from The Farmer's Wife magazine in St. Paul, MN. On August 26, 1929, Ruth received the Community Service Award of the Des Moines Register. By 1929, Raymond and Ruth had three children, Bill, Helen, and Alice, and they moved to a new farm near Ackworth, close to Indianola. That year, the house was wired for electricity. Son John was born in 1934. In 1937, Ruth was simultaneously chairing Farm Bureau groups on the county, district, and state levels. Throughout her involvement and travels, Ruth received strong support from her husband and her mother.

In 1930, Ruth attended the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) annual convention in Boston. There she was introduced to the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). The "can't have it" attitude now could be attacked around the globe. Improvements in the Ackworth house continued with the installation of a furnace and running water.

In 1936, the Triennial of the ACWW in Washington, D.C., drew 200 delegates and nearly 7,000 American farm women. Ruth, now president of the Master Farm Homemakers Guild, represented that body on the conference committee.

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Who would have thought that a farmwife from New Virginia could effect so many changes and improvements in the conditions of farm wives, beginning in the 1920s? Known as the "First Lady of the Farm," Ruth Buxton Sayre inspired millions of rural women around the world to improve themselves and their communities with her practicality, humor, decency, and common sense. The 1980 biography by Julie McDonald, *Ruth Buxton Sayre, First Lady of the Farm*, chronicled the life and accomplishments of this amazing Iowan. Ruth was born January 25, 1896, in Indianola, Iowa. Her father, William Buxton, Jr., was a banker there. Her banker grandfather was an early benefactor of Simpson College. Ruth's mother, Anna McLaughlin Buxton, studied music at the Simpson Conservatory, graduating in 1890. William and Anna married in 1894, and Mrs. Buxton devoted herself to homemaking, fine needlework, and cultural and church organizations. At one time, George Washington Carver lived next door to the Buxtons.

William Buxton, Jr. and his father served the farmers, who made up 75% of the population of Warren County, through their banking and publishing careers. They recognized the long days of non-mechanized labor that the farmers and their wives endured daily. Their children worked hard too, attended one-room schools, and few went on to high school. Mrs. Buxton also recognized that her life as a young matron in the county seat offered more satisfactions and amenities than any farm wife enjoyed. When Ruth was growing up, these circumstances changed very little, and in time, the contrast would strike her forcibly. She resolved to try to change them, not only for herself, but for others as well.

Ruth attended Hawthorne School in Indianola and developed a great interest in reading. Her mother's travel magazine sparked her longing to see the faraway places they described. Little did she know that she would someday be a world traveler. Ruth was a rambunctious, imaginative child, and she always wanted to be on the go. Ruth had two sisters, Alice Margaret and Martha and a brother Bill (William Buxton, III). In high school, Ruth did creative writing and found that she enjoyed public speaking. She graduated from Simpson College on June 4, 1917. After college, she taught at Indianola High School,



Council Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2026

The Council met in regular session on Monday April 6th, 2026, at 7:08 p.m. for the April council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Bailey, Chandler, Dunkin, Galivan, and Truman present. Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Old Business: The blinking red lights for the East Street stop signs are now working.

Citizen Input: Luke Miller was present representing the Garden Club. The Garden Club will be acquiring at least two large planters and would like to place them in high visibility areas. The Garden Club would like the City Council to decide where to place the planters. Some locations discussed include next to utility poles in the business district, the brick sign in Lions Park and potential new sidewalk between Broadway Street and the Methodist Church. Dimensions of the planters will be given to the City Clerk or Mayor.

Jeff Winslow with Edward Jones was present to discuss investments options for city funds regarding savings, checking, and CDs. Funds can be electronically transferred, and transactions would remain through City State Bank.

A citizen contacted the City and advised the alley between Pine Street and Grand Avenue needs rock. The alley will be re-rocked.

South Street is very muddy and needs re-worked. Steve Savage will be re-contacted regarding an estimate for putting a crown back in South Street and re-graveling.

Over the last month, the stop sign at East and North Street was stolen. A new stop sign will be ordered along with tamper proof hardware for placing the sign on the post.

The property owner of 202 Main Street inquired about filling in the front ditch. Proper drainage must be maintained, and the drainpipe must be the same diameter as the driveway culvert.

A citizen advised there is brush growing up in the street right-of-way on the south end of Main Street and that he will remove it. The stems/stumps will be treated so the brush will not grow back.

The GAMP Community Building is scheduled for the polling place for voting. Last November during election day, it was extremely wet and muddy in the parking area. This will be monitored for election day this year and if need be, gravel will be added.

The sign that was on the Hen House Building prior to re-doing the front was not put back up due to needing repaired/refurbished. A new 64-inch x 48-inch metal sign has been proposed. Price quote from FAST SIGNS is \$436.54. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the purchase of option 1 for the new Hen House sign at a cost of \$436.54. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A corn hole set has been donated to the City for the GAMP Community Building. A rules sheet for the use of the corn hole set will be drafted.

There are numerous signs being placed around town in the city street rights-of-way and on or near utility/light poles. The City Attorney will be consulted about sign placement in the city right-of-way and if an ordinance is needed regarding sign placement.

The Old Settlers Committee asked Councilman Josey Galivan about doing the fireworks for Old Settlers. The setback distance from the nearest residential house for shooting a fireworks display is 100 feet for each inch of shell. For example, a 5 inch shell setback from the nearest residential house is 500 feet. Measuring will be done to determine where the fireworks display can be set up.

Fire Department Business: No new information to present to the Council.

Water Utilities discussed: Water usage for the month of March was 751,733 gallons averaging 224,250 gallons per day. The water report for March was reviewed. All water testing is in compliance with IDNR permit requirements. Nitrite testing will be done this quarter in addition to the monthly Bacteria tests. The Water Quality Report will be completed and ready for review at the May council meeting.

Law Enforcement: The Sheriff's Report for the month of March was reviewed. There were 22 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies. Officers spent in excess of 52 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 203 miles within the city limits for the month of March.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the 2026-27 New Virginia City Budget for publication and set a date of Monday, April 20th, 2026 for a public hearing to adopt the City of New Virginia proposed FY2026-27 budget. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to open public hearing on proposed Resolution No. 2026-07 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was one citizen present to inquire about Resolution No. 2026-07. After discussing the details of the alley closing, the citizen had no objection to the Resolution. There were no written responses or email responses received in response to Resolution No. 2026-07.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to close the public hearing regarding Resolution 2026-07. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-07 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chandler moved, seconded by Bailey to open public hearing on proposed Resolution No. 2026-08 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was one citizen present to inquire about Resolution No. 2026-08. After discussing the details of the alley closing, the citizen had no objection to the Resolution. There were no written responses or email responses received in response to Resolution No. 2026-08.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to close the public hearing regarding Resolution 2026-08. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Bailey moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-08 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chandler moved, seconded by Galivan to open public hearing on proposed Resolution No. 2026-09 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was one citizen present to inquire about Resolution No. 2026-09. After discussing the details of the alley closing, the citizen had no objection to the Resolution. There were no written responses or email responses received in response to Resolution No. 2026-09.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to close the public hearing regarding Resolution 2026-09. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-09 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Chandler to open public hearing on proposed Resolution No. 2026-10 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was one citizen present to inquire about Resolution No. 2026-10. After discussing the details of the alley closing, the citizen had no objection to the Resolution. There were no written responses or email responses received in response to Resolution No. 2026-10.

Chandler moved, seconded by Bailey to close the public hearing regarding Resolution 2026-10. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Galivan moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-10 – A RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEYWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRANSFER SAME TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There were two mowing bids received for the 2026 mowing season. After reviewing and discussing the two bids, Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve R & R Mowing Services bid of \$1300.00 per month for the 2026 mowing season. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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GAMP UPDATE

The LED lighting upgrade in the GAMP Community Building is completed. The east entry/exit door of the GAMP Community Building has been repaired. The cleaning person for the GAMP Community Building will be contacted to clean the building on a weekly basis during the month of May due to numerous graduation party rentals.

The purchase of a gas grill for cooking food for the truck pull was discussed. Galivan will research 4-burner gas grills and bring prices back for the May council meeting. The next truck pull prep meeting will be Thursday April 30th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Upcoming Events in 2026: April 26th - Kite Flying at NV Cemetery; September 20th – End Of Summer Social at Hickory Hills. Ideas discussed – Drive-thru dinner, Game nights @ Lions Hall. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

No new information to present to the Council.

ELF CLUB

No new information to present to the Council.

TRI-CORNER-EXPRESS

Fund balance \$22920.28. The Interstate 35 seniors will have their pictures and graduation information in the May Tri-Corner-Express. The Martensdale/St. Marys seniors will have their pictures and graduation information in the June Tri-Corner-Express.

Galivan will look at the four-wheel drive sign by the welcome sign in the cemetery and make the necessary repairs.

The Lions Hall door lock/latch/key was discussed. Bailey moved, seconded by Truman to purchase a new 10 code keypad lock for the front entry door as well as a programmable thermostat for the furnace/air-conditioner. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A contractor has looked at the Lions Hall roof and gave a price quote of \$21,000.00 for a new roof. Grants will be researched for the roof project including the USDA.

City-wide garage sale will be Saturday, May 9th.

City-wide curbside cleanup day will be May 16th.

Bailey moved, seconded by Truman to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

There will be a special meeting on Monday April 20th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to pass and approve the FY2026-27 City of New Virginia budget.

The May council meeting is scheduled for Monday May 4th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

May meeting date – Monday May 4th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.


Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Do you have a neighbor that just seems to always be there when you need them? That do little things for you without asking that just make life easier? Email us at tricorners@newvirginia.com and tell us in a few words what it is about your neighbor that makes them so special to you. We will publish it in the next issue of the Tri-Corner-Express.

VENDOR	CLAIMS REPORT REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$941.36	16082	4/2/2026
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$51.31	16122	4/8/2026
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE MEDICATION	\$33.13	16103	4/7/2026
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	OTHER REPAIR/MAINT DOOR LOCKS	\$1,685.65	16083	4/2/2026
CENTRAL IOWA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$75.00	16104	4/7/2026
D&L ELECTRIC & AUTO SALES	BUILDING MAINT LED LIGHT UPGRA	\$1,087.84	16105	4/7/2026
HOPKINS & HUEBNER PC	LEGAL SERVICE CLOSING ALLEYS	\$888.00	16107	4/7/2026
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$13.00	16084	4/2/2026
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$865.60	16109	4/7/2026
IOWA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POO	INSURANCE LIONS HALL	\$138.00	16327063	3/27/2026
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS PUBLIC HEARING	\$141.12	16123	4/8/2026
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$673.12	16327061	4/6/2026
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$1,236.23	16327062	4/6/2026
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	16110	4/7/2026
JOSEY GALIVAN	BUILDING REPAIR DOOR LOCK	\$299.20	16111	4/7/2026
MARY HUSS	GAMP CLEANING	\$100.00	16112	4/7/2026
MED COMPASS	PHYSICALS/HEARING TEST	\$3,260.00	16113	4/7/2026
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$567.79	16115	4/7/2026
PAY PLUS ARCHTRANS	CC FEES AMBULANCE BILLING	\$7.90	16327066	3/20/2026
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	\$135.96	16116	4/7/2026
TINA BURKHEAD	GAMP DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	16124	4/9/2026
TRUENORTH	INSURANCE AD&D RENEWAL PREMIU	\$254.00	16327064	3/27/2026
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,260.06	16119	4/7/2026
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHCILE FUEL	\$608.44	16120	4/7/2026
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$591.25	16121	4/7/2026
TOTAL GENERAL		\$15,100.96		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,211.40	16082	4/2/2026
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL 3/15 & 16	\$180.00	16108	4/7/2026
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$25.42	16327062	4/6/2026
JOSEY GALIVAN	STREET MAINTENANCE STOP SIGNS	\$50.00	16111	4/7/2026
TOTAL ROAD USE		\$1,466.82		
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$23.12	16122	4/8/2026
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$100.00	16106	4/7/2026
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING WATER	\$100.00	16108	4/7/2026
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX MARCH 2026	\$529.28	16327067	4/10/2026
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$384.48	16327061	4/6/2026
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$525.46	16327062	4/6/2026
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$39.00	16114	4/7/2026
PROFESSIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGE	OTHER CONTR SERV WATER	\$1,113.00	16117	4/7/2026
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,581.75	16118	4/7/2026
TOTAL WATER UTILITIES		\$7,396.09		

GENERAL	\$5,959.02
WATER	\$1,972.75
Total Payroll Paid	\$7,931.77
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$31,895.64

Public Notice

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

The Sign at the United Methodist Church in New Virginia Please send messages to: newva-medora@outlook.com Please put **SIGN** in the subject line.

City of New Virginia	
March 2026	Deposits
General	\$ 2,931.45
GAMP	\$533.80
Fire	\$8,456.24
Elf Club	\$ 0.00
Road Use	\$3,566.32
LOST	\$5,404.38
Debit Service	\$ 13.07
Water Utilities	\$8,976.32
Grand Total	\$29,881.58

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NO FALL SALE

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NV Lions Club

April 19th

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**Soup &
Grilled Cheese
Dinner at 5pm**

**Bingo
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

NEW VIRGINIA SPRING CLEAN-UP MAY 16, 2026

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. on May 16th. 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.

City Of New Virginia

Special Council Meeting Minutes

April 6th, 2026

The Council met in special session on Monday April 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. for the City of New Virginia proposed FY2026-27 property tax levy. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Chandler, Bailey, Galivan, and Truman present.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to open the public hearing for the City of New Virginia proposed FY2026-27 property tax levy. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried. There were no written or email inquiries about the 2026-27 property tax levy. There were no citizens present to inquire about the tax levy. With no citizen inquires and no written or email inquiries about the City of New Virginia proposed FY2026-27 property tax levy, Chandler moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing for the City of New Virginia proposed FY2025-26 property tax levy. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to pass and approve the City of New Virginia proposed FY2025-26 property tax levy. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Chandler to adjourn the special meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Jennifer Baughman

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



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\$25

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Visit us at www.newvirginia.com or call:

Kim McWilliams (515)321-0652 for more information

Virginia Boosters 4-H Club Gives Back with Easter Egg Project



The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club recently took part in a meaningful community service project, helping prepare for the upcoming New Virginia Easter Egg Hunt. Club members gathered to fill plastic eggs with candy, ensuring a fun and festive experience for children attending the annual event.

The filled eggs were distributed during the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th, adding excitement and joy to the celebration. This project not only helped support a beloved community tradition but also provided 4-H members with a valuable opportunity to give back through service learning.

The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated candy and plastic eggs. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the project was a huge success.

Through efforts like this, 4-H members continue to demonstrate leadership, teamwork, and a commitment to making a positive impact in their community.

NANCY'S



DOG GROOMING

BOARDING & TRAINING

Nancy Crabtree,
Owner

5145 Vermont St
New Virginia, IA 50210

Home #: 641-449-3290
Cell #: 515-313-6738



5-PAW RATING

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Sunday,
April 26th

2:00-4:00
(weather permitting)

At the
New Virginia
Cemetery



Come out for some kite flying fun!

- *Free kites (while supplies last)
- *Sweet treats and water
- *Yard games and bubbles

This event is brought to
the community by:

New Virginia
Hometown
Pride

We are on Facebook! Like and follow our page- 'New Virginia Hometown Pride' to keep up on future events.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of New Virginia has purchased the Lions Club at 503 West St, New Virginia.

All previously scheduled rentals and group events will be honored.

(Non-Profit and Youth Groups are free of charge)

To rent the Lions Hall, please contact Kim McWilliams at (515)321-0652 or Stephanie Galivan at (515)321-6715



2026

Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices

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Quarter Page-(5x4.5) \$45

Half Page-Horizontal (10.5x5) \$85

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Full Page- (10.5x9.5) \$175

Thank You, Birth Announcement, Birthday & Anniversary:

0-50 words: \$5,

51-100 words: \$10,

Over 100 words: \$.10/word,

Photo: \$5

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CONNOISSEUR'S CASSEROLE

From Great Home Cooking cookbook, Immaculate Conception Church,
St. Marys, IA. Recipe was contributed to cookbook by Marge Emerson Singer.

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| 1 (12 oz.) can white shoe peg corn (drained) | ½ c. sour cream |
| 1 (2 oz.) jar sliced pimiento (drained) | ½ tsp. salt |
| 1 C. sharp Cheddar cheese (grated) | ½ tsp. pepper |
| 1 (16 oz.) can French cut green beans (drained) | |
| ½ C. chopped onion | |
| 1 can (8oz.) sliced water chestnuts (drained and cut in half) | |
| 1 (10 oz.) can cream of celery soup | |

TOPPING:

- 1 C. Ritz cracker crumbs ½ C. slivered almonds ½ stick butter (melted)

Mix all ingredients except topping. Place into 3-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle cracker crumbs on top. Drizzle melted butter over crumbs. Sprinkle almonds on top. Bake uncovered at 350° for 45 minutes. Serves 8. May be frozen.

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Zuppa Toscana Soup

Ingredients:

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| ½ c. diced onion | 1 lb. potatoes, cut into bite-sized pieces |
| 1 lb. sausage | 6 c. chicken broth |
| 3 garlic cloves (minced) | 3 c. baby spinach |
| ½ t. dried oregano | salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 c. half and half | |



Instructions:

In a large pan over medium heat, saute' onion and sausage until sausage is cooked through, 5-8 minutes. Add garlic and saute' for an additional 1 minute. Add sausage mixture, oregano, potatoes and broth to a large slow cooker. Cook until potatoes are tender, high for 3-4 hours or low for 7 hours. Stir in remaining ingredients and serve.

What I did: Since all my ingredients were basically pre-cooked, I made my soup in a pot on the stove. I substituted a pound or so of kielbasa, sliced up, my Gusto pizza seasoning instead of oregano, a quart jar of my canned potatoes, a quart jar of beef broth, with some added chicken base, and a 12 oz. bag of frozen spinach. I browned the kielbasa just a bit, along with the onions, threw in some minced garlic from a jar, dumped in the broth, potatoes, and seasonings, cooked it for a bit, then added the spinach and half and half. It was a pretty thin soup, but super good! Next time, I will try thickening it with some cream cheese, or maybe a small amount of pasta. It's definitely a do-it-again soup!

This recipe comes from Fareway, via the Farm Bureau Spokesman.

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PICKLED OKRA



INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ pounds fresh clean okra max 3.5 inches long, trim stem to ¼ inch
- 4 peeled garlic cloves
- 4 sliced fresh lemons cut ¼ inch thick
- 2 cups cider vinegar 5% acidity
- 2 cups water
- 3 Tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 Tablespoon sugar

Mix in small bowl these spices:

- 2 Tablespoons mustard seed
- 1 Tablespoon coriander seed
- 1 Tablespoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon fennel seed
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns

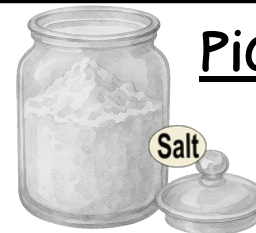
PREPARATION

1. Prepare canner with jars, bring water to a boil for 10 minutes.
2. Make brine of vinegar, water, salt and sugar and bring to boil in a saucepan to dissolve salt and sugar. Reduce heat but keep warm.
3. Remove jars from hot water with tongs, place on a towel on your counter. Place a lemon slice, garlic clove and ¼ of spices in each jar. Pack okra in jar, alternate stem up to maximize space. Stem or tip should be between ½ to 1 inch from rim. Pour hot brine over okra, use sharp knife to run around inside of jar to release trapped air. Top off with more brine if necessary. Wipe the rims and place flat lids. Add band with finger tightness, not too tight!
4. Place jars in still hot water in canner. Water should cover by an inch or 2. Bring to boil and boil for 15 minutes.
5. Remove jars with tongs onto towel on counter. Let cool. Any jars that don't seal can be refrigerated for up to 2 months. Sealed jars should be stored on a cool, dark shelf for up to a year.

Ready in **56 minutes**. Serves **12 servings**. Makes **4 pints**.

Okra was a popular item at the New Virginia Plant Grow Share garden last summer. Okra is easy to grow and likes our hot and dry summers. It is great in many dishes, soups and stews or pickled for later! The blooms are beautiful too!

Pickling Salt



Susan Miller shares this recipe for Pickled Okra. Since we're gearing up for planting season, you may want to leave some space for okra in your garden!



Pickling salt, also called canning or preserving salt, is pure salt with no additives. Most salt contains anti-caking agents and iodine, which can turn your canning and pickling projects cloudy or dark. It also has a finer texture which allows it to dissolve faster and easier when using it in recipes. So when pickling or canning your produce from the garden or farmer's markets, use pickling salt. And if you run out of table salt, you can always substitute pickling salt. After all, it's just salt!



more to share

Contributed by Susan Miller

If you recall, in the March edition of the Tri-Corner-Express, I told you it was time to start growing. I did some garden prep work and planted strawberries at home and then added more asparagus roots at the Plant-Grow-Share Garden. I bought seeds, potatoes and onion sets, and then came the rain, the glorious spring rain we so badly need. Planting will continue - just on a rain delay. I'm curious how many of you did any planting. If you would like to share, please feel free to reach out on the New Virginia Garden Club Facebook page.

I was very excited to pick my first asparagus of the 2026 season. Enough that we enjoyed it for Easter dinner. Our rhubarb is flourishing. It isn't ready for harvest yet, but it won't be long. Asparagus and rhubarb are the wonderful perennials that you plant once, and as long as you treat them well, they will reward you for years.

Back to garden planting. In case you hadn't noticed from the year-round gardening articles, gardening is a story with no end. The planting season is a very enthusiastic time. It's easy to get caught up in the hype of new products, new colors, new varieties. Don't let yourself become overwhelmed to the point you do nothing. Start simple. Choose a vegetable or two you enjoy eating. Plant an annual flower seed or two and maybe a perennial. Investigate those plants and what it takes to grow them and then give it a try. I'm sharing with you a tremendous resource. I refer to this resource in nearly every article I write to you. This resource is through Iowa State University and based on Iowa weather, soil conditions, and years of research.

<https://yardandgarden.extension.iastate.edu/publications>

I embraced a statement I read in publication 819, *Planting a Home Vegetable Garden*, "A vegetable garden cannot be planted in one day. Some vegetables grow best in cool weather, while others require warm soil and air temperatures." I think Mother Nature was intentional in her plan to keep us from getting garden burnout. Another wonderful ISU publication worth studying is HORT 3124, *Planting and Harvesting Times for Garden Vegetables*. You will see that very common garden plants of peppers and tomatoes should not be planted until mid-May. The very wise tradition of not planting until after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) still holds true. Ignore the 80-degree days we may get in April because we are nearly guaranteed a frost in early May. It's not worth the risk. Chances are that the soil temperatures will not be warm enough for your plants to truly become productive. Be patient and you will have a better outcome for your heat-loving plants.

Once again I will appeal to your generosity by asking that you support the New Virginia Garden Club fundraiser. Visit <http://NVGardenClub.fpfundraising.com>.

The club receives at least 40% of all sales. These funds help us to continue with the Plant-Grow-Share Community Garden. As Spring transitions to summer, you will notice the flower garden at Old Settlers Park has received a face lift, and a planter has been created at the GAMP building. These are also Garden Club projects. We are cultivating our future; please help us grow.

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Truro City Council Minutes

April 6, 2026

Community Center

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ancel Kennedy, Julie McMichael, Matt Masters, Lyndsay Cannoy were present, and Jason Phillips was absent. Fire Chief Terry Stills and Public Works Director Ronnie Hults were also present. No one from the public was present to speak. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Cannoy/McMichael. All Ayes, motion carried. The Sheriff's Report and the Emergency Management Director's Report were acknowledged by the Mayor and Council. Terry Stills presented the Fire and Rescue Report with 11 fire calls and 4 EMS calls. He also stated they are working on replacing System Tank on the truck and a new heart monitor came in for EMS. Stills also mentioned there was a good turnout for the fundraising breakfast as well as the Easter Egg Hunt. Ronnie Hults presented the Water/Wastewater Report. He stated it has been a good transition and Professional Development has been helpful. Hultz also stated 1 aerator is down and being repaired. Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget FY2027 was acknowledged. A motion to adopt the Budget FY2027 Resolution 2026-11 was made by Kennedy/Masters. All Ayes, motion carried. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-12 to Amend the current budget to transfer \$14,000 from LOST to Recycling and \$15,060 from LOST to Police was made by Masters/McMichael. All Ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 Final Plat of J-Five Subdivision was made by Cannoy/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-14 to Amend the Budget to transfer \$19,285 from Misc Sewer Fund to Sewer Fund; \$10,000 from LOST to Sewer Fund; and \$2,009 from LOST to Sewer Fund was made by McMichael/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. A date was set for a Citywide Garage Sale for May 29th and 30th, 2026. The date was set for Citywide Spring Clean-up on June 6, 2026. A roll out dumpster will be available for residents to bring their unwanted items on the evening of June 5th through June 6th until 4:00 p.m. The City Council would like to acknowledge Ricky Finley and Rick Ashby for their volunteering on various projects around the city. They would also like to acknowledge Matt Masters for his involvement with the Madison County Emergency Management meeting representing Truro. The City Clerk, Janelle Adams presented the City Clerk's Monthly Report. City Hall will be closed on April 16th so she can attend a conference. Motion to approve consent items by Masters/McMichael. All Ayes, motion carried. Council Comments: Grant option, grant writing, and ideas of a Farmers Market. Motion to adjourn was made by Kennedy/McMichael. All Ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. **Next regular city council meeting is set for 5.4.26 at 6:00 p.m.**

Bryan Arzani, Mayor

Attested: Janelle Adams, City Clerk

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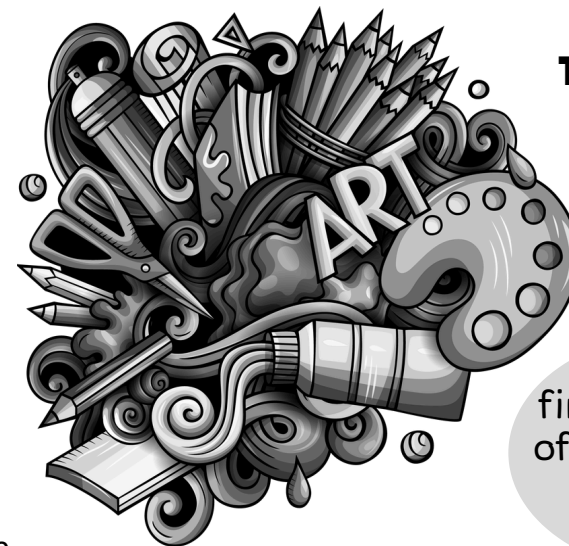
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Ohio Future Feeders March 8 Meeting Minutes

On Sunday March 8th at 6:09 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Delany Dory. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lincoln Hawk, and the 4-H pledge was led by Presley Hawk. The roll call was plans for spring break. 19 members, 3 Leaders, and 10 visitors attended which leads to a total of 32 people. The Secretary's report was given by Caleb Puderbaugh. The Treasurer's report was given by Caleb Puderbaugh.

Old Business: Delivered kits for kids, decorated and delivered Christmas cookies, YQCA training for group January 2026, Club skating in February with a GREAT turnout of 35 people, and Bingo Community Night. New business: Begin process for getting t-shirt ordered on canvas, May 3rd Pork Producers Fundraiser Trash Pickup, Roadside Pickup April 12.

Reminder: 4-H membership enrollment must be completed by April 15th in order to exhibit at the County and State Fairs. Late fees went into effect January 1st. Please call the extension office for questions www.iowa.4honline.com

Important Extension Office updates: Pig weighing March 28th 8 to 10:00 a.m. at Hog Barn at Madison County Fairgrounds and Sheep and Goat weigh in May.

Next meeting date April 12th at 4:00 p.m. roadside pickup. Meet at I-35 school, wear bright gloves and boots. We got trucks to volunteer. Motioned by Lincoln Hawk, seconded by Bryce Puderbaugh, meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by The Ohio Future Feeders Reporter, Presley Hawk



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Contact Information: Elodie Opstad, Volunteer SHIIP Counselor
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AARON ASHTON WICKETT



Services for Aaron Ashton Wickett, 47, of New Virginia, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 13, 2026 at Overton Funeral Home with burial following in the New Virginia Cemetery.

Aaron Ashton Wickett was born on November 7, 1978 in Des Moines. He started school in Indianola, but, when the family moved to a house outside of New Virginia, he transferred to the Interstate 35 Schools. Aaron was part of the wrestling team in High School. He graduated from Interstate 35 in 1997. After graduating, Aaron worked laying and polishing concrete. He also laid pipeline all over the country while working with his uncle Jeff. His most recent job was at Doors Inc. where he helped with their manufacturing process.

Aaron married Casie Spence and to that marriage were born Luke Ashton and Benjamin Ryan. Aaron also had a truly loved stepson Jesse Lee Tollett. After Aaron and Casie divorced, Aaron then married Cassandra Kight. Aaron also loved his stepchildren Lydia and Laila. They later divorced.

Aaron loved to fish. He even went deep sea fishing with his father and uncle once. He loved his Jeep and had quite a collection of ducks to go with his car. He was quite proud of his collection of cartoon character glasses from the 1970's and 1980's.

Aaron was in a head-on car crash on March 9, and passed away at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines on April 3, 2026.

Aaron is survived by his mother, Vickie Wickett; sons, Benjamin Wickett and Luke Wickett; brother, Justin Wickett; sister, Ashley Potter; and brother-in-law, Jon Potter. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Wickett and son, Jesse Lee Tollett.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Overton Funeral Home. Memorials in memory of Aaron may be given to the American Diabetes Association. To sign an online condolence, visit our website at www.overtonfunerals.com.



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February 18th



PATSY LATHRUM



Patsy Merle (Noel) Lathrum, daughter of Ralph Raymond Noel and Louise Juanita McCartt, was born on August 1, 1931, in Trenton, Missouri, and passed from this life on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 in Norwalk, Iowa at the age of 94.

Pat graduated from Seymour High School in 1948, where she was a member of the 1947 state champion basketball team. Upon high school graduation, she continued to play basketball while attending the American Institute of Commerce (AIC) in Davenport, and was then employed by International Harvester in East Moline. Her love for basketball never faded, and she spent decades cheering on her children and grandchildren.

On July 14, 1951, Pat married Johnnie LaVerne Lathrum in Ozark, Alabama, where Johnnie was stationed for military service. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Johnnie Stephen, Terri, Marcia and Michael. Johnnie and Pat made their home near St. Charles, where she served as secretary at St. Charles Elementary School and was a member of St. Charles Parish. She was also a passionate member of the Pumper Truck Committee, dedicating countless hours and weekends cooking and serving meals to fund a new fire truck. Specialties from her kitchen included the best beef and noodles, cinnamon rolls, homemade bread, caramels, pecan pie, red velvet cake, mushrooms and cheeseburgers. No one will be able to make them quite the same - she was notorious for not sharing the "real" recipes!

Pat and Johnnie spent nearly 60 years living the farm life in Hanley. For over 40 years, they vacationed in the Ozarks with extended family and friends, mostly at Table Rock Lake. Although she disliked water, Pat would ride in the boat to breakfast or go to the dock to watch skiers and give a proud wave, but always with a life jacket cinched tightly.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Johnnie, daughter Terri, son Michael, sister Martha Lambert, and brothers Robert Donelson, Ralph Noel and Clifford Collins.

Pat is survived by two children, Steve Lathrum (Sandi) and Marcia Knutson (Bob) of St. Charles; grandchildren Kari Dawson (Jeff), Rich Lathrum (Caity), Ben Knutson (Jessica), Kelsey Ritchey (Matt), Katelyn Van Dyke (Caleb), Ashley Lathrum, Jennifer Walters (Casey), and Cassi Walker (Nate); 17 great-grandchildren, and brother Jack Foreman (Carolyn), as well as many other relatives and friends.

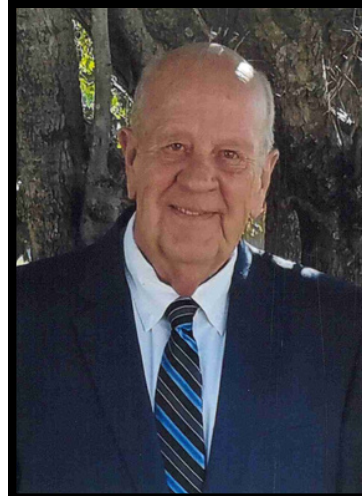
Funeral services were held at the St. Charles Parish, Saturday March 21, 2026 at 11:00 am with Pastor Darin Feikema officiating.

Patsy's family greeted friends 9:30 am to 10:45 am Saturday, March 21st at the St. Charles Parish prior to the services.

A live stream of the service will be available at www.kalefuneralhome.com on Patsy's tribute wall beginning at 11:00 am, Saturday.

Memorials to St. Charles Parish, 305 W. Main, St. Charles, IA 50240 or Pink Tractor Foundation, 3845 G50 Highway, St. Charles, Iowa 50240.

Interment was in the St. Charles Cemetery.



ROBERT CONWAY



Robert Bruce Conway, of New Virginia, Iowa, passed from this life on March 27, 2026. Rob was born in Sioux City, Iowa, December 14, 1944, to Clair John & Bernadine Fay (Smith) Conway.

Rob attended Sioux City public schools and graduated from Central High School in 1963. Rob joined the U.S. Navy in 1964 and served until honorably discharged in 1970.

In 1966, Rob was hired at Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Sioux City, IA. His first job was collecting coins out of pay phones. Rob continued working in the telephone industry as an engineer for U.S. West and Qwest Communications until his retirement in 2004. Rob had two children, Jason Wells and Kelly Ann, from a previous marriage. In 1983 he married Donna who had two children, Sheila and Sheryl.

Rob enjoyed repairing and refinishing antique furniture. He liked nothing better than taking a piece of furniture that was ready for the burn pile, and restoring it to its original use and beauty.

Rob also loved Barbershop harmony. He sang in two competition quality quartets, the Midlanders and the Fourth Dimension. He also sang baritone with the old Des Moinesaires Chorus. Rob also had a love for southern gospel quartet music. He would buy accompaniment CD's and sing with the recording quartets for church services.

Rob joined the New Virginia United Methodist Church. It was early in joining that Rob asked Jesus to take over his life. He was a late bloomer, if you will. That changed his life forever. He served Gods' kingdom, his fellow man and the church through the gifts God had given him. Rob had several opportunities to preach on a Sunday when the Pastor was gone. It was a daunting task for him, but with the help of the Holy Spirit and by God's grace, he and the Spirit got the job done.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents, brother Bill Conway, sisters Nancy Luikart and Diane Reushling, and stillborn daughter Michelle Paula Conway.

Rob is survived by his loving wife Donna; children Jason (Betsy) Conway of San Diego, CA., Kelly Conway of Des Moines, IA, Sheila Johnson of Fayetteville, GA, Sheryl (Rio) Doolittle of Indianola, IA. Grandchildren Lily, Ellie, Elizabeth, Lacie, Kayla (Jacob), Natalie (David), Melissa (Landen), Faith, Adeline, Mitch (Lacy), and Jessica. Great Grandchildren Alana, Addison, Alyssa, Scarlett, and William.

Services were held at New Virginia United Methodist Church, Saturday April 4, 2026 at 10:30 am with Pastor Paul Burrow officiating, and the family greeted friends from 9:30 am to 10:30 am Saturday, April 4, 2026. A live stream of the service will be available at www.kalefuneralhome.com on Robert's tribute wall beginning at 10:30 am, Saturday. Interment was in the New Virginia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the New Virginia United Methodist Church memorial fund for maintaining and updating the landscape project. Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.kalefuneralhome.com





A MESSAGE FROM MR. GRANDON

I-35 CSD SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings I-35 Community – Spring has arrived, and with it comes one of the busiest and most rewarding times of the school year. It’s incredible how quickly the months have gone by, as we head into the final stretch for the 2025-2026 school year.

A Season of Celebration

Across I-35 CSD, our calendar is packed with meaningful end-of-year events like concerts, showcases, field day, award recognitions and more. These moments highlight the hard work, growth, and creativity of our students and brings families and our community together. Be sure to stay connected with us for specific event details and schedules.

ISASP Testing Update

We recently completed our ISASP testing window, and we’re proud of the effort our students demonstrated throughout the process. Their focus and good-faith efforts are a reflection of the strong learning environment across our district. Results will be shared with families once they become available. This is typically between May and August.

Honoring the Class of 2026

We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2026 as they reach this important milestone. Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. This is a special time to recognize our seniors for their achievements and wish them well as they begin the next chapter of their journeys.

What’s Next

Summer remains a busy time around the district. The district administration team engages in detailed planning efforts for the following school year as they strive for continuous improvement in everything Roadrunner. This preparation is how we implement changes highlighted by data or staff and how the team supports staff and students during the school year.

As we close out another successful year, thank you for the support you provide to our students, staff, and schools. Together, we’ve created a year full of growth, achievement, and pride. Let’s make the most of these final weeks and finish strong.

Go Roadrunners!
Chad Grandon

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MAY ACTIVITIES

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD - VARSITY

- 5/5: Boys V & Girls V @ AC/GC High School; 4:00 p.m.
- 5/7: Boys V & Girls V @ Mount Ayr High School, 4:30 p.m.
- 5/11: Boys V & Girls V @ Pleasantville High School, 4:30 p.m.
- 5/14: Boys V & Girls V Districts @ TBD; Times TBD
- 5/21-23: Boys V & Girls V State @ Drake Stadium; Times TBD

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

- 5/2: Boys V @ West Hancock; 10:00 a.m.
- 5/4: Girls V WCAC Meet @ Pleasantville Golf & Country Club; 9:00 a.m.
- 5/5: Boys V WCAC Meet @ Panorama Golf Course; 9:00 a.m.
- 5/7: Boys JV & Girls V @ Central Decatur, 4:00 p.m.
- 5/8: Boys JV & Girls V @ Clark High School Golf Course, 4:00 p.m.
- 5/9: Boys V @ Coon Rapids Bayard High School, 10:00 a.m.
- 5/11: Boys JV & Girls V @ Mormon Trail, 4:00 p.m.
- 5/13: Boys V Golf Sectional @ TBD, 10:00 a.m.
- 5/15: Girls V Golf Sectional @ TBD, 10:00 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

- **5/18: Varsity Double Header vs. Seymour @ I-35 Fields, 5:00 p.m.**
- **5/19: JV & V vs. Twin Cedars @ I-35, 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
- **5/22: JV & V vs. Collins-Maxwell @ I-35; 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
- 5/23: JV & V @ Ankeny Christian, 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
- **5/27: JV & V vs. SE Warren @ I-35, 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
- 5/28: Varsity Double Header @ Ogden High School, 5:00 p.m.
- 5/29: JV-R @ Earlham High School, 10:00 a.m.
- 5/30: JV & V @ Wayne High School, 11:00 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

- 5/19: JV & V @ Clarke High School, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- **5/26: JV & V vs. Norwalk @ I-35 Fields, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
- 5/28: Varsity Double Header @ Ogden High School, 5:30 p.m.
- 5/30: Varsity Tournament @ Winterset, 8:00 a.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

- 5/1: Boys MS & Girls MS @ Clarke High School, 4:30 p.m.
- 5/4: Boys MS & Girls MS @ Panorama High School, 4:00 p.m.
- **5/5: Boys MS & Girls MS @ Interstate 35 High School, 4:00 p.m.**

PERFORMING ARTS

- **5/1: Theatre Awards Night @ I-35 High School, 6:00 p.m.**
- **5/8: 5th-8th Band Concert @ I-35 Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.**
- **5/12: Band/Choir Concert @ I-35 Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.**
- **5/15: 6th-8th Choir Concert @ I-35 Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.**

ELEMENTARY UPDATE: SPRING IS HERE!

As we move through the final stretch of the school year, our students continue to show great effort and determination in their learning. We're proud of the growth happening across our classrooms and look forward to celebrating that progress in the weeks ahead.

With just weeks remaining, this is a valuable time for students to stay engaged, build on skills, and finish the year strong. Our teachers are continuing to provide meaningful learning experiences that challenge and support every student.

We are also beginning to look ahead to next school year. We are excited to welcome new team members to I-35, including Ms. Madalyn Smith, School Counselor, and Mrs. Kim Gilbertsen, Art Teacher. **Also, our 3 Year Old Preschool still has open spots, so if your child will be 3 years old by September 15, 2026, we'd love to welcome them to a play-based learning environment in our preschool classrooms!**

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KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP DETAILS

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PURPOSE OF KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP:

- The Roundup event allows the school to plan for our incoming students. Examples include: Classroom space or student needs.
- During the event, teachers will spend time with students so they can review a student's current skills.
- Following this skill review, teachers will share more about Kindergarten readiness.
- If needed, teachers and families will collaborate on learning plans for the upcoming school year to ensure a student's introduction to Kindergarten is a positive one for the entire family. We want school to be a fun place to learn and grow!
- Teachers will be contacting parents of students recommended for TK to discuss their observations during round-up.

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SECONDARY UPDATE: MOCK CRASH SIMULATION

Interstate 35 High School students recently viewed a mock crash simulation designed to deliver an important and lasting message about safe decision-making.

The realistic demonstration, coordinated in partnership with local emergency responders, walked students through the aftermath of a serious vehicle crash. Law enforcement, EMS, and fire personnel responded in real time, giving students a firsthand look at the procedures and emotions involved in these situations. By witnessing the consequences of dangerous choices, such as distracted or impaired driving, students will think critically about their own decisions behind the wheel and make safe choices.

Events like this reflect I-35's commitment to preparing students for real-life situations where their choices matter most. The district extends its appreciation to the local agencies who helped bring this meaningful learning experience to life.



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In today's reward-driven world, we seem to find ourselves occupied with our "next step" while we are still living in the present. We live in our today while already planning our tomorrow. When we are talking to another person, thoughts are swirling around in our mind about what we are going to say before the other person is done speaking. We multi-task on our phones, computers and our jobs, but unfortunately, this has spilled over into almost every area of our lives. We are seeing a second generation that is raising families who are influenced by this, and it seems like the only people who have escaped this trap are our silver-haired saints who are age 85+, an age of golden wisdom who are disappearing quickly. Have you ever been distracted by your phone when talking to someone of that generation? Trust me, they're not shy about putting you in your place, and there will be filter on their words when they tell you what they think about not focusing on the conversation at hand!

In Matthew 6:34 the Bible tells us, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." This scripture reminds us that we need to be present in our today and quit worrying about tomorrow. However, there is another thing that can pull us away from our "today." It's called the past, and it's a trap that we can quickly fall into. Luke 9:62 tells us, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Our past is our past. It is where we come from, but it is not where we live. Our future has not yet arrived, and truly, none of us is promised a future. All we are promised is what we have right now. This present moment is the only moment that is real.

I was with a group of people many years ago and, we were discussing this exact subject. We were frustrated that it always seemed like there was an agenda, a plan for everything. It seemed like lives were being driven by agendas and outcomes. No one ever seemed to do anything simply because they felt it was God's direction to do so. There always had to be a reason, an outcome, or a reward. Nobody in that group could come up with a word or phrase to convey what it meant to simply obey and walk into a situation without an agenda. We finally came up with a word. We would simply "be." How simple is that? If we had an opportunity or invitation to go somewhere, we would go without any thoughts of outcomes, we would go and "be." There's a more accurate term now that we've learned..."Be Present." More accurately, keep your mind focused on the people, place and situation you're in now, giving your undivided attention. Truthfully, this time will never line up again exactly how it is unfolding, so you might as well live in the moment!

All of us should be setting an example for the next generation also. How many of us are guilty of not really listening to our children while our minds are racing elsewhere? I didn't realize I was doing that until my daughter came and sat on my lap, took my face in her two little hands, looked me straight in the eyes and said, "Mommy, I'm talking to you!" I realized that what she was trying to tell me was very important to her and that I just was not present for that moment. From that moment on, we told our girls that if they felt we weren't listening, that they needed to take our face between their hands, look us in the eyes, and tell us that what they were saying is important. Over 25 years later, they will still do that, although in a slightly more age-appropriate manner!

So, what's the solution for a balance in our yesterday/today/tomorrow struggle? It seems like God is telling us we must live in the present tense. You are reading these words — this is the present moment. Don't dwell on the past or wonder about what you'll be doing in five minutes or five years. Be here now, totally. Practice right now, so that when the present moment shifts at the end of this article, you'll be ready to be in that moment totally. Let these words absorb deep into your brain and then let them make the short journey to your heart. Deep and hidden in your heart where you can't forget them.

Every moment and every situation gives you a choice. Whatever you do you should do it totally. Enjoy the flow of the moment. Don't give in to the guilty feeling that you're "wasting time" or that you "should be doing something." Feel the present moment fully and all your "oughts" and "shoulds" will take care of themselves. Give your full attention to whoever is in front of you, because they will never forget how that made them feel. Isn't that one of the greatest gifts you can give someone? Maybe that's why it's call "The Present."

Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady, invited all the women in attendance to tea at the White House, and when thousands came, aides were sent scurrying to borrow enough teacups to serve them. President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke to the gathering, as did Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture. So the plight and conditions of farm women were getting recognition nationally as well as internationally.

Ruth's first international travel was in 1939 aboard the Queen Mary to London for the fourth Triennial (meeting) of the ACWW. World War II would soon begin. Ruth continued her European stay with trips to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, and France. As the war moved ahead, Ruth formulated her first thoughts on the "international mind," and later she would say, "The national mind is enclosed all around by the borders of its country. The international mind knows that a threat to peace and freedom in any part of the world is a threat to peace and freedom in all parts of the world."

In 1938, Ruth became the Midwest Regional Director of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Areas of concern for this body included rural library service, funding for the educational work of the Extension Service, improving rural education, better training for rural school teachers, more state aid for education, more equality of school taxes paid by farmers vs. town dwellers, and improved health services to rural people. Crusades for these goals involved many years and endless organizational and committee meetings for Ruth.

1947 saw Ruth becoming more involved on an international level, and she believed that all country women had a common body of knowledge of the land and its life, with the shared challenge of weather. In April 1951, at the age of 55, Ruth began a worldwide journey, visiting 17 countries in 13 weeks. Acknowledging the worldwide wish for peace, she believed "To me the only real peace is the kind that assures freedom." She believed that the American spirit came from being able to make free choices and that Americans have a spirit to get things done. "For us, the impossible only takes a little longer than the possible." Over 30 countries were named in the book as places where Ruth traveled, as well as over half of the states in the U.S.

Ruth Sayre received many honors in her lifetime, which were enumerated in the book. On August 26, 1976, Ruth Sayre was honored to be included in the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. She interacted with many notable people, including: Pat Nixon; Eleanor Roosevelt; Mamie Eisenhower; Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower; William Randolph Hearst; Henry A. Wallace (Secretary of Agriculture 1933-1940); and many important international people. Ruth experienced the deaths of her parents; in 1954, that of her beloved husband Raymond; and her daughter Helen in 1957. She saw the marriages of her children and enjoyed her grandchildren. Ruth passed away at age 84 on November 23, 1980, in an Indianola care center, shortly after the publication of the biography about which this story is written. In her lifetime, she had packed more travel and met more people worldwide than any American President or anyone else one might think of.

Ruth Buxton Sayre was described as having a great sense of humor, an easy, friendly manner, mental toughness and calm good sense. She was able to separate personalities from issues and had the ability to inspire all who heard her. She was known as a genuinely humble, "homey kind of person" who never forgot her Iowa roots or the farm women who looked to her for continued leadership.



ROAD TRIPPING

Contributed by Terry Garner



Early in March, I took a load of stuff for our Borntreger friends out to Delmar where they live, along with the boys. The boys know I like to drive kind of fast, and are always teasing me about it. Well, when I got to Joni's house to pick them up, I had to confess that I'd gotten stopped on my way over! The deputy was nice, and let me off with a warning, so I was thankful for that. However, I did slow down a bit, and the rest of the trip was uneventful, ticket-wise, thank goodness!

We got to Delmar late that evening, visited a bit, then hit the sack. The next day, after they all got home from church, we girls took off for Rosa's house in Wisconsin. It was about a four and a half hour drive; we got there late that evening. More visiting, and catching up, and off to bed again. The next morning, Rosa had breakfast ready, and we started catching up and planning our day. I had told Rosa about Dells Mill in Augusta, Wisconsin, and that she and Levi really needed to go check that out sometime since it was pretty close to them. Rollie and I stopped there several years ago on our way to bear camp, and it's a beautiful place to see. An Amish family had just bought it and were restoring it. They weren't milling grain yet then, but they gave us a tour. It was fascinating! And the scenery was beautiful.

We decided to go there first and check out the mill, then do a couple Amish stores on the way home. I am so glad we did! From looking online, we knew the mill part would be closed, but they are now milling grain and run a small store where you can buy their products, and we thought it would be open for us to shop for a while. Well, when we arrived, there wasn't a soul around. We milled (pun intended) around a bit, then I pulled around the circle drive, and one of the girls piped up and said, "There's someone hanging out laundry." Verna Mae volunteered to go up and talk to them and see what was up, so out she jumped. In a bit, she came back and said "You're not going to believe this! That's Fannie!"

Fannie is from Murray, Iowa. She got married last year and moved to Wisconsin. While I knew she went to the Augusta area, I had no idea she was at Dells Mill! She came down to the truck, and we all fell out and went to laughing and going on about our good luck. No one could believe that we just fell into Fannie's lap like that. She unlocked the mill and while she didn't know everything about it, as someone else usually gave the tours, she took us all through it and told us what she could. She knew a lot, just being there all the time. She and her husband work for the family that owns it. Don't ask me how she did it, but she spun some big wheel around, and some machinery took off, and you could hear that old mill just a rumbling. Amazing!

She took us down below, you could see the big water wheel, and the water coming over the dam. The wheel was not up and running, it was shut down for the winter. Then we went back up top and could look out over the dam. She told us about the owners and the community replacing the dam in 2018, I believe. Then she opened up the store for us to shop for a bit. They sell grains they've milled in the mill, some books about the area (I bought one about the mill), other items made by local people, things of that nature. There's also antiques there; you can buy a Conestoga covered wagon for \$43,000 if you're so inclined!

Fannie's husband finally walked in, she introduced him, and after we looked at the time and saw it was 1:30, we figured he was probably wondering where his dinner was! Poor guy! We said good-bye, with promises to keep in touch, and high-tailed it for the Amish Wal-Mart Fannie told us about. What a great time!

We found Stutzman's Variety Store, otherwise known as the Amish Wal-Mart, and shopped in there for quite a while. We all left a little money behind and came out with

our purchases. Then on to Weaver's, another Amish bulk grocery store, and then back toward Rosa's house.

On the way home, we stopped at Verna Mae's brother's house and visited with his family. They were in the process of cooking off some maple syrup. He gave us a good run-down on how they do that. It was interesting for me, as I've never had anything to do with that. The next morning, we drove over to Verna Mae's sister who has a store, and visited with her a bit, then on to another sister, and more visiting. We stopped at Verna's mom's grave, and paid our respects there. Then it was time for us gals to grab some lunch and head for home.

On the way back home to Delmar, we went through Dickeyville, Wisconsin. There is a grotto there, and we drove through it. It was getting dark, and we needed to get home, so just did the drive-through thing, but next time I go that way, I'm planning on taking extra time to walk through and see it all. According to Google, the grotto and shrine were built between 1924 and 1930 with found objects from all over the world, by Father Matthias Wernerus. I think it would be nice to see the entire thing, so that's on my bucket list! Be sure to add Dells Mill and the Dickeyville Grotto to your list of things to see when you're out and about in Wisconsin. You won't be sorry!



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The grotto at Dickeyville, WI

The dam at Dells Mill



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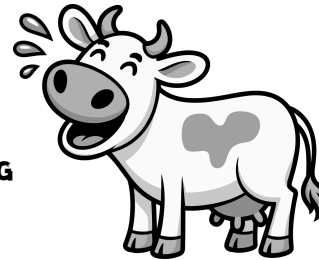
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SCRIBBLINGS FROM SUE

by Sue Stills

These late winter/early spring temperatures have been crazy, swinging from snow to sweltering heat, all over the United States. Here in southern Arizona, an intense early-season 11-day heat wave that began on March 18 brought temperatures over 100° and as high as 106°. Many other days were also hot, in the 90s. So this March ranked as the hottest March on record. We did move here for the warm weather, right?

This was our fifth year volunteering with the Sun Lakes Citrus Sharers, picking the citrus fruit in residents' yards, for those who requested the service. Our team of 16 was one of nine teams, with over 200 volunteers in total. All of the fruit is donated to the Phoenix St. Mary's Food Bank. This year, we beat last year's total number of pounds of fruit picked by nearly 3,000 pounds. Our total was 159,379 pounds, or 79.69 tons. The total number of trees picked was 1,485 (630 oranges, 241 lemons, 526 grapefruit, and 88 tangelos), at 714 homes. The St. Mary's representative informed us that we helped provide 132,815 meals. So, a very worthwhile activity!

My brother Bill has very "fruitful" citrus trees in his yard, and he has kept us supplied with pink grapefruit, lemons, and oranges. Grapefruit in the grocery store yesterday were \$1.99 each, and small lemons were \$0.69 each. Bill's lemons are very large, and his tree produces hundreds. We have used our "juicer" and have enjoyed fresh orange juice and lemonade.

Springtime in our area of Arizona abounds with flowers. We see oleanders in bloom everywhere – white, pink, hot pink and deep red flowers. There are oleander trees as well as shrubs, making the shrubs a great privacy screen when planted as hedges. They are a fast-growing evergreen that can grow to a height of 20 feet. Every part of the plant is toxic and can be fatal to humans and animals if ingested. We have oleanders along the two concrete walls that surround our backyard. Our flowers are white, pink and hot pink. Some of the cacti are starting to bloom.

Another striking feature of springtime is the blooming Palo Verde tree. The Palo Verde (meaning "green stick" in Spanish) tree was designated as Arizona's official state tree in 1954. There are two main species of this tree commonly found in Arizona, the Blue Palo Verde and the Foothill Palo Verde. It is the Blue species that has been blooming with vibrant yellow flowers. Many of these trees line the routes we travel, and I counted 13 of them at the CVS Pharmacy near us. We also see them in homeowners' yards. Of course, when the flowers fall, they make quite a mess. The Blue Palo Verde is known for its blue-green bark, while the Foothill Palo Verde has yellowish-green bark. The trees are typically 15-35 feet tall, with some reaching 40 feet. They can live from 50 to 250 years.

The Palo Verde tree is drought-resistant, with an extensive root system that can tap into deep water sources. It drops its leaves to minimize water loss during extremely dry conditions. The chlorophyll in its greenish bark conducts photosynthesis, thus producing energy even when it has shed its leaves. When rains do come, the tree can quickly produce new leaves and flowers. The flowers attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies. The trees provide shelter and food for various wildlife species, including birds, insects, and mammals. The Palo Verde tree is a cornerstone of cultural heritage for Native American tribes in Arizona, being useful for food, medicine, tools, ceremonies, and art.

Enjoy the spring– the morels will be popping up before long!

Sources: azstateparks.com; aznps.com; [Google AI Overview](#)



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Coffee & Fellowship: 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception

101 St. James St., PO Box 88
St. Marys, IA 50241
Fr. George BoachieNyarko
515 210-2490 (Emerg. only)
gnyarko@dmdioocese.org
Mass: Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sarah Gehringer (Office Manager)
641-297-2359
immacula@myomnitel.com
Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Religious Ed - Sunday morning
following Mass
Michelle Fick (Director) 641-297-2259

Calvary Baptist Church

109 N. Hartman St. Charles, IA 50240
641-396-2234
Pastor Doug Helton 641-396-2747
Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM
Wed. Prayer, Adult Bible Study – 6:30 PM

Assumption Shrine, Churchville (Formerly Church of the Assumption)

2841 South Street,
Churchville, IA
Business Office:
c/o St. John the Apostle Church
720 Orchard Hills Drive,
Norwalk, IA 50211
Fr. Daniel Kirby
Mass Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
(During Lent.)
Mass : First Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m.
(Rosary at 10:10 a.m.)

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 am
Sun. Evening Worship 5:30 pm
Cubi Club & Twenty/20 - 5:30 pm
Adult Endeavor - 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study & Youth Classes 7 pm

Faith Fellowship Church

1694 Hwy 152,
Osceola, IA 50213
641-414-3935
Pastor: Scott Davis
Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow
ffcosceolapastor@gmail.com
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am

New Virginia Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
604 Main Street. / Box 112
New Virginia, IA 50210
Pastor: Darin Feikema
515-250-5116
Sunday Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church

301 West Street / Box 301
New Virginia, IA 50210
641-449-3779
Pastor Paul Burrow
515-402-1802
Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com
Church email: NewVA-Medora@outlook.com
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Fellowship following Worship Service
Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM
Necessities Pantry open 2nd Wednesday
10-11 AM & 6:00-7:00 PM
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New Virginia United Methodist Church

Medora United Methodist Church

10804 Hwy G-76 / Box 301
New Virginia, IA 50210
641-449-3779
Pastor Paul Burrow
515-402-1802
Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com
Church email: NewVA-Medora@outlook.com
Sunday School: 9:15 AM (children)
Worship: 9 AM
Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

Church of Christ

10985 44th Lane Prole, IA 50229
Sunday Worship: 10 AM
Wednesday Worship: 7 PM
Elder: Duane Proudfit 515-537-9142
Elder: Mike Penick 515-989-4165
Deacon: Dave Henderson 515-250-5760
Deacon: Richard Bown: 515-681-0491

Linn Grove United Methodist Church

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

St. Paul Lutheran

(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

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

LifePoint Church

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

Peru United Methodist Church

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



DECADES OF DEVIL PRIDE

A Celebration of Community, Culture, & the Future of MSTM

An evening filled with laughter, connection, and a whole lot of Blue Devil pride brought the Martensdale-St. Marys community together in a memorable way. From meaningful moments to lighthearted fun, Decades of Devil Pride was a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community shows up for its students.



On Saturday, February 28, Red Acre Barn was filled with energy and nostalgia as MSTM Partners in Education hosted its second annual event. From the VIP hour through the final moments of the night, the evening celebrated the people, traditions, and shared pride that make Martensdale-St. Marys so special.

This year's theme honored the decades of Blue Devil history that have shaped the school and surrounding communities into what they are today. Guests embraced the theme in fun and creative ways, dressing from their favorite eras while enjoying an atmosphere thoughtfully designed to reflect multiple decades—from décor and signage to signature drinks and event details.

The evening offered a mix of entertainment and connection. A highlight was the live auction, featuring 23 incredible items and led by MSTM senior Asher Henson, who returned for his second year as the event's auctioneer. At just 18 years old, Henson captivated the audience with his energy, confidence, and professionalism. Emceeding the night was Frank Hawk, a Blue Devil alum and current parent, who guided the evening with enthusiasm. Guests also participated in a lively reverse bingo game, adding even more fun to the night.



The venue itself was a full experience, featuring themed décor and a large balloon display—complete with disco balls—that provided a popular photo backdrop. Lindsey Willis Photography captured the evening beautifully, preserving so many special moments. Guests also enjoyed an incredible, intricate, and generously sized charcuterie spread from Off the Griddle, which was just as visually stunning as it was delicious. Centerpieces added a nostalgic touch with daisies, miniature jukeboxes, and displays set atop vintage records and cases.

A returning favorite was the VIP Table Decorating Contest, with 14 tables creatively representing a variety of decades—and even earlier eras such as Victorian and Medieval times. Voting took place on social media, where guests and supporters “liked” their favorite designs. This year's winner, Juliann Sinn, earned the most votes for her “Vintage Cabin” themed table and received the signature disco ball Decades of Devil Pride trophy, created and donated by Bob's Custom Trophies of Indianola.

Guests also enjoyed the “Drink Your Decade” experience, choosing from a 1970s Harvey Wallbanger, a 1980s Amaretto Sour, or a 1990s Cosmopolitan. Red Acre Barn donated \$1 from each signature drink sold back to the fundraiser, adding another meaningful contribution to the night.

While the evening was full of fun, its purpose was deeply meaningful. Proceeds from the event will support a new playground at MSTM. As the school undergoes major construction—including a new secure entrance, gymnasium, parking lot, and bus loop—the playground will become one of the first features visitors see. More than just a place to play, it will serve as a welcoming space for students, families, and community members—a physical manifestation of MSTM Partners in Education's mission to build community and strengthen school culture.

The event raised over \$48,000, and when combined with leftover funds from the previous year, MSTM Partners in Education presented a total of \$50,000 to the district at the March 23 school board meeting. For just the second year of the event—and without a matching opportunity—this level of support speaks volumes about the generosity and pride within the MSTM community.



Attendees included parents, alumni, and community members of all ages. The evening was made even more special by the Class of 1978, which held a reunion during the event—a reminder of the lasting connections that begin at MSTM.

The success of Decades of Devil Pride was made possible by the incredible generosity of the entire community. From event sponsors, to those who donated thoughtful and unique live auction items, to every individual who contributed during the evening—each gift truly mattered. The way this community continues to show up with support, pride, and a shared commitment to its students is what makes events like this so special.

Looking ahead, plans are already underway for next year's event, which will feature a brand-new, fun theme. In addition, MSTM Partners in Education is excited to expand its efforts by launching the district's first Alumni Association. Initial plans include enhancing the Homecoming experience, creating something fun and memorable for students, alumni, and the entire community. MSTM alumni are encouraged to visit mstmpartners.com to fill out an alumni form and stay connected.

Decades of Devil Pride not only celebrated the past—it brought the community together in a way that continues to build a strong and lasting future for MSTM.

