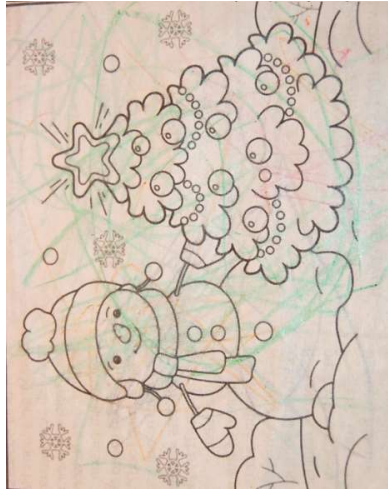


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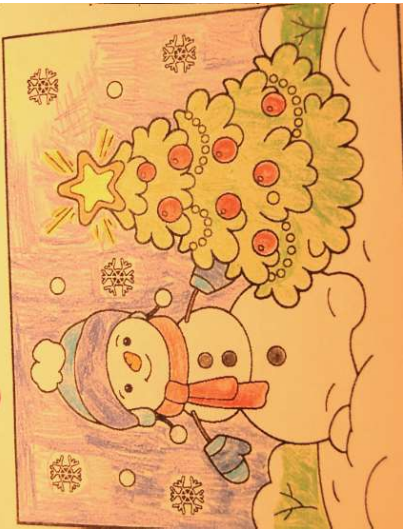
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Trey, Age 4



Kade, Age 4



Emlynn, Age 9



Bentley, Age 9



Jorja, age 11

Winners:

Age 2-4

Kade - 1st, Trey - 2nd, Bodhi - 3rd

Age 8-10

Keifer 1st, Emlynn 2nd, Bentley 3rd

Age 11 & up

Jorja 1st

You may pick up your prizes at the New Virginia Public Library, Congratulations!



Keifer, Age 8

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December 21st

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Thursday, December 19th

Friday, January 3rd

Thursday, January 16th

January



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Questions or for more information about your local Girl Scouts contact:

Sarah Lawyer at 5SarahJL5@gmail.com

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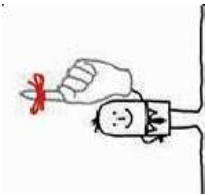
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Tahra Bedwell for more info
641.414.7250 or tbedwell@roadrunner.net

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Book Club: 3rd to 6th grades: Thurs. 5:30-6:30

Story Hour: pre-K to 2nd grades: Thurs. 6:30-7:30

Veteran Quilt Ceremony: none in December

New Arrivals

A Minute to Midnight, Baldacci * A Gentleman in Moscow, Towles

The 19th Christmas, J. Patterson

New Junior Library Guild Selections each month!

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 Sunday Worship - 11 am

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Luke 2:10b



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**OmniTel Communications Announces
 “You Rock” Scholarship Program
 Nine \$500 scholarships available**

Nora Springs, IA. – December 2019 – Local provider OmniTel Communications has announced its “You Rock” scholarship program, available to high school seniors residing within OmniTel’s service area at the following area high schools: Central Springs, East Mills, Interstate 35, Martensdale – St. Marys, North Butler, Riceville, Riverside CSD, Rockford, and St. Ansgar.

One winner from each school listed will be selected to win a \$500 scholarship. Students interested in applying for the scholarship should create a short (minimum three minute) video that is inspired by technology. Videos should have a theme or answer a question, such as: Why is the Internet important to enhancing relationships between generations? How has the Internet improved our society? How does technology inspire or transform creativity? How does the Internet impact different generations? Finally, a recommendation letter from a teacher, coach, or mentor is required.

“We are thrilled to offer this scholarship to support our local students,” says Rod Laudner, CEO of OmniTel. “Video is an ideal medium for students to show what technology means to them, and we are looking forward to creative and compelling submissions.”

Scholarship applications must be submitted before 11:59 PM on February 28, 2020. The application form and full details are available at www.omnitel.biz/scholarship. Winners will be announced in late March 2020.

Iowa 4-H Scholarships

Iowa 4-H Members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual requirements. There are many scholarships available and all seniors are encouraged to apply. Applicants must enroll as a full-time student to receive scholarship awards. Only one application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for multiple awards, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year. To be eligible for any of the scholarships, two letters of recommendation are required—one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher. All 4-H scholarship applications are due February 2, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Find available scholarships and application details here: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/

Party Potatoes

- 2 lbs frozen hash browns (thawed)
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 can cream chicken soup
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup butter (melted)
- ½ cup onions chopped
- Small carton sour cream

Combine all and put in greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes



Virginia Boosters

Written by Abby Fantz, Reporter

The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held its December 11 meeting at 7:00 P.M. At the New Virginia Lions Hall.

Lexy Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00. Roll call was ‘What do you want for Christmas?’ Macy Nelson gave the Secretary’s report and Hanna Bedwell read the Treasurer’s report. Old business included discussing year pins, purchasing a microphone, and talking about activities that the club wanted to do for fun.

The review of the monthly county newsletter started the new business, sparking conversation about the many reminders and upcoming dates. The Warren County Fair beef weigh-in on December 14, the new 4-H member guide, Camera Corps membership, scholarships offered for 4-Hers, and the number of meetings needed to be attended to show at the fair(5) were discussed. They decided to do their annual movie night in February but have yet to decide on a date.

Nora Nelson led the 4-H pledge. Brianna Fantz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brady Streeter seconded.

The presentation this month was by Lexy Nelson, Hannah Foreman, and Jamie Smith and their presentation was about their 12 high school tips for Success.

The host for this meeting was everyone; they had a potluck.

The next meeting is on January 8 at 7:00 P.M. The presentation will be done by Jeta Nelson, Emma Leith, Briar, and Grant. The hosts will be the Leih’s. Have a good day!

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant

Each year DuPont Pioneer offers grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide “seed money” that clubs can use as a starting point on their projects.

Grants vary from \$50 to \$500. Proposals are reviewed by a committee of 4-H volunteers and staff. Clubs looking to complete a large community-service project should consider this funding option! It is ideal for clubs to develop a leadership committee, action plan, and budget prior to completing the application.

Here are a few examples of projects that have been funded with Pioneer seed money: restoring a cemetery or historic monument, establishing a native prairie, improving ball parks, planting trees, and building or replacing park benches and picnic tables.

Applications for the 2019-20 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants will be posted soon, find last year’s application and additional information here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>.

Applications are due to the Extension 4-H Building in Ames by January 30, 2020.



Roger Harley Comstock, 78, passed away Friday Nov 29, 2019 surrounded by his family after a long battle with multiple strokes in Phoenix, Arizona.

He leaves behind his wife of 57 years (married on Sep 2, 1962) Judy Comstock, Sandy Van Veen (John) oldest daughter, Nancy McKinney youngest daughter, Andrea (Joey) Kancoy oldest granddaughter, Austin (Kendra) McKinney only grandson, Sam (John) Hutton youngest granddaughter, Great Grandkids: Taylor, Shya, Blakely, Emary, Kasey, and Gatlin.

Born in Zell, South Dakota on April 8, 1941 to his late parents Vera Peterman (Comstock) and father Benjamin Herbert Comstock. They had 3 additional children Everett Comstock (surviving), Viola Bueber (surviving), and Charlotte (Ron) Palmer (surviving).

In his early years Roger would work on the family farm until graduating from Miller South Dakota in 1960. Roger had a small stint with the National Guard before being honorably discharged due to rheumatic fever. He then became a Union Truck Driver for 30 years. Over the years of driving he was awarded over 2 million miles of safe driving. Roger retired from trucking in 1999. After retirement he spent his days traveling the world either by motorcycle, motor home, or boat. He enjoyed exploring the world with his wife and friends.

Roger was best known for being very quick witted and an agitator. He was loved for his eye rolls, eye brow lifting, and his smile. He truly enjoyed picking on the grandkids. He enjoyed attending and helping with the granddaughters show in 4-H at the county and state fair, and loved watching his grandson play baseball.

A memorial will be held in the Spring of 2020 in Iowa with further details to come. Condolences can be sent to 3916 N Potsdam Ave #1964 Sioux Falls, SD 57104-7048

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EVERY 3rd WEDNESDAY 9am

Warren County Health will be at the library to check blood pressures and blood sugars. She can also have flu shots available if you let us know ahead of time.

TEEN NIGHT
AT THE
New Virginia Public Library
EVERY 1st & 3rd TUESDAY
5pm - 6pm

PEANUT BUTTER BLONDIES

- 2 c. flour
 - 1 c. butter, softened
 - 2 c. packed brown sugar
 - 1 T. Vanilla
 - 1 ½ t. baking powder
 - 1 c. peanut butter
 - 3 eggs
- Mix flour and baking powder, set aside. Beat butter, peanut butter & brown sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat in flour and baking powder. Spread in buttered cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Let cool.

- Frosting: 1 pound powdered sugar
½ c. peanut butter
½ c. butter, softened
½ t. vanilla
1/3 c. hot water

For frosting, mix powdered sugar, peanut butter, butter and vanilla. Beat in hot water until it reaches a good consistency for spreading. Frost bars.

Church Directory

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 Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
 (Rosary at 5:10 p.m)
 Mass : First Sunday of the month at
 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,
 gnginery@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.mccc-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
 Peru Murray United Methodist Church
 Pastor Brandon Campbell
 No Sunday School
 Peru Worship 9:00 am
 Murray Worship 10:30 am

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
 641-396-2441
 www.saintcharlesparish.org
 Sunday School 9 am
 Worship Service 10 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@netins.net
 515-961-3026
 Office Hours: Tues/Fri 9 am-4 pm
 Religious Ed - Sunday morning
 following mass
 Michelle Fick (Director) 641-297-2233



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 School: 10 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church
 301 West Street / Box 301
 New Virginia IA 50210
 641-449-3779
 Pastor Bruce Giese
 515-867-4088
 Pastor's email: pstrbruceg@gmail.com
 Church email: Newwamed@iowatelecom.net
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
 Fellowship following Worship Service
 Sunday School at 9:15 AM Sept - May
 Youth: 5:45 PM Wednesday Sept - May
 Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM
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 2nd Wednesday
 UMW 1:00 p.m. 1st Thursday (except July & August)
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Medora United Methodist Church
 10804 Hwy G-76 / Box 301
 New Virginia IA 50210
 641-449-3779
 Pastor Bruce Giese
 515-867-4088
 Pastor's email: pstrbruceg@gmail.com
 Church email: Newwamed@iowatelecom.net
 Sunday School: 9:15 AM (children)
 Worship: 9 AM
 Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

Church of Christ

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

Linn Grove United Methodist Church
 7483--50th Ave
 (4 miles north of Martensdale)
 (1 block east of Hwy 28)
 Prole IA, 50229
 Pastor: Bernie Colorado
 515-981-4062
 Sunday Breakfast: 8 - 9:30 AM
 (free will offering)
 Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM
 Adult Sunday School-1st & 3rd Sunday 11:15 AM
 Pastor's email: bernieca2003@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
 Pastor Don Rothweiler:
 C- 515-975-9225
 Donrothweiler@yahoo.com
 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
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 Worship Service: 10 am
 Pastor Chuck Myer

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Thurs 4 pm - 8 pm
Sat 9 am - 12 pm

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- Christmas Cookie Fundraiser December 21st 9 a.m.-noon
- Christmas Movie December 21st 10 a.m.
- Cribbage Every Tuesday Night at 6:30 p.m.
- Warren County Health Checks Every 3rd Wed. 9 a.m.
- Teen Night Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 5-6 p.m.
- Book Club and LEGO'S Every 3rd Wednesday 4-5 p.m.
- New Adult and Children's books every month
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Source for In Years Past:
The New Virginian newspaper
Historical Scrapbooks compiled
by Leota Houlette
New Virginia Public Library



ALL NEWS/COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS WELCOME

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



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content to stay put as long as there is feed and water and their needs are met. They do not vaccinate like we do with our domesticated stock breeds, since the bison are naturally hardy. Occasionally, if the need arises, they will use a dart gun to administer medication if one needs veterinary attention. To worm them, they will feed some grain with wormer medication included in it. If the bison are moved out of state, then they would have to be vaccinated for various diseases, as are cattle.

These bison are raised primarily on grass, and marketed as grass fed. They will gain approximately one pound a day on grass. They can help change the ecosystem of a farm by grazing more efficiently than cattle. Bison tend to live longer than cattle. A bison cow will easily live 20-25 years and produce calves for much of that time. She will average 1100 pounds. Bulls will reach their prime at 9-10 years and average 2500 pounds. Calves are smaller than we are used to, being 30 percent smaller than a domestic calf. It is hard to tell the sex of a calf until they reach about one year of age, due to their furry nature. Bison do not moo like a cow; they communicate by grunting. A bison is four times more athletic than a cow, so watch out! They move extremely fast!

Their plans for the bison include marketing their meat, hides and fur. The meat will be processed into meat sticks and protein bars. According to the USDA, bison meat is very high in iron and has more protein with less fat and calories than beef. They are contacting native American tribes to see if they would be interested in the hides since the bison played such an important role in their culture. As for the wool, they want to develop a market for it by having it made into hats, scarves and gloves. Bison do not have hair like our cattle; they have wool, similar to sheep. They shed it off in big chunks called tags. It will catch on trees and brush and pull off to be gathered up later and harvested. The skulls will also be processed for sale.

Johnnie, Scott and their partners are willing to help others get a start in owning a bison herd of their own if they wish. They say the up front costs for purchasing bison are more than they are for cattle but the cash flow is better in the long run. Growing the industry is important to them and they want to see it flourish. They also have a bison herd on a farm in the Van Meter area. They maintain an event center at this location and give tours, hold events, and sell their bison products. You can go to Facebook.com and follow them there. The website for their business is thebarebison.com. You can shop for barebison products on amazon.com and in our local Hy-Vee and Fareway stores. If you would like a tour of their Van Meter bison farm, you can contact Johnnie at 515-351-9730. They give tours to large and small groups both so gather up some friends and go for a road trip!

In Years Past...

- *Class of 1912 Celebrated 60th Anniversary
- *5 members of the 1912 Truro graduating class met at the home of Daisy Musselman Barnes for a "carry-in" dinner.



Johnnie Kennell, Terry Garner

MERRY CHRISTMAS

- Do you remember when you were greeted with Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holiday? If you are as old as me you do...
- This time of year we were either ice skating on the Depot Pond or sleigh riding on the hills west of the old depot. Oh what memories.
- How many can remember the Christmas Eve services at the old Methodist Church and the bags of fresh fruit, candy, and nuts that Theo Irwin would provide each child? Mrs. O.C. Russell always had a children's Christmas Play. It was fun. I remember once being a Wise Man and it has never happened since.
- Does anyone remember Betty Mitchell and the wonderful Marimba music that girl could play?
- How many can remember Bag and Tire swings...
- Does anyone remember the North Pond west of Nellie Coulters...
- Does anyone remember Newt Weaver's wagon box sleigh? He would give us kids rides about the time each horse needed to relieve themselves.
- Does anyone remember Garfield Connor and Glen Read...
- How about E.J. Lister and Louie Strom?
- Do you remember Tootie Shane...
- How many can remember Olga Lunby's yearly Christmas pageants?

I very much love all the towns in this paper's circulation area and as Perry Como used to sing,

" THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS".
GOD BLESS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

YOU ARE LOVED...

