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LENDING A HELPING HAND

Contributed by Terry Garner

Every Monday, in an unassuming little building on West Street in New Virginia, there are big happenings going on. One would never guess from just driving by what all is taking place behind those brick walls in that small storefront. Cars begin to line the sidewalks early in the morning, although the public won't be allowed to enter the building until 12:30 p.m. But behind those walls, there is a buzz of activity going on. The big van used to transport the food has already left and will be back soon, loaded with food that would have been destined for the landfill, if not for the intervention of these volunteers who work so diligently to save it and share it with others. When it arrives at the back door, there will be a steady stream of folks carrying boxes of food into the building, taking them up front to be staged for pickup by those waiting outside on the street. Every box will be weighed, categorized, emptied, and then taken to the designated spot or room for distribution. Others will be organizing the food in a pleasing manner and making it easy for shoppers to pick out what they want. Other volunteers are bringing more food up out of the freezers and refrigerators in the back to place out with all the fresh food coming in. Finally, in the late morning, the volunteers will take some time to eat their lunch that they have prepared in the kitchen or maybe partake of some of the food that is being offered that day. Then, at 12:30, the front door will be opened, and shoppers will stream into the small lobby, to register and wait their turn to shop. At one o'clock, the leader of this organization will go up front, ask for quiet, and offer a prayer to start the day. And then, folks will take a cart and file through the maze of tables set up and select the items they want that day. There is a limit on the number of individual items that they can take, as that allows the folks at the end of the line the same opportunities as the folks at the beginning of the line. This will go on for two hours, until 3 o'clock, when it all kind of winds down, and the day is over for the shoppers. Not so for the volunteers. They will start tidying up, putting unselected food back in freezers and refrigerators, storing the many boxes, taking out trash, putting equipment away, whatever it takes to get the building back in order. Food left over that will not keep is staged for pick-up by a church in Osceola and area schools that can use it before its time is up. And finally, after all the work is done, the volunteers can pick out some things they would like to take home. Just another Monday at Jesus' Right Hand.....

In 1986, Larry and Karen Linhart opened Jesus' Right Hand in a small building in New Virginia to minister to the victims of the farm crisis going on at the time. A board of trustees was formed to oversee the operation, and it was decided to place all trust in God to provide for the ministry, refusing to accept any help from the government, thus alleviating the need to follow strict guidelines, which could contribute to some folks' falling between the cracks due to government regulations. The ministry was soon incorporated as a non-profit, and was, and still is, totally funded by donations only. With the passing of Larry and Karen, David and Joyce Mastin were elected as co-directors in 2021, and then Joyce remained as director in 2022 when David died. One of the rooms in the building is named after him, David's Room.

I talked with Joyce and Glenda, her extremely hard-working helper, and here are some

facts they shared with me about the organization:

- In August, they helped 353 families, or 907 individuals.
- It used to be older folks who needed the most help, but now, people between the ages of 19 and 59 make up the biggest group of folks who utilize the pantry.
- Our area is considered a "food desert," meaning the closest grocery stores and food supplies are more than ten miles away.
- Jesus' Right Hand is a stand-alone pantry and has been in continuous operation for over 40 years now, with most food pantries not even coming close to the longevity of this organization.
- Jesus' Right Hand is managed totally with volunteer effort; there are no salaries paid to anyone.
- Retail donors include Trader Joe's/Des Moines, Dollar General/St. Charles, Maverick/New Virginia, Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh/Cumming, and Aldi's/West Des Moines. St. Vincent de Paul/Des Moines is a non-profit donor.
- They offer three ways to help: fresh food on Mondays; a three-day supply of food for emergencies; and a walk-in program, where you can acquire a few items any time they are open, which is pretty much every day, Monday through Friday.
- Anyone can utilize the Fresh Food Giveaways on Mondays. There are no income limitations or guidelines restricting access to food. Everyone is welcome to participate.

In visiting with Joyce, she shared with me how important it was to not only help those in need, but also to keep this overabundance of food out of the landfills. Our society has become a throw-away society, and food in the landfills makes up about 25 percent of the total waste sent to landfills. With so many folks in need, it seems unconscionable to waste vast amounts of available food. The Fresh Food Giveaway on Mondays helps alleviate some of this problem. Since Jesus' Right Hand accepts NO governmental assistance, they minister to everyone, regardless of circumstances, allowing anyone to avail themselves of this food that would otherwise go in the landfill. That means you and me, your neighbors, the older folks on limited incomes, and working families just trying to make ends meet.

September is Hunger Action Month, a nationwide annual campaign led by Feeding America to raise awareness about food insecurity and to inspire people to help end hunger in America. Make a difference. Stop by Jesus' Right Hand and see what all they do and the difference they are making in peoples' lives. See what you could do to help, be it volunteering your time, or with monetary donations.

It's easy to drive past that little building on West Street and never give it a second thought. But every Monday, something much bigger is happening inside. Food that might have been wasted is being rescued. Families are being helped. Schools and churches are receiving food they can use. And volunteers are giving generously of their time, energy and talents. There is no spotlight. No fanfare. No great announcement when the doors open each Monday. Just people helping people. And perhaps that is what makes the work so special. Behind those ordinary brick walls is a community of people quietly making a difference—one box of food, one cart, one helping hand and one Monday at a time.

Council Meeting Minutes
September 7th, 2026

The Council met in regular session on Monday September 7th, 2026, for the September council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:02 p.m. with Council Members Bailey, Chandler, Dunkin, Galivan and Truman present. Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Old Business: A list of supplies, materials and measurements regarding the replacement of the overhead water line from copper to pex at the fire station will be obtained tonight after the meeting.

The four type 2 barricades at a price of \$142.55 for each have been ordered.

The bleachers have been moved from Murray to GAMP Park. The existing bleachers will be moved so dirt work can be done before the Murray bleachers are set in place. If bleachers are placed on the south side of the GAMP Building, it is recommended that a concrete wall is poured on the backside of where the bleachers would be placed. The Council will get together at GAMP Park to consider the best options for the bleachers.

The trash bags on the pulling track at GAMP Park have been removed and the trash cans have been placed behind the sign boards at the west end of the track.

Citizen Input: Steve Voltmer was present to discuss a drainage problem in front of 201 West Street. There are large ruts off the shoulder of the road that have developed from run-off after heavy rains. This issue will be investigated.

Councilman Chandler advised he had a citizen inquire if it is possible to dig a well within the city limits. It is believed this is not an option. This inquiry will be researched.

A citizen inquired if he could use truck pull signs to direct tractors to GAMP Park regarding a tractor ride coming through New Virginia on Friday, September 11th, and Saturday, September 12th. It was agreed the truck pull signs can be used with proper placement.

Councilman Chandler advised a citizen inquired if it is possible to place a Conex container within the city limits. There is no clear-cut ordinance on this type of container placement.

Fire Department Business: No new business to discuss.

Water Utilities discussed: The August water report was reviewed. July water usage was 798,000 gallons averaging 26,000 gallons per day. The Stage 2 TTHM and HAA5 testing is complete for the quarter. Testing is in compliance with Iowa DNR permit requirements.

Law Enforcement: The Sheriff's Report from the month of August was reviewed. Officers received or initiated 11 calls for service during the month. Officers spent more than 30 hours in the City of New Virginia in August. Officers patrolled in excess of 120 miles within the city limits for the month.

Dr. Michael Gossen, Superintendent of the Interstate 35 School District, was present to introduce himself to the Council and citizens present. He is looking to move into the school district. The November 3rd, 2026 vote for a \$12.3 million bond referendum was discussed. The bond covers air conditioning for the only two remaining areas of the school not air-conditioned, the gymnasium and the kitchen. Also covered in the bond is a new athletic complex for football and track including additional restrooms; elementary playground area including a shelter; re-aligning educational plans to separate the elementary, middle school and high school and library updates. Dr. Gossen also advised that a mold issue in the school has been mitigated. There is a Town Hall Meeting scheduled at the GAMP Community Building on October 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss what the school bond covers in detail and to answer questions community members might have.

Mayor Strange gave an update on the proposed Lions Hall Building renovation. The State of Iowa did get 1 million dollars in funding for asbestos mitigation that is available to communities 5,000 or less in population. Asbestos removal is 100% reimbursable up to \$10,000 dollars. It is estimated that the Lions Hall Building has approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 dollars of asbestos mitigation. There is an application for the asbestos mitigation process. The application will be filled out and returned before the October 9th due date. Three keys to the Hen House have been given to the Lions Club for them to be able to use the building for meetings.

GAMP UPDATE

The keypad box for the front entry door to the GAMP Community Building will be replaced.

Routine cleaning of the GAMP Community Building will resume now that regular activities have started back up this fall.

The south window frame in the announcer's stand is rotting out, along with a few other boards. The window frame and boards will be replaced.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

New Virginia Hometown Pride is planning and preparing for this year's End of Summer Social. They have been discussing advertising, bands, and vendors. This event is September 20th at Hickory Hills.

The committee is also looking for more members. If interested in joining, people are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the library at 6:00 p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new information to present to the Council.

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Fund balance \$19,194.91. No new information to present to the Council.

The Old Settlers Committee is requesting the closure of West Street for Halloween Trick or Treat night activities. A resolution for closing West Street for Halloween activities will be drafted for the October Council meeting.

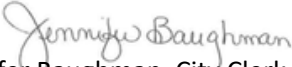
The Old Settlers Committee is requesting the use of the fire station for Halloween Trick or Treat night activities. It was agreed that the fire station can be used by the Old Settlers Committee for Halloween activities.

Galivan moved, seconded by Chandler to approve Norville Huston, Larry Dittmer, and Dominic Cresta as members to the Board of Adjustment. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The October Council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
October meeting date – Monday October 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.


Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



Interested in joining
**New Virginia Hometown
Pride?**
Contact nvhp50210@gmail.com



The Sign at the
United Methodist Church
in New Virginia
Please send messages to:
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Please put **SIGN** in the subject line.

NEW VIRGINIA SEPTEMBER CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	CLAIMS REPORT REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,438.49	16287	9/1/2026
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$54.31	16310	9/10/2026
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	TECHNOLOGY COMPUTER REPAIR	\$359.54	16288	9/1/2026
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	FIRE EQUIPMENT UNIFORMS	\$2,394.45	16293	9/8/2026
HINDERS UPDEGRAFF FRANKLIN PLC	LEGAL FEES	\$886.50	16295	9/8/2026
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$64.38	16327169	9/7/2026
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES FY 2027	\$670.00	16311	9/10/2026
IA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSAT	WORKERS COMP	\$1,303.00	16297	9/8/2026
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$433.57	16327170	9/7/2026
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$578.46	16327171	9/7/2026
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	16298	9/8/2026
JOSEY GALIVAN	GROUND MAINT TRACTOR & SEEDING	\$1,217.00	16299	9/8/2026
MATT PARROTT/STOREY KENWORTHY	OFFICE SUPPLIES/CHECK FORMS	\$396.31	16300	9/8/2026
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$3.17	16312	9/11/2026
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	\$149.56	16302	9/8/2026
R & R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS	\$1,300.00	16304	9/8/2026
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$2,557.46	16306	9/8/2026
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHCILE FUEL	\$779.92	16307	9/8/2026
WIEGERT DISPOSAL INC	PORTA POTTIES CLEANING	\$600.00	16308	9/8/2026
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$601.71	16309	9/8/2026
	TOTAL GENERAL	\$15,849.83		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,310.62	16287	9/1/2026
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	STREET MAINTENANCE-STORMSEWER	\$305.95	16288	9/1/2026
JOSEY GALIVAN	STREET MAINTENANCE STOP SIGNS	\$50.00	16299	9/8/2026
	TOTAL ROAD USE	\$1,666.57		
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$24.29	16310	9/10/2026
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$100.00	16294	9/8/2026
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER	\$100.00	16296	9/8/2026
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX FOR JULY 2026	\$493.03	16327158	8/28/2026
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$58.86	16327169	9/7/2026
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$380.46	16327170	9/7/2026
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$528.40	16327171	9/7/2026
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$19.50	16301	9/8/2026
PROFESSIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGE	OTHER CONTR SERV WATER	\$1,113.00	16303	9/8/2026
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,272.00	16305	9/8/2026
	TOTAL WATER UTILITIES	\$7,089.54		
	GENERAL	\$2,223.87		
	WATER	\$1,931.71		
	Total Payroll Paid	\$4,155.58		
	***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$28,761.52		



Public Notice

All New Virginia 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.

City of New Virginia

August 2026	Deposits
General	\$2,779.31
GAMP	\$214.42
Fire	\$259.48
Elf Club	\$ 0.00
Road Use	\$5,877.83
LOST	\$5,914.51
Debit Service	\$ 12.88
Water Utilities	\$10,614.14
Grand Total	\$25,672.57





3014 Scott St. New Virginia, IA

Friday Nights at Harpors

September 11th 5-9 pm / September 25th 5-9 pm
pizza, wings, nachos, charcuteries, dessert, CASH Bar
RSVP 515.218.0706

BackRoads & ByWays Tour

October 2nd & October 3rd 10-5
Craft and Food Vendors- Food and Cocktails for purchase

Friday Night Dinners

October 9th & October 23rd 5pm
Tickets for purchase. See website & Facebook for details and tickets.

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Harporsbybailexfarms.com

National Days

Sept
17th



Constitution Day & Citizenship Day



Sept
18th

Cheeseburger Day

Sept
19th

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Matey"



Talk Like a Pirate

New VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us

Upcoming Events:

Sept 24th at 6PM we're doing a fall themed
suncatcher ornament program (for kids)

Sept 16th at 4pm: Adult Book club will be
picking up "Slow Dance" by Rainbow Rowell

Oct 20th at 6PM we're doing an Adopt a Ghost
program (for kids)

Library Hours:

Tues: 4 - 8 pm

Wed: 9 - 11 am / 1 - 8 pm

Thurs: 4 - 8 pm

Fri: Closed

Sat: 9 am - noon

Sun & Mon: Closed



Fall Edition

Friday, October 2nd
&
Saturday, October 3rd
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Trunk or Treat
Saturday,
October 31, 2026
5:30 - 7:30 p

Free Will Donation Supper
Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026, 5-8 pm
New Virginia fire station
SOUPS, Hot dogs, chili dogs,
Drinks and Dessert

Carryout Available



In case of bad weather, we will
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sponsors to the New Virginia
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"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life" - Henry Ward Beecher

Library Hours:

Sun: 1 - 5 pm
Mon: 10 am - 6 pm
Tues: 12 - 8 pm
Wed: Closed
Thurs: 12 - 8 pm
Fri: Closed
Sat: 9 am - 12 pm

Library Board

Meeting:
Sept 15th at
6 pm
in
City Hall

Book Club

Next Meeting:
Sept 22nd
Will be reading
Little Women
Copies are now
available.

On September 28th from 11 am - 2pm, Zach Nunn or a representative will be in the meeting room to answer any questions you may have.

10 Books You Should Read by 75

1. A Room With a View 2. Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All 3. Ruby Fruit Jungle 4. All About Love New Visions 5. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn 6. Their Eyes Were Watching God 7. Goodnight Moon 8. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn 9. James 10. 1984

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St. Charles City Clerk
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clerk@stcharlesia.us
Mayor: Brian Fitch

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING FOR CITY CLERK

The City of St. Charles is accepting applications for the position of City Clerk. Responsible for all financial activities of the City, including but not limited to accounts payable, accounts receivable, all financial reports, state and federal reports, council meeting minutes, resolutions, ordinances, budget preparation, human resources and general office management. Must be able to work effectively with the public. Computer skills are necessary. Preference will be given to applicants with coursework in accounting and/or bookkeeping, or an equivalent combination of accounting/bookkeeping experience and training that provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to perform the essential functions of the position. This will be an hourly position (approximately 20 hours per week) with wage commensurate with experience and knowledge. Applicants must be over 18 years of age. For full job description and application, please contact Tracy Kozak, City Clerk, City of St. Charles, 113 S Lumber, PO Box 118, St. Charles, IA 50240, phone (641)369-2545, or email: clerk@stcharlesia.us. Position is open until filled by the St. Charles City Council. The City of St. Charles is an equal opportunity employer.

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Stop in for some
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**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH
11:00 AM TO 3:00PM**

No registration;
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Bring your own game, or play
some of ours. Dominos,
Yahtze, UNO, Pitch, Hearts.
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BYO refreshments.





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Truro City Council Minutes

September 8, 2026

Community Center

CONTACT INFO
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Truro City Clerk
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trurocityclerk@gmail.com
Mayor: Bryan Arzani

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ancel Kennedy, Jason Phillips, Lyndsay Cannoy were present, and Julie McMichael and Matt Masters were absent. Fire Chief Terry Stills, Sheriff Jason Barnes, and Public Works Director Ronnie Hults were also present. No one from the public was present to speak. Scheduled Agenda persons Superintendent Dr. Gossen Ed.D., Consultant Becki Morris, and the Jacobe Family were present. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Phillips/Cannoy. All Ayes, motion carried. Sheriff Jason Barnes presented the Sheriff's Report, and the Council acknowledged the Emergency Management Director's Report. Public Works Director presented the Water/Wastewater Report. Fire Chief Terry Stills presented the Fire & Rescue Report with 7 fire calls and 6 EMS calls. Stills also stated they are actively looking for fire trucks and the ambulance was getting new brakes. He also noted that the fundraiser for the Fire & Rescue, Harvest Fest, is set for October 3, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Truro Community Center and the Side by Side (from Big Rack to Big Rack) will be held on November 7, 2026. Superintendent Dr. Gossen Ed.D. introduced himself to the council and said he looked forward to working with the City. He also presented a flyer to the council regarding the Bond Referendum that will be on the ballot on November 2, 2026. Dr. Gossen explained some common misunderstandings about the plan and is open to all questions. A motion was made to approve the Alcohol License Renewal for Ego Dive by Phillips/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. A motion was made to set the date for "Trick or Treat" for Halloween for 10.31.26 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. by Kennedy/Phillips. All Ayes, motion carried. A motion was made to approve the street closure for "Trunk or Treat" on 10.17.26 from 4:00-8:30 p.m. at Center Street between Park Street and West Street by Kennedy/Cannoy. All Ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Cannoy/Kennedy to approve Resolution #2026-16 to renew the SICOG membership. All Ayes, motion carried. Discussion was made regarding the Jacobe property and the removal of Junk and Junk Vehicles. An agreement was made between the Jacobe Family and the Truro City Council to extend the deadline until October 30, 2026, to have all junk and junk vehicles removed from the property. It will be determined at the next regular City Council meeting if this deadline is met and if the city will proceed with the removal. A motion was made to set the date for a Public Hearing to Amend the Budget for October 5, 2026, by Kennedy/Phillips. All Ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Kennedy/Phillips to approve replacing the heating/cooling system at the City Hall building with an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00. All Ayes, motion carried. Becki Morris presented a report to the council on the maintenance and retention of records. Becki implemented a process to keep and/or destroy documents on a legal timeline. The Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge Julie McMichael for her continued work on grants for the city. They would also like to acknowledge Tieggen Wood for his invaluable assistance and expertise with helping our Public Works Department. The Mayor and Council would also like to thank Dr. Gossen and Brayton Weber for providing information on the Bond Referendum and willingness for a working partnership between the city and the school. Public Works presented the Maintenance Department Monthly Report with a tentative October date to begin work on Scenic Drive. He also stated that Hull Park is being worked prior to the Feeding Frenzy. A motion to approve the consent items was made by Phillips/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cannoy/Phillips. All Ayes, motion carried. Time: 6:58 p.m. **Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Bryan Arzani, Mayor

Attested: Janelle Adams, City Clerk



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Truro Public Library
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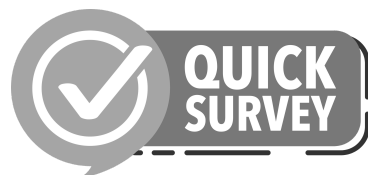
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thank you!



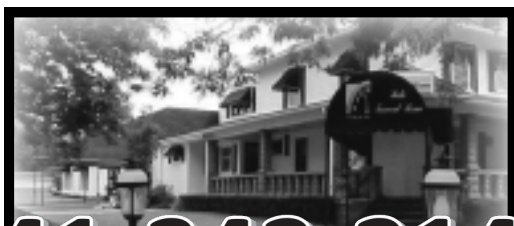
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6:30 p.m.
Truro Community
Center
Learn more about
the proposed
projects.

HARVEST FEST



SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD

100 S RAILROAD ST.
TRURO, IA 50257



**FREE WILL DINNER &
SILENT AUCTION**
5:00 – 8:00 P.M.



LIVE AUCTION
@ 7:00 P.M.

October 31
Halloween Trick or Treat
Truro
6:00-8:00 p.m.



INTERSTATE 35 PTO'S ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17**

6:00-7:30
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TRURO



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UP FOR A TRUNK!!



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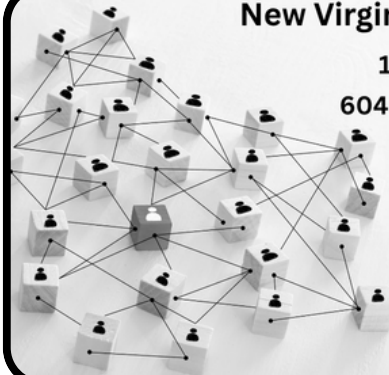
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Layer Lettuce Salad

- 1 head of lettuce, cut up or shredded
- 1-2 onions, diced
- 1 pkg. frozen peas
- 6-8 hard-boiled eggs, chopped up
- 2 c. shredded cheese
- 1 pound of bacon, fried and crumbled
- 2 c. mayonnaise
- 2 T. sugar

Layer the lettuce, onion, frozen peas and hard-boiled eggs in that order. Mix together the mayonnaise and sugar, and spread over salad. Sprinkle on the cheese, then top with the bacon. Chill.

Contributed by Terry Garner



Vanilla Powder

Have you heard of vanilla powder? The cookbook I told you about a couple months ago used it in their recipes so I thought I would try some.

First, I tried to make my own. It didn't really work for me, so I just bought some on Amazon since I couldn't find it in a store around here. I really like it! Make sure you get pure ground vanilla bean powder, not vanilla sugar.



TOMATO BASIL BISQUE

Contributed by Sue Stills

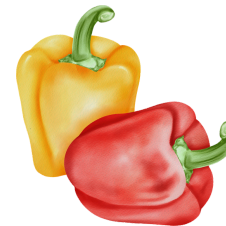
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| 1 cup celery, chopped | 3 oz. tomato paste |
| ¾ cup carrots, chopped | 1 tsp. dried basil |
| ¼ cup yellow onion, chopped | ½ tsp. dried oregano |
| 1 T garlic, minced (3 cloves) | ½ tsp. ground pepper |
| 1 T butter | 1 cup whipping cream |
| 3 cups tomato juice | 4 tps. sugar |
| 1 cup chicken broth | ¼ c. fresh basil |
| 1 can (7 ½ oz.) diced tomatoes (14.5 oz. can is OK) | |
- Or equivalent amount of peeled, diced fresh tomatoes with juice

In a large saucepan, cook celery, carrots, onion and garlic in butter until tender, but not brown. Add tomato juice, chicken broth, undrained tomatoes, tomato paste, basil, oregano and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, about 30 minutes or until slightly thickened. Place half of the soup in a blender container or food processor bowl. Cover; blend or process until smooth. Repeat with remaining mixture. Return all of the mixture to the saucepan. Stir in whipping cream and sugar. Heat through. Stir in fresh basil. May top each serving with some basil pesto. Makes 8 side-dish servings.

Red Pepper Jelly

Ingredients

- 4-5 regular-sized bell peppers (red)
- 1 large green pepper
- 3 jalapeño peppers
- 1 ½ packages of powdered pectin (original)
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 5 cups sugar



Instructions

1. Sterilize canning jars, lids, and bands according to manufacturer's instructions. Fill a large pot with water and heat it up on the stove.
2. Chop peppers into chunks. For less heat, remove seeds (we removed half of the jalapeño seeds in this batch). Put all chopped pieces in blender and blend until there are no large chunks.
3. Place pepper blend in a large saucepan over high heat, stirring constantly. Add vinegar and pectin and continue stirring until the mixture is at a full rolling boil.
4. Add sugar and stir, returning to a full rolling boil for exactly 1 minute.
5. Remove from heat and skim off any foam with a spoon.
6. Ladle jelly into jars up to 1/4 inch from the top. Cover with lids and bands; screw on tight.
7. Place jars into canning pot, either on canning rack (slowly lower it into the pot) or (in Mom's case) with a dish towel on the bottom of the pot to keep the jars from touching. The water should cover the jars and be hot, but not boiling. Bring water to a boil and let process for 5 minutes.
8. To prevent the seeds from settling on the bottom, flip the jars over for about five minutes while the jelly begins to cool. Turn them right side up to cool for the rest.
9. You might hear pops from the lids forming a vacuum as the jelly cools. After 12 – 24 hours of cooling, remove the bands and push your finger down on the lids. If the lid still looks like it has a bump and/or flexes when you push down, the lid is unsealed and needs to be immediately stored in the fridge or reprocessed.

Notes

- Prepare and sterilize your jars, lids, and bands ahead of time. [Here's](#) a more extensive post on the subject.
- Never re-use lids.
- Homemade jelly is meant for small batches; doubling up the recipe can mess with the pectin and cause the jelly not to set properly.
- If you don't hear the jelly lid pop, or if you test the lid and it isn't sealed properly, you can change the lid and reprocess it or immediately put it in the fridge and eat. It will keep for about a week with the lid on in the fridge.
- Jelly/jam that's unopened can last for up to two years if it's given a proper water bath. Once opened, you can store it in the fridge for up to three months.

Contributed by Linda Daniels

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Dear Roadrunner Families and Community,

The 2026-2027 school year is well underway and classrooms across I-35 are settling into the rhythm of learning. Students are jumping into new material and building the knowledge that will carry them through this school year and beyond. There is a great deal happening each day inside the building so it is exciting to see our students and staff engaged in the work.

Homecoming Week recently wrapped up for 2026. It gave us another opportunity to celebrate our students and the traditions that make I-35 special. Spirit days brought plenty of energy to the halls with students enjoying fun themes like Team Day and Tie-Dye Day or Decades Day. The week culminated with the annual parade and coronation on Thursday (Sept. 10) and Friday's (Sept. 11) football game. The Roadrunners won in dominate fashion over Clarke with a final score of 44-0.

We'd like to say thank you to the many volunteers who helped make these annual traditions a success, including Ms. Egli, Mrs. Halligan, I-35 Student Council and the I-35 Booster Club. We also enjoyed recognizing Bill Seibert and Jaylan White as this year's Wall of Pride inductees as part of the Coronation. Their contributions are an important part of Roadrunner history.

As the year continues, I encourage our community to stay informed and engaged with the 2026 bond proposal. We will continue providing opportunities to learn more, ask questions and participate in the conversation about the future of I-35 CSD. See the next page to read the details on upcoming events.

Thank you for supporting our students, our staff and the traditions that bring our community together.

Go Roadrunners!
With gratitude,
Michael Gossen, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

LATE SEPTEMBER & EARLY OCTOBER 2026

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

- 9/18: Away vs. Pleasantville, 7:00 p.m.; Varsity
- **9/21: Home vs. Grandview Christian, 6:00, p.m.; JV**
- 9/25: Away vs. Panorama , 7:00 p.m.; Varsity
- 9/28: Away vs. AC/GC; 6:00 p.m.; JV
- **10/2: Home vs. West Central Valley, 7:00 p.m.; Varsity**
 - *Military & First Responders Appreciation Night*
- **10/5: Home vs. DM Christian; 7:00 p.m.; JV**
- **10/9: Home vs. West Marshall; 7:00 p.m.; Varsity**
 - *Senior Night recognizing Football, Band, Cheer, Cross Country*

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

- 9/19: Away at Mount Ayr Tournament, 9:00 a.m. ;Varsity
- 9/21: Away at MSTM Middle School; 5:45 p.m. ; JV, JV-R
- 9/24: Away at Centerville High School; 5:00 p.m.; JV, JV-R
- 9/28: Away at Earlham High School, WCAC JV & JV-R Triangular, 5:00 p.m.
- 9/29: Away at Earlham High School, WCAC Varsity Triangular, 4:30 p.m.
- **10/6: Home vs. AC/GC, 5:00 p.m. - JV & JV-R; 6:30 p.m. - Varsity**
 - *Senior Night*

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS COUNTRY

- 9/21: Away at PCM Invite; 5:20 p.m. (Girls) and 5:50 p.m. (Boys) at Gateway Recreational
- 9/29: Away at Clarke Invite; 4:30 p.m. at East Lake County Park
- 10/5: Away at Nodaway Valley Meet; 5:00 p.m. at Greenfield Country Club
- 10/15: Away at WCAC Conference Meet at 5:00 p.m. (Girls) and 5:30 p.m. (Boys) at AC/GC High School

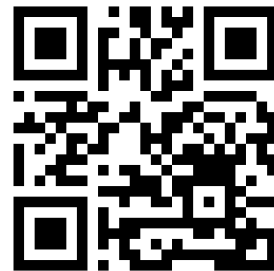
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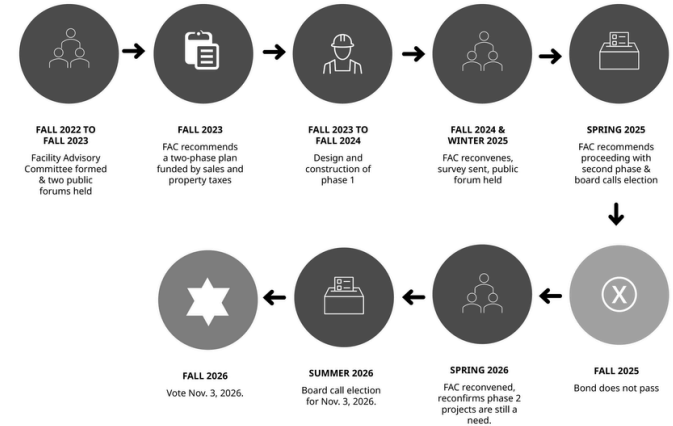
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Town Halls

NEW VIRGINIA

6 p.m. Oct. 8
Gerry Allen Memorial Building, 809 West Street

TRURO

6:30 p.m. Oct. 14
Truro Community Center, 100 S. Railroad Street

ST. CHARLES

6:30 p.m. Oct. 21
Lions Club, 113 N. Lumber Street

Join district leadership and facility committee members to learn more about the proposed projects.

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City Council Meetings

NEW VIRGINIA

7 p.m. Sept. 7
Fire Station, 506 West Street

TRURO

6 p.m. Sept. 8 and Oct. 5
Truro Community Center, 100 S. Railroad Street

ST. CHARLES

6:30 p.m. Oct. 12
City Hall, 113 S. Lumber Street

District leadership will present the proposed plan during the regular city council meetings.

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Jim Stuart and his Belgian mares Jinger and Paulee, pulling a Vietnam War-era helicopter at the Antique Power Show in Marshalltown. The helicopter needed its tail slightly uphill to start due to the fuel system being gravity fed.



Nature's Jewels: A misty morning turns an ordinary spiderweb into a sparkling work of art.

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A rare plant mutation called "fasciation" creates this fascinating growth on a purple coneflower.



Frankie Garner with her 4 1/2 pound bass she caught.



Congratulations to Clayton and Cameron Kimzey. Clayton's team won first place at the CIS MVP 9U tournament in Waukee. Cameron's team placed 2nd in the CIS MVP 11U tournament in Des Moines. Two additional Phantoms MVP's Camden Martley and Bennett Chestnut also played with Cam.

Area Resident Crowned A Bill Riley Talent Sprout Champion

By Deann Strange

Eloise Pohlmann, age 8, from Truro, performed a vocal solo to My New Philosophy from You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and received 3rd place in the Sprout Division at the New Virginia Bill Riley Talent Show competition to qualify for the Iowa State Fair. Eloise is the daughter of Jordan and Mary (Puderbaugh) Pohlmann. Eloise qualified for the Iowa State Fair at another Bill Riley Talent Show held in another town in Iowa and was ready to head to Des Moines to sing her heart out. I had the honor to watch Eloise perform at the Iowa State Fair with my grandchildren, and we cheered for her at all of her performances. Eloise was a superstar with her vocals, vibrant personality and showmanship. Each time Eloise performed, there was a roar of clapping and cheering from the crowd at the Riley stage. Eloise was crowned one of the Bill Riley Talent Show Sprout Champions and will be pre-qualified for the 2027 Iowa State Fair Bill Riley Talent Search and will once again get to wow the Iowa State Fair crowd with her amazing talent.



Exciting News the north part of phase one of the trail project is complete with new sidewalk in front of 309 West Street and new sidewalk approaches on the north and south side of Church Street at the intersection with West Street. The goal of the Trail Committee is to get the south part of phase one that will tie into the cemetery road completed this fall!!!! Kaitlynn Carlson, Steve Volter, Brent Baughman and Chris Truman display the check received from Warren County Philanthropic Partnership for \$5000.

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Contributed by Terry Garner



The National Championship Chuckwagon Races
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View from the cabin looking south.



Hanging out at the ōF Ranch in Clinton, Arkansas.



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Looking back over the years, I never could have imagined that Jesus' Right Hand would have reached the place that we are experiencing today. We are so honored and privileged to be able to feed so many people, touch so many broken hearts and reach so many with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is truly a miracle that can only be attributed to God and His divine favor. This was not something that anyone involved with JRH today was involved with on the day it opened. No one here can take any credit for the idea of a "help center" in the middle of rural America, in the small rural town of New Virginia, Iowa. But God saw the need at the time, during the height of the farm crisis in 1986, and moved on the hearts of Karen and Larry Linhart to provide for the needs of the people at that time. But at the same time, God looked ahead and saw the needs of the people 40 years later. Through those 40 years, He has sustained, upheld, protected and provided everything that Jesus' Right Hand has needed each day. Miracle after miracle has been witnessed, sometimes out of nowhere when things looked darkest. Yet, God has prevailed and for that we are truly thankful.

Anticipating the cover article featuring JRH this month, I began to do some research to create a timeline with some dates and key events. Even though we had been involved with the ministry in a small way since 1991, our full-time involvement didn't begin until 2012, so I really didn't have any idea of when these major milestones had occurred. The ministry had come a long way since the doors were opened for the first time, and JRH was just in the early stages of food rescue when we came onboard. It was during this time that Feeding America became involved with one of our retail donors, and things began to expand. We grew from about 15 families coming on Monday to get fresh food to about 30 families in a few years. We expanded into our building toward the north, and the food supply increased from our retailers. Shortly after that, the people coming to us began to increase. Then COVID struck, and we had to change our whole way of distributing food for about a year. But out of adversity, miracles began happening. We began to grow, first the supply of food, and shortly after, the number of people coming to us for food would grow. Every time the supply grew, the demand for that food would follow. It never failed. We expanded once more, and the supply of food increased even more. And the number of people coming for food increased again. It was just such a God-perfect plan.

Why is all this important? It shows that God has overseen this ministry from the beginning. We can't count the number of times that people have asked us how all of this happens, and all we can do is shrug our shoulders and say, "I don't know, it's God." We are 100% honest in saying that, because our minds are blown on a daily basis around here. Nothing is orchestrated or manipulated. It just happens. God brings in our volunteers, our donors, our supplies and even the people He wants to help. The stories are amazing. That's why I encourage you all to come and take a tour. It's not a tour to gain donations or support. I love giving tours because each time I do so, I gain a greater appreciation for what God has done. I experience amazement every time I give a tour, and it helps me not take things for granted. That's how they kept God's miracles in the minds of the people in Bible times; they would tell and retell the stories repeatedly to keep it fresh in their minds.

The past five years have been years of explosive growth. They have also been the hardest years we have ever experienced emotionally. We endured the loss of our founder Karen, and seven months later, the loss of my husband David, who was co-director with me after Karen's death. Yet somehow, in those five years we grew stronger, more mature and continued to grow in every way imaginable. The persecution was brutal at times, but the support from those who believed in us was encouraging from day to day. But most importantly, God remained at the helm, guiding us, protecting us, and providing for us, even 40 years later. There are very few independent non-profit food outreach agencies that reach their 40-year anniversary. 17

But with God, all things are possible. And to Him, we give all glory and honor. Thank you to everyone who has stood by us for the past 40+ years. Whether we have met you in person, or you are quietly praying for us, we are honored that you have trusted us to fulfill God's calling to bring food, comfort and the good news of Jesus Christ to those in need. You are truly a blessing, and if you haven't taken a tour, please stop by. We would be glad to see you.

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The National Championship Chuckwagon Races

Every year for the last 40 years, Dan and Peggy Eoff, owners of the òF (pronounced bar O F) Ranch in Clinton, Arkansas, have held the National Championship Chuckwagon Races at their ranch. It started in 1986 as a Labor Day get-together with friends and eight teams and has grown from there into the largest chuckwagon event in the United States.

Our camping group has gone for several years now, and since I'd missed the last two years, I decided to go again. We all headed out on the Wednesday preceding Labor Day and convoyed down Highway 65 to Clinton. We arrived around four o'clock in the afternoon, the gate attendees checked our Coggins papers and health certificates for our horses and mules, we paid our money, and in we went.

These folks have the simplest admittance process of anyone I know. The money you pay at the gate includes everything; camping, entertainment, the races, dances, other events. The only money I pulled out of my pocket during the week was for ice, and believe me, we needed plenty of that! It was hot!

We pulled in, found our spot, which we reserve every year, and circled our wagons. We set up our electric fence pens for our horses and that was all there was to it. If you are new to the races, you just find a spot no one is using and go for it. There are about 600 acres designated for camping at the races, so there's plenty of room.

In the mornings, we get up and around, fix breakfast all together, then saddle up and ride to the races. It's a little over two miles to where they hold the races, and we just amble along on our horses and mules, visiting as we go. Everyone is real friendly and will stop and pass the time of day with you. I would stop and see some of my hunting friends from Missouri and visit with them some and then ride on to the races.

The Eoff's house sits on a rocky bluff, and their backyard is the venue for the races. The vendors will set up on top of the bluff. Down below the bluff, the ranch fans out into a large flat area, forming a natural arena. This is where they hold the races, and have bull riding, bronc fanning, team roping and other events of that nature. Mind you, this is all without fences, so it can make for an exciting time when those horses and cattle decide to get up close and personal with you!

Most of the actual chuckwagon races are held out on the flat in the big open area. They let the teams and wagons pull up and form a semi-circle on one side to watch, and the rest of us just stand around on our horses wherever we want.

One of the races they have is called the big mule race and is probably our favorite. It consists of a team of two mules, and the wagon is this little go-cart frame looking thing with a tarp on it to make it look like a covered wagon. Two people ride on it with their fannies nearly dragging the ground, it is so low. When the gun goes off, they have to round a barrel, then straighten out, cross the road, and run up a big hill, round a turn, round another turn, then run downhill going full speed, hit a dip, cross the road, and head for the finish line. To add fuel to the fire, they set off about 500 rounds of firecrackers underneath their seat to get those mules jump-started, all while blowing a train horn in case the firecrackers aren't doing the job. It's crazy! Did I mention the trees they have to dodge on the turns? A couple outriders went on the wrong side of the tree at the bottom of the hill and took out a couple of spectators. Glad it wasn't me and Vicki! Another team got pitched out of their little buggy and ran down the hill on their own, leaving their team of mules on auto-pilot. Some of the crowd hazed the mules to go on the right side of the tree instead of our side, and they finished the race on auto-pilot! It gets Western real fast!



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Another race they have is called the Snowy River Race, consisting of two steep downhill runs and then plunging into the creek, back up and out, and around the track on the arena. It takes a couple seconds before the sound of the starting gunshot can be heard; it's that long of a race. They play the soundtrack from the Snowy River movie while the race is going on.

Dan and Peggy have a cabin they can retreat to whenever they want, and they willingly share it with visitors to see and take in the views. This year they had guests staying there, so they had a sign on the door to knock first. Those folks let us in, and we had a look around. It's beautiful. And the views are breathtaking. One evening we rode up to an old cemetery on top of a hill. One of the more modern stones had toppled over, and the guys heaved that thing back up on its base. I stayed on my mule.... 😊

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MARGARET ANN BROMMEL

Margaret Ann Brommel, 94, of St. Marys, Iowa, passed away peacefully at her home on September 5, 2026. A Rosary was recited on Friday, September 11, 2026 at the St. Marys Parish Hall. Visitation followed the Rosary, and the funeral Mass was held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys. Interment was at St. Marys Cemetery.

Margaret was born on February 28, 1932, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Alphons and Margaret (Norris) Lause. She grew up in Des Moines across from Witmer Park Lake, where she became a skillful skater at a young age, learning to ice skate a figure eight.

She graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Des Moines.

She met Jim Brommel at a Catholic Church sponsored dance for singles, creating a life together that would span 67 years. They were married on September 25, 1954, and in 1955 they began a lifetime of farming near St. Marys, where they raised six children.

Margaret and Jim enjoyed an active social life and were known for opening their home to friends, neighbors and family. For 35 years, Margaret and Jim spent their winters in Mission, Texas, where she accompanied Jim as he sang in popular jam sessions. She would help him distribute CDs of his music. Margaret loved swimming in the pool, bicycling around the area and for many years leading an early morning yoga session.

Margaret had a special fondness for games and social gatherings. She enjoyed Fast Track, Dominoes, Bridge, and cards. Tuesday coffee gatherings with friends, followed by games, was a favorite weekly tradition. She also looked forward to the monthly Red Hat Society activities. She was among the initial First Responders organized in St. Marys and proudly served for 12 years. She lived her faith through service to her church, helping with the church's annual chicken dinner fundraiser and served for many years on the Altar and Rosary Society. She continued to find ways to help others well into her 90s, reflecting the generous spirit and faith that guided her throughout her life.

Margaret was also a proud member of the Rod and Gun Club at Lake George. A family gathering was held this past July at the lake shelter. Nearly all of her family attended for a potluck, fishing, swimming and an afternoon of simply being together.

Margaret is survived by her children, Carol (Robert) Bartles, Jim (Joy) Brommel, Mary (Alan) Large, David (Kathy) Brommel, and Jean (David Pitt) Brommel; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Brommel; her parents, Alphons and Margaret Lause; her brothers, James Lause, Loris "Lou" Lause and Harold Lause; her son, John Brommel; her granddaughter Brianna Brommel; and her great-granddaughter, Hope Brommel.

Memorials in memory of Margaret may be made to the Pink Tractor Foundation, St. Marys Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Mission, Texas, or the Jackson Township (St. Marys) Fire Department.

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11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Face Painting
11:15	Minnow Races
11:30 am - 3:30 pm	Bingol
11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Robin's Snack Shack
11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Kids Corner
12:00 - 3:00	Car, Truck, & Tractor Show
12:00 - 3:00	Chicken Poop Bingo & Baton Drop
12:00 - 4:00	Dunk Tank
1:00	Pie Baking Contest
4:30 - 5:30	Lip Sync Contest
5:30 - 6:00	Story of St Marys Ghost
6:00 - 6:30	Flag Retirement Ceremony
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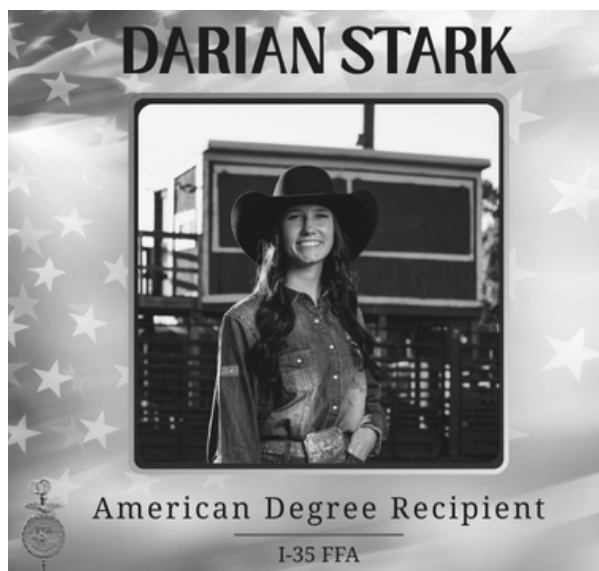
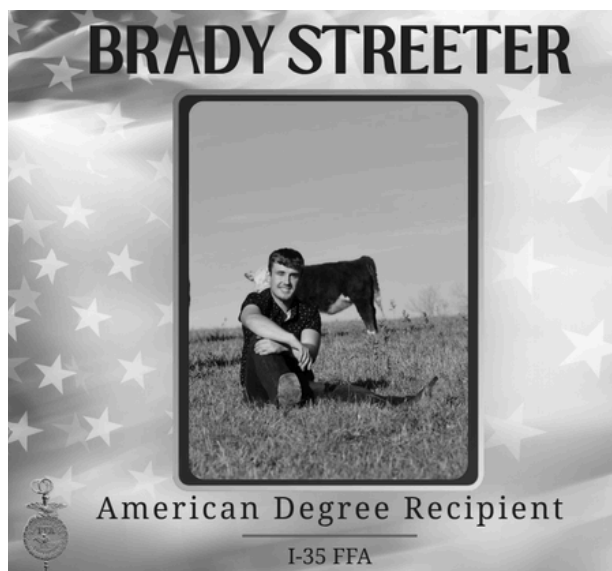
The American FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have shown exceptional commitment and achievement throughout their FFA careers. Recipients must demonstrate significant accomplishments through their supervised agricultural experience while also exhibiting strong leadership and service to their communities.

Less than 1% of FFA members nationwide earn the American FFA Degree, making this accomplishment a remarkable achievement for Stark, Good, and Streeter.

The three I-35 FFA members will have the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention this fall, where they will walk across the national stage and receive their prestigious gold American FFA Degree key.

I-35 FFA and the surrounding community congratulate Darian Stark, Kolter Good, and Brady Streeter on this tremendous accomplishment. Their achievement reflects the hard work, dedication, leadership, and commitment they have demonstrated throughout their FFA careers.

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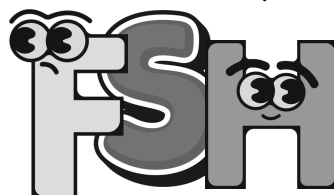
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After an enjoyable two months in Iowa, we departed for our home in Sun Lakes, AZ, on Sunday, August 30, at 11:15 a.m. in a cloudy 78 degrees. Interstate 35 took us southwest to Kansas City, Missouri, a trip no doubt many south-central Iowans have driven when going to the Kansas City International Airport. We crossed the Missouri River (imagined that we saw Lewis and Clark on their historic Corps of Discovery Expedition in 1804) into Kansas about 1:30 p.m. in 100 degrees. Our first day ended in Wichita, KS, at a Holiday Inn Express after a very windy afternoon of driving.

Wichita got us only about one-third of the distance across Kansas, so I had plenty of time to look at the Kansas pages in our AAA Road Atlas, useful even though we have GPS. We have been through Kansas many times, and maybe you have too, and I decided to learn more about that state. Its official nickname is The Sunflower State, but it is also known as The Wheat State and America's Heartland. The state motto in English is "To the stars through difficulties." Four states border Kansas: Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma and Missouri. The capital is Topeka, and the most populous city is Wichita. The largest urban area, however, is the bi-state Kansas City metropolitan area. Kansas is the 15th largest state in area (82,300 sq. mi.) and ranks 34th in population (2,977,220 in 2025).

For thousands of years, this area was home to numerous and diverse indigenous tribes. The name Kansas is named after the Kaw people and is often said to mean "people of the (south) wind." The first European to set foot in present-day Kansas was the Spanish conquistador Francisco Vázquez de Coronado in 1541. Between 1763 and 1803, the territory of Kansas was part of Spanish Louisiana. It was then acquired by the U.S. as part of the Louisiana Purchase. The first permanent settlement of white Americans occurred in 1827 at Fort Leavenworth. The area was officially opened to settlement by the U.S. government in 1854 with the Kansas-Nebraska Act. On January 29, 1861, Kansas entered the Union as a free state, not a slave state, making it the 34th state.

The passage of the Homestead Act in 1862 accelerated settlement and agricultural development. The Santa Fe Trail traversed Kansas from 1821 to 1880, transporting manufactured goods from Missouri and silver and furs from Santa Fe, NM. Around 1864, the Chisholm Trail was established as a stock trail and wagon route to drive cattle overland from ranches in Southern Texas northward to rail stops in Kansas. At the same time, the Wild West era commenced in Kansas. Lawman Wild Bill Hickok was a deputy marshal at Fort Riley and a marshal at Hays and Abilene. Dodge City was home to both Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp, who worked as lawmen in the town. The Dalton Gang robbed trains and banks throughout Kansas and the Southwest and maintained a hideout in Meade. Fort Dodge was constructed in 1865 to assist Fort Larned in providing protection on the Santa Fe Trail. Fort Dodge remained in operation until 1882.

The town of Dodge City began with a sod house in 1871 and grew with the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad from the east and the Great Western Cattle Trail that led cattle to the stockyards in the city. Dodge City became the "queen of the cow towns." It also had more gunfighters working at one time or another than any other town in the West. It had saloons, gambling halls, and brothels, including the Long Branch Saloon. By the mid-1880's, the city began working to change its image away from that of a violent western town. The bodies in the notorious "Boot Hill" cemetery were moved to a different cemetery, and a new schoolhouse was built on Boot Hill. Today there are many historical sites, museums and landmarks dedicated to Dodge City's Old West heritage.

I found these facts interesting: the geographic center of the 48 contiguous states is near Lebanon, north-central Kansas, about 15 miles south of Nebraska; in the western two-thirds of the state, there are 39 I-70 exits but no major cities; hundreds of cities have fewer than 1,000 population; more than 6,000 ghost towns and dwindling communities; an estimated 2,400 homeless persons; there actually are hills in Kansas; top producer of wind energy. Rural sights: corn, sorghum, grain elevators, wind turbines, small towns on state highways. Got home September 1; 100°; 1,383 miles; 22½ hours. I hope Kansas seems more interesting to you now. It does to me.

Source: Wikipedia.com

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The calendar says September, but the thermometer reads like July. We know fall is coming and among all of our practical gardening and food preservation, let's mix in some fun. We add some gourds, pumpkins and maybe a scarecrow into our gardens and porches. (Will this make us feel an autumn breeze?)

While most of us consider these things tokens of fall, our ancestors had very practical uses for them. Pumpkins were grown for food; gourds carried water and were used for storage when dried but probably the oldest of them all is the scarecrow. The earliest recorded versions of the scarecrow were in ancient Egypt, used by farmers to protect their wheat crop along the Nile from foraging quail. Ancient Greeks used wooden carved statues in their vineyards to scare away marauding birds. The scarecrow that we know today was most likely introduced into the Pennsylvania area by German immigrants who created the Bootzamon (bogyman). It was a straw stuffed creature used to stand guard over fields.

While the functionality of the scarecrow was to actually keep birds from the crop, a stationary creature won't scare hungry birds for long. Creative scarecrow artisans have added shine, noisy and moving components to make the bird think twice. You can add your creative touches to a fall display with a scarecrow. One way is to start with a frame of 2 long wooden dowels or broom handles, joined together in the shape of a T. Stuff an old pillowcase, or burlap bag with leaves or plastic bags for the head, draw on a dopey face and add an old hat. Use a worn shirt and jeans and dress them over the frame, stuff them too. Voila! Scott the Scarecrow is born!

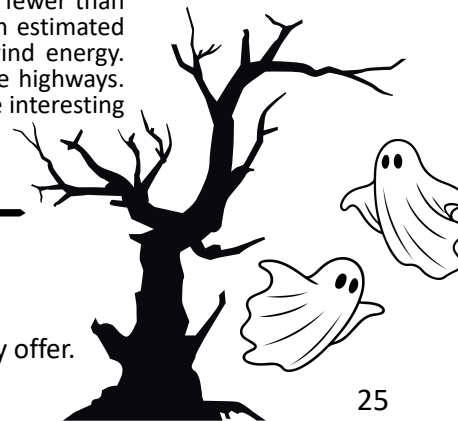
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Participants who attended the June offering of this walk will be able to explore how the plants and foraging options change from season to season at the same location, while first-time participants will get a great introduction into the world of edible and medicinal plants. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary to attend this event.

Cal, who will be leading the workshop, holds a degree in Ethnobotany from Drake University and trained under herbalist 7Song at the Northeast School of Botanical Medicine. With experience as a clinical herbalist at the Ithaca Free Clinic and a thriving private practice, Profound Existence Herbs, Cal brings a wealth of knowledge to this hands-on experience.

Tickets for this event are \$20 and can be purchased at <https://go.iastate.edu/BMZKBM>.

Contact Elizabeth Smith at eliza@iastate.edu or (515) 961-6237 with questions.

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Indianola, Iowa – Join the Warren County Master Conservationists at Middleswart Lodge on Wednesday, October 21st (6:00-8:00 p.m.) for Q&A and book signing with Iowa author Kevin Koch. Kevin wrote *Midwest Bedrock*, a book which explores the beauty of the natural landscapes across 12 Midwestern states. Kevin will be talking about his journey depicted in the book, answering questions, and signing books. Registration is free but requested in order to ensure adequate supplies and refreshments, which will be provided by the Conservation and Nature Book Discussion Group. *Midwest Bedrock*, and other books by Kevin, will be available for purchase at Pageturners Bookstore (103 W Salem Ave, Indianola) before and during the event.

Registration can be found at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/262214855121046>.

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Warren County Master Gardener Mini Grants Open

Warren County, Iowa – The Warren County Master Gardeners are now accepting applications for their annual Mini Grant program through October 31, 2026. A total pool of \$1,500 in grant funds will be distributed among selected community projects. To qualify for funding, applying organizations and their projects must be physically located within Warren County.

Eligible Groups:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Service and youth groups (including scouting groups, 4-H clubs, classroom initiatives, and church organizations)
- Local government entities (such as public libraries, municipal property developments, and downtown beautification projects)
- Note: For-profit businesses and private individuals are not eligible for this grant.

Grant funds are intended to support local horticultural and community-enrichment initiatives. Example projects include (but are not limited to) community gardens growing produce for local food pantries, educational youth gardening projects, and public space beautification efforts.

How to Apply:

Applications are accepted now through October 31, 2026 and can be accessed here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/kttD7hBwmZ>.

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Sunday School 9 am
Worship Service 9:45 am
Fellowship Time: 11 am

Truro United Church of Christ

155 E. Garfield St., P.O. Box 17
Truro, IA 50257
Contact: Riley Dykstra, Student Pastor
Cell: 515-865-9392
Church: 641-765-4524
Email: truroucccchurch@gmail.com
Worship 10:00 am
Coffee & Fellowship: 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception

101 St. James St., PO Box 88
St. Marys, IA 50241
Fr. David Nkrumah
Rectory Phone 641-534-4691
712-304-5966 (Emerg. only)
dnkrumah@dmdioocese.org
Mass: Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Kristin Hook (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