

# Tri - Corner - Express

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Annual Subscription - \$15.00

## Meet Your New Virginia Merchants

### Shear Serenity Salon

An important feature of the town of New Virginia is the availability of excellent beauticians and a great barber. Shear Serenity Salon is owned and operated by Nancy Hagan.

Nancy is a graduate of Interstate 35 High School and the daughter of Dean and Mary Lou Parker of Truro. Nancy married Todd Hagan in 1988. Following Todd's graduation from Iowa State, they lived in Clarion, IA until 1998 when Todd became the Madison County Engineer, and they moved to Truro.

Nancy attended La James College, Johnston, IA, in 2007. She first worked as a beautician in 2008 when she worked with Missy Wickett Daniels in her shop on West Street in New Virginia. In the summer of 2012, Nancy opened Shear Serenity Salon, directly across the street. Her very first client was Jane Busby. As they say, the rest is history. Nancy has continued with a very busy schedule since that time. She cuts, styles, colors and perms for people throughout central Iowa.

Nancy and Todd are parents of three grown children, Connor, Nicholas and Lauren Hagan. Connor recently returned to Iowa after spending about five years in Colorado attending Metropolitan State University and working in the Denver area. He is currently living at home and works for Dan Johnson Construction. Nick works for Farm Bureau Insurance, currently from his home in Norwalk. He is completing courses from Buena Vista College. Lauren is a sophomore at Iowa State University and happily living back in Ames, although most of her classes are also online due to the pandemic. The Hagan household is busy!

Nancy loves to work out and keeps in shape through exercise. She currently enjoys the health facilities at the Interstate 35 School, however, through the years she taught aerobics for several years, started a kickboxing class, taught Pilates, helped with taekwondo classes until 2016, as well as assisting Mike McCuddin with a boot camp class! Whew! I'm exhausted just sharing her many activities.

Nancy Hagan,

Owner/Operator  
Sheer Serenity Salon



Jane Busby,  
Summer 2012  
Nancy's First  
Client

### West Street Design

The building at 417 West Street has had many different merchants over the years. A few of them were Margaret Carson beauty shop, Helen Elben beauty shop (at this time there was no indoor plumbing, so they used an outhouse in the back of the building in the alley), Marcia Hood beauty shop, Kim Heston beauty shop, Valerie Thompson tanning salon and beauty shop, Anna Reed Young flower shop, Marilyn Young beauty shop and currently Missy Daniels beauty salon.

Missy Daniels is a graduate of Interstate 35 High School. After graduating, she attended the Iowa School of Beauty in Urbandale, Iowa. It took 2100 hours to complete the course, and in January 1992, she became a licensed cosmetologist. She then went to work at Cost Cutters in Des Moines and worked there until June 1993. At that time, she had the opportunity to rent a chair at a small salon in St. Marys. She worked at that salon until she bought out the owner in 1994. Missy says, "I was very nervous to have my own salon, but soon became accustomed to running my own business. I enjoyed being able to set my own hours!!"

She received an interesting call from Ann Williams, offering her a chance to rent a building (which is now the current location of Missy's salon) she owned in New Virginia. Missy jumped at the chance to be even closer to home and have a bigger salon. She opened her very own salon in March of 1995. She ran this salon until 1999 after having her third child. This salon was sold to her friend who had currently been renting a chair from Missy. The next few years, Missy enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom, did some babysitting and worked in the pre-school at Interstate 35.

In 2007, Missy went back into the hair business and worked for Cost Cutters in Indianola, Iowa. After a few months, she had another offer to rent the same building in New Virginia. She reopened her salon in March 2008 at the current location on West Street in New Virginia. She was excited to be able to open a salon once again, be her own boss and be closer to home. She was able to be home more weekends

and attend her children's activities. She has been doing hair ever since!!

Missy states that one major difference from now and when she was in beauty school are the perms and colors. In 1990, beauticians were perming a lot of hair to keep up with all those "Big Hair" styles. Most of the colors they did were simple hi-lights or covering the grey hair and root touch-ups. As the time has progressed, so have the styles and colors. Many sorts of people get colors now, from the very young to old and all variety of shades. People get color now just for a fun change from their ordinary look, and not to just cover the grey!! She stated that she keeps very busy hiding or blending those "God given hi-lights" for her customers.

It has been a pleasure for her being back in the community and getting to know her wonderful customers over the years. She has now made a full circle in the hair business and thoroughly enjoys working right here in her hometown of New Virginia, Iowa.

Missy and her husband Chad live on an acreage northwest of New Virginia. Together they have five (5) children and four (4) grandchildren. We enjoy spending time with all of them, camping and gardening.

Missy would like to thank her many faithful customers. She has enjoyed getting to know them and making lasting friendships.

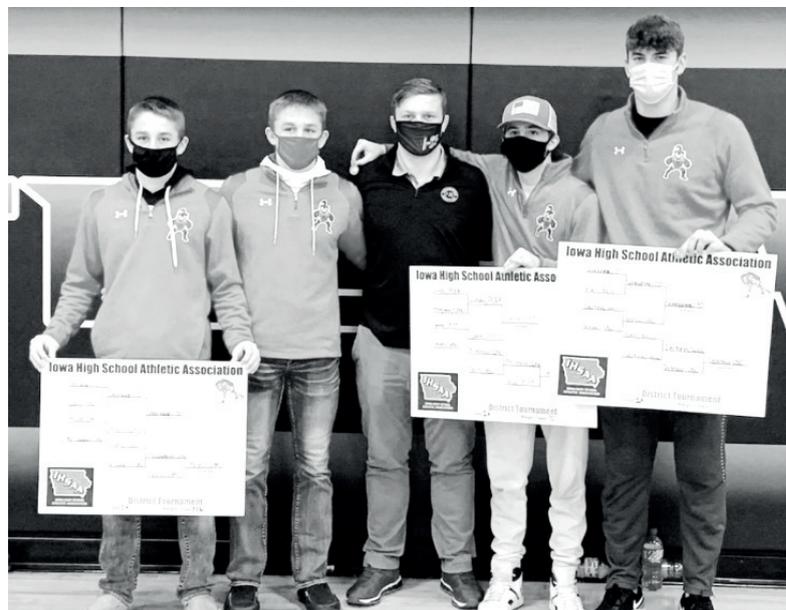
-Contributed by Missy Daniels and Linda Daniels

## University of Iowa

More than 6,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, New Virginia - St Marys - Kailyn Dicesare, St Charles - Alyssa Reed.



## On To State - I-35 Wrestlers!

**Ryan Steinlage, Nic Steinlage, Coach Cody Swim, Reuben Smith, Sam Vannohme**



March 17th



OK, Show of hands...  
Who's tired of snow?



March 2021				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Chicken with Basil Sauce Parslled Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple Apricots	Hamburger on a Bun Tomato/Lettuce/Onion Potato Salad Baked Beans Applesauce	Open Face Turkey Sandwich Whipped Potatoes Garden Mix Vegetables Fruit Cocktail Peanut Butter Bar	Ham Balls Seasoned Squash Asparagus Cuts Cherries Sugar Cookies	COOK'S    CHOICE
8	9	10	11	12
Cheesy Meatloaf Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Tropical Fruit Spiced Peaches	Macaroni & Cheese w/ Turkey Ham Broccoli Normandy Strawberries Tapioca Pudding	Swiss Steak Potatoes Winter Blend Vegetables Cinnamon Applesauce Pumpkin Bar	Chicken and Bean Chili 1/2 Egg Sandwich Crackers Fruit Cocktail Orange Jell-O	Baked Tilapia Broccoli Rice Au Gratin Peas Banana Blueberry Muffin
15	16	17	18	19
Minestrone Soup 1/2 Ham Salad Sandwich Copper Penny Salad Fruit Cocktail Strawberry Yogurt Salad	Shepherd's Pie Vegetable Medley Orange & Banana Cup Pumpkin Crunch Dessert	Beef and Cabbage Casserole Zucchini and Tomatoes Luck of the Irish Salad 2 Pears Poke Cake Happy St. Patrick's Day!	Pork Chop w/ Brown Gravy Potatoes Garden Mix Vegetables Lime Salad Peaches	COOK'S   CHOICE
22	23	24	25	26
Beef Pepper Steak Over Rice Spinach Plums Chocolate Chip Cookie	Meatball Sandwich Tater Tots Buttered Corn Pears Butterscotch Bar	Ham & Bean Soup Broccoli Salad CranPineapple Salad Tropical Fruit Cornbread	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Lima Beans Strawberries & Bananas Snickerdoodle	Baked Fish Parslled Potatoes Asparagus Peaches Raisins
29	30	31	MARTENSDALE MEAL SITE 641-764-2736	ALL MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Salmon Loaf Mashed Potatoes Carrots Banana Vanilla Cream Pudding	Sloppy Joe on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Normandy Chilled Pineapple Brownie	Lemon Honey Chicken Roasted Baby Potatoes Asparagus Diced Peaches Cherry Crisp		

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

*Stephanie Laberg, RD, LD*



ROADRUNNER PRIDE  
**INTERSTATE 35**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**News and Notes from the I-35 School District**

The landscape of education continues to evolve as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our teachers continue to support learning in person here at I-35 and online with those students who chose remote learning this year. Through it all, teachers, administrators and staff have worked hard to determine the things that are really important and figured out ways to make those things happen. Our number one priority is trying to have all our students learning in person with us throughout the year. In late January we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school—quite an accomplishment for communities, parents, students and staff! We look forward to finishing the year strong. Thank you all for your continued support.

**NEW WEBSITE AND APP!** We are excited to share our new website and school app with all our parents, community and patrons! Our website is [www.roadrunnerpride.org](http://www.roadrunnerpride.org) Our app can be downloaded from Google Play or the App store at I-35CSD to find lunch menus, calendars, recent news and celebrations to name a few. As we continue to make these tools user friendly, please send us any ideas or suggestions.

**Preschool Registration:** Preschool registration is underway at Interstate 35 Elementary School. If you have a student that will be three on or before Sept 15, please consider enrolling him/her in our Three- year-old Preschool Program. This is a half-day morning program. We also provide wrap-around care for our three-year olds. There is cost associated with this program. If you are interested, please contact our Three-year-old Program Teacher, Kristen Harris at [kharris@roadrunnerpride.org](mailto:kharris@roadrunnerpride.org).

**Free Universal Preschool (four-year old):** We also have spots available in our Four-year-old Preschool Program. If your child will be four on or before September 15, this may be an option for you. We currently offer a half-day free program, a full-day program with some additional costs and a full-day program with wrap-around care. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact our Preschool Director, Jenny Dickinson at [jdickinson@roadrunnerpride.org](mailto:jdickinson@roadrunnerpride.org).

**Summer Daycare:** Our daycare will be open this summer and we will be registering students the week of spring break. If you are already attending our daycare—there is a spot for you! We just ask that you confirm it.

The daycare will still only be available to current school age children (three-year old PK during the 20-21 school year and up). The daycare will be closed during the week of June 7-11 and from July 12-16 to allow the custodial crew to get the summer cleaning done in the area. There will not be breakfast or lunch provided, so children will need to provide a sack lunch. AM and PM snacks with milk/juice will be provided.

You can contract to attend either three, four, or five days a week for \$25 per child/per day. One or two days a week will pay the drop-in rate of \$30/day.

There will be a field trip every week to an out-of-town activity (as health and safety conditions allow). Bussing will be provided. There will be additional local in-town trips as well (library, park, etc). There is a \$100 fee to cover the cost of field trips, with \$50 due at the beginning of June and the other \$50 due at the beginning of July.

If you are interested in registering or if you would like more information, please contact our Daycare Director, Kristen Harris at [kharris@roadrunnerpride.org](mailto:kharris@roadrunnerpride.org)

***In Years Past...***

**February 1974**

**James Reed of New Virginia has been named to the Top Twenty Club of Pioneer Seed Company. The honorary membership was presented in recognition of outstanding sales accomplished in the marketing of Pioneer brand seeds.**

**ISASP Testing:** We will be completing the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) test during the week of April 12, 2021. Students will complete the assessments online. Please visit with your students about the importance of trying their best and getting plenty of sleep and proper nutrition prior to and during the testing window. These results from these tests are used to determine a portion of our performance on the Iowa School Performance Profile. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about the ISASP test.

Employment options are available. If you have any interest in working in a fast-paced, fun environment, we encourage you to contact Lori Jordan or Jen Baughman. We would love to visit with you about our exciting possibilities.

**Upcoming Calendar of Events**

For more information about any of our events please contact the school.

Elementary Office 641-765-4901

Secondary Office 641-765-4818

District Office 641-765-4291

Feb 15, 2021	Boys Varsity District Basketball (7 p.m. at Central Decatur)
Feb 16, 2021	Girls Varsity Regional Basketball (7 p.m. at Truro)
Feb 17, 2021	Varsity Wrestling State Duals
Feb 18, 2021	Varsity Wrestling State Meet
Feb 18, 2021	Boys Varsity District Basketball (TBD)
Feb 19, 2021	Varsity Wrestling State Meet
Feb 22, 2021	School Board Meeting
Feb 22, 2021	Girls Varsity Regional Basketball (TBD)
Feb 23, 2021	Boys Varsity District Basketball (location TBD)
March 8 and 11	Parent Teacher Conferences (2-hour early dismissal)
March 9	PTO/BEEP Club Meeting
March 15-19	Spring Break (No School)



**Corn Beef & Cabbage**

- 1 corned beef brisket (about 4 pounds) with spice packet
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 3-1/2 pounds small potatoes (10-15), peeled
- 8 medium carrots, halved crosswise
- 1 medium head cabbage, cut into wedges)

Place brisket, contents of seasoning packet, brown sugar and bay leaves in a large Dutch oven or stockpot; cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 2 hours.

Add potatoes and carrots; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, just until beef and vegetables are tender, 30-40 minutes. (If pot is full, remove potatoes and carrots before adding cabbage; reheat before serving.)

Add cabbage to pot; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until cabbage is tender, about 15 minutes. Remove vegetables and corned beef; keep warm.

Cut beef across the grain into slices. Serve with vegetables.

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. for the February Council Meeting.

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

The Council was advised of an item that needed to be added to the agenda. Zuercher moved, seconded by Strange to add A. under Water Utilities regarding approving two contracts from Central Tank Coatings, Inc. for water tower maintenance. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

**Old business discussed.** It was discussed that trees along the alley between Pine Street & Grand Avenue and the far south alley between Felton Street & East Street need trimmed. The trees are interfering with being able to remove snow from the alleys. The alley between Pine Street and Grand Avenue continues to be a problem. A property owner next to the alley parks vehicle partially in the alley. They had a snow blower used to clear snow. Rocks were thrown hitting a neighboring vehicle that caused \$900.00 in damage. This person also continues to yell at people that travel through the alley. The Warren County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a concerned citizen and was advised to consider placing snow ordinance signs at the city limits of each road coming into town. It was also suggested to have the City Attorney draft a letter to the individual with reference to the alley being City alley and other pertinent information

**Citizen Input:** Erin Thornburgh was present to discuss requirements of the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant for GAMP Park. The land must be used for recreational purposes with no land transactions to take place that are not related to recreational purposes. There is wording that states any soil disturbance needs to be approved by the DNR/Department of Interior. The DNR/Department of Interior will have to be contacted regarding the addition of the disc golf course. Thornburgh would like to have the survey pins located on the east end of the GAMP property to make sure they are officially in the correct location. Zuercher advised he had a concerned citizen inform him that the pins had been pulled and relocated. The citizen was also concerned that City funds were used to purchase gravel for a citizen's personal use. There is concern regarding a proposed addition Matt Strange is considering to his building on the east side of GAMP Park. Any addition would require a variance that would require approval by surrounding property owners and the Board of Adjustment. There has been no formal request from Strange to date. Thornburgh wants to make sure that the park does not lose the privileges of the grant and have to pay back the \$50,000 received from the DNR/Department of Interior. The correct location of the survey pins will be verified.

Erin Thornburgh was present to discuss the portion of Broadway Street west of the intersection of Broadway & Border Streets. According to maps, a portion of this area is considered Broadway Street and a portion private access. Thornburgh would like the City to consider upgrading that portion of Broadway west of Border Street and officially make it a City alley or street. The City Attorney will be contacted and inquire what needs to be done to make the above stated portion of Broadway an official City alley or street.

**Water utilities discussed.** Strange moved, seconded by Truman to approve two contracts with Central Tank Coatings, Inc. First Contract: To furnish and install a new 8 inch steel, schedule 40 riser pipe. From base elbow to 1 foot inside of the tank. With a stainless steel flexonic expansion joint. The new pipe to be insulated with 4 inch thick Styrofoam insulation from ground level to underside of the bowl of tank and covered with white aluminum sheeting in the sum of \$30,500.00 for the above contract project. Second Contract: To sandblast using No. 10 blast, the interior surfaces of the 50,000 gallon elevated water tank, including the underside of roof. Then painted two (2) coats of NSF approved epoxy paint, and in between coats to be painted a stripe coat on all of the seams and all coats to be applied to a total dry film thickness of at least 10-14 mils in the sum of \$25,000.00 for the above contract project. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. These two water tower projects are a part of a \$166,000.00

General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement. Other items included in the loan agreement include replacing two existing fire hydrants with new fire hydrants and a new fire truck.

Utility Equipment Company will be contacted about water meters that can be turned off and on remotely. The City is strongly considering placing these meters in residences that habitually do not pay their water bills.

**Law Enforcement** – There was no report summary received from the Sheriff's Office for the month of December.

A public hearing was held regarding passing and approving Resolution #2021-03. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Resolution, Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to pass and approve Resolution #2021-03 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE NOTE AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2021-04 – A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Business:** Upon recommendation of the Fire Chief, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve Alex Miller and Ryan Nady from probationary status to full member status on the New Virginia Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Options for grass fire trucks 768 & 769 were discussed. After thorough discussion, Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to put 768 & 769 up for bids for sale. 769 will be advertised locally in the Tri Corner Express. Bids must indicate with or without the pump. No warranties apply. The City can reject any and all bids. Pictures will be posted on the city website and city facebook page. 768 will be advertised on multiple sites including fire publications and Hawkeye Trader with minimum bid to be determined. It will be published for a longer period of time, if necessary. Pictures of 768 will also be posted on the city website and facebook page. Placing wildland sprayers on the new 769 fire truck was discussed.

A public hearing was held regarding passing and approving Resolution #2021-05FY2022 maximum property tax dollars. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Resolution, Zuercher moved, seconded by Strange to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve Resolution #2021-05 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING FY2022 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council was given sample ordinance information regarding fences around swimming pools. Truman moved, seconded by Strange to table this item of business so the information can be reviewed between meetings and be discussed at the March meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Projects in the current budget year were reviewed. The Old Settlers Park electrical update has been completed. The Hen House old kitchen area update will be replaced with redoing the outside west side of the building with stucco type material. Electrical and sheetrock work has not been accomplished in the fire station. This project is still planned to be completed before the end of June.

The proposed 2021-22 city budget was reviewed and discussed. Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the 2021-22 New Virginia City Budget. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Final budget forms will be completed and submitted to the Indianola Record-Herald for publication. A public hearing will be held at the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council meeting to adopt the 2021-22 New Virginia City Budget.

With revenues collected from the local option sales tax and most recently, revenues that will be generated from gas & electric franchise fees, the tax levy rate will go down. For a home valued at \$150,000.00, city taxes are projected to go down approximately \$51.00.

Also, there will not be a debt service tax levy placed on citizens for the \$166,000.00 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan. The majority of the loan will be paid by funds from the local option sales tax and the gas & electric franchise fees.

### GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 6, 2021

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$35272.61; Regular Account \$1016.08. The rentals for the next few months continue to be few due to the current COVID guidance. We still have a few groups utilizing the building and with each use, we have had an extra cleaning and sanitizing process done. We have purchased hand sanitizing stations to use at the building as well. Brent hopes to get those up soon as well as the automated external defibrillator (AED). We are still strongly suggesting all who enter wear masks and social distancing. We are also asking renters to operate at the 50% capacity.

### NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The New Virginia Playground Committee has not met due to COVID-19. An email has been sent out with dates for a meeting this month to discuss the Prairie Meadows Grant extension for the second shelter. This extension will end on June 1, 2021. We will make plans to accomplish the shelter before then. The account balance is \$11856.82.

### KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$9781.72. There was no meeting in December. The proposal for the window panels on the second story of The Depot Restaurant was not accepted. High school students will be contacted for ideas for the window panels. The Committee has an opportunity for a grant for trees. The Council encouraged the Committee to pursue the grant and get more specific information regarding the grant. The Committee is checking into an outdoor movie night at GAMP Park.

### Spring Curbside Clean-Up Day will be scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding placing an outside vending machine at GAMP Park and the fire station.

Discussion was held regarding getting rid of the old ky-bos at GAMP Park and replacing them with new ones.

Galivan moved, seconded by Zuercher to approve payment of all City bills and GAMP bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 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: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The March council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. March meeting date – Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

  
Brent Baughman, City Clerk

#### In Years Past...

January 1977

Water tower repairmen spent three days thawing out the New Virginia water tower & feed line that goes up the center. The freezing resulted from a lack of water movement through the pipes & a -20-degree temperature with a wind chill of -53 degrees.

CLAIMS REPORT		AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
VENDOR	REFERENCE			
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$761.43	14056	2/2/2021
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$1,033.76	14060	2/8/2021
BRENT BAUGHMAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES INK CARTRIDGES	\$56.13	14061	2/8/2021
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	RECREATION DISC GOLF SUPPLIES	\$3,681.21	14057	2/2/2021
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$706.09	14065	2/8/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$280.77	16326163	2/1/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$340.47	16326164	2/1/2021
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$60.00	14068	2/8/2021
MATT PARROTT/STOREY KENWORTHY	OFFICE SUPPLIES/CHECK FORMS	\$148.18	14069	2/8/2021
MED COMPASS	PHYSICALS/HEARING TEST	\$3,325.00	14070	2/8/2021
OFFICE OF AUDITOR STATE OF IA	AUDITING/ACCT PERIODIC EXAMFEE	\$800.00	14071	2/8/2021
QUICK MED CLAIMS	AMBULANCE BILLING CLAIMS	\$295.64	14072	2/8/2021
SANDRY FIRESUPPLY LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES FIRE	\$1,023.00	14073	2/8/2021
VERIZON	TELEPHONE AMBULANCE	\$152.34	14058	2/2/2021
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$940.14	14075	2/8/2021
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$185.99	14076	2/8/2021
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$299.98	14077	2/8/2021
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	\$14,090.13		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,250.29	14056	2/2/2021
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL	\$1,950.00	14064	2/8/2021
IOWA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION IN	FY MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$95.00	14066	2/8/2021
	<b>TOTAL ROAD USE</b>	\$3,295.29		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	14059	2/8/2021
BRENT BAUGHMAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES INK CARTRIDGES	\$56.13	14061	2/8/2021
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	OFFICES SUPPLIES ENVELOPES	\$501.65	14057	2/2/2021
CITY STATE BANK	BANK/COLLECTION FEES	\$17.00	14062	2/8/2021
DIES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$12.84	14063	2/8/2021
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING - WATER	\$22.85	14064	2/8/2021
IA ONE CALL	METER LOCATES	\$8.10	14067	2/8/2021
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$280.76	16326163	2/1/2021
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$340.42	16326164	2/1/2021
MATT PARROTT/STOREY KENWORTHY	OFFICE SUPPLIES/CHECK FORMS	\$148.18	14069	2/8/2021
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$3,715.50	14074	2/8/2021
	<b>TOTAL WATER UTILITIES</b>	\$5,228.43		
GENERAL		\$1,444.67		
WATER		\$1,444.65		
	<b>Total Payroll</b>	\$2,889.32		
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$25,503.17		



## March 15 Last Day to Complete Enrollment for 2021 Agriculture Risk Coverage, Price Loss Coverage Programs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2021 – Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2021 must do so by March 15. Producers who have not yet signed a 2021 enrollment contract or who want to make an election change should contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to make an appointment. Program enrollment for 2021 is required in order to participate in the programs, but elections for the 2021 crop year are optional and otherwise remain the same as elections made for 2020.

“FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs, and to ensure we meet your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process,” said FSA Acting Administrator Steve Peterson. “I cannot emphasize enough the need to begin the program election and enrollment process now. This process can be completed when applying for other FSA programs as well.”

### More Information:

For more information on ARC and PLC including web-based decision tools, visit [farmers.gov/arc-plc](http://farmers.gov/arc-plc).

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### In Years Past...

January 1976

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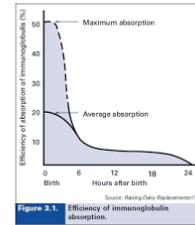
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Colostrum



# Critter Corner

The 2021 spring calving season has arrived. With that being said, I thought it would be a good time to go over colostrum as a whole and how to set each and every calf up for success going forward into the subsequent events the year holds. I am often asked what baby calves should be getting when they hit the ground. Colostrum is always the answer.

The bovine placenta is unique in that it doesn't allow antibodies to cross from the cow to the calf during gestation. With that being said, this means the calf is born with zero immunity. Calves will start to generate their own antibodies 3-4 weeks after birth, but the gap between birth and a month of age needs to be filled or problems will arise. The answer to this gap is mom's colostrum.

The newborn calf gut is designed to absorb antibodies and even white blood cells from the dam's colostrum. This absorption is the key to establishing immunity in the calf. However, this absorption of immunity has an expiration date. Common knowledge has been that calves can absorb and fully utilize colostrum for up to 24 hours after birth. However, further research has shown that 2-3 hours after birth, absorption capabilities of the calf gut drop drastically.

With this in mind, it's best to ensure that colostrum intake occurs within the first 8 hours of life. The following is a graph courtesy of Iowa State University Extension that highlights how fast absorption efficiency of antibody drops. Within the first 6 hours of life, efficiency drops from 50% down to 10%.

If a calf fails to take in the correct amount of colostrum the term is called Failure of Passive Transfer (FPT). FPT drastically increases the risk of newborn calf sickness and death by reducing their resistance to pathogens. In addition, FPT has also been proven to increase sickness and death loss even after weaning.

Generally, a calf should be taking in 10% of their body weight in colostrum within the first 8 hours of life (example: an 80 lb. calf should be taking in 8 lbs. of colostrum which is roughly a gallon of colostrum). This amount can be spread into multiple feedings. If the calf fails to nurse, a tube feeder should be used.

Contributed by Dr. Dakota Hottle



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# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## New Virginia Fireworks & New Virginia Old Settlers

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The Saturday evening fireworks are a big part of our Old Settlers Celebration. We are hoping to pay in advance for the 2021 fireworks. In doing so, we are able to get an early discount and provide you with a bigger show. We still need donations to make our early payment deadline. We are also beginning to fundraise for 2022 which will be the 125 th New Virginia Old Settlers. Please start to donate now so we can have a really big celebration next year. For those of you who like to do your business online, the New Virginia Old Settlers Association has set up a Venmo account for online donations. Our link to donate is <https://venmo.com/NewVirginia-OldSettlers>. You can also donate to the New Virginia Fireworks fund at City State Bank. You may also mail a check to donate to either the celebration or the fireworks fund to:

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Registration will be held in the Elementary Library Tuesday, February 23, 2021,  
from 4 p.m. -7 p.m. and in the Elementary office Friday, February 26, 2021  
from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

If your child is, or will be, 4 years of age by September 15, 2021, then he/she is eligible to attend our 4 year-old preschool. If your child is 3 years of age by September 15, 2021 then he/she is eligible to attend our 3 year-old ½ day preschool. All completed forms and deposit will need to be in the office to officially hold your child's spot on the roster. If you have questions, please contact the Interstate 35 Elementary Office at 641-765-4901 or email Jenny Dickinson [jdickinson@i-35.k12.ia.us](mailto:jdickinson@i-35.k12.ia.us) or Le Ann McFarland at [lmcfarland@i-35.k12.ia.us](mailto:lmcfarland@i-35.k12.ia.us).



## PARTNERSHIP PULSE

The Warren County Philanthropic Partnership would like to announce some important dates for 2021



- \* Applications will be available February 1
- \* Deadline to apply will be March 1
- \* Intent to Apply forms for High Impact grant (\$5,001- \$25,000) will be due by February 11

More information will be announced on social media and our website after the first of the year.

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# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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Book Club Every Third Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Cribbage Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

We have many puzzles for children and adults for checkout!

The Library is now a member of the AmazonSmile program!

New Adult and Children's books every month

Daylight-David Baldacci

The Scorpion's Tail-Preston & Child

All the Colors of the Night-Jayne Ann Krentz

Neighbors-Danielle Steel

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Saturday 9-noon



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Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday is our Book Club at 10 a.m.!

We also have puzzles and Large Print books for checkout!

Check out this month's new books!

Faithless in Death by J.D. Robb

Neighbors by Danielle Steel

The Vineyard at Painted Moon by Susan Mallery

Check us out on **facebook** for any updates!

### Updated Rental Rates!

#### Gerry Allen Memorial Park Community Building

#### New Virginia, IA

	N.V. City Limits	All Other Renters
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#### In Years Past...

January 1976

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# With Heartfelt *Sympathy*



Lola Luella Jones, daughter of Glen Stiles and Bessie (Bright) Stiles was born December 3, 1933 in Leon, Iowa and passed from this life Friday, January 15, 2021 at Southern Hills Specialty Care at 87 years of age.

Luella received her education in Decatur County. She was united in marriage to Harold Roy Jones on March 17, 1951 at Osceola, IA, and six children, Stephen, Randy, Gary, Paula, Rhonda and Bill blessed this union. Luella worked as a Seamstress for Snowden's in Osceola and also at Kayott in Indianola. She was also a devoted farm wife who loved being a mom and raising her family.

Luella attended the United Methodist Church in New Virginia and enjoyed crafts of all kinds, gardening and tending to her roses and sitting outdoors.

She liked bird watching, especially the robins while they built their nests. She was known to help anyone who needed it and loved her family and friends. In her earlier years, she liked to dance, camp, cook and bake. McDonald's French fries were among her favorites, as well as meeting friends and neighbors at the Hen House in New Virginia. She loved all animals, especially horses and puppies.

Those relatives who preceded Luella in death were her parents: husband, Harold Roy Jones; daughter, Rhonda Sue Luckett; sister, Margie Throckmorton; sister, Lucille Paytner; brother, Paul Stiles; sister, Mary Stewart; son-in-law, Scott Hollingsworth; brother-in-law, Ardith and wife Carmen Jones; sister-in-law, Georgia and husband, Buck Carson; brother-in-law, Ronnie Jones; sister-in-law, Joann Root; brother-in-law, Kenny Jones; and daughter-in-law, Betty Jones.

Luella leaves to cherish her memory: son, Stephen (Cindy) Jones of Spring Hill, IA; son, Randy (Kathy) Jones of New Virginia, IA; son, Gary Jones of Red Oak, TX; daughter, Paula Hollingsworth of Osceola, IA; son, Bill Jones of Osceola, IA; sister-in-law, Janice Jones of Indianola, IA, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

Services were held at Kale Funeral Home, Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 11:00 am with Pastor Amy Johnson officiating. The family greeted friends Wednesday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am prior to the service. If you were unable to attend the service in person, a live stream will be available at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com) on Luella's tribute wall beginning at 11:00 am, Wednesday. Interment was in the New Virginia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family for a tribute decided at a later time. Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com).

## *Thank You!*

The families of Luella Jones wish to thank everyone for all the acts of kindness shown to us at the time of Lou's death. Special thanks to the staff at Southern Hills for taking care of Lou during her time spent in the nursing home since 2011.

Thanks to Kale Funeral Home for their care and helping with all the services.

Pastor Amy Johnson officiated the most beautiful service. It was very special to us. Bless everyone who came to share memories of Lou. Thanks again.

*The families of Luella Jones*



## **Townsend 61st Anniversary**

Norman and Jan Townsend were married January 23, 1960 at West Des Moines Church.

They moved to St Charles in 1965 and have always been happy with their decision.

They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to 513 W Carpenter St Charles, IA 50240

Happy Anniversary from Norman A. (Ozzie), Becky, Amy, Chris and families!



We're excited to announce grant applications for 2021 are now available and we're eager to see what projects Warren County organizations will be working on to benefit our communities this year.

Deadline to apply will be March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Intent to Apply forms for High Impact grants will be due by Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Due to safety concerns with the ongoing pandemic, we will not be hosting an in-person grant writing workshop this year. If you have questions about the application process, first visit our Frequently Asked Questions page. If you still have questions, please email [info@warrencountypg.org](mailto:info@warrencountypg.org) or call (515) 962-5927.

# CITY OF ST CHARLES

## 1 February 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 2/1/2021, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Council members Tom Blomme, Megan Allison, Jane Hutton-Edwards, Dan Kozak, and Whitney Hutton were present along with 3 guests.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings from 1/4/2021, 1/11/2021, 1/20/21, and 1/26/2021: Motion made by Jane Hutton-Edwards/Tom Blomme to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of January Treasurer and Budget Reports: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Jane Hutton Edwards to approve the treasurer and budget reports for January. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of February Bills: Motion made by Jane Hutton Edwards/Tom Blomme to approve the February bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During January there were 45.93 patrol hours, 9 calls, and 26 traffic stops in St. Charles.

City Boards/Committees:

- Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer and Cole Smith were present. January meeting minutes were presented.
- Library Board: January meeting minutes were submitted.
- Emergency Management: January minutes were submitted. Resolution 2B-2021 Appoint Representatives: Motion by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak to appoint Dennis Smith as representative and Megan Allison as the alternate. R/C vote was unanimous.
- Mayor's Report: Mayor Dennis Smith reported a new Emergency Management Director for Madison County has been hired.
- Maintenance Report: Sander on the snowplow is not working properly and will be fixed by Stivers Ford. Council agreed for Butch to look for and purchase under the bed toolbox.
- Clerk's Report: The clerk reported on inquiries received in January
- Sewer Report: Randy Gray was present. Randy reported he will be retiring on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The City is conducting interviews with affidavit operators for the sewer.

Public Hearing Maximum Property Tax Levy FY22: Mayor Dennis Smith opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. Motion by Jane Hutton Edwards/Megan Allison to close the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. Voice vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2A-2021 Maximum Property Tax Levy: Motion by Jane Hutton-Edwards/Dan Kozak to pass Resolution 2A-2021 Maximum Tax Levy for FY22. R/C vote passed unanimously.

Liquor License Application for Casey's: Motion by Jane Hutton Edward/Megan Allison to approve the liquor license for Casey's. Voice vote passed unanimously.

**Spring Cleanup Day:** Waste Management will be in St. Charles on

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, for cleanup day for all residential customers.

**Selling Old Plow Truck:** Motion by Megan Allison/Jane Hutton Edwards to put the 1994 International 4900 plow truck up for bid with the City retaining rights to refuse any or all bids. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Set Date for Budget FY22 Public Hearing: Motion by Jane Hutton Edwards/Tom Blomme to set the Budget FY22 Public Hearing for March 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Street Repairs: Motion by Jane Hutton Edwards/Tom Blomme to accept Grimes Asphalt's bid of \$140,350.00 for various street repairs around St. Charles. Voice vote passed unanimously. Repairs are planned to start in May.

City Logo: City will move forward with the presented logo.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: City Council discussed alley maintenance.

Motion made by Jane Hutton Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

The next City Council meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest:

Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

Posted at: City Hall, Post Office, Montross, and Library

## St. Charles Public Library St. Charles, IA

February 2021

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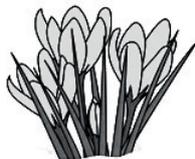
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Contact Kirk Freeman for more information



**The Wood Family**  
*Continued from January 2021 Edition*

The Wood Family was an important influence on the small town of St. Charles, Iowa, and the neighboring counties and towns from 1870 to around 1915. Samuel L. Wood, lovingly called Colonel by everyone, was a key figure in the incorporation of the town of St. Charles and served as mayor of the town several times. He and his sons, Abraham L. and Charles F., were infused with the same energy for community service. Both sons, Alfred L. and Charles F., were praised for their industries and liberality to the community and even the state. Samuel made sure his sons were highly educated and prepared for further grand goals.

Samuel's eldest son, Alfred L., graduated from local public schools and then attended Simpson College in Indianola before adventuring out to Huron, South Dakota, around the mid 1880's with another "Sainter" named E. N. Van Hosen. Shortly thereafter, Van Hosen was made the postmaster of Huron while Alfred was appointed his deputy.

A few months later both headed to Springfield, Missouri, to work as postmaster and deputy while running a newspaper called "The Springfield Republican." After a couple of weeks, there was a bit of trouble. It was later claimed by Alfred's enemies that Van Hosen caught Wood stealing money from the post office one evening and fired him. Whatever the reason, Alfred L. Wood came home in the fall of 1885 and worked at the "St. Charles Watchman." Sometime later, he helped run the "St. Charles Reporter" and "The Winterset Reporter", which was printed in St. Charles from 1885-1895. Alfred was elected to the town's postmaster position. One night the postal pay was taken from him at gunpoint by a bandit, and by a special congressional act, he was reimbursed for the funds. Those whom did not like Alfred L. Wood claimed he lost the money at cards rather than at the receiving end of a pistol.

In 1894, Alfred L. Wood ran for and won a legislative seat in the Iowa capital; he was re-elected in 1896. Alfred reportedly served the community very well. There is an article in the 1896 State Legislation Biographies about him with his photograph. Alfred was a thin-faced man with a thick moustache and a common-style oiled hair, neatly combed. In black three-piece suit and bow tie, he stares to his right with an intense glare of a man with a purpose.



*Need a Glimpse of Spring?*  
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A. I. Woods 1896 Legislation Photo from Official Register

While he was in the state legislation, Alfred helped find more resources for the county pauper facilities and funds. Alfred also served on committees to improve railroad transportation safety and regulations, state penitentiary reforms for better treatment of prisoners and improvement of their living conditions, and the planned expansion of electrical power to more rural cities and towns across the state, to name a few. Alfred helped pass several measures to help the county and region, but he was still a victim of the local rumor mill which stated he was an avid womanizer in the sinful city of Des Moines.

In 1895, Alfred sold his interests in the "St. Charles Reporter" and moved to Winterset to print "The Winterset Reporter." He bought out his partner there the following year. Within the week, he sold half of the interest to another partner and they both ran the paper until 1898. While serving as editor of "The Winterset Reporter," Alfred got into a vile and vicious brawl of words with the "Winterset Madsonian" newspaper and its editors. The opinion pieces in both "The Reporter" and "The Madsonian" were laced with undisguised hatred for the other for years. When Alfred became the postmaster of Winterset, the long simmering pot came to a boil.

Stay tuned for the continuing story of Alfred L. and his brother Charles F. Wood.

*Contributed by Kirk Freeman*

### *Remember When?*

Do you remember when Leachman Lumber was on the east side of West Street and was very active in the business life of New Virginia?

Do you remember when Ben Leachman was returning from a Dakota hunting trip, and a pheasant flew into his windshield, and the resultant broken glass nearly blinded him?

Do you remember when Clarence Conard built his West Street blacksmith shop post WWII and had a grand opening square dance?

Do you remember Hoot Kales Hardware in Truro, and it's being lost to a terrible fire?

Do you remember the collapse of the Happy Hollow bridge?

Do you remember Froggie Lippold?

Do you remember when they held the Wick Picnic annually?

Do you remember Charley Kimes' cranking his Model "T", and it kicked and broke his arm?

Do you remember when the Hall boy was walking on the railroad tracks and was killed by lightning?

Do you remember when the only available laundry detergents were Dreft, Rinso, Oxydol, Ivory Snow, and Ivory Flakes, and some hard-working ladies made their own soaps?

Do you remember when women used bluing to whiten their linens? No Clorox!

Do you remember when New Virginia had a stockyard?

Do you remember when Oliver Russell sold Chevrolet, and Charlie McClure sold Ford?

Do you remember when all kids had sleds and skates and used them almost daily?

Do you remember when all kids had to experience the old tongue on the ice-cold pump handle? Nowadays most haven't seen a pump?

Do you remember when so many items were rationed during WWII? Nowadays there would be riots and looting.....

Do you remember Harley Reed? Do you remember the Old Wrestler Harley Schaffer?

Do you remember the Popejoys? Zarella Popejoy recently passed away.

Do you remember Ray and Stella Irwin? Do you remember Ward and Cassie Taylor?

There is now a West Peru. Was there ever a Peru or East Peru????

**Contributed By Jerry Stansell**

### **Iowa State University Announces fall 2020 Dean's List**

AMES, Iowa (January 20, 2021) – More than 11,000 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

New Virginia, IA: Olivia Carlson, 3, Marketing, Jamie Grace Smith, 2, Open Option (LAS)

Saint Charles - Lauren Hagen 3, Communication Studies 3, Management.

Truro - Mason Cassidy 3, Management, Ben Fink 3, Finance, Derek Stowers 4, Psychology, Hunter Blum 4, Animal Ecology

Saint Marys - Zoey Minor 4, Psychology



### **The University of Iowa**

#### **UI students named to president's list for fall 2020 semester**

More than 850 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the president's list for the 2020 fall semester.

In order to be included on the list, a student must have a minimum 4.0 grade-point average (GPA; 4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the preceding two semesters, with a total of at least nine semester hours of graded credit with a 4.0 GPA for the spring 2020 semester and with a total of at least 12 semester hours of graded credit with a 4.0 GPA for the fall 2020 semester.

New Virginia, College of Engineering - Civil, Trevor Dean Thornburgh



Brommel, John Alphonse, age 59, of Austin, Texas passed away February 5, 2021 in a vehicle accident. Born to James and Margaret Brommel on September 24, 1961, the fifth of six children raised on a farm between St. Marys and St. Charles, Iowa.

John is survived by his children Katelyn and Kylie, his grandson Krue; parents James and Margaret Brommel; and siblings: Carol (Bob) Bartles of Burlington, Iowa, Jim (Joy) Brommel of Des Moines, Iowa; Mary (Alan) Large of Altoona, Iowa; David (Kathy) Brommel of West Des Moines, Iowa and Jean (David Pitt) Brommel of West Des Moines, Iowa and an aunt, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

John started his business first selling items from the back of his pick-up. In 1986, he opened The Corner Shoppe which has become Austin's oldest Trading Post. This unique gift shoppe has grown to be the largest selection of taxidermy in the United States. The shoppe specialized in everything from hides, Native American jewelry, full body mounts, and western items. John went on to create the Taxidermy King empire with the largest taxidermy auctions in the country in Fort Worth and Houston, Texas. During the pandemic, John moved all auctions to Austin, Texas.

There will be visitation on Friday, February 19 at Beck Funeral Home, Austin, TX from 5 to 7 PM; Rosary at 7 PM. The Funeral mass is 10 AM Saturday, February 20 at Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church, Austin, TX. A live stream option of the funeral can be found through [beckchapels.com/obituary/john-brommel](https://beckchapels.com/obituary/john-brommel)



Robert Leo Belieu, son of Harry Thomas Belieu and Viola Celestine Adair Belieu was born June 28, 1936 in Des Moines, Iowa and passed from this life Saturday, January 30, 2021 at VA Central Iowa Health Care System in Des Moines, Iowa at eighty-four years of age.

Robert received his education at Lincoln High School in Des Moines and later attended Des Moines Area Community College. Robert served his country with the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War attaining the rank of SGT.

He was united in marriage to Wava Wynona Belieu on January 3, 1956 at the United Methodist Church in Indianola. They were the parents of four children, Jeff, Mark, Franklin and Misty.

Robert worked as a maintenance repairman for Des Moines Waterworks for over thirty-five years. He was a member of Medora United Methodist Church.

Those relatives who preceded Robert in death were his father, Harry Belieu; mother, Viola Celestine Belieu; son, Franklin Robert Belieu; wife, Wava Wynona Belieu; sister, Darlene Belieu; brother, John Belieu; brother, Harry Belieu; brother, Harold Belieu; sister-in-law, Ilene Belieu; sister-in-law, Darlene Belieu; sister-in-law, Phyllis Belieu.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory: son, Jeff (Karen) Belieu of Indianola, IA; son, Mark (Mary) Belieu of New Virginia, IA; daughter, Misty (George) Hutton of St. Charles, IA; grandchildren, Joshua Belieu of Des Moines, IA; Kaitlyn Belieu of Des Moines, IA; Sean Belieu of Minnesota; Wava Norris of St. Charles, IA; Lacy Hutton of St. Charles, IA; brother, Dale Belieu of Des Moines, IA; sister-in-law, Janet Belieu of Des Moines, IA as well as other relatives and many friends.

Services held at New Virginia Cemetery, 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Pastor Amy Johnson officiating.

If you were unable to attend the service in person, a live stream is available at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com) on Robert's tribute wall beginning at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Medora United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com)

### February News

#### Tom Wood, Superintendent, Martensdale-St. Marys

It was silly to believe we would make it through this winter without any significant weather interruptions! The bitter cold, mountains of snow, and sheets of ice have definitely found us. As will happen with this type of weather, we have experienced some school cancellations, early dismissals, and late starts. While we do our best to avoid these disruptions to our schedule, there are times when they simply cannot be avoided, as these decisions are made based upon road conditions, the timing of storms, and impending forecasts.

Thankfully, we are able to count hours instead of days in order to meet the 1,080 hours required by the state and we consistently schedule well beyond this to accommodate potential cancellations and unexpected interruptions. Despite these recent cancellations and altered schedules, we are still exceeding our required hours, and thus on track to maintain May 26 as our last day of school for students. Should we experience additional weather-related interruptions, the calendar may be adjusted to meet our requirement for hours.

This school year has been anything but normal due to the pandemic we are all enduring and it has been through strict mitigation efforts that we have successfully kept school 100% in-person with activities occurring as scheduled. We will continue to follow public health guidelines and recommendations in order to keep everyone safe and keep school open for in-person learning. We naturally wish to be back to normal, and once it is safe to do so, we will begin easing the restrictions currently in place.

Reminder: The Martensdale-St. Marys School Board has called for a special election on March 2, 2021. The purpose of the special election is to ask the community to approve a Revenue Purpose Statement. Voting to approve the Revenue Purpose Statement does NOT increase your taxes. Please be sure to vote on March 2!

### USDA Offers New Forest Management Incentive for Conservation Reserve Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making available \$12 million for use in making payments to forest landowners with land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in exchange for their implementing healthy forest management practices. Existing CRP participants can now sign up for the Forest Management Incentive (FMI), which provides financial incentives to landowners with land in CRP to encourage proper tree thinning and other practices.

“We are offering CRP landowners an opportunity to use forestry practices for a more targeted approach to improve forest health and wildlife habitat on their land,” said Steve Peterson, acting administrator for USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). “The Forest Management Incentive enables landowners to maximize the conservation outcomes on their land, such as supporting wildlife, conserving soil and improving water quality.”

#### More Information

CRP signup begins today, Jan. 19, 2021. FSA will announce deadline later this year. Interested producers should contact their local FSA county office.



**If you find you are unable to consider projects in 2021 due to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your organization, please know we're here to help.**

Our **Disaster Recovery Fund** is available for Warren County organizations who may need help.

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING \*\*\*\*\*

To the Citizens of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa  
 Notice is hereby given that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. a public hearing will be held before the City Council of New Virginia, Iowa in the Council chambers in the fire department building in New Virginia, Iowa with reference to a Resolution approving and adopting the 2021/22 New Virginia City Budget.

Norville Huston, MAYOR

ATTEST  
 Brent Baughman, CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET  
 Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022  
 NEW VIRGINIA SANITARY SEWER  
 Meeting Date: 3/15/2021 - Meeting Time: 7:30 PM  
 Meeting Location: Fire Station Meeting Room

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.

CONTACT NAME: CHERYL BOLES CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: (641) 449-3636

FUND	A	B	C	D	E	F
(Whole Dollars)	EXPENDITURES			Estimated Ending Fund Balance 6/30/22	Est. 7/1/21 Begin Bal. & All Other Receipts	Est. Amt. (C+D+E) To be Raised by Taxes
	FYE 6/30/2020 Actual	FYE 6/30/2021 Re-estimated	FYE 6/30/2022 Proposed			
General	50,600	58,500	67,000	20,000	87,000	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,600</b>	<b>58,500</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>87,000</b>	<b>0</b>
	Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation			0		



**Bald Eagles:** The Iowa DNR will be hosting two live online training workshops for anybody interested in becoming a volunteer bald eagle nest monitor in Iowa. For more information and to register, go to [www.iowadnr.gov/vwmp](http://www.iowadnr.gov/vwmp) or e-mail [vwmp@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:vwmp@dnr.iowa.gov)

**Creamy- Thick Hot Cocoa Drink**

- 5 cups of whole milk
- At least 12 oz of sweetened condensed milk (I use a full 14 oz can)
- 1 cup of semi sweet chocolate chips
- At least 1 Tsp of vanilla extract (I use 1 Tbs)
- Can of whipped cream
- Ground Cinnamon



Pour milk into pot over low heat, keep it on low heat the entire time to prevent burning. Add the sweetened condensed milk, chocolate chips, and vanilla extract to the milk. Stir regularly for at least 30 minutes to ensure the chocolate and milk doesn't burn to the bottom of the pot. Once hot, squirt ordinary whipped cream into a mixing bowl and stir it with a spoon. This removes the extra bubbles making it smooth. Ladle the thick and creamy hot chocolate into a mug. Spoon the smooth whipped cream on top. Sprinkle a line of ground cinnamon across the mug.



**Richard Duane Gustafson, age 87, of Waconia, MN,** died peacefully, surrounded by his loving wife and family, on Saturday, December 26, 2020, after a battle with stomach cancer. “Dick” was born on August 4, 1933 in Des Moines, IA to John and Vera Gustafson and was the youngest of 12 siblings. He graduated from New Virginia Consolidated High School and enlisted in the Army from 1953-1955 during the Korean War. He spent most of his time at Fort Hancock, NJ as a radar operator for guided missiles. He achieved the rank of PFC (Private First Class), as well as earning the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal. Upon returning from the service, he attended Simpson College and then married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Ruth Johnson on August 3, 1957. He worked for his father-in-law on the farm and then for Farm Bureau. He spent most of his successful career with Farm Service, Inc. And finished his working years with the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

Dick and Carolyn lived in numerous places throughout Iowa and Illinois, where they added to a long list of friendships at each stop. They spent the majority of their time in Vinton, Osage, and Grinnell, IA before moving to Waconia, MN in 2015 to be close to their children and grandchildren. Dick was active in the local American Legion and proudly served as a member of the Color Guard. He was instrumental in the development of the Veterans Memorial and Registry in Mayer, MN. He and Carolyn became members of Oakwood Community Church and have been active in a Care Group and the Empty Nesters. The church, the pastor, and their friends there have been a great source of comfort and belonging since moving to Waconia, a community they quickly grew to love. They were also surrounded by amazing neighbors who befriended and watched over them. Dick was an excellent golfer and enjoyed golfing with his buddies for a regular game at Timber Creek, where he was the Senior Club Champion and a legend there. He also had a group of close friends from church that he enjoyed playing golf with as often as possible. Fishing with his faithful fishing partner, Dan, was also a favorite activity.

He took pride in keeping his lawn perfect and growing a small garden. Dick and Carolyn were fortunate to spend over 63 years together. They were blessed with four children and a wonderful supply of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Family was the most important thing to him, and he nurtured unique relationships with each of his kids and grandkids.

He was the most loving husband, father, and grandfather imaginable. As a positive role model for his family, friends, and acquaintances, he impacted many lives with his life of integrity, loving friendships, and charming character. He loved getting to know people and their stories, and “he never knew a stranger!”

Dick is survived by his wife, Carolyn, his children Julie (Dick) Howe of Chaska, MN, Mike (Dagne) of Greenwood, MN, Kristin (Jim) Groenewold of Chanhassen, MN, and Karla (Chris) Carson of Eden Prairie, MN, grandchildren Megan, Nathan, Jack, Lindsay, Carson, Carolyn, Lauren, Matt, Andrew, and Audrey. A public funeral service was held Saturday January 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with the visitation at noon at Oakwood Community Church, 8805 Klein Drive, Waconia, MN 55387. Memorials preferred to Carver County Veterans Memorial and Registry, PO Box 119, Mayer, MN 55360.



### Taco Soup

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 cans black beans (rinsed)
- 1 can diced tomatoes (un-drained)
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 pkg. Taco seasoning mix
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup shredded cheese



Brown meat with onion in large saucepan.

Stir in all remaining ingredients except the cheese.

Bring to boil, cover simmer on medium-low heat for 5 mins, stirring occasionally.

Serve topped with cheese.

Look for something  
*positive* in every day,  
even if some days you  
have to look a  
little harder.

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

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## New Virginia Fire Department's New Truck



The New Virginia Fire Department is excited to announcement the purchase of a new fire truck for the citizens it serves. After 32 years of dedicated service, the New Virginia Fire Department's unit 769, a 1989 Chevy 1 ton truck is being replaced with a 2021 Chevy Silverado 3500 Crew Cab. The new truck is equipped with 200 Gallons of water and 10 gallons of foam. It is equipped with an ultra high pressure pump for firefighting.

This new truck's primary responsibility will be responding to wildland fires, vehicle fires,

as well as with the ambulance on EMS calls. It will also be used as a command vehicle on all major events. All of the department members are excited to show this new edition off to the citizens we serve.



**"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your BALANCE, you must keep moving."**

**ALBERT EINSTEIN**



**Up For Silent Auction:** The New Virginia Fire Department has a 1989 Chevy 3500 4x4 truck up for silent auction. It is one of the 1st round bodies off the assembly line in Flint Hills Michigan. This great piece of American made iron has a 454 engine between the frame rails with a 4 speed manual transmission. It is equipped with a 6 door Aluminum service body made with pride in Iowa. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to buy an amazing piece of American made iron in this shape. This truck will be sold as is where is, but we will make sure you can get out the door with it. The truck runs and drives just like it did the day it came off the assembly line in 1989. You have the opportunity to buy it with a 200 gallon tank and gas engine pump, or you can choose to have us remove it. Please specify in the bid if you are bidding for it with or without the tank and pump. Mileage 30767. If truck is sold to private entity, all emergency lights and sirens will be removed off of the truck. This truck may be viewed by appointment only by contacting Mayor Norville Huston (641-449-3672) or Fire Chief Jake Zuercher (515-745-4415). There will be pictures posted on the city's website at [newvirginia.com](http://newvirginia.com) and Facebook at City of New Virginia.

This auction has no reserve.

Please submit all sealed bids to City of New Virginia PO Box 302, ATTN: Sealed Bid Enclosed For 1989 Chevy Truck New Virginia IA 50210, or may be dropped off in person to the City Clerk or Mayor Huston at Huston Auto Repair. Bids must be received by 5 p.m. March 8th, 2021. The City of New Virginia reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.



**Up For Silent Auction:** The City of New Virginia has a 1978 Stewart & Stevenson 4x4 up for silent auction. This truck was made by OshKosh Corporation for the United States military! It is equipped with a Cat 3410 engine and Allison 6 speed automatic transmission with multiple 4 wheel drive settings. It comes with an extra tire & wheel and has a 500 gallon tank with a gas engine to pump water. This truck will remain in service for the fire department until sold. It is in good working condition with a few minor scratches dents and holes. Mileage 18705.

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*In Years Past...*

February 1974

Ivan Strable I-35 qualifies for state wrestling tournament.



Hello Readers,

We just wanted to let you know that you've not been forgotten, and all of your prayers and giving make it possible for us to help others as we have been able to do. We have had a busy winter season. The virus has touched those who are close to the heart of this ministry. It has kept us busy in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Recently, we lost a person who came in throughout the years, wondering what she could do to help this ministry, and in several times past, she has worked along beside us when she was able. We miss her very much, and although our hearts are missing her, we know where she has gone to, and it is a much happier place.

It is very cold today, but how grateful we are that we have warm houses and that we are able to keep helping those in need. We do realize that not everyone has the comfort they need at this time. That is why God formed HIS ministry 35 years ago, to be available in such times as these. God has been so good to us in order that we can take care of the needs in tough times.

We are rejoicing at the addition of the newest blessing for Jesus' Right Hand: a brand new, two-door commercial refrigerator! We have been praying for over a year for additional refrigeration space, and our new addition arrived early this month. We would like to thank Eat Greater Des Moines for the donation of the unit and Bolton & Hay for the delivery. With the additional food resources available to us during the past few months, we will be able to store even more fresh produce, dairy and meat items to feed those who come to us in their time of Need.

We are also celebrating the return of the donations from the Wal-Mart deli and bakery provided through St. Vincent DePaul of South Des Moines. After a brief hiatus due to COVID concerns, we have been able to pick up the donations once again. If you drive by on Monday afternoon, you'll probably see our table piled high with beautiful cakes, pies, donuts and cupcakes. There have been many times that God has been able to bring just the right person at the right time to bless them with a birthday cake when money was tight. Doesn't HE always seem to know what we need, exactly when we need it?

The Fresh Food Giveaway continues as a drive-thru operation even during these cold winter months. We are touched at the care and concern of our patrons and clients who have extended kindness when we have been outside in the extreme weather during the weekly giveaway. The City of New Virginia and the road crew have gone above and beyond in clearing our streets and the loading area behind the building so we can back our van up safely to unload donations. There were individuals who have come to our rescue during the past few snowstorms to clear a path to our doors so our staff could safely get into the buildings and even some who helped chip away and shovel the ice chunks where we were loading boxes into vehicles. Winter won't last forever, and we will have beautiful spring weather coming soon! But until then, God has been taking good care of us and has given us more than enough wisdom when working outside in the cold.

We want to remind you that we also have an emergency food pantry available to anyone who finds themselves in need. You can access help from our emergency food pantry a total of three times in a six-month period. This is in addition to the Fresh Food Giveaway that we have each Monday. You can come get food every Monday from the giveaway if you need it.

Thanks to everyone once again for all you do, whether it involves prayer, food drives, volunteering or financial donations. God continues to bless us by supporting all our needs to keep us operating as we do. Please be encouraged to do all you can for each other when possible, love beyond limits, and live each day to the fullest for God's glory.  
In HIS Service & Love,  
Jesus' Right Hand Ministries

## USDA Extends General Signup for Conservation Reserve Program

WASHINGTON, February 5, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup period, which had previously been announced as ending on Feb. 12, 2021. USDA will continue to accept offers as it takes this opportunity for the incoming Administration to evaluate ways to increase enrollment. Under the previous Administration, incentives and rental payment rates were reduced resulting in an enrollment shortfall of over 4 million acres. The program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for 10 to 15 years for land devoted to conservation purposes, as well as other types of payments.

Before the General CRP signup period ends, producers will have the opportunity to adjust or resubmit their offers to take advantage of planned improvements to the program.

"The Conservation Reserve Program provides a tremendous opportunity to address climate change both by retiring marginal cropland and by restoring grasslands, wetlands, and forests," said Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. "CRP has a 35-year track record of success beyond just climate benefits, by providing income to producers, improving water quality, reducing erosion, and supporting wildlife habitat and the hunting and fishing opportunities that go along with it. By extending this signup period, we'll have time to evaluate and implement changes to get this neglected program back on track."

As one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States, CRP provides both economic and conservation benefits by taking land out of agricultural production. Program successes include:

- Sequestering in soils and plants over 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e), or about the same amount that the entire state of Delaware emits annually.
- Preventing more than 2 billion tons of soil from being blown away by wind erosion over the life of currently enrolled acres.
- Reducing phosphorous reaching streams by almost 85 million pounds, nitrogen by nearly 450 million pounds, and sediment by over 160 million tons in 2020 alone.
- Creating more than 2.3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 177,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times.
- Establishing over a half million acres of dedicated pollinator habitat and nearly 15 million more acres of diverse plantings that provide forage for pollinators.
- Increasing populations of ducks and other game birds, prairie chickens, and such grassland songbirds as Baird's Sparrow. CRP in the Northern Great Plains supports an estimated 8.6% of the grassland bird population.
- Increasing habitat that supports economic opportunities, such as job creation, related to hunting and fishing activities.

This signup for CRP gives producers an opportunity to enroll land for the first time or re-enroll land under existing contracts that will be expiring Sept. 30, 2021. All interested producers, including those on Indian reservations and with trust lands, are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center for more information. All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

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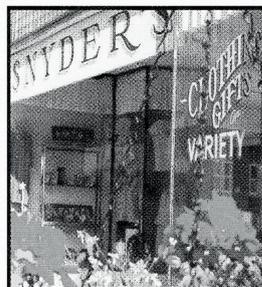
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# Church Directory

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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 am)

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St Patrick's Irish Settlement  
3396 155<sup>th</sup> 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

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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](http://www.mcc-church.com)

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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

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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](http://www.gbcnv.org)  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
Wednesday Evening:  
Youth 7 pm, Prayer 7:30 pm

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

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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](mailto:revkbriggsacc@msn.com)  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Coffee & Fellowship: 11:30 am

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Immaculate Conception  
101 St James St PO Box 88  
St Marys, IA 50241  
Fr. Chris Fontanini  
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Leasa Garrett (Office Manager)  
[immacula@myomnitel.com](mailto:immacula@myomnitel.com)  
515-961-3026  
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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

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(Disciples of Christ)  
604 Main Street. / Box 112  
New Virginia IA 50210  
Pastor: Darin Feikema  
515-490-4444 Cell: 515-770-3713  
Sunday Worship: 11 AM

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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](mailto:pstrbruceg@gmail.com)  
[Church\\_email:NewVA-Medora@outlook.com](mailto:Church_email:NewVA-Medora@outlook.com)  
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Fellowship following Worship Service  
Sunday School at 9:15 AM Sept - May  
Youth: 5:45 PM Wednesday Sept - May  
Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM  
Necessities Pantry open 6:00- 7:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

UMW 1:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:pstrbruceg@gmail.com)  
Church email;[NewVA-Medora@outlook.com](mailto:NewVA-Medora@outlook.com)  
Sunday School: 9:15 AM (children)  
Worship: 9 AM  
Quilters: 1:00 P.M. Thursday

Church of Christ  
10985 44<sup>th</sup> 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

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Linn Grove United Methodist Church  
7483--50<sup>th</sup> 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-1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11:15 AM  
Pastor's email: [bernieco2003@yahoo.com](mailto:bernieco2003@yahoo.com)

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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 - 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Truro  
[Pastorlarry@netins.net](mailto:Pastorlarry@netins.net)

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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](mailto:Donrothweiler@yahoo.com)  
Worship: 10:00 AM  
Sunday School PreK - 6<sup>th</sup>: During worship

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

