

**Deadline: 2nd Wednesday
of the Month**
Annual Subscription - \$20.00

This article will list the towns in our Tri-Corner-Express area in Warren County.

Medford: This town was located in the southwest corner of Section 32 of White Oak Township and on the northern line of Squaw Creek Township. “Squaw Creek Township” was established in 1836, but its name is usually shortened to “Squaw Township” on maps and documents. The neighborhood in the earliest days was referred to as the “Braucht Settlement.” Adam Braucht gave the land to the Methodist Church. The church was dedicated on December 18, 1892. The general store was located north of the church at the crossroads. The Post Office was established March 7, 1890 with Louis F. Braucht as the first Postmaster. The Post Office closed October 29, 1903. The mail was then delivered out of the New Virginia Post Office.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5.....

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5.....

CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA
Council Meeting Minutes
November 4th, 2023

The Council met in regular session on Saturday November 4th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. for the November council meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: The City received two bids to remove and replace five southbound concrete panels and three northbound concrete panels in the 800 block of East Street – Sternquist Construction \$15,520.00 and McGee Concrete, LLC \$15,120.00. After reviewing and discussing the bids, Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the McGee Concrete LLC bid of \$15,120.00 for concrete repairs in the 800 block of East Street. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cracks are developing in some of the streets that were re-surfaced with asphalt this summer. Mayor Huston advised InRoads is aware of the cracks and will warranty the work.

Citizen Input: There was no citizen input.

Water Utilities discussed: In the month of October, the City received the water meters and some of the valves that were ordered this summer.

Fire Department Business: Fire Chief Jake Zuercher was present to update the Council on Fire Department business. There recently was a County/Municipal joint meeting to discuss Warren County Communications. Requirements to be a member of the Board of Directors for Warren County Communications were reviewed and discussed. The Board of Directors is currently made up of a representative from the City of Indianola and Carlisle and one Warren County Supervisor. Two other people will be appointed by the current Board.

The purchase of a new multi-function fax machine at the fire station was discussed. Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to purchase a Brother model number L2750DW multi-function fax machine for the fire station. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of October was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 25 calls for service during the month of October. Officers spent in excess of 34 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 198 miles within the city limits for the month. One citation and/or warning was written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to open the public hearing for the proposed closing of that portion of Pine Street running North and South and lying adjacent to and West of Lot 10, Davidson's Addition to the Town of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding the proposed closing of the above-described portion of Pine

Street, Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to open the public hearing for the first reading of Ordinance #121 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING NORTH PINE STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding Ordinance #121, Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing for the first reading of Ordinance #121. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to pass and approve the first reading of Ordinance #121 - AN ORDINANCE VACATING NORTH PINE STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA and to waive the second and third readings of said Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to open the public hearing to pass and approve Resolution 2023-07 – A RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSING OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE THAT PORTION OF PINE STREET RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH AND LYING ADJACENT TO AND WEST OF LOT 10, DAVIDSON'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEW VIRGINIA, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding Resolution 2023-07, Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution 2023-07. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to open the public hearing to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-08 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT NEW VIRGINIA STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding Resolution 2023-08, Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-08. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A draft of the New Virginia Urban Revitalization Plan was reviewed. The process to approve the Plan will continue.

Two bids for snow removal from City streets, alleys & sidewalks for the 2023-24 season were received – Bortell Welding & CNC Plasma Cutting bid – 2 units with V-plows. \$100.00 per hour per unit. Huston's bid – same as 2022-23 at

\$85.00 per hour. After reviewing and discussing the bids, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the Huston bid at \$85.00 per hour. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The outdoor movie venue was discussed including the consideration of a car show/drive-in movie night next summer.

GAMP UPDATE

November 4th, 2023
No GAMP updates for the month.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The ELF Club will start decorating for Christmas soon.

The Trail Committee meeting at the library on October 25th at 5 p.m. had to be postponed. The meeting is re-scheduled for November 15th at the library at 5 p.m. to discuss questions about trails, grants, getting an engineer involved, etc.

Continuation of the city-wide Christmas lighting contest was discussed. Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to continue the city-wide Christmas lighting contest. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Annual Financial Report from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 was reviewed. Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the Annual Financial Report for publication. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Marking a path on streets from the 700 block of West Street to the library school bus stop was discussed. It was discussed to see if a school bus could stop at the apartment building in the 700 block of West Street, especially if a bus drives by the apartment building on a routine basis.

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

With no further business to come forth, Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. The December council meeting is scheduled for Monday December 4th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. December meeting date – Monday December 4th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Baughman
Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

Advertise and Announce on New Virginia's Digital Sign

There is a new e-mail address for submitting messages for The Sign at the United Methodist Church in New Virginia.

Please send messages to: newva-medora@outlook.com

Please put SIGN in the subject line.

Public Notice

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

CLAIMS REPORT				
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$457.45	15075	11/3/2023
ASHLEY ROWLEY	RETURN DEPOSIT	\$125.00	15107	11/11/2023
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$1,379.15	15081	11/6/2023
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE	\$30.00	15082	11/6/2023
BRETT DOUGLAS	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$200.00	15083	11/6/2023
BRETT DOUGLAS	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	15108	11/11/2023
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE RENEWAL	\$1,178.39	15076	11/3/2023
CENTRAL IOWA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$68.00	15084	11/6/2023
DAN & MELODY HUTTON	RETURN DEPOSIT	\$125.00	15085	11/6/2023
G WORKS	TECHNOLOGY - SOFTWARE	\$1,393.00	15086	11/6/2023
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING SERVICES	\$50.00	15088	11/6/2023
HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR	CHRISTMAS LIGHT/SUPPLIES	\$520.20	15089	11/6/2023
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$27.50	15091	11/6/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$353.93	16326467	11/3/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$389.46	16326468	11/3/2023
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	15094	11/6/2023
JERRY HOWE	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	15095	11/6/2023
MARK MCCOY	GAMP DEPOSIT REFUND	\$125.00	15096	11/6/2023
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	\$43.99	15097	11/6/2023
R& R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS	\$575.00	15098	11/6/2023
TELEFLEX ARROW INTERNATIONAL I	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$550.00	15100	11/6/2023
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,136.44	15103	11/6/2023
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHICLE FUEL	\$262.93	15104	11/6/2023
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$414.21	15105	11/6/2023
ZACH BEEM	RETURN DEPOSIT	\$125.00	15106	11/6/2023
TOTAL GENERAL		\$9,841.65		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,184.68	15075	11/3/2023
G WORKS	TECHNOLOGY - SOFTWARE	\$1,393.00	15086	11/6/2023
TIM WEEKS	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$419.46	15101	11/6/2023
TOTAL ROAD USE		\$2,997.14		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	15080	11/6/2023
G WORKS	TECHNOLOGY - SOFTWARE	\$1,393.00	15086	11/6/2023
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$15.00	15087	11/6/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	MILEAGE WATER SAMPLE	\$39.60	15090	11/6/2023
IA ONE CALL	METER LOCATES - IOWA ONE CALL	\$26.10	15092	11/6/2023
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	DUES YEAR 2024	\$305.00	15093	11/6/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$300.43	16326467	11/3/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$337.43	16326468	11/3/2023
SAVAGE EXCAVATING	REPLACE WATER CURB BOX	\$400.00	15099	11/6/2023
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,644.75	15102	11/6/2023
TOTAL WATER UTILITIES		\$7,586.31		
GENERAL		\$1,895.55		
WATER		\$1,602.85		
Total Payroll Paid		\$3,498.40		
GRAND TOTAL		\$23,923.50		

Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices

The Tri-Corner-Express ad current prices are as follows. Please email us your ad at tricornet@newvirginia.com or drop off your ad at Black Mailbox labeled Tri-Corner-Express on The Hen House - West Street

New Virginia, IA

2 x 2	\$20.00
2 x 3 1/2	\$30.00
3 x 4	\$45.00
5 x 7	\$85.00
10 x 7	\$175.00

Thank You's, Birth Announcements, Birthdays, & Anniversaries:

0 - 50 words = \$5.00 51 - 100 words = \$10.00

\$0.10 per word over 100 words \$5.00 for each photo

Obituaries and Weddings (Including one photo): \$40.00 *

Additional photo(s) \$5.00 each



CONSERVATIVE WARREN COUNTY LEADER, FETT, ANNOUNCES HOUSE DISTRICT 22 CANDIDACY

Carlisle, IA Local resident and conservative activist, Samantha Fett, announced her candidacy for the Iowa House District 22, which encompasses the Warren County towns of Norwalk, Carlisle, Martensdale, St. Marys, New Virginia, and parts of Ackworth and Cumming.

Fett, a former Carlisle school board member and grassroots activist, plans to take her experience to the next level and serve in the statehouse.

“Being involved with the fight for parental rights, I felt called to do more, to take the next step and run for Iowa House

because if I want to see change, I need to be part of the solution,” Fett said.

In addition to local activism, Fett credits her experience in the media industry and volunteer endeavors for developing a passion for creating change. Defined by her empathy and compassion, Fett brings a skill set that is professional and authentic. She will provide poised and trusted leadership.

“I am ready to stand for truth,” Fett said. “As a constitutionalist, I love what America stands for, and I am ready to protect and expand our freedoms and liberties in Iowa.”

Fett, with her husband Josh, raised two daughters outside Carlisle and are active members in their local church, with a passion for mentoring youth.

“I am a mom, and I care deeply about the next generation,” Fett said.

Fett supports the new Education Savings Accounts passed in the 2023 Iowa Legislative session and championed by Gov. Kim Reynolds. She also plans to support additional education reform.

“We need to get back to basics in education and make sure our students are learning at an efficient level,” Fett said. “We are seeing political propaganda prioritized over reading, and the results are low-test scores and non-proficient learning levels. I want to raise the exceptions in our learning environments because we can do better for the students of Iowa.”

Brenda Smith, a constituent of House District 22 and Carlisle resident, said she is thrilled to see Fett throw her name into the race.

“I cannot express how happy and excited I am that Samantha Fett is running,” Smith said. “Her dedication to the people in this district has already been proven by her countless hours working to protect kids, standing for parents when it mattered and battling for school choice. I saw these great qualities and more when she was on the Carlisle School Board. She is not afraid to ask hard questions and is good at confronting what needs to be confronted. We need people like her in our statehouse.”

Fett will work to create good policy by listening to her constituents and building authentic relationships.

“What I have heard is we need to tackle issues around education reform, growing our workforce and trade programs, creating bridges to self-sufficiency, and protecting Iowa seniors from surging costs,” Fett said. “Government works best when we are involved in the process. What you can expect from me is bold leadership, transparency, and access. I am ready to serve my district, not as a politician, but as a concerned citizen, a taxpayer, and a parent.”

For more information, go to: FettforHouse.com.



**Recycling Dates
New Virginia
November 16
November 30
December 14**



City of New Virginia has a new Facebook Page

Please like & follow our new Facebook Page



We all need some Brilliance in our Lives.

Contributed by Kim McWilliams

The majestic 40-foot Blue Spruce Tree in Old Settlers Park is hard to miss. When Irwin “Red” Taylor planted it in 1960, it was just four feet tall. When I asked Red why he planted it, he said he was on some committee, he has been on all of New Virginia’s committees, and “someone mentioned they wanted one there.” He drove down to the local garden center and bought the baby Blue Spruce for \$10. Of course, there is more to the story, as I found out by listening to Red tell me a little bit about his life. No surprise, it was a woman who wanted the tree. The innocent baby Blue Spruce caused a little bit of discontent with the local children who used the park for a football field, and it happened to be planted in an end goal. A compromise must have been achieved, as we now have a living tower. Red mentioned some other details, but that is a whole other story. Karen Cooley was also at the New Virginia Library while I interviewed Red for this story, so you can only imagine the verbal tennis game I watched unfold. You are probably asking yourself, why is the perfect Blue Spruce tree located in Old Settlers Park a topic for the Tri-Corner Express? You probably have seen the remnants of the previous lights that were on it, and you may have even attempted to remove some like I did, only to have them disintegrate in your hand. Well, if you haven’t heard about the New Virginia ELF Club yet, we are about to bedazzle you with brilliant LED lights. That’s right, the king of all Blue Spruce trees got a radiant holiday makeover. On November 11th, the ELF Club installed commercial-grade, C9, multi-color, LED lights. The lights were purchased with the funds provided by generous local businesses, families, and organizations. This group of elves did not have magical powers and were fortunate to utilize a 45-foot boom lift donated by Simple Lift out of Osceola. We couldn’t have done it without their kindness and community support. If you happened to see the installation, you are welcome for the entertainment. We hope you enjoy the lights during the month of December! By the way, if you happen to like what the ELF Club is doing, let us know, share ideas, or donate for future improvements (like a tree topper!).

Not sure what to give someone for Christmas? Got that hard-to-buy-for person on your list who has everything? Know someone who lives away but would like to keep up with community news? Why not give them a subscription to the Tri-Corner-Express for Christmas? Chances are there will be something in every issue to peak your loved one’s interest, since we cover news and events in the Interstate 35 and Martensdale-St. Marys School Districts and our local towns. Consider buying a subscription for your loved ones, and we can start delivery in December to run for a full year. Only \$20.00 for a year, and your shopping will be done! Give Santa a break (and yourself!), and let us do the work for you. Mail your subscription fee of \$20.00 to P.O. Box 302, New Virginia, IA 50210 with a note telling us you want it for Christmas, and we will do the rest.

Thank you for supporting the Tri-Corner-Express!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.....

Irish Grove: This town was a Post Office in the extreme southeast corner of section 31 in Virginia Township. Most references referred to Dorrville and Irish Grove as the same place. The confusion was brought about because of their location when one Post Office and Postmaster took the place of another. They were very near each other, being less than a mile apart.

Dorrville: It was a hamlet with a Post Office in the northwest quarter of Section 32 in Virginia Township. The Post Office was established January 1, 1855 with Madison M. Melvin as the Postmaster, receiving a salary of \$3.95 semi-annually. The Post Office operated until June 30, 1863.

Handsome View: It was established as a Post Office August 22, 1853, in section 10 in Squaw Creek Township. As the land changed hands, the Post Office also changed by changing names and Postmasters. Handsome View Post Office took the place of Hackney's Grove. George Coverdale was the first Postmaster of Handsome View. His yearly salary was \$4.93. Handsome View Post Office continued until August 18, 1879.

Higdonville: About 1927, Charley Higdon had Clarence Parker build a grocery and gas station in Section 11 of Squaw Creek Township. Charley had previously owned a store about one-half mile west of Cool from 1923 until 1936. The small trading center in Squaw Creek Township never developed beyond a general store and gas station, but it played an important part in the history of Warren County. During the next 20 years, the store had various owners, among them Lloyd Mann, Earl Lawyer, John and Ruth Stalter, Wayne and Irene Huss and Charles and Emma Hite. The last owners were Bob and Ruth Conner. A short distance east of the Higdon store and gas station, Lottie Ogle and Joe Vickroy constructed a log gas station. At this time, the Higdon store discontinued the gas pumps and operated only the store. Years passed, and Higdonville was but a memory. Irvin Hershey moved the Higdon Grocery to his farm. The log structure of Ogle-Vickroy gas station is said to have been moved to the Iowa State Fair Grounds and can be seen in the Indian Heritage Village.

Hackney's Grove: J. Hackney came to Section 10 of Squaw Creek Township, entering land from the United States Government. Here he established a Post Office for the people of the vicinity on July 22, 1852. David Johnson became the Postmaster at the salary of \$3.54. Mr. Hackney later sold his land to Abe Smith. The Post Office was changed to Handsome View on August 22, 1853. The location of this place is approximately at the corner of Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15 in Squaw Creek Township. The Smith Cemetery remains in the area.

Cool: It was said to be the town with two names. On some maps it was Fairview, others used Cool. The Post Office was established February 6, 1879 and closed in 1904. The mail was carried by stagecoach from Indianola to Osceola. The general store was operated by the Graham family for many years, T. J. Graham being the first owner and Linnie Graham the last owner. The church was located about three-quarters of a mile south of the business area and was always known as Fairview Christian Union, as it is today. The church south of town burned and was rebuilt in the town.

Jefferson Heights: It was neither a town nor a Post Office. It was only a name given to a trading center. It was located about one-half mile north of Medora on Highway 69. It was a stagecoach stop where travelers could eat and sleep and change horses for the stagecoaches going between Osceola and Indianola.

Medora: It was laid out in Squaw Creek Township and named by Charlie D. Rice. The post office was established on June 22, 1868. The Post Office was located at the end of Main Street. C. F. Mc Griff was the first Postmaster at the salary of \$13.00 per year. The mail was carried from Medora to Osceola one day and Medora to Indianola the next. Medora became an active trading center. Groceries and general merchandise were sold by two merchants. Horses were shod at a blacksmith shop. Two doctors served the town in 1879. The town was also served by a hotel and a sawmill. The school served as a community hall and the church. Wagons were built or repaired at the wheelwright shop. The Post Office closed November 15, 1904. The change in mail service, good highways and faster transportation all brought a big change in this small rural village.

Fort Gimlet: This was the nickname used for the area in Liberty Township, Warren County. Another name that applied to this section of Warren County was "Gospel Ridge" because of extended revival meetings of a highly emotional nature. Round Top was the name given to the original schoolhouse built by John Coles. It was octagonal in shape and topped by a round roof. It was also used for church services by a Rev. Lamb who organized the Christian Society. A church was later erected in the vicinity, known as the Otter Creek

Christian Church. It was often called by the nickname Christian Neck. It was recorded that the farm of the early settler, Noredin Coles, was the site of grist mills, often referred to as Fort Gimlet Grist Mills.

Thank you to the Family of Doris Carlson for providing the information on Warren County Communities.

Other sources: Warren County Historical Society; Iowa Historical Society



Letters to Santa...

It's time to get Letters to Santa colored and dropped off to the N.V. Public Library now thru December 12th. If you include your address, Mrs. Claus said she'd write back. Coloring page(letter) can be picked up at the library or printed from our Facebook page:
New Virginia Hometown Pride

New Virginia Hometown Pride
A KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

American Legion

New Virginia Chapter

Meets Second Thursday
Of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

Breakfast Second Saturday

7:00-10:00 A.M.

Take-out available.

For Hall Rental

Contact Roger Kitner.

[515-230-8494](tel:515-230-8494)

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to send a card for my 90th birthday. I enjoyed each one of them.

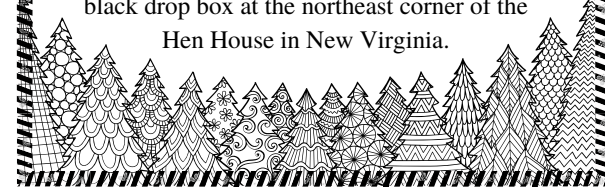
Sincerely,
Merrell Mitchell



THERE'S
always
SOMETHING TO BE
THANKFUL
for

Christmas is a time for remembering and sharing.

We would love to hear about your Christmas memories --- your Christmas traditions, your favorite Christmas gift you received, the gift you hoped for and didn't receive, or whatever Christmas memory you would like to share. Please share via email at tricorner@newvirginia.com; by mail to Tri-Corner-Express, P.O. Box 302, New Virginia, IA 50210; or drop your letter in the black drop box at the northeast corner of the Hen House in New Virginia.



Medicare Open Enrollment

OCTOBER 15 TO DECEMBER 7

Do you have
Medicare questions?

Get free, objective, and
confidential answers in
a private, one-on-one
counseling session.

TO DO:



**SCHEDULE
ONE-ON-ONE
APPOINTMENT**

515-962-5375



SHIIP is a service of the State of Iowa.
It does not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents.



This project was supported, in part by grant numbers 90SAPG0070 and 90MPPG0046, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.



September 2023

Contact Information:
Elodie Opstad
Volunteer SHIIP Counselor
Warren County SHIIP
@Indianola Activity Center
515-962-5375

PRESS RELEASE

**Medicare's Open Enrollment is Oct 15th-Dec 7th
Do You Have Questions?
SHIIP/SMP Can Help**

Every year between Oct 15th-Dec 7th, persons with Medicare Part D have the opportunity to review their drug plan coverage. SHIIP/SMP volunteer counselors are available for a free, confidential and unbiased review of cost and coverage, with changes taking effect January 1st 2024. Call **515-962-5375** to schedule your appointment at the Indianola Activity Center (2204 West 2nd Ave). Phone appointments also available.

SHIIP/SMP is a service of the State of Iowa. They do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents.

SHIIP / SMP offers free, objective, confidential services
to help Iowans understand Medicare options.

800-351-4664
www.shiip.iowa.gov

SHIP / SMP // IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION
1063 Bell Avenue, Suite 100, Des Moines, Iowa 50315
Phone: 1-800-351-4664 (TTY: 1-800-735-2942) Fax: (515) 654-4500
SHIP@iowa.gov / www.shiip.iowa.gov

SHIP / SMP is a service of the State of Iowa. It does not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents.



Wondering where to start or who to call?
Take this as your **SIGN**.



Scan the code to see why so many others
are choosing Tanner!



urban, rural & everything in between
tannerloyd@iowarealty.com



NANCY'S

**DOG GROOMING, BOARDING
& TRAINING**



Nancy Crabtree, Owner
5145 Vermont Street, New Virginia
HOME: 641-449-3290
CELL: 515-313-6738





Pack and Troop 119 Food Drive

December 2nd – Starting at 9AM

Food bags will be distributed to each house in the city limits of New Virginia, Truro and St. Charles

December 9th – Starting at 9AM

Scouts will be back in the towns to collect bags that have been left outside

“Scouting for Food” involves door to door collection efforts by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Pack and Troop 119. All food collected will be transported to Jesus’ Right Hand Food Pantry in New Virginia for further distribution to those in need. Please locate the paper sack that will be left in front of your house and fill it with any nonperishable items that you wish to donate. Place your sack back outside your house by 9 AM on December 9 (in a visible location), and the Scouts will be back around to pick them up! For further information please contact Pat or Erin Thornburgh at 515-681-0748 or 515-681-0921.

For those wanting to donate but find themselves outside of the city limits Julie McMichael will be at the I-35 Bazaar in Truro on pickup day and would be more than willing to take your donations for the Scouts Food Drive.

Thanks for your continued support of Scouting in our Communities!



Green Chicken Enchilada Soup

PREP TIME: THIS SOUP DOESN'T TAKE LONG AFTER YOU GET THE CHICKEN COOKED!

Ingredients

2.5 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs
28 oz. can of green enchilada sauce
24 oz. chicken broth
1 cup half and half or heavy cream
2 cups Monterey Jack cheese
4 oz. cream cheese
4 oz. green salsa (salsa verde)
salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large stockpot, add chicken and broth. Simmer until chicken is done and can easily be pulled apart. Remove chicken and shred.
2. Add shredded chicken, enchilada sauce, half and half, jack cheese, cream cheese, and green salsa to the pot. Stir and heat soup until it is warm and the cheese is melted. Season with salt and pepper if needed. Serve with additional green salsa, hot sauce, and sour cream on the side. Enjoy!

Notes

- I doubled the recipe. I just threw a whole chicken in the pressure cooker and then picked it off the bones and went from there. I made this right before Halloween, it was perfect! Had that light green witchy skin color! You can leave the wart out or throw it in, your choice! Haha!
- I also added a can of hot green chiles for some spice. It was just enough.
- You can crush up some tortilla chips in it in place of crackers if you wish.
- You can also make this in the slow cooker.
- Use your leftover turkey after Thanksgiving instead of chicken. The chicken will thank you!



Contributed by Terry Garner

I found this online at www.cookingwithserena.com



Virginia Boosters 4-H Club News
Written by Brianna Fantz, Reporter



The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their October 11th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall in New Virginia.

Brady Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:00. Roll call was ‘What is your favorite Halloween Costume?’ The Secretary’s report was read by Brianna Fantz, and Jaden McDonald gave the Treasurer’s report.

This month’s old business discussion was talking about Trunk or Treat which is 5:30 to 7:30 on October 28th. The 4-H club theme this year that was voted on is Disney.

The review of the monthly county newsletter began the new business, sparking conversation about upcoming dates: Senior 4-H Volunteer Opportunities for grades 9-12; 2023-2024 4-H and Clover Kids enrollment begins Sept. 1st (Clover Kids is open to youth from kindergarten to third grade and has an enrollment fee of \$20 per youth. 4-H is open to youth from 4th-12th grades and has an enrollment fee of \$50 per youth); Livestock Auction checks must be PICKED UP at Regions Bank on the east side of the square in Indianola (These checks will not be mailed and must be deposited or cashed by November 6th, or they become void with no reissue); Awards Night Saturday, Nov. 19th ceremony at 4:30; 2024 Youth Heifer Program for 7th & 8th graders grants five youth three bred heifers for them to manage for the next five years; Keegan Bethards is the new Youth County Coordinator; and the Creative Arts tour is still ongoing. The Club discussed purchasing Year pins for the club and reimbursing the members for their static projects. The club voted yes on both. The club also had its election of Officers: Brady Streeter is the President, Jeta Nelson is the Vice President, Drake Nelson is the Photographer, Jaden McDonald is the Treasurer, Brianna Fantz is the Secretary, Nora Nelson is the Reporter, and Ella Scott is the Banner Club Recorder.

Jeta Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Nora Nelson seconded.

The presentation was a pumpkin painting contest. The club members painted pumpkins beforehand and brought them to be voted on; there were six awards given. The Not Least Effort pumpkin went to Noah Wickett. The Funniest pumpkin went to Drake Nelson. The Most Creative pumpkin went to Keifer Bedwell. The Cutest pumpkin went to Jeta Nelson. The Scariest pumpkin went to Brady Streeter. The Best Overall pumpkin went to Evellyn Martindale.

The next meeting is November 8th at 7:00 p.m., and we will be having our installation of officers. I am now Secretary, so I will no longer be writing these, so have a good rest of your year. The end.



The City of New Virginia will be having a residential Christmas Lighting Contest this year. Cash prizes will be split among the three best displays. The displays will be judged by members of a youth group. The deadline to have your displays out is December 10, 2023. Contact Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk with any questions at cityclerk@newvirginia.com or 641-449-3492



CITY OF ST CHARLES

6 November 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 11/6/2023, for a regular meeting.

Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Megan Allison, and Whitney Hutton were present along with seven guests. Council member Lois Stanley was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 10/2/2023: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Whitney Hutton to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of October Treasurer and Budget Reports: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison to approve the treasurer and budget reports for October. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of November Bills: Motion made by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the November bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff Report: During October there were 58.41 patrol hours 14 calls, and 15 traffic stops. City Boards/Committees:

Sewer Report: Rhonda Guy presented a sewer report. Smoke testing and sewer line cleaning was discussed. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to have Rhonda pursue RFP for smoke testing of the sewer system. Voice vote was unanimous.

Maintenance Report: Two bids for the culvert replacement at Imes Bridge Park was discussed. More information will be gathered before approving a bid.

Fire/Rescue Department: October minutes were submitted.

Library Board: October Library Minutes were submitted.

Welcome Center: Mary Seibert has asked to have the sewer smell at the Welcome Center taken care of. Dennis Smith said he would work on it. Mary is seeking bids for plaster and paint repair. Motion by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve payment to Mary Seibert of \$200 for repayment of the band during the Covered Bridge Festival. Voice vote was unanimous.

Emergency Management: The October report was submitted.

Mayor's Report: Dennis will be attending an Emergency Management Meeting in November.

Clerks Report: Information on House File 718 was shared with the Council. City Hall will be closed on November 16th for budget training.

Inquiry to Purchase Alley on Main Street: The City Council is not selling alleys at this time. The City will ask for the abutting property owners to remove items from within the alley and will be seeking a beautification project for the alley to make it useful to all residents of the City.

Resolution 11A-2023 Approving Plat of Survey at 513 W Council Drive: Motion by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak approved the submitted Plat of Survey for 513 W Council Drive. R/C vote was unanimous.

Autism Signs: The City Council has agreed that homeowners are welcome to put out, an Autistic Child Area, signs in their yards. The City of St. Charles will not be putting them up at this time. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to put up three, Slow Children at Play, signs around the City Park. Voice vote was unanimous.

Nuisance Reviews: A letter will be sent to clean up a property on Highland Street.

Employee Review Date: Due to the extra amount of budget meeting required for FY25 planning, Employee Reviews will be added to an extra meeting in January. Dates for budget meetings will be set in December.

Public Forum: No Public wished to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion by Dan Kozak to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on December 4, 2023, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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



The Welcome Center will be open throughout the weekend. Friday, December 8th will be adults only from 7-10pm. Enjoy the ambiance and time with old friends and make some new ones. Beverages will be available (with or without) or you may BYO. Saturday, December 9th we will be open from 4pm-7pm in connection with Christmas in St. Charles events. Bring the family back on Sunday, December 10th from 1-4pm to view the trees one more time and decorate sugar cookies. We are anxious to see all of the beautiful trees and unique decorating ideas from each of the participants.



Every Thursday at 6:30

The Case of Old Billy Newell and John Hamner 1883

By Kirk Freeman, 2023

Continued from last month.....

The men threw a thick noose around Hamner's neck, and the seven, masked men pushed and pulled Hamner outside, knocked him down and dragged him across the courthouse lawn by the rope around his neck. His still free hands instinctively clutching the strangling rope pulling him along under his chin to hopefully bring breath into his lungs and somehow fight against the welling panic in his mind and spirit. His Bronchiectasis would create choking, wheezing and oxygen deprivation almost immediately. His heart would have beaten powerfully against his chest, his kicking heels trying desperately to dig into the soil and prevent the fate that lay before him. His blue eyes darting about in their sockets looking for pity somewhere in the masked and jeering crowd, but that mob, emboldened by large numbers, offered nothing but the coldness of his killers. The men slung the other end of the rope over a limb of a maple tree in the southwest corner of the courthouse (ironically, one of the trees William Newell planted years before around the square).

There, John Hamner would rebelliously and silently face his doom, as men who could not even face him pulled on the rope behind him and tied it off around another limb. Nearby witnesses (from windows) reported he said nothing; did not plead, did not beg, did not break. Hamner was a man used to suffering and pain and nothing passed his defiant lips. John Hamner held the will to defy his tormentors the satisfaction of seeing him grovel, that he held like an angry hot iron in his soul to the very end. Hamner only stood for a moment before the mob pulled him up and hanged him from that maple tree on the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn and then shot him through the back multiple times at close range. When the final bullet slammed through Hamner's back, the men roared out of town firing their guns in the air in celebration for their mob justice against a disliked citizen.

The rope used in the hanging was a gory memento, stained with Hamner's blood from the multiple shootings. The blood splattered rope was a popular display for the public to view at county fairs. In 1939, the bloodstained and still knotted rope was turned over to the historical society after the county fair where it was, at the time, on display in a local shop on the square. The whereabouts of the deadly souvenir after that are unknown and lost to time.

Hamner never got to plead his guilt, nor innocence, or if there were multiple participants. But there are a few intricate details known from the little evidence that has survived through the years. There are different accounts of the murder that have the main witness, Pugh, as either there or not. Then another witness (William Hart) who met both men the day after the murder, though Pugh stated earlier that he and Hamner had already split up and gone separate ways before that meeting occurred. Strangely, this Hart letter was printed after Hamner was lynched as stronger evidence of another witness to Hamner's supposed guilt to explain away the bloody action to those citizens who felt Hamner was treated unfairly. In the opening statement, Hart stated he and Pugh did not converse, then later says they did, but only shortly before deciding to come forward. Though a person should note Hart neither claimed to be witness to, nor around, for the actual murder he was accusing Hamner of.

Billy Newell spent years at hard manual labor, sawing and chopping wood; his willpower was strong enough to withstand a blow to the head by a wooden table leg, hammering of his hands and fingers by an iron staple and two strong men trying desperately to pull him from iron prison bars without success. Plus, if the accounts are correct, if Newell was still up and about after Hamner shot him in the head and the body 1 to 3 times at close range and shouting for help, he showed a great strength in constitution. John Hamner, afflicted by heavy lung damage from the ravages of measles during his stint in the army, would find it difficult wrestling and grappling with a man who was as strong as Newell and still retain his stamina in his continually oxygen-starved body to get Newell down and hold him there with one hand.

Newell was shot less than a quarter mile from a house that was occupied by at least Hamner's father and son, and possibly both Cheek girls by this time, and no one heard a sound? There was gunfire, shouting and screaming, and again, not one person heard anything in the surrounding area? No one smelled a decaying corpse, since in one statement, Hamner left the body under a thin layer of leaves for at least one night and a day in the climbing, early summer heat? There was no ravaging by wild animal- no coyotes, hogs, buzzards, or dogs attracted to the smell of a fresh cadaver? For a corpse to remain unmolested by wild animals and preserved enough for identification as described a year later, it must be deep in the Iowa loam to hinder the grubbing and digging of carnivorous scavengers. A laborious job that would severely tax someone with a weakened constitution like John Hamner. Of course, this is all forensic speculation and since there was no trial, with no evidence brought forward for closer examination of guilt or innocence, it becomes merely an exploration of the rhetorical.

But, if on some still night near the courthouse of Winterset you perchance hear a soft scratching creak like that of a taught rope rubbing upon a tree branch or smell the sickly-sweet aroma of death on the breeze, be aware that it could very well be the ghost of John Hamner still yearning for his day in court. ~ *The End* ~

Fall 2023 Ohio Future Feeders 4-H Meetings

The Ohio Future Feeders held their September 10 meeting at the St. Charles Lions Hall and was called to order by President Alley Boyle at 6:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alley Boyle. 4-H Pledge was led by Ira Hawk. Secretary's report was not given. Treasurer's report was given by Val Knedler. Roll call was taken of the 36 new and returning members, six leaders and 16 visitors in attendance.

Lindsey Young, Youth Coordinator at Madison County Extension, welcomed members and assisted with a vote deciding that the future club meeting location would stay in St. Charles Lions Hall.

Old Business: Fair placings announced; Ohio Future Feeders tied 3rd Place in Herdsmanship.

New Business: Election of 2023/2024 officers. Officer candidates explained why they wished to be elected. Those elected were Alley Boyle, Club President; Mila Nehring, Vice President; Brodey Hanrahan, Secretary; Caleb Puderbaugh, Treasurer; Delaney Dory, Social Media; Ira Hawk, Reporter; Grace Hanrahan and Kaylee Nehring, Historians; Lincoln Hawk and Dawson Dory, Sentinels. Officers were sworn in and made their pledge. New officers will sign up and attend Officer Training coming this fall.

Other new business included discussion of club paying part of 4-H enrollment. Membership fees were discussed. Motion was made by Mila Nehring and voted on by the club for 4-H club paying 50% of member fee for 4-H members and 100% of Clover Kid enrollment fee. Additional new business included discussing a check received from Madison County Fair Board for front gate volunteering. Thank-you recognition went to kids who volunteered. 4-H Youth Council had no news to report. Reminders: Turn record books in Sept. 18. 4-H Week coming up Oct. 1-7. Write thank-you notes to Premium auction buyers.

Meeting was motioned for adjournment at 6:58 p.m. by Lincoln Hawk. Seconded by Caleb Puderbaugh.

The Ohio Future Feeders held their October 8 meeting at the Puderbaugh residence with a potluck, hayrack ride and bonfire following. Meeting was called to order by President Alley Boyle at 6:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lincoln Hawk and then followed with the 4-H Pledge led by Ira Hawk.

Roll call was taken with 28 members, as well as, four leaders and sixteen parents attending.

Secretary's report from last meeting was given by Brodey Hanrahan. Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given by Caleb Puderbaugh. Old Business: Election of officers, 4-H enrollment discussion, Officer training. New Business: Members need to enroll online for 2023. Club will participate in "MStM Trunk or Treat" October 28. A committee of Caleb Puderbaugh, Brodey Hanrahan, Ira Hawk, and Mila Nehring volunteered to come up with ideas relating to promoting 4-H through the "Trunk or Treat." All members were reminded to sign up for a monthly presentation and snack responsibility. Awards Banquet will be November 6 at the Jackson Building. Fundraising/T-Shirts will be discussed at the next meeting. Thank-you card and gift for Traci Knoll was discussed. Club discussed the 2023/2024 club budget to be submitted by November 1, 2023. The budget was approved by the club. Officer Training November 19 in Winterset.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by Lincoln Hawk. Seconded by Caleb Puderbaugh. Potluck supper and hayrack ride followed.



I-35 TRUNK OR TREAT
GIRL SCOUTS BARBIE STYLE

Have questions or for more information about your

local Girl Scouts contact:

Sarah Lawyer at

5SarahJL5@gmail.com / 515-480-0049.

Grades K-12 go to

www.girlscoutsIowa.org to register!

Join the leadership, adventure & FUN!!



ROADRUNNER PRIDE INTERSTATE 35 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

I-35 Welcomes New Teachers

Kelley Dugger, K-6 Music

Hello, my name is Kelley Dugger! This is my first year teaching music, and I am loving it! I grew up in Denison, IA and studied Instrumental and General Music Education at the University of Northern Iowa. Growing up, I was heavily involved in both band and choir.

My husband and I live in Norwalk, and we have two awesome cats named Maple and Mango. Something I love about music is the connection that happens when making music with others. That is something I'm loving about being a Roadrunner - the value of connection throughout the community.



Melissa Webb K-12 Computer Science Teacher

Hello! My name is Melissa Webb, and I come to I-35 with a diverse background in education that is rooted in multi-aged, experiential learning environments. I have been enjoying my work here at I-35 with such a wide span of ages, and I am already convinced the Roadrunners are some of the best youth around.

My husband and I have three teenagers who keep us busy with their activities. In my free time, I like biking, hiking, camping and generally any outdoor activity.



Maddie McCarty 2nd Grade Teacher

Hi! My name is Maddie McCarty! I grew up in Northwest Arkansas and moved to Iowa when I attended college at Graceland University. I graduated in 2022 with a major in Education and a minor in Psychology. I am going into my 2nd year of teaching and my first year teaching 2nd grade.

I am excited to be a part of the Roadrunner family; this community has been so welcoming!



2nd Annual Veterans Day---A recognition of our Hometown Heroes

Right, Chief Master Sergeant Crystal Jordan delivers the keynote speech at the second annual Veterans Day Program. Far Right, Staff members who served in the Armed Forces are honored, Nick McKinney, Giget Showers, Tonya Donahue, Kenny Erwin (retired) and Jeff Engelhardt. Right, Allyson Oser, Interstate 35 NHS President, explains the significance of the American White Table.



We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and break. Reminder No School Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Friday Nov 24



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2ND ANNUAL
GRANDPARENTS DAY IS TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 21 AT 1 P.M. FOR PK-4TH GRADE**

Interstate 35 Education Foundation
Prepares for Giving Tuesday--to Give
Back to I-35



In recent years the Tuesday after Thanksgiving is known as Giving Tuesday. The idea behind the day is based on the desire to use social media and technology to promote charitable giving. At Interstate 35 Foundation, the spirit of Giving Tuesday becomes a lasting impact for our students. In recent years, the Interstate 35 Education Foundation has used funds from donations for a book vending machine, resources for critical thinking math classrooms, Family STEM nights, and interactive boards for our reading teachers.

We encourage all our patrons to consider being a part of the Interstate 35 School District--and Giving Tuesday is one way to do that. Be sure to watch social media for details. If you have any questions about the Foundation, please contact any Foundation Board member.

Background: The Interstate 35 Education Foundation is a nonprofit foundation that raises funds for the enhancement, extension, and enrichment of learning experiences at Interstate 35. The purpose of this foundation is to engage with community members and local businesses who are interested in providing monetary support for resources, materials, and experiences for our students and staff.

Established in 2019, the Interstate 35 Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that works alongside district administrators and leaders to support identified projects and initiatives that will benefit Pre-K through 12th grade students and staff.

Our Mission: Extend and enhance educational opportunities and experiences for Interstate 35 students and staff.

Our Vision: The vision of the Interstate 35 Education Foundation is to support innovative programs and resources which stimulate holistic growth of each student in the Interstate 35 Community School District.

SAVE THE DATE: SECOND ANNUAL ROADRUNNER GALA ON SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 2024!

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Roadrunner Gala which will include silent and live auction, dinner, live music and other fun! Proceeds from the evening support the Foundation’s mission of extending and enhancing innovative programs and resources that stimulate holistic growth for student in our school district. This is also an excellent night to celebrate I-35’s teachers, staff and community. Event details and registration will be shared closer to the date.

Upcoming Events

Come out and support the ¹ROADRUNNERS over the next few weeks!!!

Thursday, Nov. 16	Girls Wrestling at Ballard
Friday, Nov. 17	Career Day--College/Job Fair
Friday, Nov. 17	Drama Production
Saturday, Nov. 18	Drama Production
Monday, Nov. 20	Boys Basketball Jamboree at Central Decatur
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Girls Basketball vs. Central Decatur
Wednesday, Nov. 22	No School--Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, Nov. 23	No School--Thanksgiving Break
Friday, Nov. 24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
Monday, Nov. 27	School Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 27	B/G Basketball vs MStM
Tuesday, Nov. 28	B Wrestling Quad at I-35
Tuesday, Nov. 28	G Wrestling at I-35
Friday, Dec. 1	B/G Basketball vs. Van Meter
Saturday, Dec. 2	I-35 Booster Vendor/Craft Fair
Saturday, Dec 2	B Wrestling at Independence
Monday, Dec. 4	5-12 Band Concert
Tuesday, Dec. 5	B/G Basketball vs. Ogden
Thursday, Dec. 7	B Wrestling at Coon Rapids/Bayard
Thursday, Dec 7	1st and 2nd Grade Concert
Friday, Dec. 8	B/G Basketball vs. Des Moines Christian
Friday, Dec. 8	Dance Team Performs at Boys Game
Saturday, Dec. 9	B Wrestling at Saydel
Monday, Dec. 11	G Wrestling at Saydel
Tuesday, Dec. 12	B/G Basketball at Panorama
Tuesday, Dec 12	G Wrestling at Panorama
Thursday, Dec. 14	B/G Basketball at Chariton
Friday, Dec. 15	G Wrestling at Pleasantville
Friday, Dec. 15	B Basketball vs. Woodward Academy
Saturday, Dec. 16	G Wrestling at Southwest Valley
Saturday, Dec. 16	B Wrestling at Southeast Polk
Monday, Dec. 18	5-12 Choir Concert

ALL athletic competitions are VARSITY contests. For all sport and activity calendar please visit www.roadrunnerpride.org

Go ROADRUNNERS

It's your future. Let's protect it.®



Vince Proudfoot
2500 West 2nd Ave, Ste 3,
Indianola, IA
515.961.6262
vinceproudfoot.fbfsagents.com

**FARM BUREAU
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Auto Home Life Annuities Business Farm and Ranch

Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company,* Western Agricultural Insurance Company,* Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company,* /West Des Moines, IA.* Company Providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services. PR-SM-A (9-22)

BORNTRAGER BROTHERS

SPECIALIZING IN:

- POLE SHEDS
- HORSE BARNs
- RIDING ARENAS



Call Joni Borntrager
@ 515 - 468 -0243

Customer Satisfaction is our #1 Goal



**BUSBY
AUCTION
SERVICE**

Complete Auction Service

**CONTACT TIM BUSBY AND GET
YOUR ITEMS SOLD!**

(641)449-3619
(515)238-9866
busbyauctionservice@gmail.com

**Huston's
Auto Repair Plus**
503 Border Street
New Virginia, IA 50210

641-449-3672

Proud To Be Using



New Virginia
Christian Church
604 Main St.
New Virginia, IA

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

God gave you a gift of
86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to
say Thank You?



Call 641-449-3421

Joseph Mullet
515-474-4167

3192 Millstream Ave.
Lorimor, IA 50149



5" & 6"
Sizes
Available

Call for
A Free
Estimate

SEAMLESS GUTTERS LLC

- We Use AM Gutter Guard
- Lifetime Warranty

From Tablets to Towers



Lenovo Tablets
\$249.99



Acer Laptops
Starting at \$529.99



Computer Systems
Starting at \$935.00

Solutions! *We Fix Computers!*

www.osceolasolutions.com osceolasolutions@gmail.com (641)342-9500
1020 Jeffreys Drive, Osceola, IA 50213 Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**STRANGE'S
Specialty Tire & Auto
SERVICE**

- ✓ Tire Replacement
- ✓ Coolant System Repair
- ✓ Major Mechanical Repair
- ✓ Scheduled Maintenance

3370 TYLER ST.
NEW VIRGINIA IA 50210

515-249-4426

CALL US FOR ALL YOUR AUTO NEEDS



Community Happenings

NEW VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

STEM kits Wednesday Nov. 29th @ 1pm

Book Club Wednesday

November 15th at 4pm

Cribbage Every Wednesday at 2pm

Library Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-8pm

Wednesdays 9-11/1-8

Saturdays 9-12

New Books for November

Dirty Thirty by Janet Evanovich

Resurrection Walk by Michael Connelly

No Brainer by Jeff Kinney

www.newvirginia.lib.ia.us



New Virginia Methodist Church Hosting Annual Supper

The New Virginia Methodist Church will be holding its "Annual Church Holiday Supper" on December 2, 2023. Turkey and ham balls with all the trimmings, also, veggies, homemade salads, rolls/butter and everyone's favorite yummy PIE will be on the menu!! Supper will start at 5:00 p.m. and will be served until 6:30 p.m. After everything is cleaned up and put away, the auction will begin—approximately at 7:00 p.m. The auction will continue until everything is sold. There will be lots of homemade goodies - candy, pies, cinnamon rolls, canned goods, cookies, gifts and a few hand-sewn quilts by the New Virginia Quilters.

Hope to see everyone there for some good food
and a fun-filled evening!



SANTA CLAUS
will be at
the New Virginia
Lions Club Hall
on
Sunday
Dec. 10, 2023
from
2 PM to 4 PM.



It's the season...

41.2021° N,
93.6826° W
new virginia 50210



more online

NOW AVAILABLE IN OUR ONLINE STORE:

<https://nvhometownpride.square.site>

OR at NV Public Library

Profits from the sale of these items benefit
the Community and finance the projects
of the NVHP Committee
We appreciate your continued support!

New Virginia
Hometown
Pride

TREES, TASTES & TRIMMINGS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
615 IOWA AVE. MARTENSDALE, IOWA
HOMEMADE SOUPS, CANDIES & COOKIES
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED TREES
PROCEEDS FUND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



The Month of December at
Old Settlers Park
JOIN THE FESTIVITIES!!!

HAVE A
CHRISTMAS TREE IN

THE AVENUE OF TREES

Contact Kim at (515)321-0652 if interested





I-35 Booster Club **VENDOR FAIR**

INTERSTATE 35 HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS
IN TRURO

DEC

2nd

2023



DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 9AM - 1PM

8AM: VENDOR SETUP

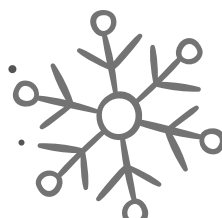
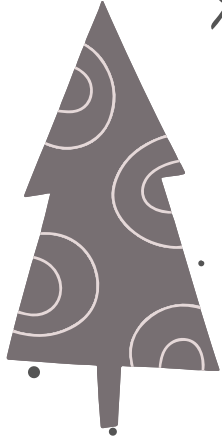
9AM: **I-35 FOODS CLASS SERVING COFFEE/ HOT
CHOCOLATE, BREAKFAST ITEMS
AND TREATS

**EL DELICIOSO STREET TACOS FOOD TRUCK WILL BE
LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

10AM: **SANTA ARRIVES, DEPARTS AT NOON FOR TRIP
BACK TO NORTH POLE

**PROFESSIONAL PICTURES AVAILABLE BY SALT AND
LIGHT IMAGES BY WHITNEY
OR YOU CAN TAKE YOUR OWN

1PM: LAST RAFFLE DRAWINGS, AND VENDOR FAIR
CLOSES



RAFFLE
INFORMATION:
**TO ENTER THE
DRAWING, MUST
ATTEND THE FAIR
(EACH PERSON WHO
ATTENDS WILL BE
ABLE TO ENTER
THE DRAWINGS)
**DRAWINGS ARE
EVERY HOUR UNTIL
1PM,

The Vendors List

Wild River Studios
Beauty & personal
care products,
candles, cups, candy
bars

SCENTSY
Shannon Scentsy!
Warmers, wax bars,
smell good items

**Thirty One and
Innovative Posh**

Shut the Front Door
Door hangers, porch
leaners, small indoor
signs, and decor

Rosebud Design
Pens,
wine stoppers,
key chains,
badge reels

**Frosting Queen
Cupcakes**
Cupcakes, brownies,
cake pops, other
sweets

T's Tees
Custom shirts and
cups

**MARY AND
MARTHA**
Home decor,
devotionals, books,
etc.

**THE VINEYARD
AT
ST. CHARLES**

HIRTA HELPS
Volunteer program that
matches older adults
with volunteering
opportunities

**Heckman
Timber
Products**
Hand crafted wood
items from native
hardwoods

Pampered Chef
Cookware, kitchen
accessories,
seasonings & more

**Wearmouth
Apiary Beewear
Honey**
Fresh local honey

Ruby Ribbon
Ladies & guys body
shaping garments

**The Redhead
Homestead**
Jams, baked goods,
crafts

**Creations by
Alyssa**
T-shirts, cups,
signs, key
chains, decals

Norwex
Healthier options for
home and personal
care

**ESSENCE OF
ART**
Art pieces &
various crafts

RC2
Acrylic & watercolor
art, notecards,
prints, macrame

**Salt & Light Images
by Whitney**
Photographer

**Kim's
Creations**
Laser engrave
cut crafts

Bridget Spidle
Crystals, rings,
bracelets, necklaces

**Modified
Originals**
Rehabbed furniture
and home decor

The Frugal Farm
Variety of
homemade items
hot cocoa bombs to
soap

The Aster Laser Co.
Custom engraving on
leather, wood, granite,
tumbler, acrylic

By The Ear
Handmade
earrings and other
jewelry items

**Mercedes' Sweets
LLC**
Cookies, cupcakes,
bread, brownies,
granola, etc.

**Interstate 35
Booster Club**
Roadrunner Gear

I-35 Food Class
Coffee, hot cocoa,
breakfast and treats

El Delicioso
Street tacos,
burritos, and
much more

Boy Scout Troop 119
Food Drive
****Donate and
get a raffle ticket****

«««« ALL THINGS AG »»»»

Spooky Season for Cattle Producers Often Follows Halloween

Get a head start on end-of-year income tax considerations

November 8, 2023, 11:22 am | Sherry Hoyer, Beth Reynolds

AMES, Iowa — Halloween is behind us, but for many in production agriculture, catching up on end-of-year business transactions and attempting to do some enterprise analysis is the real spooky season. Whether it's simply from doing the task or from looking at the lump sums of line items like feed costs, the scare factor varies by individual. For people who prefer being out with the cows rather than in the office, it's rarely a relished experience.

Financial papers and laptop on desk. Iowa Beef Center extension program specialist Beth Reynolds said this year's income and expense numbers will mean different things to different people.

"In 2023 the cattle market has been hot, and a higher-than-average income is expected," she said. "On the flip side, expense increases quickly balance the equation."

Farmers are accustomed to completing basic financial tasks at the end of the year such as an income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement, updated inventory to reflect accurate livestock numbers, feed on hand, and grain in the bin. However, because 2023 has been so unique, here are a few year-end business tasks to benefit every operation.

Make an appointment with a tax accountant. Even if you haven't utilized an in-person meeting with your accountant in the past, unique years like 2023 make the meeting time well spent. Options such as strategies for best claiming depreciation, income averaging, prepaying expenses, and IRA contributions, can help farmers make sound financial decisions.

"Often, we hear stories where people opt to buy equipment, etc. 'for tax reasons,' but a discussion with an accountant can help identify if and when those decisions are in the operation's best interest long term," Reynolds said.

The Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation has many Farm Tax Resources including an Interactive Schedule F and information on Iowa's new tax laws impacting retired farmers. Also, Chapters 9 and 10 of the Estate and Succession Planning for the Farm workbook contains farm tax resources.

Incorporate enterprise analysis. An enterprise level look allows you to see which aspect of the operation is paying for your labor and which might be losing money.

The commercial herd, seedstock herd, feedlot, hay production, crop production, etc., can each be viewed as individual enterprises with their own financial reports. One Iowa Beef Center educational opportunity designed to help producers better understand methods to do this is Cattle in the Green, a multi-session, in-person course. Talk to your extension office if interested in bringing the course to your area.

Prioritize spending. Extra income often leads to increased spending. When making those decisions, be sure to identify needs and wants, and calculate a return on investment for each option. When comparing the returns, be sure to include potential bank CD rates and interest saving early debt payments.

Finally, after all (or even some) of the above actions are completed, be sure to back up your information. Although the technological world has many advantages in business management, things happen.

"Whether you work through your business plan on the computer or with pen and paper, get the information copied and saved in a secondary location," she said. "After completing dreaded paperwork tasks, the last thing you want is to go through the tedious process again."

Winter Feeding Workshops Planned for Cattle Feeders

Plan ahead for your beef cow feeding program

November 2, 2023, 9:00 am | Sherry Hoyer, Denise Schwab

AMES, Iowa – The dry growing conditions of 2022 and 2023 have led to supply and quality issues of hay and other forages in some areas of the state. Cattle producers may be faced with a short supply of hay, corn silage with the potential for nitrates and poor pastures that resulted in stored hay being fed most of the summer. Unfortunately, tight hay supplies will likely lead to higher prices later in the winter feeding period, according to Denise Schwab, beef specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Controlling feed cost while meeting all of the cow's nutrient requirements requires knowledge of both the feed supply and the animal's requirements," she said. "Extension beef specialists have developed a series of workshops to help producers plan for their beef cow winter feeding programs."

At each location, beef specialists will discuss the current hay situation, the impacts of the dry conditions on forage quality, potential toxicity concerns, and balancing cow rations in late gestation and early lactation. Topics and speakers will vary by location, so check with the site you wish to attend for information specific to that location. The series flyer has location-specific information for all sites.

Workshop dates, times and locations are as follows. Preregister by calling the host county extension office at the phone number listed for that site.

November

- Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., Turner Hall, Postville, 563-425-3331.
- Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m., North Iowa Fair 4-H Center, Mason City, 641-231-1711.
- Nov. 28, 6 p.m., ISU Extension and Outreach Marion County office, Knoxville, 641-842-2014.
- Nov. 29, 9:30 a.m., Lohff-Schumann Community Center, Holstein, 712-225-6196.
- Nov. 29, 1 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Spencer, 712-262-2264.
- Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m., NERF Borlaug Center, Nashua, 641-231-1711.
- Nov. 30, 1:30 p.m., ISU Extension and Outreach Tama County office, Toledo, 641-484-2703.

December

- Dec. 4, 6 p.m., ISU Extension and Outreach Lucas County office, Chariton, 641-774-2016.
- Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., ISU Extension and Outreach Jones County office, Monticello, 319-465-3224.
- Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m., ISU Extension and Outreach Dallas County office, Adel, 515-993-4281.
- Dec. 12, 6 p.m., Clarke County Fair and Event Center, Osceola, 641-342-3316.
- Dec. 13, 3 p.m., Humboldt Vet Clinic, Humboldt, 641-923-2856.

All cattle producers are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact your local ISU Extension and Outreach beef specialist.

The Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University was established in 1996 with the goal of supporting the growth and vitality of the state's beef cattle industry. It comprises faculty and staff from ISU Extension and Outreach, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine, and works to develop and deliver the latest research-based information regarding the beef cattle industry. For more information about IBC, visit www.iowabeefcenter.org.

Community Happenings

St. Charles Public Library

St. Charles, IA

October 2023
scplibrary@myomnitel.com
113 S. Lumber St.
641-396-2945

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



A FANTASTIC SHOPPING EVENT

\$1 OFF ADM.
WITH THIS AD

IOWA'S LARGEST ARTS & Crafts SHOW November 17-19

Over
300
Exhibitors

VARIED INDUSTRIES BLDG.
IOWA STATE FAIRGROUNDS
DES MOINES, IOWA
Fri. 5-9; Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4

ADM. Just \$8.00
(10 & under free)

FREE PARKING - Free
Shuttle Bus Service from
North Parking Lot on
Both Friday & Saturday.

"Where You Can Buy That Quality, Handmade Product At An Affordable Price."

Garden Art, Oak Furniture, Paintings, Ceramics, Jewelry, Metal
Art Sculptures, Pet Products, Etched & Stained Glass, Yard Art,
Pottery, Blown Glass, Candles, Clothing, Floral Wreaths, Toys &
Dolls, Baskets, Rugs, Glassware, Purses, Ornaments and Food.

Callahan Promotions, Inc. 563-357-1986

To Purchase Discounted Advance Tickets and For A Chance
To Win \$50 Gift Certificates, Visit Our Facebook Page at
Callahan Promotions, Inc.

RETIREMENT PARTY

*Honoring
Mayor Norville Huston
Council Member Brian Nelson*

When: December 4, 2023
Where: New Virginia Fire Station
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

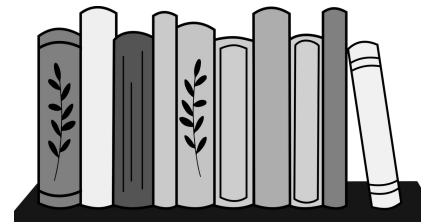
City of New Virginia will host a celebration
for Norville Huston and Brian Nelson.
Refreshments provided!

*Come help us celebrate
Norville's and Brian's
service to our community!*

BOOK REVIEW



The Second Mrs. Astor A Novel of the Titanic by Shana Abé, 2021



Part historical novel and part love story, the title of this book captured my interest since I am, like many people, interested in the tragedy of the sinking of the RMS Titanic on April 14, 1912. Madeleine Talmadge Force was just 17 when she attracted the attention of John Jacob "Jack" Astor IV. Although the Force family was upper-class, with Madeleine having attended a proper finishing school, the Astor family was in a league apart. Jack's mother was THE Mrs. Astor, New York's most formidable socialite and not inclined to accept 17-year-old Madeleine as a suitable mate for her 47-year-old, recently divorced only son. Once Jack's attraction to Madeleine became noticed publicly, the press followed them everywhere they went. Their courtship in 1910-1911 involved automobile drives and trips on his yacht, the latter never alone. They married on September 9, 1911.

The couple took an extended honeymoon, toward the end of which was time spent in Egypt where they found a measure of peace from photographers and journalists. Madeleine felt so happy and alive and found that she was pregnant. The couple planned to return to New York in the spring of 1912 aboard the opulent new ocean liner Titanic. We all know about its collision with an iceberg and its sinking on April 14. Only women and children were allowed to board the lifeboats, and Madeleine's heart was breaking as her last sight of her dear love Jack was on the sinking deck. The story continued with the aftermath of the tragedy and Madeleine's life afterward. Some chapters were written as a memoir to her son Jakey who was born August 14, 1912. This was a beautifully descriptive book that held my interest with its sweet love story, countered by unbelievable sorrow and loss.

Reviewed by Sue Stills

Serving Central Iowa
for the Past 39 Years!

gilbert

HOME COMFORT

19563 Hwy 69 North, Leon, IA

641-446-4822

Plumbing Electrical HVAC

www.gilberthomecomfort.com

DRYSEAL

Roofing • Siding • Gutters



Dryseal Roofing & Construction has over 48 years of experience!

Get your FREE damage inspections.

We also do siding and gutter work.

We provide quality roofing services to residential & commercial properties.

Call Today....

641-764-2711

315 Rock Island Ave
PO Box 254
Martensdale, IA



Thanks for supporting a small town local roofing company!

Check us out on Facebook or our website!

Dryseal Roofing & Construction or Drysealroofing.com

24-hour emergency services available

Experience you can trust
You're in good hands with us
FREE inspection available

SMITH LANDWORX

Septic Systems

- Installs and Repairs
- Yearly Maintenance Contracts
- Time of Transfers for Real Estate Contracts

Land Clearing

- Tree Pulling
- Forestry Mulching

Contact at
515 - 240 - 4006
smithlandworx@gmail.com

Local Lending. Local Decisions.

With a wide variety of loan products, we can serve all your borrowing needs!

Personal Loans • Home Loans • Ag Loans



Brody J Brownlee
Loan Officer, St. Charles
NMLS ID 1855855



F&M FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK

www.fmstate.bank | 641-396-2233

Member FDIC
Equal Housing Lender

(515)227-5118

Multiple Locations including
Norwalk, Osceola

Need a lift?

www.simpleliftrentals.com
simpleliftrentals@gmail.com



SERVING WARREN COUNTY SINCE

1895

★★★★

CITY STATE BANK

501 West Street • New Virginia, IA 50210 • 641-449-3314

www.citystatebank.com

MEMBER FDIC



JESUS' RIGHT HAND

It's hard to believe that we're drawing near to the end of 2023 and that the holiday season is now upon us. We are already seeing Christmas commercials on television, and of course, we've been seeing Christmas merchandise in the stores since mid-October. It seems as if merchants can hardly wait for one holiday to end just so they can rush into the next holiday season! However, we were given a reminder by the friendly people at the Tri-Corner-Express that this is the issue in which we need to get some of our holiday information. So, this issue will be a little newsier and more informative as opposed to inspirational, but hopefully, you draw inspiration from what we're doing around here for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons!

By the time this issue reaches you, we will be winding down the time for applications for the Thanksgiving meal giveaway, which will end on November 17th. Hopefully, we will be able to pack the boxes on the 18th, which is always a fun team effort, and the distribution of the Thanksgiving meal boxes will be on Monday, November 20th during our Fresh Food Giveaway from 1-3 p.m. Based on the number of applications we've received in the first few days, it looks like we are going to be filling a record number of meal boxes for this ministry. God has provided some key items in very unusual ways to fill the food boxes, and our faith is being stretched for other items. Of course, if we have an excess of any of these items after Thanksgiving, they are held over for Christmas.

Our Christmas Giveaway Program will be accepting applications for assistance from November 27th through December 13th. We will be distributing the Christmas boxes/bags on Saturday, December 23rd, which is a little closer to Christmas than in previous years, but this gives everyone a little extra time to prepare, since we are anticipating a larger than normal response. You will begin to see the big, brightly wrapped Christmas donation boxes located at various area merchants beginning November 28th – December 12th. We have always been so blessed with the gift items and the support these communities have shown to help people have a wonderful Christmas! Each family receives gifts for every member of their household, an additional "family gift," a Christmas meal box and clothing items if we have them available. We always have families available for adoption and try to match the family with their Secret Santa donor according to the size/type of family they wish to adopt. There are multi-generational families with eight+ members, single-parent households, households with one or two seniors and even more traditional two-parent working families who just can't afford Christmas this year because of the rising costs of literally everything. Our only requirement is the applicant cannot receive Christmas help from any other organization if they want to receive assistance from our ministry.

November and December are usually our most hectic and busy times of the year around Jesus' Right Hand, but they are the most blessed. This is the time we see God at work and witness the most awe-inspiring miracles that bring tears to our eyes and smiles to our faces. It's so much fun to fill the gift bags and food boxes and see the gratitude in the faces of the people who receive them. It's always great to experience the generosity of this area during the holidays, and we look forward to seeing what God will do! We live in a wonderful and beautiful area that is the true example of caring for one another in times of need. Thank you all so much for all you've done for this ministry and for the people whom we help.

So, in conclusion, I know we live in a crazy, mixed-up, often confusing world right now. There is one hope, one solid rock and foundation on which we stand; that is Jesus Christ, the one whose name is above our door and who will always be the guiding light wherever we go. He is our anchor during the storm, our peace in the midst of our trials and the way of salvation and eternal life for the lost and hopeless. We are here for you, whether it is in prayer, a listening ear or just a warm hug and friendly smile. Be encouraged by these words!

In His Love and Service,
Jesus' Right Hand

Online Training for Home-based Kitchen Operators Covers Food Safety, Iowa Regulations

Iowans who produce and sell goods from their homes are known as home-based kitchen operators. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers online training to help them produce food safely and align with state rules and regulations.

www.extension.iastate.edu



Delores Joan Gamble

January 18, 1932 - October 04, 2023

Delores Gamble, 91, of St. Charles, Iowa passed away on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, while under hospice care at Southern Hills Specialty Care in Osceola, Iowa. A private Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be at the St. Charles Cemetery in St. Charles, Iowa.

Delores Joan Gamble, daughter of Cleo and Gladys (Hays) Gamble was born on January 18, 1932, in Madison County, Iowa. Delores graduated from the St. Charles High School and then went on for training at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa where she became a nursing aide. She then worked at Mercy where she was always compassionate about caring for her patients. She later took a position with the Johnston Nursing Home in St. Charles. Delores worked alongside Mrs. Johnston for many, many years where again she provided the same loving care to their residents.

After Mrs. Johnston retired and sold her home, Delores continued to provide private in-home-care for a number of years in the Des Moines area, until retiring. She enjoyed singing along with her musical family and sharing great times with her many siblings, nieces and nephews. She resided in her hometown of St. Charles, Iowa throughout her life and she loved being near her family. Delores was a hard worker - if she wasn't caretaking, she was cleaning or baking her favorite "chocolate cake" or "chocolate" anything!! She was a cancer survivor and always shared kindness and compassion for others. At the end of each visit, she would always offer her loved ones a "Hug" and an "I Love You."

Delores was preceded in death by her parents, Cleo and Gladys Gamble; siblings, Edythe Johnston, Helen Howard, Robert Gamble, Wilbur Gamble, John Gamble, Dorothy Neal, Jim Gamble, Donnie Gamble and Raymond Gamble; and in-laws Phil Johnston, Robert Howard, Glen Seward, Tom Reeves and Elizabeth Gamble.

She is survived by sisters, Marge Seward of Nampa, Idaho, Jeanne (Jerold) White of Norwalk, Iowa and Patricia Reeves of Springfield, Missouri; sister-in-laws, Jeanie Gamble of St. Charles, Iowa, Gloria (Bill) Stewart of Urbandale, Iowa, Judy Gamble of Kingston, Oklahoma and Jan Gamble of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; brother-in-law, Clyde Neal and half-brothers and sisters, Rick Gamble, Greg Gamble, Scott Gamble, Shelia Langdon and Cindy Gerst.

She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews, along with many other family members and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to share life with her!

In lieu of flowers, memorial condolences and donations in memory of Delores may be directed to the family in care of her niece, Sharry Hanna at 210 N. Walnut St. in St. Charles, IA 50240 for a fitting tribute to be decided at a later date. Condolences may also be left on the www.caldwellparrish.comwebsite.



BE THANKFUL

BE GRATEFUL

BE BLESSED

Rental Rates

Gerry Allen Memorial Park Community Building
New Virginia, Iowa

N.V.City Limits All Other Renters

Full Day Rental	\$125.00	\$150.00
Half Day Rental	\$ 75.00	\$100.00
Hourly Rental	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

- Deposit \$125.00 due at time of reservation, rental fee due prior to event.
- All Non-Profits groups - there will be no rental fee.
- Signed rental agreement required.
- Certificate of liability insurance for rental over 50 people is required.
- All rentals require cleanup at the conclusion of their event.

Visit us at www.newvirginia.com or call:

Jennifer Baughman 641-449-3492 for more information

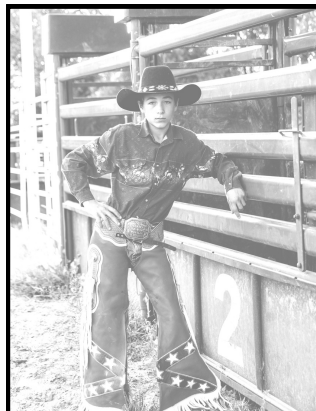
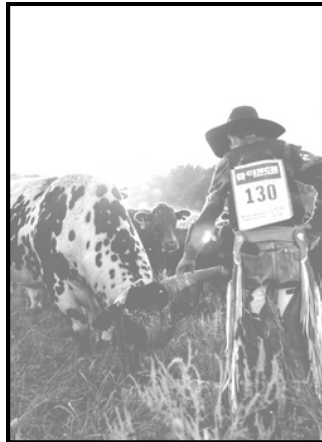


Local Student to Compete at Junior World Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada

Blaine Cornelison is an 8th Grader at Interstate 35 Schools where he participates in Wrestling, Trap Shooting, 4-H and FFA. He is a member of Osceola Youth Rodeo, Midwest Mini Buckers and is on the Junior High Rodeo Team. Outside of school, he enjoys raising and showing cattle and goats. Blaine's parents are Sara Hiatt and Tanner Cornelison. He lives with his grandparents, Brad and Lorie Howe, on a small cattle farm outside of New Virginia. Blaine first tried bull riding at the Leon Iowa Rodeo in July of 2022. He enjoyed the thrill of bull riding so much that he joined the Osceola Youth Rodeo and Midwest Mini Buckers in the spring of 2023. It was there that the thrill of bull riding continued. During the Osceola Youth Rodeo/Midwest Mini Buckers Series, he decided that he wanted to try riding bareback. He enjoyed riding the mini ponies that he had added to the rodeos where he competes.

On July 8-9, 2023, the Midwest Mini Buckers, Winterset, held a Rodeo that was a qualifier for the World Finals. It was there that Blaine tied for 2nd place on Bulls which landed him a spot to go to the World Finals in Las Vegas, December 6-11, 2023. Blaine received a phone call from Midwest Mini Buckers on October 11, 2023 letting him know that he had earned a spot to also ride Bareback at the World Finals the same week.

Blaine has won several awards this year including: Leon Iowa Rodeo 2023 Champion Youth Bull Rider Belt Buckle; 2023 Belt Buckle for Rookie All Around Cowboy from the Moville Junior High Rodeo Committee; and 2023 Bareback Champion from the Osceola Youth Rodeo Season. Blaine is looking forward to meeting and competing with other cowboys from around the world at the Finals in Las Vegas where he will be competing on both Bulls and Bareback. A Thelma's Fried Chicken Fundraiser will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 to help raise funds to cover the cost of entry fees and travel expenses.



Fun Facts for November

It seems that the best thing to do in November is eat! Did you know November is home to many delicious special days?

November 3rd is Sandwich Day. November 6th is Nacho Day. The 14th is Pickle Day. And the 28th is French Toast Day. And the most random of all, November 29th is Lemon Cream Pie Day.



CRIBBLINGS FROM

Contributed by Sue Stills



UE

At last, our part of Arizona is having more seasonal weather, with mornings in the 50's to 60's and days in the 70's and 80's. It's great to go for a walk or just sit out in the sun. Of course, we have not had rain for months, except a few sprinkles in September, and we are in a severe drought.

Our "snowbird" friends Jim and Karen have returned from Bar Harbor, WA. Their house is one mile from us and close to my three brothers and our other "snowbird" friends who have yet to make an appearance here for the winter. We are seeing more out of state license plates around, so the "birds" are flocking in. The church pews, grocery store aisles and streets will be filling up with the seasonal people. Sadly, Jim and Karen are planning to put their Sun Lakes home up for sale, so we will really miss them here. I am sure that they will still visit occasionally, staying with Bill when they come.

Our yard was looking overgrown with the summer and fall growth of the oleanders and bougainvillea shooting up. So we called in Julian and his crew to trim the bushes. Unfortunately, all of the flowers were trimmed off too, but they should rebloom soon. We will put in some new plants to replace those we lost to the intense summer heat. Julian told Mel that our grapefruit tree is dying, so that will have to go eventually.

My brother Jim finally returned home here, having been gone since early June. He spent most of that time at our brother Tom's near Atlanta, GA, helping Tom build a small apartment attached to his house. Tom and Gwen will be bringing the rest of their possessions with them in December when they come to their "new" house just two houses away from Bill.

Several of us went to another show by the ImproVables on October 30, an improv troupe comprised of Sun Lakes Community Theatre members. It had a Halloween theme. The included meal was casual – salad, hot dogs with "fixin's" including optional chili, and dessert. The tickets for this show sold out in four hours! One of the "games" or skits involved all of the 20 improv troupe members, with one person sitting on a "park bench" and another person approaching with the goal of acting in a way that will drive the first person away. After achieving that, that second person moved to the first seat, and another person came along hoping to drive the sitting person away. All of the attempts were quite inventive and funny, of course. Another game involved troupe members picking up various Halloween items and using them in an unexpected way. The most fun one was a member putting on "cat ears" and singing "MIC-KEY," to which the audience picked up on the rest of the Mickey Mouse Club song and sang as much as we could remember.

Mel received weekly home health visits from nurses and a physical therapist for two months, and he has "graduated" from that care, having shown really good improvement. He continues to feel good.

We wish all of you a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving. We Americans surely do have much for which to be thankful.

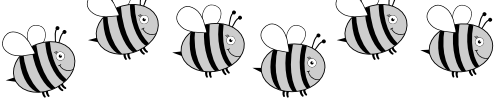
Here is a delicious stuffing recipe as an alternative to traditional bread stuffing.

It is Mel's recipe for stuffing a turkey.

2 boxes (Uncle) Ben's long grain and wild rice, traditional recipe
2 1-pound rolls Jimmy Dean sausage
(one regular & one hot; whatever you prefer)

****Start cooking the rice per directions on box. Slice the sausage and cook in a frying pan until done. Cut into bite-sized pieces. Add sausage pieces to cooked rice. Stuff the turkey with the mixture.**

****This is more than enough for a 15-pound turkey, so you should have some good leftovers.**



MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Contributed by Beth Voltmer

Haynes Homestead

You know the rabbit hole that you can find yourself in while scrolling through Facebook? Well, that's where I found myself a few weeks ago when I stumbled upon this rural St. Charles small biz. The Haynes Homestead consists of Mom, Megan Haynes, her husband, Josh, and their two children, Hailie, age 13 and Chase, 9. It's also the name of Megan's business.

Megan is quite busy, but homesteading and a healthier lifestyle pulls at her heartstrings. and it's her long-term goal to be self-sufficient and doing what she loves fulltime...raising bees, rearing children, and creating—Mead, candles, soaps and honey products from the seven hives from which she processes. She's able to work from home for her full-time job, which gives her the freedom and ability to dabble in her honey biz on breaks and between meetings, emails, and calls.

Not only does she work full-time, but she also works at Madison County Winery, where she's able to hone her skills in the art and science of wine making, and she helps her husband with his auto repair business, Iowa Mobile Repair.

The seven beehives, five located on their acreage and two residing at Madison County Winery, keep her in honey for her immediate needs for bottling, pouring candles and soaps and now, Mead. I just recently learned of Mead while traveling this summer. I'd never heard of it, but learned that it is wine made from honey. When I asked Megan if the process was the same for making wine as it is for Mead, she said very similar, but Mead is made from fermenting honey, wine from fermented grapes.

As she creates, mixes, and blends, she experiments with additional flavors that are the same for wine making. As a science, everything must be just right. The Ph must be balanced, she uses less preservatives, and it cannot be too acidic. There's a lot of measuring and calculating. It's creative, yet precise. The honey she produces and bottles, the honey sticks, and the creamed honey all come from her own hives. The beeswax becomes candles, wraps, and lip moisturizer. When she needs honey for the Mead, over and above what her hives produce, she sources local, quality apiaries to supplement as needed.

Megan has been beekeeping for three years. It's been the same for making the Mead, also, but this is the first year she's been selling it commercially. She is selling through Madison County Winery and two Hy-Vee locations: Mills Civic and Winterset. Her products can also be purchased directly through Megan via FB Messenger and at popup markets where she is a vendor. Once I found her, I immediately invited her to set up with me during the recent BackRoads & ByWays Junkin' Tour, where she gave out samples and sold 14 bottles of the Mead. Her next gig is the Winter Solstice in Winterset.

It is Megan's desire to completely use her own honey from her own hives over the next few years as she grows her hives and business. Solely her biz, she does get help from her daughter at markets and with administrative duties, and the hubs steps in with the heavy lifting...a supporting role. Chase, the 9-year-old...he doesn't enjoy getting stung, so the beekeeping isn't really his thing, Megan says.

I asked Megan how she learned the art of beekeeping. It seems Iowa has great beekeeping resources, and again, through the phenom that is Facebook, she found a group that was offering FREE Beekeeping classes. Meeting over a three- to four-month time span, she learned the ropes and started on her journey. She continues to participate in the once a month get togethers.

Recently, Megan started selling sour dough bread and offering classes in sour dough breadmaking. These have proven to be quite popular. Baking once a week for orders she gets from her FB page, she's added this to her offerings. To order bread or sign up for a class on making your own, contact Megan through Facebook Messenger at Haynes Homestead. Megan told me she has some exciting things in the works, so hop onto her Facebook page and give it a LIKE and a SHARE.



Pictured above: Grace Knedler

Madison County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet

Nov. 6

The event took place at The Jackson Building in Winterset. That evening, volunteers were recognized for educating 4-H youth. Madison County Fair Board, fair superintendents, assistant superintendents, show secretaries, project leaders, ring assistants received acknowledgement for providing learning opportunities during the fair. Extension Council, 4-H leaders received volunteerism recognition.

Clubs turning in top 4-H Historian books were Scottish Farm Feeders, Crawford Hillsiders and Jefferson Lee Jades. (Historian books chronicle annual activities of the club, painting a picture of the club's meetings, service projects, and achievements.) The best Secretary books belonged to Scottish Farm Feeders, Crawford Hillsiders and Ohio Future Feeders. Penn Prize Winners, Jefferson Lee Jades and Crawford Hillsiders submitted top Treasurer's books.

Awards for top junior, intermediate and senior 4-H record books were handed out. All 4-Hers who completed record books, and those who submitted a record book for three or more consecutive years, received recognition. Participation awards in merit categories and in project achievement areas were handed out to 4-Hers who achieved skillsets in specific project areas.

Molly Champion received awards in Major Life Skills Award in Overall Citizenship, Achievement, Overall Record Keeping, Agriculture, Overall Leadership, I Dare You and Overall Merit.

Grace Knedler received The Leroy and Bonnie Songer Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is in remembrance of Bonnie who served Madison County Extension for over 40 years.

Interested in learning more about 4-H?

Contact Lindsey at Madison County Extension 515-462-1001



Truro Public Library

Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - noon

Check out this month's new books!

The Edge by David Baldacci

Knowing You by Tracie Peterson

The Exchange by John Grisham

Check us out on Facebook for any updates!

www.truro.lib.ia.us

Women in Ag Leadership Conference Registration Is Live

Ag women to 'cultivate confidence and harvest happiness' during conference

October 26, 2023, 12:59 pm | Madeline Schultz, Lisa Scarbrough

AMES, Iowa – The seventh annual Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Women in Ag Leadership Conference is Nov. 29-30 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames. The conference takes place Nov. 29 from 1-8 p.m. and Nov. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference theme, “Cultivating Confidence, Harvesting Happiness,” reflects the dedication of women to the agricultural industry.



“I’m proud of the advisory committee’s work to bring women a conference that reflects the world we live in today,” said Madeline Schultz, ISU Women in Ag program manager. “Our remarkable speakers are ready to share leadership knowledge and skills women can apply to help them succeed.”

The advisory committee designed a powerful program to arm women in agribusiness, farm women, students and others with tools to help them be successful leaders in their agricultural careers, communities, farms and families. Through tours, workshops, panel discussions and more, this year’s event fosters inspiration, mentorship and new skill sets.

Sara Wyant, founder of Agri-Pulse Communications, will keynote the conference.

“Throughout my career, I’ve been blessed to have Iowa farm women as my mentors who gave me valuable insight and inspiration that was so helpful,” said Wyant.

Straight from Capitol Hill, Wyant will bring the latest news on the Farm Bill to women in Iowa during her breakout sessions.

The conference opens with Andrea Flemming, a dynamic young farmer and founder of That Fit Agvocate. In this interactive session, she’ll inspire women to cultivate confidence. In her breakout session, Flemming will focus on building brands. Ruth Hambleton, founder of Annie’s Project – Education for Farm Women, will close the conference with her message on harvesting happiness with 20 years of Annie’s Project.

The luncheon panel brings together talented board leaders from the Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Pork Producers Association and Agribusiness Association of Iowa, to share their leadership journey and the issues important to them. Other panel discussions center on farmland ownership, financing business start-ups and career advice.

Featured speakers include author and professional mediator Kiley Fleming, corporate recruiter Laura Bloome, farmer and experienced cattle and grain marketer Lynn Martz, and other passionate professionals. Refer to the websites below for a comprehensive list of speakers and the complete agenda.

Early bird registration is available through Nov. 10 and saves attendees \$20. Regular registration is \$140 for adults and \$80 for students. Single-day registration is also available. Register online at www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/womeninag. Scholarships may be requested. Farm Credit Services of America is a major sponsor.

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Women in Ag Program improves the quality of life in Iowa by providing research-based educational programs to expand agricultural enterprise, improve natural resource management and support the community of women in agriculture. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/womeninag to learn more about the leadership conference and the other women-centered programs offered.

(Kiley Allan, student intern for the Women in Agriculture program at Iowa State, helped write this article).

Shareable photo: Sara Wyant, editor and publisher of Agri-Pulse Communications.

Category: Business and Industry, Community Economic Development, Farm Management

About the Authors:

[Madeline Schultz](#)
Program Manager Women in Ag
515-294-0588
schultz@iastate.edu

[Lisa Scarbrough](#)
Women in Agriculture
515-294-4972
lscarb@iastate.edu

THE HISTORY OF THE MILITARY SONG TAPS

In this month of November, when we honor those military persons who have served our country, it may be of interest to learn of the history of the military song Taps that nowadays is played at military funeral ceremonies.

The origin of the word “taps” is thought to have come from the Dutch word for “tattoo,” which is “taptoe.” More than likely, “Taps” comes from the three drum taps that were played as a signal for “Extinguish Lights” when a bugle was not used in the rendition. As with many customs, the 24 notes that comprise this solemn tradition began long ago and continues to this day.

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognizable or more stirring and able to render emotion than Taps. Up until the Civil War, the traditional call at day’s end was a tune borrowed from the French called Lights Out. Then, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles in July of 1862 and hard at the heels of losing 600 men and being wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought Lights Out was too formal, and he wanted to honor his men with something different.

Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story: “...showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, (he) asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound the call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually taken up throughout the Army of the Potomac.”

This more emotive and powerful Tap was soon adopted throughout the military. The U.S. Army officially recognized it in 1874, and it became standard at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There’s something singularly beautiful, mournful, and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given the nature of the song’s origin, there are no official lyrics for Taps. The following unofficial verse is often used. The author is not known.

*Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh – Falls the night.
Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.
Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright;
God is near, do not fear – Friend, good night.*

The above information is courtesy of United States Army Center for Military History, www.thebalancecareers.com





Church Directory

Assumption Shrine, Churchville
(Formerly Church of the Assumption)

2841 South Street,
Churchville, IA

Business Office:

c/o St. John the Apostle Church
720 Orchard Hills Drive,
Norwalk, IA 50211

Fr. Daniel Kirby

Mass 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)

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, ginery@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

Grace Baptist Church

304 Knotts Street

New Virginia, IA 50210

Pastor Michael Mattson

www.gbcnv.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Thursday Evening:

Bible Study 6:30 pm

St Charles Parish

305 W Main St PO Box 208

St Charles, IA 50240

Pastor: Darin Feikema

641-396-2441

www.saintcharlesparish.org

Sunday School 9 am

Worship Service 9:45 am

Fellowship time: 11 am

Truro Congregational

Christian Church UCC

155 E Garfield Box 17 Truro, IA 50257

Rev. Hugh Stone

Cell:641-414-4876

Email: hugh8@juno.com

Worship 09:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship: 10:00 am

Immaculate Conception

101 St. James St PO Box 88

St. Marys, IA 50241

Fr. Eze Umunnakwe, C.S.Sp.

660 215-0757

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sarah Gehringer (Office Manager)

641 297-2359

immacula@myomnitel.com

Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Religious Ed - Sunday morning
following Mass

Michelle Fick (Director) 641-297-2259

Faith Fellowship Church

164 Highway 152 Osceola, IA 50213

641-342-6603

Pastor: Sheldon Lorenson

Youth Pastor: Tyler Murrow

oefc@iowatelecom.net

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00

Calvary Baptist Church

109 N. Hartman St. Charles, IA 50240

641-396-2234

Pastor Doug Helton 641-396-2747

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Wed. Prayer, Adult Bible Study - 6:30 PM

New Virginia Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

604 Main Street. / Box 112

New Virginia IA 50210

Pastor: Darin Feikema

515-490-4444 Cell: 515-770-3713

Sunday Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church

301 West Street / Box 301

New Virginia IA 50210

641-449-3779

Pastor Paul Burrow

515-402-1802

Pastor's email: burrowpi@yahoo.com

Church email: NewVA-Medora@outlook.com

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Fellowship following Worship Service

Quilters Tuesday 1-4 PM

Necessities Pantry open 2nd Wednesday

10-11 am & 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Like us on Facebook:

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 & 6 PM

Wednesday Worship: 7 PM

Elder: Duane Proudfit 515-961-4470

Elder: Mike Penick 515-989-4165

Deacon: Fred Bown 641-764-2484

Deacon: Richard Bown: 641-764-2765

Linn Grove United Methodist Church

7483--50th Ave

(4 miles north of Martensdale)

(1 block east of Hwy 28)

Prole IA, 50229

Pastor: Bernie Colorado

515-981-4062

Sunday Breakfast: 8 - 9:30 AM

(free will offering)

Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM

Adult Sunday School-1st & 3rd Sunday 11:15 AM

Pastor's email: bernieco2003@yahoo.com

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 Murray United Methodist Church

Pastor Brandon Campbell

No Sunday School

Peru Worship 9:00 am

Murray Worship 10:30 am

