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July 10-12, 2026



Happy 250th Birthday,
America!

New Virginia Old Settlers, better known as NVOS, is New Virginia's annual celebration, held each year on the second weekend of July. The weekend is filled with fun activities for all ages. Children can participate in the pet and doll parade on Friday evening, while the community gathers for the grand parade on Saturday night.

Throughout the weekend, the Old Settlers Park is bustling with activity. Several food vendors are set up on the grounds, and the Lions Club serves meals from their building and provides seating for visitors. Other attractions include craft vendors, kiddie rides, a water slide, and children's contests. Additional events include a horse show at the Saddle Club grounds, bingo, and street dances. Check out the schedule on page 4 to see all the activities offered. Visitors can also enjoy the programs and activities held at the Lions Park.

The first Old Settlers celebration was held in 1897 and has remained a cherished community tradition ever since. One of the most anticipated events is the King and Queen Contest, which began in 1980 and featured a brother-and-sister duo as the first King and Queen. Deann Strange and Clyta Howell have worked together to compile a list of all past honorees for this event.

PAST NVOS OLD SETTLERS KINGS & QUEENS

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| 1980- Floy Felton and Ruth Reed (Brother and Sister) | 2002- Jerry and Sandra Hilton |
| 1981- Virgil and Gladys Beals | 2003- Robert and Ardys Irwin |
| 1982- Elbert and Edith Reynolds | 2004- Charles and Margaret Carson |
| 1983- Harold and Irma Johnson | 2005- Paul and Evadna Keller |
| 1984- Hezie and Helen Stills | 2006- Jake and Barbara Kimzey |
| 1985- Jennings and Lucy Reed | 2007- Merrell and Marie Mitchell |
| 1986- Jess and Alma Smith | 2008- Gerald and Bea Stuart |
| 1987- Richard and Newella Smalley | 2009- Herb and Kathryn Taylor |
| 1988- Ben and Grace Gleckler | 2010- Paul and Joan Stuart |
| 1989- Gayle and Beth Strickler | 2011- Lavon and Clyta Howell |
| 1990- Harold and Ruby Smalley | 2012- Kenneth and Judy Stills |
| 1991- Dale and Bernice Keller | 2013- Lee and Shirley Zimmerline |
| 1992- Jim and Versa Morris | 2014- Lonnie and Joyce Baughman |
| 1993- Kenneth and Helen Reed | 2015- Merlin and Vicki Morris |
| 1994- Earl and Geraldine Minor | 2016- Jim Reed and Tricia Edwards-Reed |
| 1995- Kenneth and Gertrude Benedict | 2017- Irvin (Red) and Karen Taylor |
| 1996- Mary Haines and Doyle Sales (Keith Crawford-Honorary) | 2018- Everett and Elaine Kephart |
| 1997- Marvel Loomis and Bill Heckman | 2019- Ron and Marilyn Kirkpatrick |
| 1998- Robert and Emilyn Kitner | 2020- Rob and Donna Conway |
| 1999- Kenneth and Rosanne Voltmer | 2021- Brian and Shelley Nelson |
| 2000- Gene and Ruth Boles | 2022- Leonard and Deann Strange |
| 2001- Robert and Joyce Reynolds | 2023- Terry and Joanie Stuart |
| | 2024- Art and Linda Daniels |
| | 2025- Jim and Sherry Stuart |

As America celebrates 250 years of independence, it honors the values of liberty, democracy, and unity that have guided the nation since its founding. The anniversary reminds us that each generation has the responsibility to help create a better future for the next.

As Americans, we sometimes take for granted the security and opportunities that surround us. Yet in many parts of the world, people face hardships and restrictions that make those freedoms seem distant and unattainable. While no nation is perfect, and while we must continue striving to address inequality and injustice, we are fortunate to live in a country where progress is possible and where our voices can be heard.

As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, it is a fitting time to reflect on the generations who came before us and to honor the sacrifices that made our nation what it is today. The flag that waves above us is not just a piece of cloth—it is a symbol of perseverance, sacrifice, and hope for the future.

The principles upon which our nation was founded have been carried forward not only by national leaders, but also by dedicated citizens who answered the call to public service in their own communities. Our area has produced a number of such individuals whose contributions helped shape Iowa's history.

Our historian, Karma Kimzey, has compiled a list of local public servants who have represented our area and contributed to local and state government. Read on to learn about those who helped make a difference in Iowa and beyond.

New Virginia and St. Charles have each produced an Iowa governor. William S. Beardsley hailed from New Virginia, where he operated a pharmacy and farmed southeast of town on what is now the Gene and Ruth Bedwell farm. He served in the Iowa House of Representatives and the Iowa Senate before being elected governor in 1948. He was re-elected twice, making him one of only three Iowa governors to win election to three terms.

Kim Reynolds holds the distinction of being the first woman elected governor of Iowa. She assumed the office in 2017 after Governor Branstad stepped down to become U.S. ambassador to China. Reynolds was elected to a full term in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. She grew up in St. Charles and graduated from Interstate 35 High School in 1977.

Glen Bortell and his wife, Mary, lived west of St. Charles and founded Bortell's Ranch for Kids. Glen served on numerous boards and committees in Madison County and represented the area in both the Iowa House and Senate from 1969 to 1975.

Walter F. Craig was elected as a state representative in 1912 and served from 1913 to 1915. He also served two terms as Madison County clerk of district court. Born on a farm near Truro on August 4, 1881, Craig graduated from St. Charles High School in 1902 and attended Drake University in Des Moines for a short time. He later taught in rural Madison County schools and served as principal of the Truro grade schools.

Council Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2026

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 8th, 2026, for the June council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:04 p.m. with Council Members Bailey, Chandler, Dunkin and Truman present. Absent Galivan. Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Old Business: The Lions Park playground barriers have been re-connected as a temporary fix until two new barrier sections can be purchased. More dirt needs to be placed on the outside of the barriers.

The Hen House sign has been put up.

Members of the New Virginia Garden Club were present to discuss a possible farmers market in Old Settlers Park. The farmers market is planned for the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month starting in June through September from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The location is the south side of Old Settlers Park. The rules and regulations application form was reviewed. The farmers market will not be open July 11 due to it being Old Settlers Weekend. After a question-and-answer session and discussion, the Council gave the New Virginia Garden Club the go-ahead to initiate the farmers market.

Citizen Input: Members of the Methodist Church were present to inform the Council that the Carlisle Tractor Club is having a tractor ride on Saturday July 18th that includes a stop in New Virginia for lunch at the Methodist Church. There will be three different groups of about 60 tractors each. The tractors will be parked in areas that will cause the least amount of congestion for traffic. A note will be placed in the June water bills to give citizens notice of the tractor ride and the presence of numerous slow-moving vehicles in and around New Virginia on Saturday July 18th.

Ron Kirkpatrick was present to discuss dirt work/grass seeding related to the stormwater drainage project last summer. Bailey moved, seconded by Truman to do dirt work and grass seeding follow-up from the Knotts Street stormwater drainage project. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Councilman Galivan will take care of this project.

There is a drainage problem on the south side of the Christian Church in the area of the sidewalk. There will be a meeting with Steve Savage to figure out a solution for the drainage problem.

Marilyn Wolf was present to voice her concern about a dog being walked by its owner without a leash in her neighborhood at the north end of town. The dog owner will be made aware of the Ordinance regarding leashes for dogs.

The condition of the 705 West Street property was discussed. Warren County Health and the City Attorney will be contacted about this property.

Fire Department Business: The fire department billing rate schedule was reviewed for updates. Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-14 – A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE NEW VIRGINIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE BILLING RATE SCHEDULE. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Water Utilities discussed: The May water report was reviewed. April water usage was 753,000 gallons averaging 25,100 gallons per day. The Annual Water Quality Report was reviewed. Testing is in compliance with Iowa DNR permit requirements.

Law Enforcement: The Sheriff's Report from the month of April was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 12 calls for service for the month. Officers spent in excess of 34 hours in the City of New Virginia in April. Officers patrolled in excess of 122 miles within the city limits for the month.

The Sheriff's Report from the month of May was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 15 calls for service for the month. Officers spent in excess of 31 hours in the City of New Virginia in May. Officers patrolled in excess of 99 miles within the city limits for the month.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to open public hearing to amend the current 2025-26FY New Virginia city budget. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizen present and no written responses or email responses to the amendment of the current 2025-26FY New Virginia city budget, Chandler moved, seconded by Dunkin to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-12 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING & ADOPTING AMENDMENT OF FY2025-26 NEW VIRGINIA CITY BUDGET. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2026-13 was reviewed. Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-13 – A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 503 WEST STREET, NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA TO SUPPORT THE LICENSE/USE AGREEMENT FOR THE LIONS CLUB RESTROOM FACILITY. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

Justin and Keegan Strange trimmed some tree limbs around some of the disc golf T-boxes. There is a dead elm tree by the horseshoe pit and a dead ash tree west of the community building that need cut down before the truck pull.

The More Parking Behind The Building sign on the northeast corner of the community building needs taken down.

The final truck pull prep meeting will be Thursday June 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Upcoming Events in 2026: September 20th – End Of Summer Social at Hickory Hills.

Ideas discussed – Drive-thru dinner, Game nights @ Lions Hall. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

ELF CLUB

No new information to present to the Council.

TRI-CORNER-EXPRESS

Fund balance \$21,556.55.

Publishing date for the Tri-Corner-Express will remain the same.

An in-district subscription charge is being resolved and will be refunded.

Mayor Strange has a lead on a grant opportunity for renovating the Lions Hall Building through the State of Iowa Downtown Revitalization Program. Mayor Strange will obtain more information about the grant opportunity from his contact with the State of Iowa. Representatives from the Downtown Revitalization Program will come do a consultation for \$300.00. A consultation of the downtown area will be scheduled. A community informational meeting will try to be scheduled in July to include community people, business owners and non-profit organizations.

Mayor Strange took part in an online meeting regarding the Property Tax Reform Bill and House File 2490. The 2026-27FY city budget will remain as it was approved by the Council. The Tax Reform Bill will start with the 2027-28 budget. Tax Abatement Plans may need adjustments/updates. There will be no cap on the Debt Service Levy. There will be a 2% cap on the General Fund Levy. There is an Obligated Fund Account that can be set up to accumulate funds for the purchase of large equipment/structures.

House File 2490 pertains to public meetings and records. Meeting agendas need to be posted online on the city website. The placement of where public information is posted has to be designated annually. Mayor Strange will forward the House File 2490 information to the city clerk email.

There are some trees, both alive and dead, by the east welcome sign that need cut down. New flags are needed. The half-staff flag law was discussed.

Hollie Zajicek, winner of the Republican District 11 Senate primary election wants to attend a city council meeting. She will try to make the July or August council meeting.

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

With no further business to come forth, Bailey moved, seconded by Chandler to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

The July council meeting is scheduled for Monday July 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

July meeting date – Monday July 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY


Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

WITH SOME DAD JOKES!



What do you get when you cross a parrot with a caterpillar?
A little walkie-talkie.

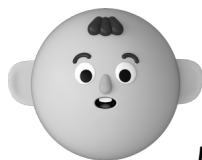
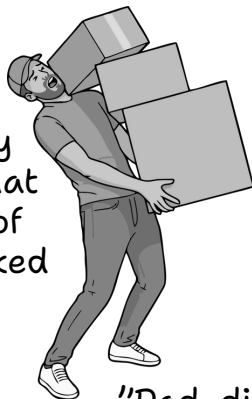


Why do seagulls fly over the ocean?
Because if they flew over the bay, we'd call them bagels.



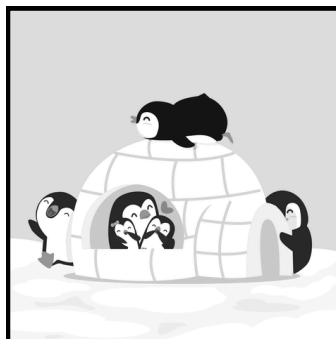
What do you call someone with no body and no nose?
Nobody knows.

"My wife is really mad at the fact that I have no sense of direction. So I packed up my stuff and right!"



"Dad, did you get a haircut?"
"No, I got them all cut!"

How does a penguin build its house?
Igloos it together.



Recycle

June 25
July 9
July 23

NEW VIRGINIA JUNE CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	560.08	16157	6/3/2026
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	51.31	16164	6/9/2026
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE MEDIATION FOR AMBULANC	66.26	16165	6/9/2026
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	BUILDING REPAIR LIONS HALL LOC	445.8	16158	6/3/2026
CENTRAL IOWA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	75	16166	6/9/2026
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	13	16169	6/9/2026
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	68.16	16327103	6/5/2026
IA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSAT	WORKER COMP PREMIUM 26-27	3,048.00	16170	6/9/2026
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	450.06	16327104	6/5/2026
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	599.19	16327105	6/5/2026
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	62	16171	6/9/2026
JODY HOLLAR	DEPOSIT REFUNDS GAMP	125	16172	6/9/2026
LEXI HAGEN	RETURN DEPOSIT	125	16173	6/9/2026
MARY HUSS	GAMP CLEANING -EXTRA CLEANING	200	16174	6/9/2026
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	1,028.51	16176	6/9/2026
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	145.03	16177	6/9/2026
R & R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS	1,300.00	16179	6/9/2026
T.R.M. DISPOSAL LLC	SPRING CLEAN UP 2026	1,332.80	16180	6/9/2026
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	1,229.33	16183	6/9/2026
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHCILE FUEL	389.27	16184	6/9/2026
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	591.03	16185	6/9/2026
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	11904.83		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	1,173.00	16157	6/3/2026
TERRY STUART	STREET MAINTENANCE ROCK	1,210.06	16181	6/9/2026
	TOTAL ROAD USE FUND	2,383.06		
CITY STATE BANK	BANK/COLLECTION FEES	9,751.00	16163	6/8/2026
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	9,751.00		
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	23.09	16164	6/9/2026
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	POSTAGE - STAMPS FOR WATER BIL	78	16158	6/3/2026
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	100	16167	6/9/2026
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	TESTING WATER	100	16168	6/9/2026
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	57.2	16327103	6/5/2026
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	382.85	16327104	6/5/2026
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	536.22	16327105	6/5/2026
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	19.5	16175	6/9/2026
PROFESSIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGE	OTHER CONTR SERV WATER	1,113.00	16178	6/9/2026
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	4,492.50	16182	6/9/2026
	TOTAL WATER UTILITIES FUND	6,902.36		
	GENERAL	2,330.34		
	WATER	1,960.18		
	Total Payroll Paid	4,290.52		
	***** REPORT TOTAL *****	35,231.77		

Public Notice

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

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

City of New Virginia	
April 2026	Deposits
General	\$ 25,650.57
GAMP	\$336.34
Fire	\$6,012.72
Elf Club	\$ 0.00
Road Use	\$9,776.37
LOST	\$5,963.45
Debit Service	\$ 13.63
Water Utilities	\$29,073.64
Grand Total	\$76,826.72

New Virginia Old Settlers 2026 "Stars, Stripes & Old Settlers Nights" July 10, 11, & 12

Friday, July 10

5:00 PM Vendors open in the park **6:00 PM to 10:00 PM** Lions stand is open **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** Water slide is open
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM 50 cent Bingo in the Lions Hall
7:00 PM Bill Riley Talent Competition begins in Lions Park (behind gas station); Honoring of the Volunteer of the Year, Crowning of King and Queen, Crowning of Little Miss and Mister New Virginia at Intermission of Show (in case of rain held in Fire Station)
9:00 PM to Midnight Street Dance (in case of rain held in Fire Station) (NO UNDERAGE DRINKING ALLOWED. ALL PERSONS 21 YEARS AND OLDER WILL NEED TO GET A WRIST BAND IN ORDER TO DRINK ALCOHOL AT THE STREET DANCE)

Saturday, July 11

7:00 AM to 10 AM Breakfast at New Virginia Legion Hall by Legion Post 281 **8:00 AM** Interstate 35 High School Student Council 5K Color Run or Walk if you want **10:00 AM** Saddle Club Judged Show at the Saddle Club grounds on East Street **10:00 AM** Kephart Family Kids Races start on West Street (bring bikes, tricycles, and tennis shoes) **11:00 AM** Vendors open in Old Settlers Park; Clarke County Old Iron Display on the former Reed Implement Lot **11:00 AM** Water slide opens (Hours 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM) **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** Car Show Registration on West Street
12:00 noon to 10:00 PM Lions stand is open **12:30 PM-1:00 PM** Cribbage Tournament Registration at the Lions Hall, \$5.00 buy-in **1:00 PM** Cribbage Tournament Play at the Lions Hall begins **1:00 PM** Car show starts
4:00 PM Car Show Winners Announced at the shelter house
4:00 PM Close off streets for parade route **5:00 PM** Kiddie Parade sign up by the Lions Hall **5:00 PM** Large Parade sign up begins (West of New Virginia old School) **5:15 PM** Kiddie Parade starts on West Street
6:00 PM Parade begins starting at New Virginia old School
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM 50 cent Bingo in the Lions Hall **7:00 PM** Pedal Tractor Registration followed by the Pull on the west side of Old Settlers Park on West St.
7:00 PM Quilts of Valor Presentation in Lions Park (in case of rain entire program held in the Fire Station) **7:00 pm** Saturday Night Karaoke Contest Registration in the Lions Park, Cash Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners (in case of rain entire program held in the Fire Station); Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony in Lions Park following Karaoke Contest
9:00 PM to Midnight Street Dance with the live band, Garrett and the Relics (in case of rain entire program held in the Fire Station) (NO UNDERAGE DRINKING ALLOWED. ALL PERSONS 21 YEARS AND OLDER WILL NEED TO GET A WRIST BAND IN ORDER TO DRINK ALCOHOL AT THE STREET DANCE)
10:00 PM Fireworks display, NEW LOCATION, East of the Saddle Club Grounds, North of New Virginia old School. You should be able to see from the street dance.

Sunday, July 12

7:30 AM to 10:30 AM Masonic Lodge Breakfast at Lions Stand in Old Settlers Park
10:30 AM Old Fashioned Church Service/Lions Park Shelter House; Open to all denominations (Bring Lawn Chairs) Old Settlers Park.

Thank you to all the businesses and residents who support The New Virginia Old Settlers Celebration.

All times and events are subject to change. Watch for updates on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/oldsettlersnv/>

DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR 2026 NEW VIRGINIA FIREWORKS

The Saturday evening fireworks are a big part of our Old Settlers Celebration.

We are planning a \$5,000.00 fireworks show, but we need your donations.

For those of you who like to do your business online, the New Virginia Old Settlers Association has set up a Venmo account for online donations. Our link to donate is <https://venmo.com/NewVirginia-OldSettlers> please note in Venmo that your donation is for the fireworks fund.

You can also donate to the New Virginia Fireworks fund at City State Bank or you may also mail a check (please write fireworks in the memo) to the fireworks fund at the following address:

City Clerk of New Virginia

PO Box 302

New Virginia, IA 50210

Any questions feel free to contact, Deann Strange (515)210-8847 or newvirginiaoldsettlers@gmail.com

"STARS, STRIPES OLD SETTLERS NIGHTS" NEW VIRGINIA OLD SETTLERS 2026

LITTLE MISS AND MISTER NEW VIRGINIA CONTEST



PLEASE ENTER BY
END OF THE DAY
JUNE 21, 2026



If you would like your child to participate in the Little Miss & Mister contest for the New Virginia Old Settlers Celebration, the child must be 3-6 years of age and reside in the New Virginia area. The child may enter more than one year but cannot re-enter after winning the contest. Entries should be received by June 21, 2026. The pictures and voting containers will be displayed at Nancy's Shear Serenity Salon, during business hours from June 24 through July 9, 2026. Voting will be available at the Hen House from June 24 through July 9 when the Hen House is open. For those who are not aware of the voting process, anyone who wishes to vote for a contestant may do so by making a monetary contribution to the New Virginia Old Settlers by placing money in the voting container of the child of their choice. You may also vote starting June 24 through July 9 at 4PM with a contribution using Venmo @NewVirginia-OldSettlers by including the child's name you are voting for in your comment. All money raised will go towards the New Virginia Old Settlers Celebration. Voting will end on Thursday evening, July 9, 2026 at 4PM. The boy and girl with the most money contributed to their voting container will be crowned Little Miss and Mister New Virginia at the Friday, July 10, 2026 evening program in Lions Park (In case of rain in the New Virginia Fire Station). This is a fun contest and a great fundraiser for the New Virginia Old Settlers. Each child entered will receive a goodie bag on Friday evening when the winners are announced. The Little Miss and Mister New Virginia winners will ride in a convertible in the Saturday night parade.

To enter, please send a digital image with the information below either by e-mail or text to:

Deann Strange at newvirginiaoldsettlers@gmail.com or to 515-210-8847:

Child's Name, Parent's Name, Age, Favorite Activities,
Parent contact info (phone number, address, e-mail address)

The display will only have the child's name, age, and favorite things listed. If you have any questions, please e-mail Deann at the address above or call/text (515)210-8847.

NANCY'S



DOG GROOMING

BOARDING & TRAINING

**Nancy Crabtree,
Owner
5145 Vermont St
New Virginia, IA 50210**



5-PAW RATING

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



Slinging Sparkle

llc

Cleaning Business

Owner/Operator:
Samantha Ruth

(641) 414-4540

slingingsparkle21@gmail.com

www.slingingsparkle.com



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

4th OF JULY

I want to thank Randy and Alisa Reed for their help and thoughtfulness over the years. Snow removal and holiday treats and frozen salmon from Costco. Yum!!!!!! Always enjoy the enthusiastic welcomes from Shadow and Smokie! Miss you since you moved to the country. Thank God for you!
-Marilyn Taylor

Gerry Allen Memorial Park Community Building

809 West Street, New Virginia, IA 50210

	N.V. City Limits	All Other Renters
Full Day Rental	\$150	\$175
Half Day Rental	\$100	\$125
Hourly Rental	\$25	\$25

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 renters must cleanup at the conclusion of their event.

Visit us at www.newvirginia.com or call:

Kim McWilliams (515)321-0652 for more information

GERRY ALLEN MEMORIAL PARK
809 WEST ST

NEW VIRGINIA TRUCK PULL

CASH ONLY 2026

MPA Classes:
 ProMini Truck 2wd 4300#
 Hot Street 6000#
 Super Street 4x4 6200#
 Super Stock 4x4 6200#
 Pro Street 4x4 6200#
 V8 Hot Rod Tractor 6000#
 Hot Street Diesel 8500#
 Work Stock Diesel 4x4 8500#
 Pro Stock 4x4 6200 #
 Pro Modified 2x4/4x4 6200#
 Farm Stock Tractor 13,000#
 Altered Farm Tractor 9000#
 Open Class

Don't Miss It
SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH, 5PM

CASH ONLY

\$10 ENTRY TICKET General Admission/ Pit Pass
 Kids 12 yrs old & Younger: Free
 Driver of Truck/ Tractor plus one person: Free

Food, Beverages, & Merchandise Available for Purchase

For More Information: City of New Virginia 641-449-3492 or New Virginia GAMP Truck Pull www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069288041935

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Iowa Adventure Pass provides library cardholders the opportunity to discover and explore participating museums, gardens, zoos, and other destinations across the state.

www.iowaadventurepass.org

Library Hours:

Tues: 4 - 8 pm
Wed: 9 - 11 am / 1 - 8 pm
Thurs: 4 - 8 pm
Fri: Closed
Sat: 9 am - noon
Sun & Mon: Closed



Book Review by Sue

NEVER FLINCH

BY STEPHEN KING

I “never flinch” when starting a Stephen King book, even when it is a 436-page book. He is my favorite author and so easy to read with excellent descriptions and down-to-earth words. This 2025 novel intertwines the murderous intent of two deranged men. Police Detective Izzy Jaynes and her friend Private Investigator Holly Gibney join forces to unravel the clues to finding both men. One of the men is determined to kill 13 innocents and one guilty person. The other man is stalking with intent to kill a controversial and outspoken women’s right activist. There is a large cast of characters, and the conclusion is both chilling and spectacular.

That “Love Thy Neighbor” thing...
I meant that.
-God

New Virginia Christian Church

11 am Sunday Worship

604 Main St
New Virginia, IA



Thank you for choosing City State Bank as your favorite Warren County bank!

Proud to be helping Warren County grow since 1895.

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140th Old Settlers Celebration, July 17-19, 2026

Red, White & You - St. Charles Celebrates 250

What the heck is a Semiquincentennial? It is the 250th anniversary of the United States. The 4th of July exactly marks 250 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, but St. Charles Old Settlers, always a bit off plumb, is going to celebrate with a birthday party July 17th-19th. The theme: Red, White & You - St. Charles Celebrates 250 will resonate with different party activities all through the weekend. Music, food trucks, fun and games for all ages.

The party will begin on Friday night with birthday cake, ice cream and desserts by the St. Charles Parish and Toby the Balloon Dude sponsored by Johnson Construction. We will continue the celebration with coronation of this year's King and Queen - Gary and Dawn Vetter, and a review of St. Charles through the Years highlighting some of our stories and famous people. To cap off the evening we will welcome crowd favorite Royce Johns back to our stage to entertain the birthday guests.

Saturday always starts early to beat the heat with breakfast sponsored by the St. Charles Community Foundation. Then ramp it up with the Gateway 5K at Imes Bridge, 3 on 3 Basketball, Disc Golf and Pickleball. With a bit of a slower pace one can enjoy cribbage and then bring the kids to the free Pedal Tractor Pull sponsored by Kirk Agency. Borne Again Rides is hosting Cars & Coffee on Main Street starting at 8am for a Show & Shine. A new activity highlighting the history of St. Charles will be a short tour at the St. Charles cemetery. The Madison County Genealogical Society will be honoring the pioneer sons of our Revolutionary War founding fathers and patriots.

The afternoon action will begin with the MADCo Bags tournament in front of the old elementary building and 10 Cent Bingo at noon. Something new on the Old Settlers schedule is MainStreet Marketplace from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Artisans, crafters, bakers and vendors will be selling their wares for all. We will also have Music on Main provided by local favorite Neva Alden. We must have something for the kids as well. Luv the Locals will be hosting a Birthday Party for Uncle Sam. There will be games and activities also on Main Street topped off with a Foam Party at the Fire Station sponsored by T & M Construction. Kids and adults will have a blast playing in the mountains of cool and clean bubbles! - an unforgettable and interactive experience for all ages.

Some activities in the air conditioning - St. Charles Alumni Open house will be held at Calvary Baptist. There will be a Heart of Iowa trivia contest at 3:00pm at The Gateway. Gather a team and test your knowledge of Iowa history. The Lions will also be sponsoring a training session on the new AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) that will be installed at the Post Office and the Lions Hall. Don't miss the Art Camp Art Show along the parade route at 5:00pm.

The parade will kick off the evening of activities. Red, White & You - St. Charles Celebrates 250 will be a great theme for floats and parade entries. Farmers & Merchants Bank will be sponsoring the parade offering the prizes for first and second place in four categories - large float, small float, walking/animals/bikes, and car/truck/tractor. There will also be a BIP prize - Best in Parade! Get those creative minds going.

After the parade we put our party hats on and go out with a blast. More ice cream and desserts by St. Charles Parish. The old favorite Caseys Cowpie Bingo will be back. \$5 per chance to win \$200 in Casey's gift cards. Watch for the cow to plop at Old Settlers Park after the parade. Bingo in the Lions Hall, the Silent Auction ramps up and the Old Settlers program honoring our Old Settlers Button honorees this year - Larry & Janet Adair. Family Feud is back better than ever. Get your "family" together and try to match those top responses. It might be a "good answer" but it has to match. We will top off our celebration Saturday evening with the dance on Main Street sponsored by Pit Stop Performance and All's Done Inc.

The dance will feature the live band Jesse & the Medicine Men - a group promising to liven up the evening with their signature style and music. Get your dancing shoes on!

As food is always an important part of any festival we have a variety of offerings this year. St. Charles Parish, and the Boy Scouts will be serving their crowd favorites at the park starting Friday afternoon and through the weekend. There will also be food trucks located around the grounds on Friday and Saturday. This year we welcome Smokin' Train BBQ, Pho T, Antojitos Mexicanos, Sips Beverage, Kokomo Snow and Mid Iowa Concessions. Something for everyone or try them all!

We must come together and celebrate the weekend with the community worship service at Old Settlers Park. The service will begin on Sunday morning at 9:45am. Fellowship will follow at the shelter.

As always, bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a fun filled SCOS weekend. Things always change so watch our Facebook page St. Charles Old Settlers and website www.scoldsettlers.org for details and the most up to date information.

Friday, July 17th

5:00 pm Food Trucks arrive- serving until 8pm; St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Desserts- Old Settlers Park Shelter; Kids Rides & Slides Open – until 8:00pm

5:30pm Corner Service – open until 7pm

6:00pm Toby the Balloon Dude

7:00 pm USA Birthday Party; King & Queen Coronation; Celebrating our History; Bingo- Lions Hall until 9:00pm

8:00 pm Royce Johns – Live music on Old Settlers Stage until 10:30pm

Saturday, July 18th

7:00 am SCCF Breakfast - St. Charles Parish Hall serving until 10:30 am

8:00 am SCOS Gateway 5K and Fun Run - Imes Bridge; Coffee & Cars - Main Street Show & Shine until Noon **9:00 am** Cribbage Tournament - Lions Hall BYO Board

10:00 am Disc Golf-City Park; Pickleball - City Park; 3 on 3 Basketball – City Park; Pedal Tractor Pull - Check in at 9:30am in front of old school

10:30am Old Settlers Cemetery Walk St. Charles Cemetery

11:00 am Food Trucks – 11:00am to 8:00pm; Rides and Slides - until 8:00pm

12 Noon Bags Tournament - hosted by MadCo Baggers, in front of old school; 10 Cent Bingo - Lions Hall

1:00 pm MainStreet Marketplace- Main Street until 4:00pm; Happy Birthday Uncle Sam- Luv the Locals Birthday Party on Main Street; Toby the Balloon Dude; Music on Main with Neva Alden

1:30pm St. Charles Parish Ice Cream & Desserts – Old Settlers Park shelter

2:00pm St. Charles Alumni Open House - Calvary Baptist Church

3:00 pm Heart of Iowa Trivia **3:30 pm** Foam party **4:00pm** AED Training - Lions Hall

5:00 pm Art Camp Art Show- Cornelison yard, West Main Street

6:00 pm Parade – Red, White & You - St. Charles Celebrates 250 5:30 pm registration at city park

6:30 pm Cow Pie Bingo - Chances available until 6:30 pm or until sold out

7:00pm Bingo - Lions Hall until 9:00pm **7:30 pm** Old Settlers Program; Button Honorees presentation; Family Feud; Silent Auction ends - 8:30pm

9:00 pm Street Dance - Jesse & the Medicine Men

Sunday, July 19th

9:45 am Community Worship Service - Coffee & Donuts to follow



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Mayor: Bryan Arzani

Truro City Council Minutes

June 1, 2026

Community Center

Mayor Bryan Arzani presided over and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ancel Kennedy, Julie McMichael, Lyndsay Cannoy were present, and Jason Phillips and Matt Masters were absent. Fire Chief Terry Stills, Austin Sciarrotta and Public Works Director Ronnie Hults were also present. Joe Sciarrotta, on behalf of the Truro Boosters, from the public, was present to speak. Arzani asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by McMichael/Kennedy. All Ayes, motion carried. The Sheriff's Report and the Emergency Management Director's Report were acknowledged by the Mayor and Council. Joe Sciarrotta stated the public is welcome to the Flagpole Dedication to be held on June 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. Beeler Pork has donated brats, Mease Construction has donated cup cakes and other organizations have donated their time to make this a great event. He also stated that he is working with the City to help with the grant to attain a shelter for Hull Park. Terry Stills presented the Fire & Rescue Report with 11 fire calls and 18 EMS calls. He also stated he has purchased SCBA tanks this FY2026 as well as FY2027 and they will be up to date, and they are good for 15 years. Austin Sciarrotta spoke on the need of a new ambulance for Fire & Rescue. He asked the city if there was any room in the budget to assist in the purchase. Austin stated they are looking for a newer used model that would have the modern equipment they needed. The council stated they will start looking at different options to see if it can be attained. Ronnie Hults presented the Water/Wastewater Report. Heith Hockenberry with EMC presented the Insurance Renewal Proposal. Motion to approve the Insurance Renewal Proposal by Kennedy/Cannoy. All Ayes, motion carried. Tom from Grimes Asphalt presented estimates to repair Scenic Drive and other streets. Julie McMichael gave the council an update on 2 FEMA grants she is working on for a new siren and a new shelter in the park. It's ongoing and relationships have been established. The Public Hearing to Amend the Budget to tie up FY2026 was acknowledged. Motion to approve the Resolution 2026-14 to Amend the Budget was made by Kennedy/Cannoy. All Ayes, motion carried. The Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge our part-time workers Jayden Rivas and Lucas Baudler for their hard work on mowing around the city. They have been a great help. The Mayor and council would also like to thank Julie McMichael for her continued hard work on the grants for the city as well as Matt Masters for his help in the process. A motion was made by Kennedy/Cannoy to approve the Consent items. All Ayes, motion carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Cannoy/McMichael. All Ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next regular city council meeting is set for 7.6.26 at 6:00 p.m.

Bryan Arzani, Mayor

Attested: Janelle Adams, City Clerk



OmniTel Communications Grants for the 1st Quarter of 2026: I-35 Birdie Club, SCOS Gateway 5K, Grace United Methodist Church, St Charles Fire Department, I-35 Shooting Sports.

The next grants will be awarded in July. Grant applications can be found at www.omnitel.biz/charities.

OmniTel Communications invites public and private non-profit organizations to submit applications for funding to help with specific projects and events in your community. The purpose of OmniTel's Charity Grant Program is to positively impact the quality of life in the communities which we serve. Greatest consideration is given to the projects and events that benefit the most people.

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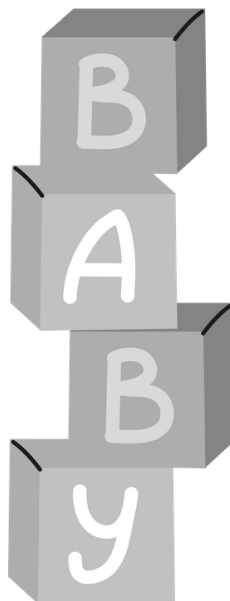
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Wyatt and Brittany Schultz announce the birth of their son, Hudson Earl Schultz. Hudson was born March 19, 2026 at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length. Hudson was welcomed home by big brother Easton Michael. Grandparents are Rich and Stacy Schultz of St. Charles and Kelli Kraus and Shawn Kite, both of Des Moines. Great Grandparents are Eldon Schultz of Truro, Mike and Joanne Gibson of Norwalk and Kevin and Shirley Gute of Bondurant.



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more to share

From the New Virginia Garden Club
Contributed by Susan Miller

June is full of potential. Spring rains brought May flowers, and our gardens are flourishing. Another sign of good things to come is the first New Virginia Farmers Market! The NVFM will be held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9am to noon on the south side of Old Settlers Park in New Virginia. The NVFM is organized and managed by the New Virginia Garden Club and came about from a community suggestion.

Over the course of the Farmers Market season, June - September, vendors will offer a variety of fresh and preserved garden produce, honey and honey products, fresh flowers and herbs, plants, eggs, baked goods and mixes, hand crafted items.

The market will have three vendors certified to accept Senior vouchers and WIC which makes the market authorized under the Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition Program through the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

Initial vendors are all local from New Virginia, and produce will be locally grown as well. Joining the market will be Melanie and Don Van Dyke with Growing This Life Farms. They will offer produce, herbs, plants/flowers and baked goods. Zadie Henrichs will offer eggs, baked goods and mixes, and produce. Penny Clark will offer honey and honey products, baked goods, produce, plants/flowers. Kathy Trail, Hillside Gardens, will have a variety of offerings including honey, duck eggs, extracts, freeze dried foods and hand crafted items. We look forward to seeing these vendors and invite others to join the market. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Susan Miller 641-414-6824.

As stated earlier, this undertaking comes at the request of the community. These vendors have already proven dedication to providing this Farmers Market to New Virginia. This market's success requires us to help it take root. We must nourish it to help it grow. Please plan to visit the New Virginia Farmers Market!

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This is the fudge brownie recipe from the Better Homes and Garden Cookbook I've been using for years. I revamped it to suit my needs. Try it out!

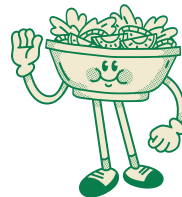
TOFFEE BROWNIES

1 c. butter, melted 3/4-1 c. of cocoa
2 c. sugar 1 c. flour
2 t. vanilla 1 c. walnuts
4 eggs 1 pkg. Heath toffee bits
Directions bits

1. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray.
2. Mix the butter, sugar, vanilla, eggs, cocoa and flour together. Stir in the walnuts and toffee bits.
3. Bake at 325 degrees for 35-40 minutes.



With salad season upon us, here's a recipe to try. It would pair nicely with Sue's Roasted Salmon recipe!



NORTH WOODS INN SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large head iceberg lettuce, chopped

DRESSING

- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup mayo
- 4 oz gorgonzola crumbles
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

PREPARATION

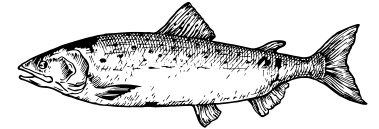
1. In a small bowl combine all dressing ingredients and mix until smooth.
2. Add chopped lettuce to a large bowl and dress right before serving. Toss until evenly coated.
3. Serve immediately.

sourced from 12tomatoes.com



ROASTED SALMON WITH HONEY-MUSTARD SAUCE

Salmon fillets for two
Nonstick cooking spray or parchment sheet
2 T. stone ground mustard
1 T. honey
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper



Preheat oven to 425°. Spray baking sheet with cooking spray or cover with a parchment sheet. In a small bowl, whisk together mustard, honey, garlic, salt and pepper. Place salmon on baking sheet, skin-side down. Spread sauce evenly over salmon. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes until the flesh flakes easily.

Contributed by Sue Stills

Grilled Zucchini Recipe

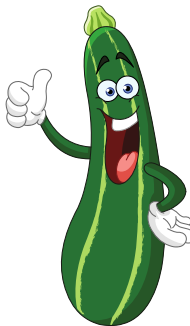
Ingredients

- 4 small/medium zucchini
- 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp fine sea salt, or to taste
- 1/2 tsp freshly cracked black pepper or to taste
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges
- 1 Tbsp Parsley, finely chopped for garnish, optional

Instructions

- Preheat your grill to medium heat. Using a knife, cut off the stem ends of the zucchini then slice lengthwise into 1/2" thick strips. Keep an even thickness for even cooking times.
- Set zucchini on a rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil then sprinkle on the seasonings. Toss the zucchini together with your hands to evenly coat in oil and seasonings.
- Set zucchini onto the preheated grill grates, cover, and grill for 2 minutes or until grill marks form. Flip the zucchini over and grill another 2 to 3 minutes, covered, or until you reach your desired doneness. The zucchini should be crisp-tender. Avoid overcooking or they can get mushy.
- Set zucchini on a serving platter as it comes off the grill and squeeze fresh lemon juice over the top. Serve with garnished parsley if desired and with additional lemon wedges on the side for those who love a little extra pop of fresh lemon flavor.

sourced from Natashaskitchen.com





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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I-35 CSD SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings I-35 Community -

As my time as Superintendent of Interstate 35 Community School District comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the students, staff, families, and community members who have made my time here so rewarding.

Serving the communities of St. Charles, New Virginia, and Truro has been a privilege. Throughout my time at I-35, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the incredible accomplishments of our students. These attributes are part of what make Interstate 35 a special place.

While I will soon begin a new chapter, I leave knowing the district is in good hands. I would like to welcome Dr. Gossen as he prepares to lead I-35 CSD. He is excited to become part of Roadrunner Country, and I know he looks forward to building relationships with students, staff, families, and the community.

Thank you for the trust and support you have shown me throughout my time as Superintendent. It has been an honor to serve this district, and I will always be grateful to have been part of the Roadrunner family.

Go Roadrunners!
Chad Grandon
Superintendent, Interstate 35 CSD

CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT STAFFING NEEDS

We currently have several open positions as we look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year. Consider joining our team! Scan the QR code to learn more about open positions. You'll be taken to the Teachlowa website. Type "Truro" into the location field. Click search. All open I-35 CSD jobs will be listed on the right. Click on the one that interests you to see more details.

- Daycare/Elementary Associate
- Educational Sign Language Interpreter
- 1 Bus Drivers for the 2026-2027 school year
- Cook (1 - 8-hour position 6:30 AM to 2:30 PM)
- Special Education Associate/Para Educator
- Plus 5 Coaching/Sponsor Positions for Extracurriculars



ACTIVITIES *Remaining HS Regular Season*

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

JV begins at 5:00 p.m. Varsity begins at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- **6/18: Home vs. Woodward-Granger DH Varsity**
- 6/20: Away @ Bedford , 12:30 PM
- 6/22: Away @ Van Meter, JV & Varsity
- **6/23: Home vs. Earlham, JV & Varsity**
- 6/25: Away @ Madrid, JV & Varsity
- 6/29: Away @ Pleasantville, JV & Varsity
- **6/30: Home vs. Panorama DH Varsity**
- 7/2: Away @ Moulton-Udell, Varsity Only 6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

JV begins at 5:30 p.m. Varsity begins at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- **6/17: Home vs. Martensdale-St. Marys**
- **6/18: Home vs. Woodward-Granger DH Varsity**
- 6/19: Away @ Roland Story Tournament , 12:00 PM
- 6/22: Away @ Van Meter, JV & Varsity
- **6/23: Home vs. Earlham, JV & Varsity**
- 6/25: Away @ Madrid, JV & Varsity
- 6/27: Away @ Indianola Tournament, 12:00 PM
- 6/29: Away @ Pleasantville, JV & Varsity
- **6/30: Home vs. Panorama DH Varsity**
- 7/2: Away @ Southeast Warren
- 7/3: Away @ Carlisle Tournament, 9:00 a.m.

Meet & Greet **OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT DR. GOSSEN**

JUNE 30
HOME BASEBALL & SOFTBALL GAMES
VS. PANORAMA

WHERE: I-35 Baseball / Softball Complex
TIME: 5:30 p.m. (approximately)
FORMAT: The Meet & Greet event is a relaxed environment, without a formal start/end time. Come and go as you please as we all cheer on the Roadrunners!

I-35 ELEMENTARY | WELCOME TO SUMMER!

With another school year over, I want to wish all of our students, families, and staff a wonderful summer.

The end of the school year is always a special time to reflect on the growth, accomplishments, and memories made throughout the year. I am incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the partnership we share with our families and community. Together, we help create an environment where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

My family is especially looking forward to making memories together and enjoying time with our three daughters this summer. While summer offers an opportunity to recharge, it is also a time of preparation as our staff plans and prepares for another great year of learning at I-35. We are already excited to welcome students back in August and continue building on this year's success.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. I hope your summer is filled with fun, family, and lasting memories. Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you in August!

The Luckiest Principal in the World,

Principal Woods

I-35 SECONDARY | SUMMER IS HERE!

Now that we have wrapped up another successful school year, I want to thank our students, staff, and families for their hard work, support, and commitment to making I-35 Secondary a great place to learn and grow. While summer provides an opportunity to unwind, there is still plenty happening across Roadrunner Country.

Our baseball and softball teams are having strong seasons this summer with more games to go. It's always great to see our student-athletes representing I-35 with pride. Their success is a great reminder that learning, growth, and achievement continue well beyond the final school bell.

We are also looking ahead to next year with excitement. I can't wait to welcome a new group of students to both the middle school and high school and help them navigate the opportunities, challenges, and experiences that come with the next step in their education.

I'd like to wish one last "Congratulations" to the Class of 2026! Best of luck in your future endeavors! I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing our students back in the building this fall.

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JESUS' RIGHT HAND



"Are we there yet?" were familiar words coming from the back seat of the car during times past. The answer generally was issued by the driver, usually Dad, who grew impatient with the constant questioning. Finally, Mom would come up with some clever game or song to distract the kiddos, maybe license plate bingo or a quick game of I Spy. Nowadays, the back seats of cars are silent, maybe with an occasional, "I'm sending you a Tik Tok." Technology has virtually erased all questions from the back seat by providing a distraction on the way to the destination.

I think we've gotten to that point in our spiritual walk also. Distractions have a way of making us lose our focus on the journey with God. We allow distractions to get in the way of doing what we know the Lord wants us to do. Perhaps you can identify. You have something important, a task or goal to accomplish, but you're not making much headway. The distractions are robbing you of peace, fulfillment, joy and the purpose in daily life.

In military life, distractions can be lethal. One of the goals of bootcamp is to desensitize you to distractions you may encounter while in battle. A distracted soldier is the weak link in his platoon. Similarly, as Christians, we are in the Army of God. It is important to not let distractions take our attention away from the task at hand. Ironically, many of those distractions are things that we think are useful to God. But are they?

It seems like society today is completely distracted. Checking phones mid-conversation, allowing our attention to be focused on capturing something on video instead of actually experiencing what we are trying to capture on video. How many of you asked, "Are we there yet?" only to receive the answer, "No, look out the window and just enjoy the scenery.?" Is distraction keeping us from enjoying this God-journey that we are on? Are we so consumed with getting to the destination that we don't take time to enjoy the journey? Or are we distracting ourselves to the point that we don't even realize that God is taking us on a miraculous, awe-inspiring journey of life? There is so much that we can learn from this journey called life, yet we are allowing ourselves to be distracted with the cares of this life, technology, work and even family.

I remember years ago that we had a storm that knocked out power in New Virginia for about six hours. I thought my girls were going to lose their mind because they couldn't access any technology, and their phones were not yet "smart." Out of sheer desperation and boredom, they finally pulled some games out of the cabinet and began to play. They began to realize that it was actually fun to pull out these old board games and interact with each other. My husband and I joined them after a while, and it became quite apparent that this was a great teaching experience. The girls still talk about it to this day!

Too many times we look for these distractions because we don't want to face the reality of a discipline or change that God is trying to work into our life. We like to run from the memories of the past by distracting ourselves with things that dull the memories and pain. We ask God, "Are we there yet?" and the silence is deafening. We wonder why we don't get any answers, but the noise of our distractions drowns out the still, small voice of God. However, the silence without distractions is uncomfortable and unfamiliar, so we fill that silence with more distractions, driving us farther from his peaceful presence.

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Wow, that can't be any more direct. No distractions, no noise, no talking, no movement. Don't try to fix it on your own; trust Him and know that simply because He is God, He will take care of it. If He needs you do something, God will let you know. Just as long as you are listening, undistracted, for that still, small voice.

Be encouraged by these words. Know that we are here for you at the ministry if you need us. A prayer, a hug, a word of encouragement, or a listening ear. God is waiting. Without distractions.

In His Love and Service, Jesus' Right Hand

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Visit Madison SWCD at Farmers Market and Fair

WINTERSET, IOWA, June 10, 2026

The Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) invites the public to visit our booth at the Madison County Farmers Market on June 20, the Madison County Fair from July 15 through 18, and the Kids Corner at the Madison County Farmers Market on August 8.

Madison SWCD will be setting up a one-time vendor booth at the Madison County Farmers Market on June 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Madison County Farmers Market is held on the courthouse lawn; Madison SWCD will be set up in booth space number 65 on the southeast corner of the square. In celebration of Pollinator Week (June 22-28), the booth will focus on pollinators (bees, butterflies, birds, etc.) and the habitats that support them. There will be an interactive demonstration/display to learn about how deep native plants' roots can grow, information about establishing habitat for pollinators, and will be offering free native plants (through our partnership with Cultivating Connections) to help visitors get a jumpstart on creating their own pollinator garden!

In addition to Madison SWCD's booth, the Iowa Learning Farms will be bringing a Conservation Station to the Madison County Farmers Market on June 20! The Conservation Station will be parked near the food trucks on the southeast corner, and will feature a rainfall simulator, Enviroscope, and poo toss game. The rainfall simulator shows the differences in water infiltration and runoff on differently managed soils (tillage, no-till, cover crops, etc.).

Madison SWCD will also have a booth in the Farm Bureau building at the Madison County Fair from Wednesday, July 15 through Saturday, July 18, where we will have soil demonstrations and displays, as well as activities and giveaways. Fairgoers are also encouraged to attend Madison SWCD's Conservation Awards presentation on Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at the North Show Ring.

On Saturday, August 8, Madison SWCD will be back at the Madison County Farmers Market to host the Kids Corner activities by the northeast corner of the courthouse from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The demonstrations, displays, and activities will highlight Water Quality Month.

To learn more about Madison SWCD activities and events, visit www.Madison-SWCD.org

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ROAD TRIPPING

Contributed by Terry Garner



!!!GESUNDHEIT!!!

While the intended destination on this road trip wasn't particularly memorable, the experience itself is one I'll remember for a long time to come.

We are in the midst of a garage build here at our house, and I had ordered windows at Menards in Grimes. Rollie went with me to pick them up, and we were taking advantage of the opportunity to eat at Famous Dave's in Des Moines. We love their food, and haven't been for a long time, so were looking forward to it. They do BBQ, and do it well. Check them out when you get up there. 1720 22nd Street in Des Moines.

After eating at Famous Dave's, we arrived at Menards there in Grimes and went around back to pick up the windows. There were eight windows stacked nicely on a pallet, with a little bracing around them to hold them upright, and they were wrapped with Saran wrap all the way around to hold them all together into one bundle. Rollie asked the young man if he could just load that whole pallet into the truck with the skid-loader, and he said sure thing. He set it up there, it was heavy enough that we didn't have to tie it down, and away we went.

We finally made it out of that morass of city driving and headed south on the interstate back towards home. Just south of the St. Charles exit, I felt a big ole sneeze coming on. I'm here to tell you, when I sneeze, I sneeze big, loud, all of a sudden, and with no warning. I let out a gigantic, earth-shattering man-sneeze, and at the same time, Rollie slams on the brakes, yells "Oh sh.....!", and starts swerving over to the shoulder. Now, instead of sneezing, I'm screaming. "I just sneezed! What are you doing? You're going to kill us! I JUST SNEEZED!" (Remember, we're on the interstate, surrounded by traffic, and Rollie has just gone from 70 to 30 in a couple of seconds, all while I have my eyes scrunched shut and coming out of a thunderous sneeze.) He hollers "We just lost the windows!" Me hollering: "What! What do you mean, we just lost the windows!" All this time, he is trying to maneuver over to the shoulder, (with me telling him how to do it, of course) and with a whole lot of hand-waving and hollering and cussing going on in the cab of that truck, we finally made it over far enough and got stopped. I have a dog box mounted in the back of the truck, and from the cab he couldn't tell whether the windows had simply fallen over inside the bed of the truck or whether they had actually gone out the back and disappeared onto the interstate. Forever.....

He finally gets pulled over far enough on the shoulder to suit me, and we hop out to check out the damage. The plastic wrap had loosened and unraveled in the wind, allowing the entire stack to tip over onto its side. Nothing had fallen out of the truck, and somehow none of the windows appeared to be damaged. We got them all set back up and wrapped a ratchet strap around them to hold them (with me giving instructions of course) and were on our way again. We made it home with no more incidents and finally got those things unloaded in one piece. Whew!

We've had a good laugh or two about how everything happened all at once, with neither of us knowing what was going on. But I'll tell you one thing, standing on the bumper of that truck with your back to the traffic on a busy interstate is nerve-racking to say the least. I have a whole new respect for the law requiring you to get over when you see a vehicle on the shoulder. And maybe, just maybe, I need to think about a warning signal for sneezing!



Virginia Boosters 4-H Honors Veterans with Memorial Day Flag Display in New Virginia

NEW VIRGINIA — In preparation for Memorial Day weekend, members of the Virginia Boosters 4-H Club placed American flags along the main streets of New Virginia as a tribute to the men and women who have served and sacrificed for the country. The annual display, which has become a meaningful tradition in the community, was completed by 4-H youth members and volunteers ahead of the holiday weekend. Rows of flags now line the streets, serving as a visible reminder of the importance of Memorial Day and the sacrifices made by veterans and active military personnel.



Did You Know?

When English speakers hear "achoo," they usually respond with either "gesundheit" or "God bless you." "Gesundheit" was borrowed from German, where it literally means "health"; it was formed by a combination of "gesund" ("healthy") and "-heit" ("-hood"). Wishing a person good health when they sneezed was traditionally believed to forestall the illness that a sneeze often portends. "God bless you" had a similar purpose, albeit with more divine weight to the well-wishing. It was once believed that the soul could exit the body during a sneeze, causing ill health, so folks said "God bless you" to ward off this danger. "Gesundheit," at one time, also served as a toast when drinking (much like its English counterpart, "to your health"), but this usage is now mostly obsolete.

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FFA



The Interstate 35 FFA Chapter has had a busy and successful spring focused on strengthening agriculture education and celebrating student achievement. FFA members recently hosted Bring AG 2 U Day alongside members of the Roadrunner AG Club. During the event, students in preschool through fourth grade participated in hands-on agricultural learning activities. Members taught lessons on tractor safety, animal nutrition, horticulture, and other agricultural topics. Students even had the opportunity to learn how to show a pig. The event provided a fun and educational experience for younger

students while allowing FFA members to share their passion for agriculture.

In addition, four chapter members — Keaton Good, Lilly Petersen, Kenzie Stark, and Jenna Rucker — represented the chapter at Winterset AG 4 Kids Day. The members led agricultural trivia activities for fifth grade students from local schools, helping teach the importance and impact of agriculture in everyday life.

FFA members have also been actively competing in Career Development Events throughout the past month, including livestock judging, horse judging, meat judging, and agricultural mechanics contests. This marked the first year the chapter participated in agricultural mechanics competitions.

The Interstate 35 FFA Chapter is also proud to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of the graduating seniors from Interstate 35 High School and the I-35 FFA Chapter. These students have spent countless hours developing their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects, building leadership skills, and representing the chapter through competitions, conventions, and community involvement.

Senior member Gunner Hommer completed a Career Ready Practices SAE and plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa following graduation. His favorite FFA memory was attending the National FFA Convention. During his time in FFA, Gunner earned his Iowa FFA Degree and was a two-time recipient of FFA scholarships.

Carl McMichael also completed a Career Ready Practices SAE and plans to pursue a career in the electrical field. Carl's favorite memory was attending National Convention. He earned his Iowa FFA Degree, received an Academic Achievement Award, and served as a past chapter officer.

With an Equine Placement SAE, Lilly Petersen plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College after graduation. Lilly's favorite FFA memories include National Convention and the chapter trip to Denver. She earned her Iowa FFA Degree, received a chapter scholarship, and served as a multi-year chapter officer.

Ross Baughman completed a Landscape Management SAE and has already begun his career in the workforce. Ross earned his Iowa FFA Degree and received an Academic Achievement Award.



Senior McKenzie Phillips participated in a Beef Production Placement SAE and plans to attend Mercy College of Health Sciences. Her favorite memories included the many trips she attended with the chapter. McKenzie earned her Iowa FFA Degree and previously served as a chapter officer.

Josi Dutrey completed a Beef Production Placement SAE and plans to attend Iowa State University following graduation. Her favorite FFA memory was attending National Convention. Josi earned her Iowa FFA Degree along with an Academic Achievement Award.

After joining FFA during his junior year, Jack Morris became involved with an Agricultural Mechanics SAE and plans to enter the workforce after graduation. His favorite memory was finally being able to drive his tractor to school.

Colby Tidman completed a Career Ready Practices SAE and plans to join the workforce following graduation. His favorite FFA memory was attending National Convention, and he earned his Iowa FFA Degree.


Senior Ellie Hutton completed a Career Ready Practices Placement SAE and plans to attend DMACC. Ellie's favorite memories were the many trips she attended through FFA. She earned her Iowa FFA Degree and also served as a past chapter officer.

The Interstate 35 FFA Chapter congratulates all of its graduating seniors and thanks them for the tremendous impact they have made on the chapter, school, and community. Their dedication, leadership, and hard work have helped strengthen the I-35 FFA Chapter, and the chapter wishes them all the best in their future endeavors.

Looking ahead, the chapter will host a goat show on June 6 in Osceola. The event is expected to bring exhibitors from across the state to participate and showcase their livestock projects.



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MONDAY, JUNE 22

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JOHNNIE JOHNSTON



Johnnie Phillip Johnston, 78, of St. Charles, Iowa, passed away on May 22, 2026. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, papa, pops, son, brother, and friend to all. His sly grin, infectious chuckle, and that mischievous glint in his eye endeared him to all who were lucky enough to know him.

Johnnie was born on June 7, 1947, at home in St. Charles, Iowa, to Phillip and Edythe (Gamble) Johnston. A few years later, his sister Sharry was born, completing their family of four. The two shared many stories, most ending with Sharry, the innocent, in trouble, and Johnnie, the lover of jokes and pranks, looking like an angel. He attended Interstate 35 Schools, where he joined the baseball team and made lasting memories. After high school, he proudly served in the Air National Guard and later graduated from the American Institute of Business. He began his career at Sealy Mattress, where he worked for more than 20 years. He ultimately managed the Des Moines, Iowa, plant, which was recognized as one of the top Sealy manufacturing facilities in the nation. He remained in the industry, leading manufacturing plants for Simmons in Kansas City, Missouri, and Eastman House in Burlington, Iowa. Never one to be idle, Johnnie moved on to other roles at J&J Delivery and Schlarbaum Automotive. He took great pride in his work, leading with integrity, kindness, and an unmatched work ethic.

Johnnie married Deborah Jon Gotschall on July 24, 1971, in Gallatin, Missouri. Together, they raised two daughters, Tina Lyn and Amy Elizabeth.

Johnnie spent his time supporting his family's endeavors and playing softball and bowling with friends. Many fast-pitch softball teams recruited him to pitch, despite him being many years their senior. It was a game he loved fiercely. Johnnie and Debby were inseparable – where one went, the other followed. They loved cheering on their "adopted" granddaughters, Maggie (Downs) Arnold and Emily (Downs) Bass. As their own

grandchildren grew, Johnnie and Debby traveled to every soccer, football, baseball, piano, and mock trial event, and later dance, band, and plays, serving as the biggest cheerleaders for Noah, Jonah, Adleigh, and Ellason.

During years of health challenges, Debby stood by Johnnie as a strong supporter, fierce advocate, and trusted partner. Johnnie was grateful to the medical teams, doctors, therapists, and caregivers who helped him overcome each new challenge. He was blessed with the extra time he had with family and friends, thanks to medical advances and a kidney donation in 2018. He is returning that gift to other families as an organ donor.

Johnnie is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Debby Johnston of St. Charles; his daughters and their families, Tina and Jason Hoffman of Urbandale, and Amy and John Butler of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; grandsons Noah Hoffman and his wife Marina of Des Moines, and Jonah Hoffman of West Des Moines; granddaughters Adleigh and Ellason Butler of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; his sister Sharry and her husband Denny Hanna of St. Charles; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Cindy and Reid Spencer of Gladstone, Missouri, and Marcia Gotschall of Gladstone, Missouri; and many cherished aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Phil and Edythe; his parents-in-law, Janet and John Gotschall; and beloved aunts and uncles.

A Christian burial service was held on May 30, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the St. Charles Parish, a public viewing began at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions in Johnnie's memory may be made to St. Charles Parish, where he was a lifelong member, or the Iowa Donor Network.



Fair entries open from June 1 to July 1 (midnight)

Use the www.warrencofair.com website to access the Fair Entry website.

- Open class is available to Warren County residents from youth to adults. The online Fair book will outline the classes. The culinary department has new classes to celebrate America's 250th. Special rosettes for the winners in 11 classes. Textiles, including quilts, cross-stitch, embroidery, and a quilt square class competition. Lots of classes to choose from. Genealogy, Creative Arts, Photography, and Painting offer classes for youth and adult entries.

Fair clean-up nights (open to anyone) on July 6 and July 13, beginning at 6 pm.

On the Website: 4-H and FFA livestock show schedules, entertainment zone, strolling acts, kids zone, and free stage entertainment.

New to the Fair this year!

- "The Corral" is a beer/beverage garden open from noon to midnight each night of the Fair. Music and food will be a nice addition to this new attraction. Bring your ID. This will be located on the south side of the permanent restroom
- Two new food vendors have been added.
- The Veterans Recognition Ceremony (includes all active and retired service personnel) has been moved to Saturday, July 25th, at 11:00 am on the Free Stage. All service members are welcome to attend. The Elk's Lodge is coordinating the event with the Fair. A meal ticket to the Warren County Cattlemen's or Pork Producers' food stand will be given to service members in attendance.
- Saturday night's Grandstand event will feature favorites from the Combine Demo Derby and Grain Truck races, and new this year is the Torque Turn Nationals. Torque Turn Nationals include pickups that race around barrels in a timed event in the mud. This night has sold out for three years in a row, so purchase your tickets early.

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SCRIBBLINGS FROM SUE

by Sue Stills

"June Is Bustin' Out All Over" is a song by Rodgers and Hammerstein from the classic 1945 musical "Carousel." The character in the musical sings about the arrival of summer and the changing of the season after a long, cold winter in coastal Maine. Such lyrics can also describe a joyful, energetic overflowing of excitement, physical feelings, or vitality. I hope you all feel the joy of seeing flowers blooming, gardens growing, and rains refreshing the earth as the summer begins.

Not a lot going on here with me, although I have recently finished a big sewing project. I have been sewing all my life. My mother sewed, so I am sure that I learned a lot from her. I was in 4-H until I was 21, and I had a yearly sewing project ... some article of clothing. My first 4-H sewing project at 10 years old was an apron, and I still have it. One year at age 12 or so, a dress I made received a blue ribbon at the Erie County Fair. It was chosen to be entered in the New York State Fair, and it also received a blue ribbon. My college graduation gift from my parents was my own sewing machine.

During my working years, I occasionally made clothes for myself and also for other people. I have made curtains, covers for throw pillows and have sewn altar cloths for church. Some years after we retired and moved to Iowa in 1999, I was introduced to quilting. My interest actually began in a small group at the Catholic Church I attended in Huntsville, TX (as a snowbird). The Eleven Threads ladies knitted, crocheted and sewed quilts for newly Baptized babies. I had started participating in the Tuesday quilting group at the New Virginia United Methodist Church, so I believed that I would be able to make baby quilts for Eleven Threads.

With some guidance from the Methodist ladies and an excellent "Complete Guide to Quilting" book, I completed my first baby quilt in May 2010. I made 78 baby and youth-size quilts for Eleven Threads until they discontinued the ministry in May 2016. Additionally, I made five quilts for babies in our family.

My queen-size quilt projects have been: a T-shirt quilt for my brother Bill, with T-shirts on both sides; a quilt using 40 of Mel's neckties (opened up flat so they didn't look like ties); and a yellow, blue and white quilt for us. I decided to hand-quilt this last quilt, so we bought a quilt frame and set it up in the basement (August 2022). Well, then we decided to move to Arizona. We had bought a house that had an extra room, just right for a sewing room. My hand-quilting efforts took three years. The quilt looks beautiful, but I don't think I will do that again.

In March this year, I agreed to make a T-shirt quilt for a lady, Jen, we knew in high school. My brother Jim has kept in touch with her these past 61 years, and he asked if I would consider the project. Long story short, the 88"x 94" T-shirt quilt is complete; I had it quilted by a professional long-arm quilter near me. My sister-in-law used her embroidery machine to make a name label. The T-shirts are in many colors and reflect the places Jen visited or events she attended: Maui, Hawaii; San Francisco; Florida; the Bahamas; two from Woodstock, "Summer of 1969, Peace, Love, Music"; Jimi Hendrix; Bon Jovi; Iroquois (our high school in Elma, NY) Class of '66 25 year reunion. The most interesting one to me is a brown/gray/tan shirt featuring a cowgirl on a bucking horse, "Buffalo Cowgirl Co., 3rd National Bucking Bronco Festival, Shell Mound Park, San Francisco, July 14-23, 1901, Largest Broncfest on the Pacific Coast." I talked to Jen after she received it, and she loves it!

My sewing skills have become known among my friends here in AZ. I have done alterations for 12 friends, and I have done costuming for the Sun Lakes Community Theatre.

We plan to head to Iowa on June 29, arriving at our Airbnb rental on July 1. We look forward to seeing family, friends and the beauty of Iowa for two months. Happy June!

CNC Awards \$1,550 to Ferst Readers of Madison County

With only one presenter at the June Caring Neighbors Circle (5 presenters at March meeting), Sandee Dawdy spoke passionately about the Ferst Readers of Madison County.

Quality, age-appropriate books are mailed monthly, free of charge, to children, birth to 5, who live in Madison County (45 children from 1-35 district families have benefited from this program). Parent newsletter, book guides, activities and resources are included with the book arriving addressed in the child's name each month for child's first 2,000 days. More resources can be found at www.ferstreaders.org. CNC members also agreed to spread the word/deliver pamphlets for Ferst Readers of Madison County.



SCCF (parent organization of CNC) representative Kathy Beaman spoke on behalf of needing new board members: The St. Charles Community Foundation has immediate openings on its volunteer board. Our mission is to enrich the community of St. Charles by supporting and improving our community through charitable giving to projects, programs and organizations. We are a 501C(3) non-profit organization. Our board meets three to four times during May through December to plan our fund-raising projects, review financial information and award grants to other nonprofit organizations in the community. Meetings last 90 minutes or less.

The SCCF is the parent organization for the Caring Neighbors Circle which also has an open board position. We welcome new ideas for funding projects and improvements in our community. Members of the SCCF and the CNC Boards were available at the June 1 CNC meeting to answer your questions about how you can support your community through these opportunities.

Thank you for considering joining the St. Charles Community Foundation or the Caring Neighbors Circle.



Interested in joining
New Virginia Hometown Pride?

Contact nvhp50210@gmail.com

Church Directory

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 United Church of Christ

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

Immaculate Conception

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

Calvary Baptist Church

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

Assumption Shrine, Churchville (Formerly Church of the Assumption)

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

St. Patrick's Irish Settlement

3396 155th St., Cumming, IA 50061
Fr. Thomas Dooley 515-462-1083
Mass: Sunday 8 am
Religious Ed: Ginny Darr, ginginery@aol.com
or call 515-707-9243

Martensdale Community Church

(An Evangelical Free Church)
3953 Hoover St. PO Box 200
Martensdale, IA 50160
1 mile north of Martensdale on Hwy 28
Pastor: Jeremy Kidder
641-764-2491
Associate Pastor: Daniel Moore
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Bible Study: 10:30 am
Sr. High Youth 6 pm Sunday
Awana: 6:30 pm Wed., Sept. thru Apr.
Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Wed., Sept. thru Apr.
www.mcc-church.com

Fairview Community Church

19705 Hwy 69 Indianola, IA 50125
515-961-6069
Pastor Gearold McElwee
Cell 515-669-5519
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sun. Evening Worship 5:30 pm
Cubi Club & Twenty/20 - 5:30 pm
Adult Endeavor - 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study & Youth Classes 7 pm

Faith Fellowship Church

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

New Virginia Christian Church

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

New Virginia United Methodist Church

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

Medora United Methodist Church

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

Church of Christ

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

Linn Grove United Methodist Church

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

St. Paul Lutheran

(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

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

LifePoint Church

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

Peru United Methodist Church

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