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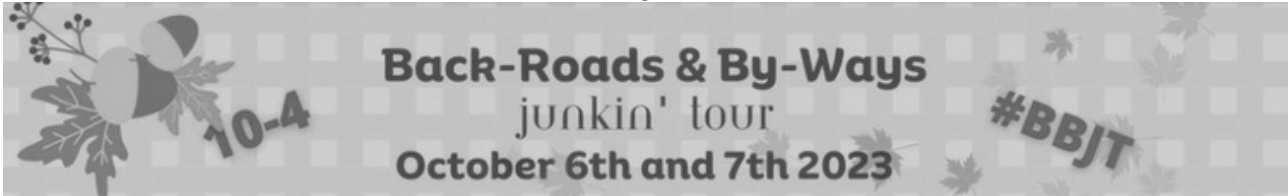
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By Beth Voltmer

The Back-Roads & By-Ways Junkin Tour (BBJT) was a concept I came up with to promote the small “mom and pop” operations in and around Warren County. Specifically, vintage and antiques, farm to table/agri-businesses (small batch soaps, lotions, honey, jams, and jellies, etc.) and those who are “makers”; these types include woodworkers, knitters, upcyclers, and more, and unique boutiques. When I first started it, it included stops in Clarke and Madison Counties. As time went on and conflicts with other events started to come up, I concentrated on Warren County businesses only. There are two on the tour that are just over the line into Clarke County and Lucas County, but they are close enough to be on the tour.

We really concentrate on like-businesses that complement each other, while not all being the same--unique and creative entrepreneurs. Because I’m just another small business and not a paid employee of a chamber or tourism organization, it is a paid event. So, acting like a one-woman chamber/tourism-event planner (for lack of a better label), everyone’s fee is pooled together to give us a very meager budget. We have grown the tour slowly, but surely, adding a little more in marketing and promotion as we go.

Another thing that’s been done is asking for sponsorships from various entities and have always been thrilled with the response. Again, I’ve selected businesses that might benefit from tourism or are small independents in the communities that the tour goes through. Restaurants, coffee shops, convenience stores (not small biz), etc. The goal is to promote and bring awareness to all of us. Their fee pays for our printing costs of maps and postcards, fliers, etc.

This past spring, sponsors came on board by paying a fee to purchase banners. You may have seen them dotting the area. Some sponsors have allowed us to use their place of business to place a banner. This has been a huge help in getting the event seen by many. QR codes are on the banners to make it easy for passersby to point their camera to the code and then they can open the Facebook or Instagram page for more information. One will take the person to our website, which is www.bbjtour.com. They’ve been a huge hit. My hubby, Steve, and I had a nice chat with a couple from Des Moines that were on the bike trail by Middlebrook Mercantile, one of the sponsors and a stop on the tour. We were putting more signs out and they were there, looking at the banner and using the QR code for more information. Others shared that they learned of the event by seeing one of the banners. We can’t thank the sponsors enough for supporting this event.

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ON THE TOUR

<u>Middlebrook Mercantile</u>	4125 Cumming Ave, Cumming
<u>Kristy N's Nuthatch Atelier</u>	1039 Sunset Drive, Norwalk
<u>Memory Lane Metal Barn</u>	4886 Fillmore St, Norwalk
<u>The Barn at Daydream Abode</u>	11879 CR-G24, Indianola
<u>Hyde & Seek</u>	8345 Hwy 28, Prole
<u>Eden Ridge Acres</u>	10126 30th Ave, Prole
<u>Davitt Farm Collective</u>	6346 Kennedy, Prole
<u>Little Junk Shop of Hoarders</u>	101 School St. St Marys
<u>Timer View Antiques</u>	1025 Starline/R45 Hwy, New Virginia
<u>The Next Chapter</u>	2467 Robin St, New Virginia
<u>Burlap & Roses@CHR</u>	4500 G76 Hwy New Virginia
<u>Anthologic Farm</u>	24290 130th Ave, Lucas IA/E of NV
<u>The Bunk House Antiques</u>	57846 150th Ave, Lacona
<u>Patina of Time</u>	17611 Hwy 65, Indianola
<u>Lula Belle</u>	114 W Ashland, Indianola
<u>Pamela's Place</u>	103 W Salem, Indianola

Oct. 6/7th

CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA

Council Meeting Minutes

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 5th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the September council meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: The potholes at Veterans Drive & Felton Street and Felton & Broadway Street have been initially filled and will have some additional patching work done on them.

Changes to the fire department ordinance have been given to the City Attorney so amendments to the ordinance can be drafted.

There is an Emergency Services Advisory Board meeting scheduled for September 14th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss automatic mutual aid with surrounding fire departments and other fire department business. If Justin Strange is unable to attend the meeting, Jarad Taylor will be the alternate.

Information regarding a tree being a safety hazard near the alley behind the fire station has been given to the City Attorney. A letter will be drafted to the property owner that the tree is located on.

Information regarding the appearance of an unoccupied residential structure in the 300 block of Main Street and an occupied residential structure in the 700 block of West Street has been given to the City Attorney to draft letters to the property owners of the two locations regarding citizen complaints about the appearance of these structures.

Citizen Input: Bad cracks and unevenness in East Street north of the intersection of Knotts Street were discussed. Sternquist Construction will be contacted about looking at East Street to get a bid for repairing the problem.

Water Utilities discussed: Some fire hydrants have been flushed. Hydrant flushing will continue during the month of September.

Fire Department Business: The fire department is applying for a DNR grant not to exceed a maximum of \$4,500.00. It is a 50/50 match with the fire department responsible up to \$2,250.00. Items that will be applied for include top priority personal protective equipment of gloves and nomex hoods. Secondary items that will be applied for will be fire hose and fire hose nozzles.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of August was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 30 calls for service during the month of August. Officers spent in excess of 42 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 226 miles within the city limits for the month. Four citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

The placement of a park bench in memory of Sue Douglas was okayed.

GAMP UPDATE

September 5th, 2023

There is a truck pull scheduled for September 30th, 2023, at GAMP.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The Hometown Pride Committee has scheduled an end of the summer Music In The Park social event in Lions Park for September 24th from 2 to 4 p.m. The Hometown Pride Committee inquired if the City had a public performance license. The City does not have a public performance license. More wall painting is planned. It is planned for the north wall of the old hardware building.

There were several people that attended movie in the park night – Remember The Titans on August 19th in Old Settlers Park. There will be another movie in the park night on Saturday September 16th around 7:30 p.m. in Old Settlers Park. The movie will be Top Gun Maverick. There will be candy bars, popcorn and pop available for purchase.

Trick or Treat Night will be Saturday October 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The movie Hocus Pocus 2 is planned to start in Old Settlers Park at 7:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket or two for a spooky good time for the movie in the park.

Discussion was held on the possibility of a city employee for performing the many routine city tasks.

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

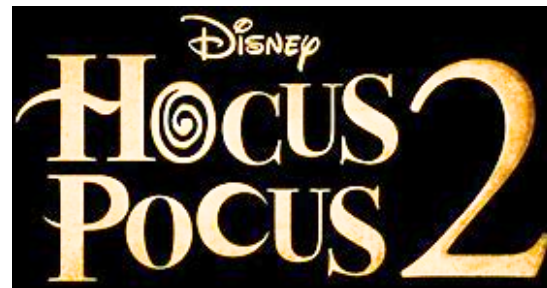
With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The October council meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 7th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. October meeting date – Saturday October 7th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.

Jennifer Baughman

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



Saturday, October 28th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm



the movie to be shown in
Old Settlers Park, New Virginia at 7:30 pm

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.



Recycling Dates
New Virginia
September 21st
October 5th
October 19th

Rental Rates

Gerry Allen Memorial Park Community Building
New Virginia, Iowa

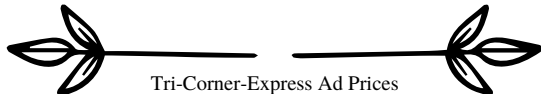
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- All Non-Profits groups - there will be no rental fee.
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- Certificate of liability insurance for rental over 50 people required
- All rentals require cleanup at the conclusion of their event.

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CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	433.4	15016	9/4/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	79.81	15012	8/29/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	79.81	15036	9/13/2023
ATLANTIC COLCA-COLA BOTTLING C	POP MACHINE PRODUCTS	262.68	15018	9/6/2023
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE	73.2	15019	9/6/2023
CENTRAL IOWA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	68	15020	9/6/2023
EXTINGUISHER COMPANY	SERVICE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTIO	174.5	15022	9/6/2023
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	54.68	15024	9/6/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	103.86	16326435	9/4/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	332.7	16326436	9/4/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	368.41	16326437	9/4/2023
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	62	15025	9/6/2023
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	67.22	15037	9/13/2023
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	44.75	15026	9/6/2023
R& R MOWING SERVICE	MOWING CITY AREAS	1,150.00	15027	9/6/2023
WARREN CO FIRE/EMS ASSOCIATION	TECHNOLOGY IAM RESPONDING	379.3	15029	9/6/2023
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	1,136.44	15034	9/9/2023
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHCILE FUEL	341.74	15031	9/6/2023
WHITNEY STUART	GAMP CLEANING	29.25	15035	9/9/2023
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	401.73	15032	9/6/2023
WINTERGREEN CORPORATION	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN NVOSPAK	1,452.70	15033	9/6/2023
	TOTAL GENERAL	7,096.18		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	1,181.77	15016	9/4/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	STREET MAINTENANCE	50	15023	9/6/2023
TERRY STUART	STREET/ALLEY MAINTENANCE	652.54	15028	9/6/2023
	TOTAL ROAD USE	1,884.31		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	125	15017	9/6/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	22.27	15012	8/29/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	22.27	15036	9/13/2023
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE	168	15019	9/6/2023
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	15	15021	9/6/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	MILEAGE WATER SAMPLE DMWW	43.2	15023	9/6/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	107.66	16326435	9/4/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	JULY 2023 WET TAX	590.74	16326438	9/4/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	300.43	16326436	9/4/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	337.08	16326437	9/4/2023
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	4,634.25	15030	9/6/2023
	TOTAL WATER UTILITIES	6,365.90		
	GENERAL	1,778.26		
	WATER	1,601.75		
	Total Payroll Paid	3,380.01		
	***** GRAND TOTAL *****	<u>18,726.40</u>		



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10 x 7	\$175.00

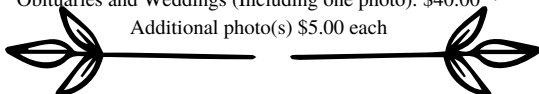
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\$0.10 per word over 100 words \$5.00 for each photo

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

Additional photo(s) \$5.00 each



Virginia Boosters 4-H Club News

Written by Brianna Fantz, Reporter



The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their September 13 meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lions Hall in New Virginia.

Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was ‘What is your favorite subject in school?’ The secretary’s report was read by Brianna, and Jaden gave the treasurer’s report.

This month’s old business discussion was talking about their favorite parts of this previous Warren County Fair. There was much discussion from the older members.

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 September 1; 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 fourth-twelfth grades and has an enrollment fee of \$50 per youth; Record books due October 1; and 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 6 or they become void with no reissue).

The club also discussed doing the New Virginia Trunk or Treat and voted in favor of doing it. The club, also, discussed the October meeting and voted to have a pumpkin painting contest where you bring already painted pumpkins. The club, also, discussed ordering shirts to wear during National 4-H Week.

Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jayden seconded.

The presentation was by Rosemary. Her presentation was on pumpkins.

The next meeting is October 11th at 7:00 PM and we will be having election of officers. Have a good rest of your month. The end.

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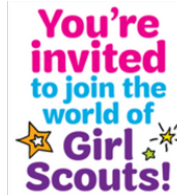
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to register!

New Virginia Hometown Pride Presents

END OF SUMMER SOCIAL

**Sunday September 24, 2023
2 - 4 pm**

New Virginia Lion's Park

MUSIC, PIE, AND DANCING

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Larger communities have chambers of commerce and tourism organizations that are member driven and cities and county governments help financially. Warren County has not had a tourism department for many years, and I just felt that the businesses in the rural areas were being missed. Although there are a few stops in Indianola proper, most venues are located outside the city. The event has been going on for several years, and honestly, I've lost track because we have it twice a year. I know we have a postcard from 2017, so, it's been going on for quite a while. Even Covid didn't stop us. We masked up and went with it.

This fall we have our first couple of "popup" venues, and we welcome more. With that said, those wishing to be on the tour are accepted based on the same criteria and fees and must have a Facebook personal page at the very least. Most of the promotion is done on social media. With that said, we appreciate this publication offering this opportunity to tell you a bit more about the event. Many of the venues are in our readership area. Venues are in Cumming, Norwalk, Prole, Indianola, Martensdale, St. Marys, New Virginia and Lacona.

I asked for feedback from our FB followers on what they've enjoyed about the event. Susan likes shopping at Timber View Antiques and appreciates the cleanliness, organization, and knowledge that Linda and Dave provide. I couldn't agree more. Susan was also inspired to be one of our popup locations with her one-of-a-kind creative piece inspired by nature. The other popup gals were long-time shoppers on tour, too.

Mackenzey shares: "I always like seeing the variety of shops that are open! It's nice to be able to get to many of the businesses knowing they're all open at the same time. I also enjoy meandering through the county and seeing all the new stops and shops!" Dee adds: "We love the tour! We usually have two cars full of ladies and we follow each other from shop to shop looking for new treasures. We take pictures and sometimes have lunch somewhere. We also like to end the day with a drink at a local pub. It is always a great day." Carrie wrote: "It's all just so much fun. My sisters, Mom and I have done the tour for the past couple of years. We drive from Liberty, Missouri, and always find such cool vintage." Another gal tells us that she likes the variety, and it seems there's always a new venue to explore (we have five new ones in this show). I think you get the gist.

From a shopkeeper's perspective, I absolutely LOVE meeting new people and catching up with returning shoppers and locals. I'm sure that is a sentiment that is shared by all.

Kamie with Lula Belle Designs in Indianola says: "I always enjoy being on the BBJT as it brings in new customers from all over. More traffic and more interested in shopping local are what a small business is all about. Always enjoy being on the BBJT as it brings in new customers from all over."

From my view as the creator/promoter...I'm so pleased to be able to bring exposure to the small "mom and pop" entrepreneurs. It's a delight and a lot of work, but I enjoy it. We invite you to do the tour. Whether it be the first time or returning, you'll always find something new, and it goes without saying, local support is ALWAYS A WONDERFUL THING! October 6th and 7th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on both days. Our FB and Instagram accounts are both under our complete name. The list of venues is on our website: www.bbjtour.com where you can get your own plan ready to go. Start and stop as you like. "There is no route, just head on out."

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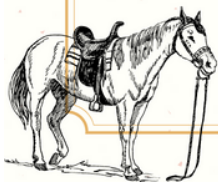
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CITY OF ST CHARLES

11 September 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 9/11/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Lois Stanley, Megan Allison, and Whitney Hutton were present along with five guests.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 8/7/2023: Motion made by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of September Bills: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Lois Stanley to approve the September bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During June there were 63.55 patrol hours 5 calls, and 3 traffic stops.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The August report was submitted.
- Maintenance Report: A discussion was held concerning East Main shoulders. Road crews will be contacted for suggestions.
- Fire/Rescue Department: August minutes were submitted.
- Library Board: August Library Minutes were submitted.
- Welcome Center: Activities are planned for the Covered Bridge Festival, Saturday, October 14th, the Welcome Center will host an Open House from 10 am to 8 pm with Food Trucks available from 4-7 pm and a live band from 6-8 pm.
- Emergency Management: The August report was submitted.
- Clerk's Report: Clerk will attend a State and Federal Funding Webinar on October 25th.
- City Hall will be closed from October 5th – 13th.

Barking Dog: Jeff Jackson shared his concerns over barking dogs near his home. The Mayor and Clerk have both spoken with the homeowner and the problem is being worked on. Mr. Jackson will also have a conversation with the homeowner to work toward a solution.

Resolution 9A-2023 Approving Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 23: Tom Blomme and Dan Kozak made a motion to approve the Street Finance Report as it was submitted to the Iowa DOT. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 9B-2023 Approving the Transfer of Funds: Motion by Tom Blomme/Lois Stanley to approve the budgeted transfer of funds into the Capital Street Project account to cover the cost of road construction. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 9C-2023 Approving Plat of Survey on W. Clanton Street: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the Plat of Survey for Parcel GG located behind 118 W. Clanton Street for Dylan Cosner. R/C vote was unanimous.

Approval of Liquor License for Madison County Chamber of Commerce: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the liquor license for the Madison County Chamber of Commerce at the Welcome Center. R/C vote was unanimous.

Upkeep of the Little Libraries: Motion by Tom Blomme and Whitney Hutton to approve the City of St. Charles to make repairs on the three Little Libraries located in the City. Voice vote was unanimous.

Beggars Night 2023: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve Trick or Treating within the city limits for October 31st from 6-8 pm. Voice vote was unanimous.

Imes Bridge Road: Issue of tourists parking on both sides of the road during events. The City will set out cones within the city limits during events to help with this issue

Public Forum: Request to block off a section of East Sycamore during a block party event to be held on September 24th from 3-7 pm. Motion by Megan Allison/Dan Kozak to approve this request. Voice vote was unanimous.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion by Lois Stanley to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on October 2, 2023, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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



St. Charles Public Library

St. Charles, IA

September 2023
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Covered Bridge Festival

Saturday, October 14th

SC Community Fndn. Breakfast & Bake Sale 7am - 10am

Shops of St. Charles open- 10am - 5pm

Craft Show- Talk Shop Lounge- 10am - 4pm

Talk Shop Lounge Restaurant- 10am - 8pm

Corner Service Open House- 10am - 5pm

Welcome Center Action

Open House 10am - 8pm

Kids activities & face painting 4pm - 6pm

Food Trucks 4pm - 7pm

Music by Sugar Valley- 6pm - 8pm

Sunday, October 15th

Sunday Brunch- Talk Shop Lounge 9am to noon (restaurant until 7pm)

Craft Show- Talk Shop Lounge- 10am - 4pm

Shops of St. Charles- 11am - 4pm

Welcome Center Open- Noon - 3pm

The Case of Old Billy Newell and John Hamner 1883

By Kirk Freeman, 2023

I authored articles on our local history about the Woods family, newspaper rivalries, late nineteenth-century prohibition with Frank Pierce, and the hunt for a “Wildman” as well as other often overlooked stories from the Madison and Warren counties area. We will now hear about the case of a brutal murder and a horrific mob hanging reported worldwide, at the time, and retold for decades afterwards here, in this part of south-central Iowa.

The story begins, as most stories do, with a person. His name was William “Old Billy” Newell (also called “Old Uncle Billy” Newell interchangeably), born in Pennsylvania around 1820 -1821, coming to Iowa circa 1856 as a driver for the Western Stage Company. When the American Civil War broke out in April 1861, William enlisted during the second call for state volunteers, enlisting on 28 Feb 1862 at Knoxville, Iowa, with the 15th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Company G, under command of Captain William T. Cunningham; with Newell stating he was 41 at the time. The former stagecoach driver probably took part in the battles of Shiloh (Tennessee) and Corinth (Mississippi), nevertheless, William Newell was discharged from the Army for disability at Quincy, Illinois, on 17 October 1862. The cause of disability was the loss of a toe that affected his balance, though what caused this loss is unclear at the time of this writing. From then on Mr. Newell worked as a janitor, a wood cutter, and an odd-jobs man around Winterset and environs. His personality was friendly and demurred. When he received his wages for whatever job he was doing, he frequently bought drinks for his friends at the local taverns. He and his wife, Isabel, lived in a small home along North Street, situated one block northeast of the Winterset courthouse.

Newell was the man who fed and sometimes housed minor infraction prisoners’ in his small home while Isabel cooked for them and washed all the prisoners’ clothing which earned the Newells between 80 to 200 dollars per month from the county depending on the volume of clothing, the number of prisoners and the length of jail time for said “inmates.” While the more violent and infamous prisoners stayed in the county jail located in the basement of the courthouse, William would bring food to them, as well as the guards and collect/return laundry daily.

On the night of 4 December 1878, Newell went to unlock the inside door of the county jail to feed two prisoners jailed for armed robbery when they rushed him. Somehow, they got possession of a chunk of hardened steel which they used as a file and sawed off the staple that the sliding bar of the cell door locked into and waited for the opportunity to make a run for their freedom. When William Newell arrived, one of the prisoners struck Newell’s head with a table leg broken from a stand in the cell and attempted to force his way past Newell and push him into the cell, but Old Billy held onto the open door with such a strong grip they discovered they could not budge him. To loosen his grip, one prisoner started striking Newell’s fingers with the iron staple. cutting and bashing the digits, but the old man stubbornly refused to release his hold. During this quick scuffle, Newell was shouting for assistance from a nearby jailor, named Fulton, who was in the outer room eating his supper. When Fulton opened the outer door, the prisoners pummeled him with the same table leg. The prisoners both pushed past the stunned Fulton and ran up the stairs, out of the jail and made a break towards the south side of the square and the woods beyond. Seconds later, both Fulton and Newell came staggering up the stairs and, once outside, raised the alarm.

At first, locals in the area ignored the shouts of alarm from Newell and Fulton. Then two men standing and talking on the southeast corner of the square took the commotion seriously and started a running-foot pursuit of the escaped prisoners. When the prisoners split up, one continuing south and the other westward, their pursuers also separated and kept up the chase individually. Both pursuers ran down the escapees, and after an exchange of fists and kicks from all parties involved, recaptured both.

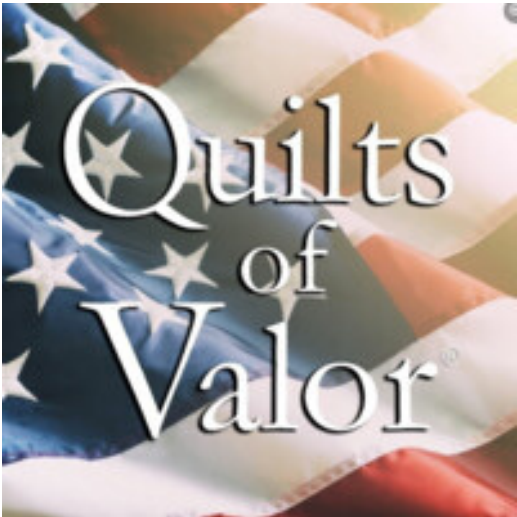
Sometime in the late 1870’s Newell started affairs with various women in town. These affairs might have strained his marriage but did not seem to cause too much concern for all parties involved as newspaper gossip columns from this time do not discuss it. It was not until years later that this information about these affairs went into print. But it will be important later in this story.

John Hamner was born around 1838 in Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana, and moved to Scott Township in Madison County in the early 1850’s. When that war broke out, he left for Illinois to “join up” with relatives and enlisted in the 28th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company I, on 27 August 1861. His enlistment papers describe him as a 23-year-old farmer, single, with light hair, light complexion, blue eyes, and standing 5’ 10”. He enlisted for three years with Captain E. Hurt at Barry, Illinois, and went to Camp Butler, Illinois, for training and quickly received a promotion to Corporal. Stricken with severe measles in January 1862 kept Hamner hospitalized, and near death, before being discharged in June of that year at Louisville, Kentucky, for irreversible damages to his diseased lungs (Bronchiectasis). This lung condition affected him for the rest of his life. Bronchiectasis resulted in constant breathing difficulties, intense fatigue, muscle weakness, frequent (daily and nightly) coughing with sputum, and chronic wheezing. Prolonged or quick intensive labor or excitement would aggravate this condition. This was evident enough that the 1880 census listed John Hamner as a recent widower, with a seven-year-old son, and side-noted with the disability condition “afflicted of his lungs.”

These two civil war veterans lived in Madison County and were both considered physically hindered by the war. One, William Newell, well-liked by people and his disabilities accepted while working as a wood sawyer and “doing other odd jobs” man. The other, John Hamner, also did odd jobs but was not very well-liked, many local men considered his disabilities as more a sign of a weak character and constitution than an actual physical hindrance. He was rumored as a frequenter of local houses of ill repute, cheap gin halls, and a drunkard. In June of the year 1882, these two would be on the course for murder.

For more of this story, stay tuned for next month’s Tri-Corner-Express.....

1. Roster and Record of the 15th Iowa Volunteer Infantry
2. Various issues of The Winterset Madisonian 1875-1923. 1870 and 1880 Iowa Census, The Winterset Madisonian Friday, January 18, 1907, pg., 1
3. The Winterset Madisonian; Thursday, December 12, 1878, p., 24
<https://apps.ilsos.gov/isaveterans/civilMusterSearch.do> online military record for John Hamner
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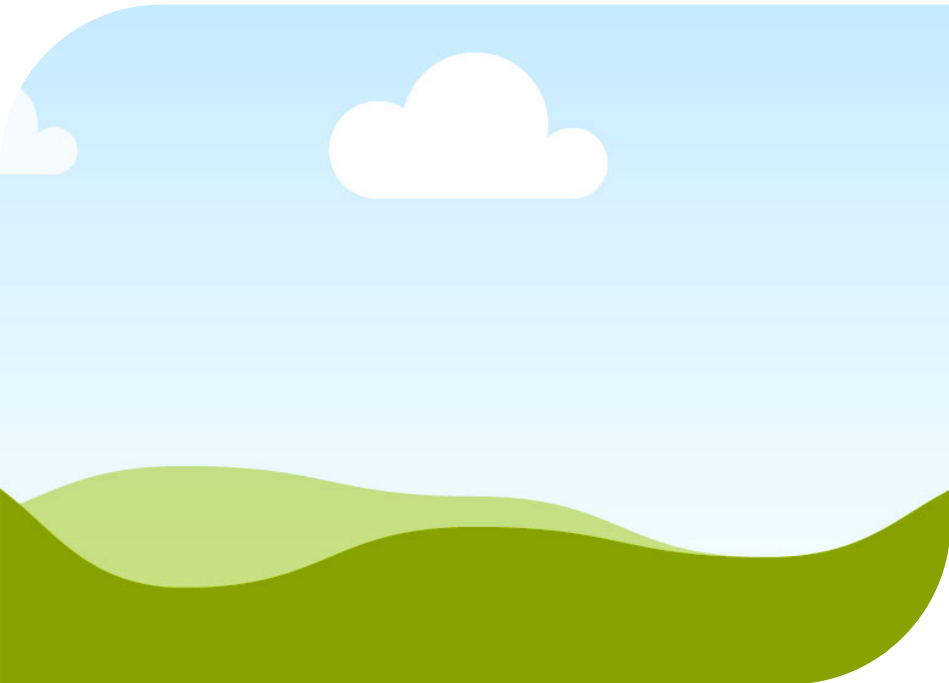
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The secondary student body gets ready to participate in the annual homecoming pep assembly.

Roadrunner Homecoming A Success!

The 2023 school year brought an early homecoming week for the Interstate 35 Roadrunners, with the week full of student activities and celebrations. The cross country team made their annual game ball run from Woodward-Granger to Truro (over 60 miles!), the middle school volleyball team swept rival West Central Valley, and the football team held on to beat Woodward-Granger 21-20 in a thrilling homecoming game! Included in the busy week was also coronation, where the King and Queen were named (congratulations to seniors Jenna McCuddin and Eli Green) and the Wall of Pride welcomed two new inductees, Tobin Anderson and Randy Calvert. One of the themes found across so many activities and speeches was how the I-35 community continues to always work together, because together we can achieve anything.

Homecoming is about celebrating who we are and the PRIDE we have in our communities, school and most importantly our students. Roadrunners do homecoming right!



I-35 Welcomes New Teachers to the I-35 Community

Over the next few months, we will be showcasing our new teachers. We are excited about the enthusiasm and passion for teaching they each bring to our school district. Welcome to Interstate 35 Community Schools!



(High School Math) **Mrs. Brooke Miller** grew up in Earlham and now calls Saint Charles home. She has worked as a wellness coordinator at Calvin Community for her first two years out of college and then spent the next 15 years working at Westview Care Center in various administrative roles. Some of her hobbies include repurposing furniture, gardening, exercising, spending time outdoors, and spending time at her kids' activities.

She loves being a Roadrunner because having grown up in a small town, she and her husband appreciate the small-town community. She loves being able to serve and impact our local students and families in this community they love. She started subbing at I-35 after feeling called to help out during a shortage of substitutes and fell in love with being able to build positive relationships with students. She also enjoys helping them build belief in themselves, encouraging them to work hard, and being that smile or "good morning" for them on a rough day.

(High School Family Consumer Science) **Mrs. Lori Howe** was raised in and graduated from Osceola, IA. She and her husband purchased a home, and reside on a small farm south of New Virginia. Prior to coming to I-35 she was a Teacher of the Visually Impaired for six years and a special education teacher for 16 years.

She enjoys spending time at cattle shows and rodeos. The thing she likes most about being a Roadrunner is being a part of a team that works together to help each other out.



New Teachers (continued)



(High School Social Studies) **Mr. Bryce Porter** is originally from Altoona, IA. Before coming to I-35, he finished up his undergraduate degree at the University of Northern Iowa! He loves all things music! In his free time, he is usually shopping for vinyl records or going to different concerts around the midwest.

He likes being a Roadrunner because of the community. He loves the fact that the community is smaller, but supports the students more than some of the bigger school districts he has been in.



Homecoming week ended with a football victory over Woodward-Granger. Good Work!

Upcoming Events

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

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| Monday, Oct. 16 | Volleyball Playoffs (TBA) |
| Wednesday, Oct. 18 | Volleyball Playoffs (TBA) |
| Thursday, Oct. 19 | Cross Country District (TBA) |
| Monday, Nov. 6 | Parent/Teacher Conferences-2 hour early dismissal |
| Thursday, Nov. 9 | Parent/Teacher Conferences-2 hour early dismissal |
| Friday, Nov. 10 | No School-Teacher Inservice |
| Wednesday, Nov. 22 | No School--Thanksgiving Break |
| Thursday, Nov. 23 | No School--Thanksgiving Break |
| Friday, Nov. 24 | No School--Thanksgiving Break |



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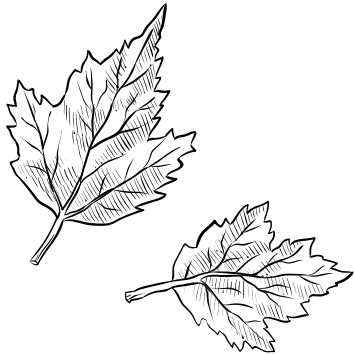
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Explorer Post 113 of Truro rescued two fishermen in the boundary waters of Quetico Park in North Agnes Lake in Canada on their recent trip. Dr. Wayne Shill and his son had overturned their canoe 400 yards from the Explorer Packs campsite. Joanie Husted and Terry Stuart alerted the Pac members someone needed help.

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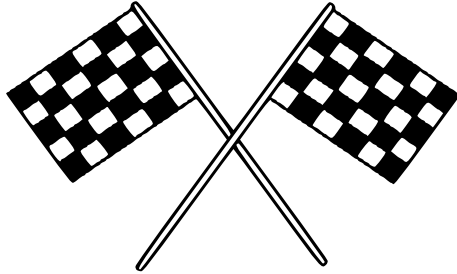
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Friends,

As you know, the local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are always out in the community. New Virginia, St. Charles and Truro have benefited from many Eagle Scout projects. You've seen the grocery sacks that they've left on your doorstep for the foodpantry and you've helped fill them with groceries for those in need. **THANK YOU!** Well, now these Scouts from Troop 119 of New Virginia (with Scouts living in all three towns) need our help. Recently their enclosed trailer broke beyond repair at the end of a very long road trip to summer camp in Michigan. Thankfully, no one was hurt! This trailer has made countless Scouting trips hauling their tents and supplies to places like Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, Kansas and other camping adventures around the state of Iowa over the years.

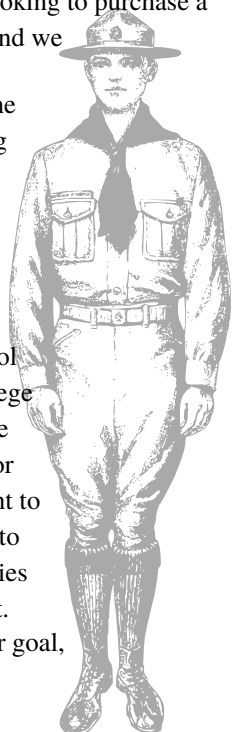
It is such a vital part of the troop's toolbox that it needs immediate replacement. The troop is looking to purchase a new or slightly used enclosed trailer, and we want to help them!

Having a strong Scouting program in the community is so vital. Producing young people with life skills and learning opportunities only strengthens our community and benefits our future. Statistics prove that Scouting improves future outcomes for young people like higher grades, lower instances of alcohol and drug abuse, greater chances of college and trade school success, higher income later in life, and overall preparedness for whatever life throws at them. If we want to keep our communities strong, we need to encourage the organizations and activities that further positive youth development. To give a donation and help us with our goal, please send your donation to

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We appreciate your help greatly! Thank you!

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Wednesday 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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This year the New Virginia Public Library applied for and received a STEM Cart through this program. The cart has over 18,000 components to create projects with. Tracee, the library director, went to Urbandale to complete a 6-hour training course to learn how to implement the lessons and materials included with the cart. Stop into the library and checkout all the fun things that you can build with and also look for upcoming new and exciting programs centered around STEM in the future.

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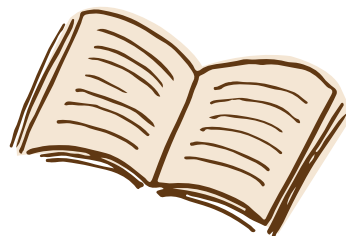
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BOOK REVIEW



She Flew the Coop: A Novel Concerning Life, Death, Sex and Recipes in Limoges, Louisiana
by Michael Lee West

Set in small-town Limoges, Louisiana in 1952, this story starts out with young Olive Nepper trying to commit suicide after she finds out she is pregnant. The town rallies around Olive and her family, but everyone is not what they seem. The players are interesting to say the least! The author shows us all the little idiosyncrasies of the characters, from Olive herself, to her parents, her friends, her neighbors, and the Baptist minister who preys on young girls. They end up telling the story in their own words. Olive's mother Vangie tries to figure out her own life after finding out that her husband is having an affair with the town tramp, and she is dealing with her daughter's suicide attempt at the same time. Olive's father wants to have his cake and eat it too. Olive's aunt has her own mind and is not afraid to speak it. Friends and neighbors and a long-time household servant round out the cast, all of them interesting in their own way. The biggest take I got out of this book was the fact that even though times have changed, people have not. What goes on now, went on back then; it was just hidden or not admitted to in public. Set back in the 1950's, this book portrays small-town Southern life as it was back then. Although it sounds like a serious book, the author was able to combine comedy with dark calamity. A great read in my opinion!

Contributed by Terry Garner

Growing Iowa's Future Farmers - Midwest Heritage Youth Heifer Program

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The goal of the Midwest Heritage Youth Heifer Program is to help young future farmers gain interest and knowledge of the beef cattle industry by awarding bred heifers to the program recipients. Midwest Heritage grants up to five 7th and 8th graders three bred heifers. During the five-year program, recipients are responsible for the management and daily care of their herd. At the conclusion of the five years, recipients are responsible for paying back the initial market value of the three bred heifers. For more information or to apply go to:
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2024 Youth Heifer Program

Applications due October 13, 2023



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The Youth Heifer Program allows participants to learn financial literacy, budgeting and herd management skills that provide the opportunity to repay the loan and save for the future.

Program Guidelines/Eligibility

- Applicants must be a 7th or 8th grade student (as of fall of 2023) residing in Adair, Lucas, Madison, Ringgold, or Warren County, Iowa.
- Participant must maintain accurate records of income, expenditures and brief summary of activities and submit these records annually.
- Participant must pay back Midwest Heritage the market value of the bred heifers. The market value is established when the heifers are received. Payment due date is 5 years after heifers are received.
- Must be willing to promote Midwest Heritage and the Youth Heifer Program in their community.
- Applications and letters of recommendation are due by October 13, 2023.
- Winners will be notified by October 20, 2023.

Deadline for application is October 13, 2023

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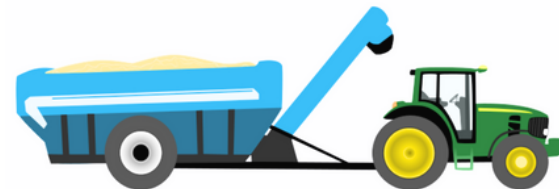


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Online Grant Writing 101 Workshop Scheduled October 3

Representatives of nonprofits, governmental entities and school districts are encouraged to register for Grant Writing 101, an online workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, October 3.

Grant Writing 101 is a workshop created by ISU Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development (CED) staff to provide Iowans with hands-on training in identifying grant funding opportunities and writing successful grant applications.

The workshop will be conducted by CED specialists Jane Nolan Goeken and Lindsay Henderson.

Both have extensive experience writing and reviewing grant applications and working with various federal, state, local and private foundation grant programs. They will assist workshop participants in exploring various public and private funding sources and provide instruction and tips on planning projects and writing successful grant applications.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$25, with registration is required by October 1. Those interested can register online (<https://go.iastate.edu/M1SR6Y>).

For more information about the workshops, contact Jane Goeken at jngoeken@iastate.edu or 712-240-2504.



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JESUS' RIGHT HAND

Along life's journey, it's inevitable that you will experience many, many "firsts." Whether these experiences fall into a positive or a negative category, there is one overriding factor; it is unfamiliar, and you have never been there before. You may have known someone who has experienced what you are currently going through, but it's definitely not the same as being thrust into something personally. Good or bad, we will all basically go through the same reactions such as the initial shock, disbelief, denial, bargaining or acceptance...it varies according to the situation. Our human mind enjoys the predictable, smooth path of routine. But we fail to realize that without all the "firsts," there can never be any growth in our lives. Think of all the "firsts" that a baby experiences: the first tooth, the first steps, the first words. Each of those experiences has two sides, a positive and a negative. The first tooth is something to celebrate, but the teething process for that tooth can be painful and very unfamiliar for both the baby and the parents. We can't wait until our little one finally takes that first step, but it comes with bumps, bruises, and falls in the process. We can remember hearing the first word from our baby, but remember the months of frustration we spent trying to figure out what this fussy, screaming little human was trying to let us know each time they opened their mouth?

Most of our experiences are peppered throughout life, and we can handle them one or two at a time over a span of time. Then there was Job of the Bible. If you've ever read the Book of Job, you've really got to feel bad for this guy. According to the text, he really didn't do anything to deserve all the things that happened to him. But Job experienced so many negative "firsts" in such a compact, short amount of time that even his wife and friends turned on him. Here was Job's life, ideal and perfect in every way one minute, and suddenly, all the woes began to pile on without any sign of letting up! I never really understood the depth and complexities of the Book of Job, and I'm Ok with knowing that God is God, and I am definitely NOT.

After the loss of a spouse, I learned that you experience an entire year of "firsts." The first Christmas without them, the first anniversary you celebrate alone, even the first time you sleep in a bed alone after so, so many years. These firsts all come over the expanse of a year and when you reach the one-year anniversary of their passing, you feel like maybe you can take a step toward the new normal. The girls and I grew stronger during that first year, and I felt that we came through reasonably well. There were some road bumps along the way, but they were spaced far enough apart to give us time to breathe and regroup between some of the more challenging times.

That year of firsts did nothing to prepare me for what I have decided to call my "Week of Job." I refuse to give any glory to the details of that particular week, but let's just say that it was a rapid onslaught of fiery darts aimed directly at me in the span of less than a week which left me reeling and stunned. I couldn't even take a breath between each "first," let alone try to comprehend what was happening. The concentration of events took place over four days in the last week of August, but there have been residual darts whizzing around my head even to the time of this writing. At one point I became so frustrated and overwhelmed that I began to vent my emotions and say things to God that I knew weren't true about Him. In my heart I knew He was still there and that He still loved me. That's when I began to relate to Job. Not one thing that happened during that time was a direct result of any of my personal actions or decisions. It just happened. At one time, two of these things happened only hours apart. No rhyme or reason, they just happened. I have learned never to ask WHY when I'm in the middle of the WHAT. That lesson was soon forgotten as I asked God why, over and over again. But all I got was silence from Heaven and a heaping helping of regret because I knew deep in my heart that His love and grace was enough to help me through this time.

How did God's love and grace sustain me? He surrounded me with family and friends that prayed for me and encouraged me, even though they couldn't understand the WHY. I felt God's love pouring from them in just the right way at just the right time. They let me ramble on without questioning my life like Job's friends did in the Bible. Their love was unconditional, and they took up the duties I couldn't do at the ministry while I worked on extinguishing those fiery darts. They only offered advice if I asked for it but always seemed to do or say the right thing at the right time. We are so blessed to be in this family of God, through the good times and the bad. Please know that we are here for you at Jesus' Right Hand should you need encouragement, prayer or just a hug. No judgment, no condemnation...just God's love in the area where it's needed. Please be encouraged by these words and be blessed in what you do.

In His Love and Service,
Jesus' Right Hand

GHOST LIGHT DAYS GRAND MARSHALL

CHARLOTTE GEHRINGER

contributed by her family

If you have ever been to a MstM event, you likely have met the social and caring Charlotte Gehringer. Charlotte Wilgenbush grew up in St. Marys and has resided in the area her whole life. She is proud of the community and has a deep love for the MstM School District.



Throughout her school years, Charlotte attended the school that formerly stood in St. Marys near the baseball fields. She was actively involved in basketball (in which she was the leading scorer), music, drama, and class officer. In 1953, she was crowned Homecoming Queen and Carnival Queen. In 1954, she graduated with a class of ten as a St. Marys "Panther." Charlotte Wilgenbush proclaimed in her high school yearbook that, "I don't care how you spell my name; I'll change it someday anyway." The man that changed her name was Maurice Gehringer, a graduate of St. Marys in 1945. Sadly, Maurice passed away in 2009 leaving a hole in the Gehringer families' heart.

From Maurice and Charlotte's marriage, six children were born. All the children grew up and graduated from MstM. Charlotte is also blessed with eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren:

JOHN AND AMBER and their children, Trevor and Nicole and their children, Averil, Dawsyn, Dylann and Devyn; Lacey and Josh Furman and their children, Ira and Veda.

RANDY AND KARLA GEHRINGER

STEVE AND JOLENE GEHRINGER and their children, Morgan and Randal Schultz and their children Sutton and Sawyer; Kati and Drew Ross and their son Jameson

BETH GEHRINGER and Tomsie Smith.

ROB AND WENDY GEHRINGER and their children, Lane, Courtney Gehringer and Raithe Clemmons

BRIAN AND MAUREEN GEHRINGER and their children, Tucker and Zachary Throughout the years, Charlotte has been to numerous activities for her children and grandchildren.

She currently is a member of the St. Marys Red Hat Club and the St. Marys Coffee Club. Charlotte now resides in Norwalk at the Regency Care Center and Assisted Living Retirement Home.

Charlotte feels so honored to be able to represent the community, that she is and has always been so proud of, during the St. Marys Ghost Light Days as the 2023 Grand Marshall.



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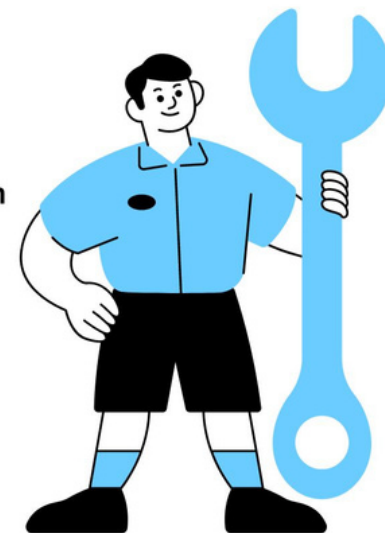
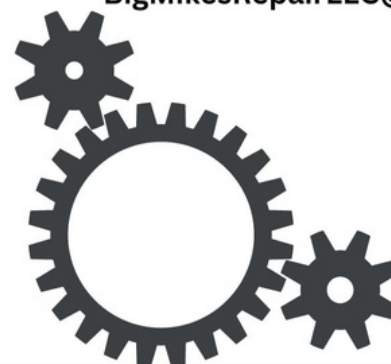


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Jennifer Baughman 641-449-3492

I'm like a broken record, still talking about the hot, dry Arizona summer. In spite of twice-daily irrigation of our trees and plants, most of them have been severely damaged by the unprecedented heat spell. I doubt that the "dry and crispy" ones will come back, but I do have hope that the two rose bushes and the four fruit trees will revive. We see some very sad casualties in the saguaro cacti, with their giant "arms" falling off, and some saguaro having to be completely cut down. We have had only three or four thunderstorms, preceded by dust storms, in this "monsoon season."

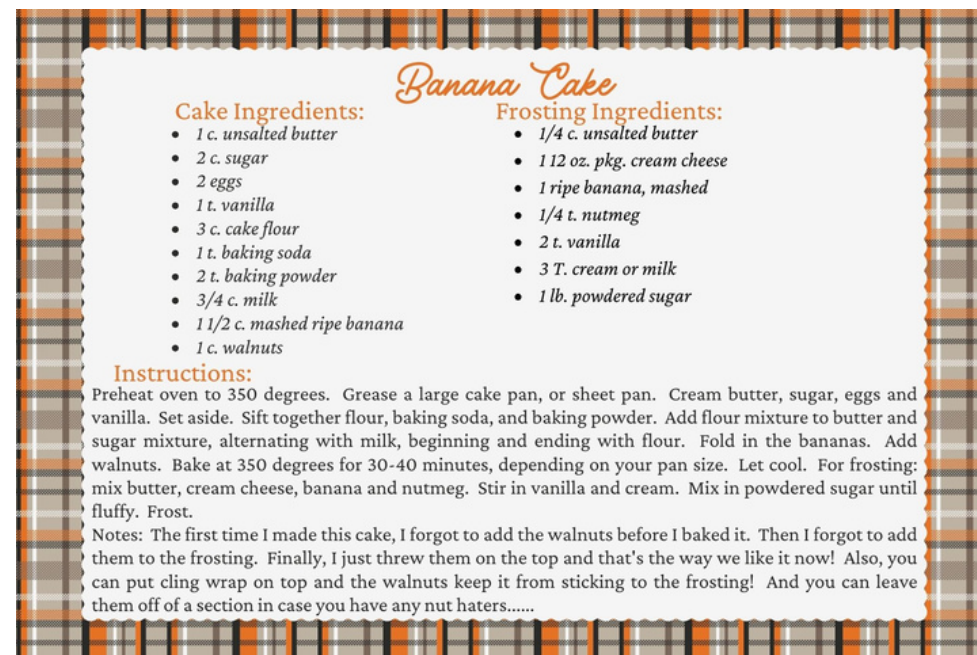
The biggest renovation in our house began in early August, and it is nearing completion. We had all of the flooring taken up – dark "wood" in the living and dining rooms and tile in the kitchen, laundry room, both bathrooms and hallway. Our contractor Jimmy has laid tile throughout, for a uniform look in the house. Then all of the baseboards will need to be constructed and installed. Then all of the furniture will need to be returned to their proper places. Of course, there is concrete dust everywhere from the preparation of the floor. I've been promised professional cleaning help to take care of that. We also had the walls in the main living area painted. So the house will have a brand new look.

I guess most of us have heard the expression "The best laid plans of mice and men can often go awry (or wrong)." In the website www.interestingliterature.com, Dr. Oliver Tearle wrote that "This is one of those literary quotations which have slipped free of their origins and taken on a whole new, proverbial meaning. We know this saying to mean that, however carefully you plan a particular undertaking, something nevertheless often goes wrong with it along the way." I guess another expression we might use when something sabotages our plans would be that a "monkey wrench" got thrown into them. Well, mice, men or monkey wrenches, that is what happened to our plans to travel the month of August to Tennessee, Georgia, New York State, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Oklahoma, visiting family and friends.

We did make it to Gatlinburg, TN and attended our grandson Josh and Mary's lovely wedding and reception on August 12. Unfortunately, Mel's weakness and poor heart function cancelled the rest of the trip, and with the help of my brother Jim, we arrived back in AZ on August 18. We took Mel to the hospital, and he remained there until September 5, returning home. Actually, not to OUR home, but to Jim's. Jim flew back to Atlanta, GA to continue helping my other brother Tom with a construction project. We will stay at Jim's until our flooring project is completed. Mel had his long-awaited mitral heart valve replacement on September 12 through a transcatheter procedure, not through his chest. The procedure went well, and we hope his heart-related symptoms will be greatly alleviated and that he will no longer need oxygen 24/7. He will be receiving home health services and physical therapy.

Continuing to share the information from interestingliterature.com, the "mice and men" expression originated with a poem written by Robert Burns (1759-1796), Scotland's best-known poet, entitled "To a Mouse, On Turning Her up in Her Nest with the Plough, November 1785." Burns poem inspired the title of John Steinbeck's novel *Of Mice and Men*. The mark that Burns has left on the English language, as well as Scottish culture, is considerable. Every New Year's Eve, millions of people around the world sing a song which he at least popularized, even if he didn't actually write the words. The song is Auld Lang Syne which translates to Old Long Since and can be interpreted as "since long ago" or "for old times' sake." The singer Bob Dylan called another of Burns' poems, "A Red, Red Rose," his single biggest inspiration. As if that isn't enough, both a hat, the tam o' shanter, and a ship, the Cutty Sark, were named in honor of the poem "Tam o' Shanter" by Burns. The hero, Tam o' Shanter, wears a hat which now bears his name, while a witch in the poem wears a short shirt, her "cutty sark," which gave its name first to a tea clipper and then, in time, to a brand of whisky.

My older brother Tom and his wife Gwen have finally decided to move to Sun Lakes from Georgia, near the rest of us. They just purchased a house two houses down from our brother Bill's house. Their plan is to rent it out unfurnished over the winter, then move into it in the spring. They have a lot of work ahead of them. We all will be happy to have them here. Enjoy the autumn! I know we will here.

Banana Cake

Cake Ingredients:

- 1 c. unsalted butter
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 t. vanilla
- 3 c. cake flour
- 1 t. baking soda
- 2 t. baking powder
- 3/4 c. milk
- 1 1/2 c. mashed ripe banana
- 1 c. walnuts

Frosting Ingredients:

- 1/4 c. unsalted butter
- 1 12 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 2 t. vanilla
- 3 T. cream or milk
- 1 lb. powdered sugar

Instructions:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a large cake pan, or sheet pan. Cream butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Set aside. Sift together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Add flour mixture to butter and sugar mixture, alternating with milk, beginning and ending with flour. Fold in the bananas. Add walnuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes, depending on your pan size. Let cool. For frosting: mix butter, cream cheese, banana and nutmeg. Stir in vanilla and cream. Mix in powdered sugar until fluffy. Frost.

Notes: The first time I made this cake, I forgot to add the walnuts before I baked it. Then I forgot to add them to the frosting. Finally, I just threw them on the top and that's the way we like it now! Also, you can put cling wrap on top and the walnuts keep it from sticking to the frosting! And you can leave them off of a section in case you have any nut haters.....



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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.

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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

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101 St. James St PO Box 88

St. Marys, IA 50241

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660 215-0757

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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

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Pastor: Darin Feikema

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

Sunday Worship: 11 AM

New Virginia United Methodist Church

301 West Street / Box 301

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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

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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

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Elder: Mike Penick 515-989-4165

Deacon: Fred Bown 641-764-2484

Deacon: Richard Bown: 641-764-2765

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Prole IA, 50229

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515-981-4062

Sunday Breakfast: 8 - 9:30 AM

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Traditional & Children Sunday Worship 10 AM

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

Pastor's email: bernieco2003@yahoo.com

St. Paul Lutheran

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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

