



*Zearing Newsletter*  
*May 2024*

Mayor's Message

May has arrived and it's nice to see the flowers start to bloom and lawns turn green. It's also nice to see some much-needed rain help everything grow. Let's all remember as the weather gets nicer there will be more people and young people walking and playing outside. When driving on the streets, let's all be aware of the children.

Have a good month and enjoy the nice weather.

Mayor Martin



*"All that I am, or ever  
hope to be, I owe to my  
angel mother."*

*— Abraham Lincoln*



I wish to express a sincere thank you to the 45 people who sent birthday cards to Jean Watts to celebrate her special day. She wore a smile as she read them and then mailed cards to others. A very special thank you goes to the following care takers for making her life easier: Reva Oakes, Peggy Obrecht, Helen Wright, Connie Cornelius, and Amanda Ryan. Thank you, Richard Schnormeier

## 2024 Sophomore's Summer Salute to Service

Are you a Veteran or Active-Duty service member? Are you from the Story County area? Would you enjoy watching the Iowa Cubs take on the Indianapolis Indians at Principal Park in July? Then please sign up for a day of fun, food, baseball, great conversations and let me thank you and recognize YOUR service and sacrifices!

**\*\*Pre-registration is required by June 1, 2024** due to limited seating in the reserved picnic/ lounge area! These limited seats will fill fast, so don't miss out!

**Game Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**Time: Gates open at noon and our event begins/ first pitch is at 1:08pm**

**Where: Principal Park (Home of the Iowa Cubs)**

**Cost: FREE FOR VETERANS/ ACTIVE-DUTY \*additional tickets can be purchased at time of registration if you would like to have a friend/ spouse/ children accompany you\***

The day will include the following:

-Reserved outdoor seat by home team bullpen for each person AND reserved seat overlooking the field in the AIR-CONDITIONED lounge for each person!

**PLUS...**

-ALL YOU CAN EAT bacon cheeseburgers, Chicago style dogs, potato salad, chips, popcorn, and peanuts until the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> and unlimited soda and water all day are **INCLUDED.**

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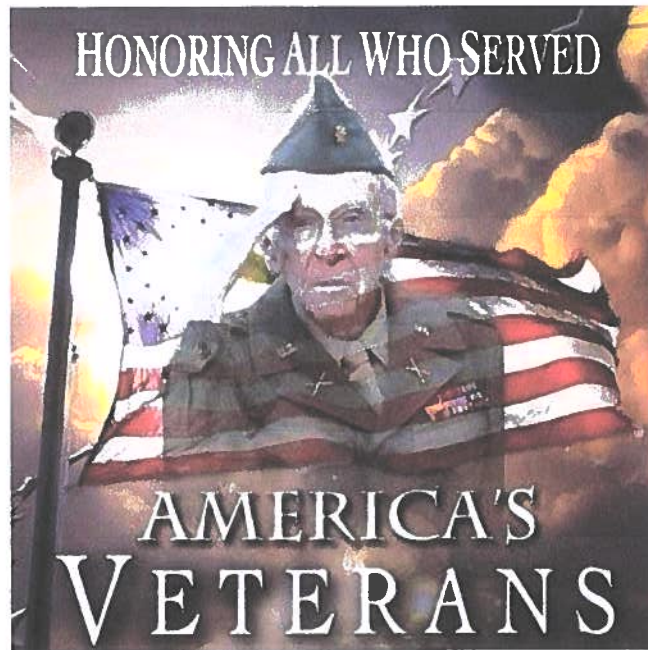
-You will be able to receive 1 **FREE** Iowa Cubs baseball cap, baseball, mini bat or t-shirt (Medium or XL sizes) of your choice.

**PLUS...**

-**Free** t-shirt made just for you and EXCLUSIVE to this event!

-The group will be recognized on the jumbo screen and each person will be individually recognized for their service during the event.

**WANT TO REGISTER? WANT MORE DETAILS? HAVE QUESTIONS? All you need to do is call me (515) 817-3291 or email me: loladavis66@yahoo.com and we will take care of the rest!**



***Memorial Day Events at  
McCallsburg American Legion Hall  
Monday May 27, 2024***

*9:00am Coffee & Bars served by Legion Auxiliary*

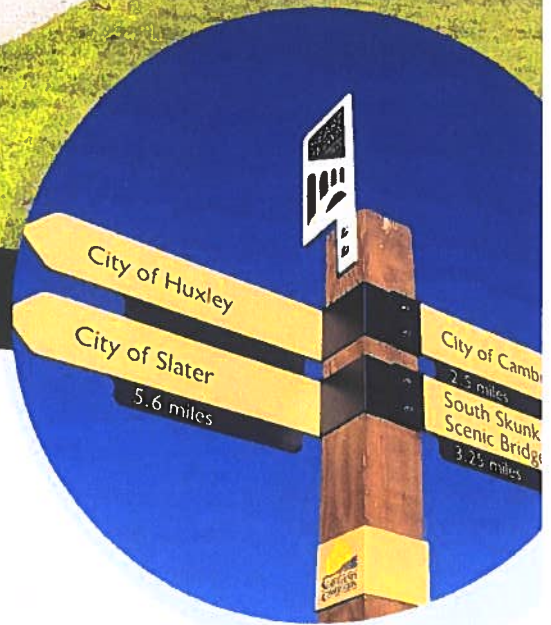
*10:00 a.m. Program by American Legion Post #334  
followed by a Memorial Service at the  
McCallsburg Cemetery*

*12:00 noon Dinner at the Bethany Lutheran Church  
(free will offering)*

***Our Speaker this year  
Will be Dan Bappe from Nevada***



# STORY COUNTY TRAILS MASTER PLAN



Join us at an Open House event to share your thoughts, ideas, & suggestions about trail usage in Story Co. as we plan trail improvements within your community. Can't attend? Take our online survey!

## ONLINE SURVEY

**MAY 07** | Huxley, IA  
Nord Kalsem Park Shelter  
5:30 P.M - 7:00 P.M

**MAY 09** | Roland, IA  
Erickson Park Shelter  
5:30 P.M - 7:00 P.M



Scan QR code to take survey!

Or visit [www.storycountyconservation.org](http://www.storycountyconservation.org)

## BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL

### PRICE LIST

Below you will find a general price list for the disposal of items that may be too big and bulky to fit in your garbage receptacle. This list contains the most common bulky waste items we deal with, so if you cannot find what you are looking for on this list, you may need to call us to get a price quote. **We ask that you always call ahead so we may plan accordingly!** Note that these prices may vary depending on the actual size and weight of the items being disposed of. Apart from those within Zearing city limits, scheduling curbside pickup may require an additional trip charge to your total. We do ask that customers always call ahead for the appropriate disposal instructions and to receive a final price quote. *Please note that these rates are only valid for current Jerry's customers.*

Bulky Waste Item	Item Description	Trip Charge	Price Per Item
Bed Frame/Platform	Size - King, California King		\$15.00
Bed Frame/Platform	Size - Twin, Full, Queen		\$10.00
Bed Mattress/Box Spring	Size - King, California King		\$15.00
Bed Mattress/Box Spring	Size - Twin, Full, Queen		\$10.00
Bicycle/Tricycle/Scooter	Non-motorized	Yes	\$5.00
Bicycle/Tricycle/Scooter	Motorized	Yes	\$25.00
Cabinet/Hutch	Size - Large	Yes	\$10.00
Cabinet/Hutch	Size - Small		\$5.00
Carpet/Area Rug	Max 200 sqft - must be bundled.		\$20.00
Cell Phone	Requires special pickup.	Yes	FREE
Chair (Non-Reclining)	Size - Large		\$10.00
Chair (Non-Reclining)	Size - Small		\$5.00
Chair, Recliner	Non-electric		\$10.00
Chair, Recliner	Electric	Yes	\$25.00
Computer/Monitor/Laptop	Requires special pickup.	Yes	\$10.00
Couch/Loveseat	Electric	Yes	\$40.00
Couch/Loveseat	Hide-a-Bed	Yes	\$50.00
Couch/Loveseat	Non-Reclining		\$20.00
Couch/Loveseat	Reclining	Yes	\$30.00
Desk	Size - Large	Yes	\$10.00
Desk	Size - Small		\$5.00
Entertainment Center	Size - Large	Yes	\$20.00
Entertainment Center	Size - Small		\$10.00
Exercise Equipment	Treadmill, Stationary Bike, Elliptical, etc.	Yes	\$40.00
Filing Cabinet	Size - Large	Yes	\$15.00
Filing Cabinet	Size - Small		\$10.00
Generator	All sizes	Yes	\$25.00
Lawn Mower	Manual, push, self-propel	Yes	\$10.00
Lawn Mower	Riding	Yes	\$30.00
Playset, poly/plastic	Size - Small		\$15.00
Playset, wood/metal	Size - Small	Yes	\$25.00
Shelf/bookcase - large	Size - Large		\$10.00
Shelf/bookcase - small	Size - Small		\$5.00
Shingles	Limit of 2 bundles		\$20.00
Table - large	Size - Large	Yes	\$10.00
Table - small	Size - Large		\$5.00
Television Set	All sizes; Trip charge depends on location.	Yes/No	\$20.00
Toilet	Must be empty and the tank removed.		\$10.00

## Jean E. Watts Obituary



Jean Elizabeth Watts, 81, of Zearing, Iowa passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames. A visitation was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Zearing from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Immediately following visitation her memorial service was at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Chuck Ryan officiating. Burial followed in the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing.

Jean was born in Ottumwa, Iowa to Richard and Margaret (Graf) Watts. Jean lived in Farson, Iowa until she was twelve and her family relocated to a farm south of Zearing.

Jean attended the Colo United Methodist Church. She graduated with the first NESCO High School class of 1961. Following high school, she attended Iowa State University and later DMACC where she earned her associate degree in accounting. She worked at the Zearing Library as a librarian, Colo-NESCO schools as a teacher's aide, and at Casey's as a cashier. Her favorite job was raising her kids.

Jean was a member of the Colo United Methodist Church where she served with the United Methodist Women's Fellowship. She was also a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church. Recently, Jean spent many hours organizing speakers to present programs at the Zearing Heritage Room. Jean enjoyed baking cookies for the welcome packages delivered to new residents in Zearing. She loved spending time with her family, gardening most especially her strawberry patch, canning, baking, writing letters to her high school pen pal from England, supporting her family by attending recitals and sporting events, and sending birthday cards to everyone.

Those left to cherish her loving memories are her children April Webb of Des Moines, IA, Al (Cindy) Webb of Zearing, IA, Wendy (Vince) Abel of Pflugerville, TX, and Heather (Joel) Imhoff of Ames, IA; grandchildren Alex Webb, Jake (Samantha) Webb, Drew Cooper, Katie (Kyle Hinton) Cooper, and Brooke Abel; special friend Dick Schnormeier.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Jacquelyn Brady.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Bethel United Methodist Church or the ALS Association in West Des Moines.

Fredregill Funeral & Cremation Care has been entrusted with the care of Jean and her family.



9:00 AM-11:00 AM



COLO-NESCO  
ELEMENTARY

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## KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Incoming kindergarten students will take part in kindergarten round-up on May 9, 2024 at 9:00 am-11:00 am. This will help teachers introduce themselves, introduce them to their soon to be daily routine as well as many other important aspects.

If you have any questions please reach out Mr. Boeve, Mrs. Hulshizer, or Mrs. Anderson.



# LIL' ROYALS PRESCHOOL

COLO-NESCO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

\*3 Year old Preschool Half/Full Day Option

\* 3 Year old is subject to availability  
(child must be 3 years old before September 15, 2024)

\*4 Year old Preschool Half/Full Day Options  
(child must be 4 years old before September 15, 2024 to  
receive Statewide Funding)

\*Priority given to in district students

\*Possible Scholarships available for 3 year olds only



## ENROLL TODAY



### CURRICULUM:

REALLY GREAT READING, SMART., IOWA LEARNING STANDARDS, AND CREATIVE CURRICULUM.

OUR CLASSROOMS ARE SET UP WITH THE FOLLOWING LEARNING CENTERS:  
DRAMATIC PLAY, SENSORY, BLOCK, LISTENING AND READING, ABC, MATH, SCIENCE,  
ART AND WRITING CENTERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
PRINCIPAL, MIKE BOEVE  
MBOEVE@COLO-NESCO.K12.IA.US  
641-487-7411

PLEASE GO TO  
[COLONESCO.ORG](https://www.colonesco.org) TO ENROLL



# OUTDOOR YARD METERS

- All outdoor yard meters must be purchased at City Hall.
- Meter cost is \$20.00 (This is subject to change due to supply costs.)
- Once purchased, the meter is the sole responsibility of the resident. (Lost, damaged or stolen meters will need to be replaced at resident expense.)
- Meter shall be operated in the Total Mode to submit readings.
- Meters must be read between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. All residents are responsible for submitting the meter reading to City Hall each month. This can be done with a picture submitted by email, text or dropped off at City Hall. If the reading is not submitted each month, the sewer reduction will not be applied to the bill.
- Once documented, please reset the total usage for the month to zero (0).
- These meters are for outdoor use only. Violations will result in sewer charges not being removed from the bill.



## **With Its Small Size And User-Friendly Function**

it is very easy to install and detach from the faucet or hose, can be used in RV tank, swimming pool fill or daily garden watering, etc.

*Welcome Family, Friends, & Public to*  
**Lincoln Township Cemetery**



**MEMORIAL DAY  
SERVICES**

**May 27, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Zearing, IA**

***SPONSORED BY: ZEARING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT***

***MUSIC BY: DNA MUSIC***

***GUEST SPEAKER: BRAD WILKENING***

# Nuisance notices

As spring begins, so does time spent outdoors! This also becomes a time that neighbors notice nuisances! Please try to be a good neighbor and avoid some of these very common nuisances:



- Pets not being on a leash. If your animal is not on a leash, it is considered at large. Animal control can get involved for at large animals. Please avoid this by leashing your pets. Thank you!

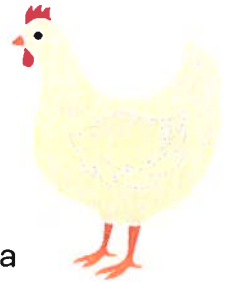


- While taking your pets on a walk, please remember to pick up after them. This does include city parks especially! None of us want to walk in our own yards or parks and step in a pile of dog poo!



- Please be mindful at night to not leave your dog outside barking. Many residents enjoy the fresh air that spring brings and leave their windows open. Please be courteous!

• While we are a rural community that enjoys agriculture, roosters are not needed to have fresh eggs! Please be kind to your neighbors and remove roosters from city limits. Thank you!



- Vehicles that do not run, are not registered or are in complete disrepair are considered junk vehicles. These vehicles need to be removed from city limits as they provide a place for wild animals to live. This is also considered a health and safety issue.



- Please be sure to take care of your lawn also! Once grass has reached 6" it will need to be mowed.

Please be a good neighbor! Reachout to see if your neighbor has had a hardship that has prevented them from tending to their property. Remember that a kind word can go a long way during stressful times in life!

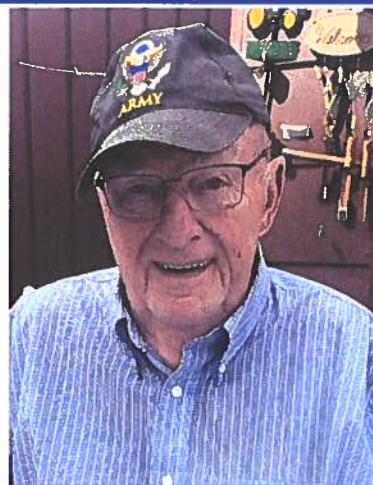




### May Birthdays

- 6th Lynn Coen
- 7th Sheri Read
- 8th Pat Hornberg
- 10th Gwendolyn Hienecker
- 13th Jake David Perry
- 15th Jerry Johnson
- 16th Michelle Cook Skartvedt
- 19th Robbie Gray
- 22nd Karen Chitty  
Barrett Frohwein
- 23rd Meredith Good  
Dana Norman
- 25th Harold Amundson  
Allen Conrad
- 26th Keith Bowers
- 31st Grace Stalzer

- 5th Devin and Makayla Bailey
- 26th Tim and Ruth (Lundy) Monroe



**Harold Amundson  
will be 90 years  
young on May 25th!**

We invite you to  
participate in a card  
shower!

His address is:  
Bethany Life Communities  
C/O Lifebridge Room #9  
212 Lafayette Ave  
Story City, Iowa 50248

We would like to thank the Zearing, McCallsburg, Roland and Colo Fire Departments for their quick response when we had a fire last month. We thank you!

Don and Pam Henderson

