

Truro

## Town and Country News

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### This Months Activities:

May 1st - May Day  
May 3rd - City Council Mtg. 7pm  
May 4th - Betterment Mtg. 6pm @ Library  
May 9th - Mothers Day  
May 9th - UCC Mothers Day Lunch 11am-1pm Ham Balls  
May 16-22nd EMS Week  
May 8-14th city wide clean up  
May 18th - Truro Fire & Rescue in the park 5:30-7pm

Check out Truro's Website!!!!!!

[www.truroiatownandcountry.info](http://www.truroiatownandcountry.info)

2010 Calendars are available for \$2. You can get them at the Library, Bank or from any Betterment Committee Member. We also have Tan Truro T-shirts left they are now \$5 each. Contact Jennifer 515-975-2148 for one.

### Volunteer of the Month:

The volunteer of the month is Brady Foreman. He is a member of the Truro Lions Club & the Truro Fire & Rescue. Currently he is an EMT & officer on our rescue squad. He's also our resident heating & cooling expert. In his "free" time, Brady is taking classes to become a paramedic. With his knowledge & experience, he's a valuable member of our community. Thank you Brady!

### Truro Fire & Rescue News

EMS week is May 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> this year. We will be having a BBQ on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate. We'll be serving burgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks & homemade ice cream from 5:30-7:00 at the city park. There will also be a kid's coloring contest & free blood pressure checks. Hope to see you there!!

Hamburger meal - \$4

Hot dog meal - \$3

Cup of ice cream - \$1

Mercy One is planning to be there from 5:45-6:45 that evening.

## Truro Betterment Committee News

Due to some printer problems last month there was no newsletter, we are sorry. We are back up and running now.

In April the TBC and the Interstate 4th graders planted trees at the park, school and little league field. We would like to thank the Iowa DNR Forestry Nursery for donating the trees.

We should be receiving or have received the following new items in the park, be sure to check them out: 6 new park benches & 2 new bike racks. During the month of May we will be removing 4 trees from the park and cleaning out the volleyball area to make room for the new sand.

The Planning of the festival is coming along very well. The theme this year is "Chillin' Redneck Style, Y'all." We will have several redneck themed activities planned for this year. Such as: Redneck Scavenger Hunt, Redneck Olympics and Redneck wedding vow renewals. Please watch around town for flyers and posters starting in May and June. We will also have a hot air balloon with tethered rides this year, depending on the weather. Don't want to spoil all the surprises for this years festival, just put the date on your calendars June 25-27th you won't want to miss out on the fun this year.

We are looking for a volunteer or two to plant and take care of flowers at both welcome signs and the park. If you are interested please contact Jennifer at 515-975-2148.

We would like to thank everyone that purchased a banner. If you did not get one and would like to we are still taking orders.

# SUMMER CAMP

There will be a summer camp in the park for the kids of Truro the week of June 21-25. It will be for kids aged 4-12. If your child is under the age of 4 they must have a parent with them for the full day. The camp will be at Hull Park and will run from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM. We will have activities for the kids to participate in throughout the day. We only have room for 40 kids to participate, so if interested, please get your name to Sarah Darst as soon as possible by calling 641-765-4316 or emailing [sbrownie4@yahoo.com](mailto:sbrownie4@yahoo.com)

The Truro Public Library has served the community and area around Truro for more than 75 years. Many improvements have been made to the library in the past 6 years. New carpet, new furnace, central air-conditioning, a small efficient water heater, two tables & chairs, the flat roof was changed to the current slanted roof, 4 computers for the computer lab, a fax machine and a copy machine.

Visit [www.truro.lib.ia.us](http://www.truro.lib.ia.us) website to find information about the Library, including a listing of new books, DVD's and special events.

## Did you know?

By Cindy Kennedy

### Continued:

In 1913 you could get a dozen baseball suits for \$9.00. The catcher's mitt was nearly as big as the catcher, and the coach was a woman. Well really she was their teacher, and on the field, more of an adult supervisor, but they called her coach.

Community Schools around the Truro area were situated every two miles. Before 1900, the school ran for seven months – two in the spring, two in the fall, and three in the winter. The teachers were paid \$25.00 per month, except during the winter term when they earned \$30.00 per month.

The teachers had to agree to do janitor work at their schools. Some chores were performed by the students; sweeping, beating erasers, carrying water, and carrying coal in from the coal house for the stove. In winter, students heated their cocoa and jars of food on the stove for lunch.

Children traveled to school on foot, by pony, or in bad weather, in Dad's or a neighbor's buggy. Hitching posts were a favorite fence post, or tree. Recesses were spent playing Annie-over, Blackman, Tag, Softball, and in winter, sledding down nearby hills. A big event each year was at Christmas when the stage curtains were hung, and the Christmas program was resented. Parents were in attendance, and Santa Clause came and distributed candy.

A walk to the country school house memory: When taking about country school life in 1918, MUD comes to mind! Walking up and down the clay-based hills after heavy rains was exhausting. How much mud picked up on your overshoes! And how heavy the books and lunch pail became! It was a great day at school when the teacher began warming up the jars of food the students brought from home. The teacher set them in a large kettle of water on the heating stove.



# City Wide Clean Up Week!!!

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

SET OUT MAY 8TH-14TH

PICK UP MAY 15TH TILL 10AM

NO TIRES OR APPLIANCES

NO SET OUT AFTER THE 14TH!

PER REQUEST OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE BOY SCOUTS WILL PREVIEW TRURO ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY THE 14TH AND WILL NOT PICK UP ANYTHING SET OUT AFTER THAT.



CITYWIDE  
GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY JUNE 5TH 8AM TO ???

CONTACT CITY HALL BY FRIDAY MAY 28TH  
TO BE ON THE MAP