

Truro

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This Months Activities:

August 1st, Truro Fire and Rescue
Hog Roast 5pm-1am

August 1st, Lions Breakfast

August 3rd City Council Mtg. 7pm

August 4 & 6th, School Registration

August 15th, Lions Breakfast

August 13-23rd, Iowa State Fair

August 21st First Day of School

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

www.truroiatownandcountry.info

Due to planning of the festival last month the newsletter did not get done in time to be put in the water bills. We are very sorry about this. We do have them at the Library, the Post Office and the Bank for you to pick up if you have not all ready gotten one.

Truro Betterment Committee

On June 26-28, 2009 Truro celebrated a very special mile stone. We would like to thank everyone that came out and enjoyed the activities over the weekend. We had a wonderful turnout and could not have asked for any better weather. We kicked off the weekend on Friday night with the coronation of Grand Marshal Alice Gracey, King and Queen Mardis and Leona Collins. Their families were present and gave a short presentation in honor of these great people that were chosen to represent Truro over the next year. The I-35 Intensity Dance Team served supper in the park Saturday evening, the Pork Producers prepared Pork ribs and Rick Fenimore prepared the Pork Loin. The I-35 Intensity dance team served 225 meal deals and 182 sandwiches. The I-35 Intensity Dance Team would like everyone to know that they appreciate your support of an activity that the girls truly love. The money earned will be used for state competition fees, equipment, and uniforms. Thanks again, Deann & Tiffany. We had several items donated for the raffle this year and we would like to thank the following business for there donations: Crossroad Food and Spirits of Osceola, Terribles Lake Side Casino of Osceola, Fickes of St. Charles, Egli Feed of St. Charles, Partylite by Cathy of Truro, Brady Foreman Furnace and Air of Truro, A&M of New Virginia, Two Saints Winery of St. Charles, Rumor Mill of St Charles, Drifter's Restaurant and Lounge of New Virginia, Wal-Mart of Osceola, Subway of Osceola and New Virginia, and Whites Woodworking of Osceola. Also we had 2 quilts donated, we would like to thank Elizabeth Palmer for donating 1 to be raffled and Donna Crow and Mary Noftsgger for the quilt to be auctioned. At dark was our biggest event of all we had an awesome fireworks show. This year we hired a local company Aerial Assault of Truro. Bill Bryant and his son Tommy started this business and this was their debut showing. We will definitely have them back next year. The show was the talk of the town. We would like to give special thanks for all the monetary donations received that helped make the weekend a success. Thank you to the following for the donations for the fireworks: Interstate Communications, Union State Bank, Steve Sandquist, Kum & Go, Truro Grain, Kale Funeral Home, Spike, Truro Tavern, Scott Palmer, Lemon Farms and JP. We would also like to thank Interstate Communications, Re-Birth and Mease Construction for their monetary donations. The Truro Betterment Committee still has Truro History update Books, Calendars, T-shirts and Magnets for sale if you are interested in them feel free to contact us at Truro Betterment Committee, PO Box 174, Truro, IA 50257, by e-mail trurobettermentcomm@yahoo.com or phone Jennifer at 515-975-2148. Please check out our website www.truroiatownandcountry.info to see pictures of the festival and check out upcoming events. The Truro Betterment Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped through out the weekend we had so many volunteers we hope that we did not leave anyone out. Some other people that we would like to thank for volunteering are Mark Houser for donating his time to help with the stage and the electrical, Liz and Larry Smith, Roselee Hoffman, Barb Husted, Donna Martin, Marcia Vasey, Kent Collins, Rick and Ricky Finley, Jolene DeCarlo, the Cattleman Assoc., the Pork Producers, Rick Fenimore, Bryan Arzani, I-35 wrestling cheerleaders, I-35 Intensity Dance Team, 93.3 KIOA, Fran Hutton, Dave Paulsen, Bill Dodson, Merlin Morris, AEC, Ival Ransom, Mark Mease, Barker Implement, Capital City Equip., Osceola Eagles, the Fire Department and last but not least all the people that showed up to make the weekend, a weekend to remember.

August Calendar Updates and Information

The picture featured in the background for the month of August is the ever changing Interstate 35 schools. The other pictures are a look at the gas stations and garages from Truro's past. In the top left is a picture from the South West end of Main (Center) Street. This building has since been torn down, and in its place is a new poll building with a grass yard where the old station sat. On the East end of Main Street, were two stations, and the bottom picture reflects a look down the street on a nice winter day. On the South most will remember was a station owned by Charlie and Georgia Moore. You can just make out the Phillips 66 sign on the North, which many will remember was owned by Bill and Betty Green. The top show that building, but things keep changing and it has a fresh coat of paint thanks to current owners the Burhans.

August Birthdays

Taylor Herman 8/8

Greg Wearmouth 8/9

Cindi Cassady 8/28

August Anniversary

Don & Donna Versteeg 8/2

Festival Contest Winners

Bill Riley

Junior: 1st Mason & Ashton Van Horn of Bondurant (advanced to state fair), 2nd Soyoun Jeon of Corning, 3rd Maya Struhar of Creston; Senior: 1st Alec Carlson – Ben Schulteis – Jesse McCann – Kirk Sidey – Mike Ernst of Greenfield (already qualified), 2nd Alex Bertrand of St. Charles (advanced to state fair); 3rd Samantha & Jake Ensor of Ankeny, thank you Pam and the judges: Deanne Strange, Lisa Carlson and Ashley Vickers. A very special thanks to Elvis (Vic Fenimore) for coming all the way from Las Vegas to perform at this years festival. This event was held on the new stage in the park.

Water Fights

The fireman had there annual water fights with categories for men & women. Even the kids got to participate. The women competed first, the winners were: 1st Janette Dye of Earlham, 2nd Cathy Seymour of Martensdale, 3rd Holly Morrow of Martensdale; followed by the men, the winners were: 1st Steve Henson of Martensdale, 2nd Scott Henson of Martensdale, 3rd Chism Orr of Winterset. Joining our fire department for the day was members of Martensdale, Chariton, Winterset, Minburn and Earlham fire departments.

Little Mr. and Miss Cowboy & Cowgirl

The winners for each age group were: 1-4 Mr. Cowboy Bowen Tadlock (2), Miss Cowgirl Grace Upp (1), 5-8 Mr. Cowboy Dayton Morris (8), Miss Cowgirl Denim Morris (5), each winner was presented with a \$25 gift certificate to Hawkeye Tack in Des Moines, we would like to thank Hawkeye Tack and Winterset Care Centers North and South for sponsoring the contest as well as our judges Brady Foreman and Stephanie Walker.

Parade

Large

Small

1st Library

1st John & Joan Mease & Best of Show Trophy

2nd Girl scouts

3rd Truro UCC

UCC Food Drive

The UCC church was collecting can goods to distribute to local food banks there goal was to collect 1.25 tons. They collected 835 lbs.



RAGBRAI Report by Joe Sciarrotta

Back in April, I received a phone call letting me know that RAGBRAI was coming through town and asking if I would be a co-chair for the committee. I thought, No problem! And said I would do it. After attending the first of many meetings (along with my co-chair, Greg Palmer, and Mayor Arzani) I thought to myself, what in the world did we get into? When we looked around the room, we saw State Troopers, Health Inspectors, Des Moines Register Officials, IRS people, members of previous RAGBRAI communities and so on; we thought maybe this is a little bigger than we initially thought. After the meeting, the wheels started turning. Town meetings were held, committees were formed, and an event was to be had!!

There was too much prep work to mention but Many Thanks to give. I worry about thanking people after an event like this because it seems there is so much going on and so many people involved that someone gets forgotten. So in advance, I apologize if you are not recognized. I will start with our committees:

- **Hospitality and Entertainment:** Heidi Burhans. Heidi had the wonderful task (among others) of a “BIG ENTRANCE.” We wanted the riders, when they entered into town, to think to themselves: “This town may be worth getting off our bikes.” Heidi had found some belly dancers to do just that. Not only did we get a positive response from the riders, but they made the Des Moines Register the next day with a big picture. Heidi also had her hands full at city hall helping us with ordinances and many calls from outsiders wanting into our town for the day. Thank You Heidi for all you have done! Also in this category, I would like to thank Bryan Arzani. There came a point in the day (and it was early in the day) when the state troopers came up to us and said, “In about 45 minutes you are going to have 10,000 people backed up 2 miles down your highway and very mad. They probably won’t stop in your town and they’ll go right through.” They made us open up the highway. Bryan’s job was to stop these riders from bypassing us and get them into town. He did just that. If I had to guess, I would say no more than 100 riders bypassed us. Good Job Bryan and keep up the LOUD work!

- **Website:** Jennifer Collins. I don’t know if any of you had a chance to look at the website, or better yet, compare it to other towns, but Jennifer ... HERE’S TO YOU! It looked awesome! I hope when this letter gets to you, the site hasn’t changed because it looked great. I got many phone calls from outside vendors wanting to come to Truro to set up shop for the day. Now these vendors have spent many years with RAGBRAI and some depend on this for a good chunk of their income. I asked most of these vendors why they chose Truro out of all the towns. Most replied, “Because of your website. This looks like the place to be”. Jennifer, Thank you for making us look good before anyone got here!

- **Signs:** Sarah Darst and Michell Sciarrotta. Girls, what can I say? I did a lot of research prior to the riders coming to town with RAGBRAI riders, vendors, previous town host and RAGBRAI officials. One thing they all said is, “We need to know where we’re going and what we’re getting into. If this town looks boring, we won’t waste our time and we’ll hit the next town.” What these girls, I’m sorry—*Ladies*, had to do was to make us look good and get people excited so they knew what was coming. They did just that and then some. To compare, I did some “pre ride scouting” on the day before the riders came through. I drove to Greenfield, Fontanelle, and Orient to see how they were setting up to see if we were looking ok. One thing I noticed was their signs, or lack thereof. There were maybe a total of 5-10 signs between towns and most were difficult to read. These girls had almost 50 signs placed between Peru and Truro to let the riders know what was coming. “That’s a spicy meatball!” “Come sit in the air at our Lions Den,” and too many others to mention. I got so many compliments from riders and the Head Organizer for RAGBRAI about how our signs were the best. Ladies, you had a job and you came through tremendously. Thank You Both.

- **My Co-Chair:** Greg Palmer. Greg and I had our hands full. I was doing this. He was doing that. The thing that made this work was the teamwork. Greg is one of the easiest people to get along with. If I couldn’t handle something (or just didn’t want to), Greg was there. Come the day of, I’m glad we didn’t have to pay for minutes on our radios because there was a lot of “Greg do this” or “Joe I need this.” But in the end, we worked together to get everything done. Greg thanks for being my co-chair and for everything you did!

- **The Town of Truro.** Believe it or not, these riders take pride in this ride. There have been several documented accounts of riders packing up their businesses, homes and families, to move to a small town in Iowa because of what they saw on this ride. All I can say is this: If a rider chooses the 2009 RAGBRAI to find a new place to move their family, we will be greeting them in our town next week! The way the town pulled together in so many ways is unbelievable. If you don't know what I mean, take a look down Center Street—newly painted buildings, sidewalks that look like they were just poured, a once run-down building with a dangerous sink hole in it now ready for a family park with an original tree left standing—this town looks great!! From the second the riders hit the city limits to the moment they were gone, everyone did their part to make this town look the best it could. THANK YOU TO ALL THE TOWN'S FOLK FOR THIS.

- **And last but certainly not least,** there is a group of individuals I would like to personally thank ... Truro Fire and Rescue Department. A few months ago, we started asking for volunteers to help with this event. We knew it would be too much to handle on our own. There was not only the prep work with committees to get ready for the event, but the event itself. Many volunteers signed up in the beginning, but for many different reasons we only had one or two available when it came to crunch time. We started setting up around noon on Monday almost 24 hours prior to the event. There were porta-pots to move, electrical issues to fix, plumbing issues to address so that we could meet the requirements for the state health inspector, road blocks and a stage for the band to erect, streets to clean, and many other items that needed to be handled. The Fire Department stepped in when help was needed. There is absolutely no way Greg and I could have gotten this done without them. Keep in mind this was not a Fire Department event. They were not required to do anything. Some just happened to be there when we needed help and others suddenly showed up. They did all of this while still handling their main job. Yes, unfortunately they had a serious accident outside of St. Charles during the event. If you didn't notice, it was probably because of their preparedness. They had crews pre-assigned to trucks and were able to respond to the call with 3 trucks and still leave people in town to attend the first aid station as well as help Greg and me. Gentlemen, I sincerely thank you for everything that you do!

As for the event itself, whoever says "Don't rain on my parade" didn't say it enough that day!! We found out the next day that around 6,000 riders, (out of approximately 20,000) did not even ride their bikes. Because of the rain, they decided to ride the buses on the route. For the other nearly 15,000 riders that toughed it out, it was awesome. We had a banana, a Playboy bunny, the American Gladiators, Superman and Superwoman come through just to name a few. Oh yeah, did you know Elvis is still alive?! The riders loved our town of Truro. They loved the design, the people, the atmosphere and everything we had to offer. Most riders and outside vendors I talked to said this was by far the best town they had been to yet! Most every vendor had a profitable day. We had meatballs, coffee, pies, funnel cakes, turkey legs, sandwiches, and Cub Scouts yelling "Ice cream, get your ice cream!" Yes ... he's an Arzani!

In closing, I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who helped make Truro's first RAGBRAI experience an outstanding success. I was honored to be a Co Chair with Greg, and I am proud to say I live in Truro!