

Truro

## Town and Country News

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### This Months Activities:

June 1st: City Council Meeting  
June 6th: Citywide Garage sales  
June 6th and 20th: Lions Breakfast  
June 21st: Father's Day  
June 21st: Summer begins  
June 26th-28th Truro Town & Country Days Celebrating "125 Years of Memories"

### Truro Fire and Rescue

In May of 2008 the Truro Fire & Rescue purchased a new ambulance for \$21000, and was able to begin transporting patients June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. The Fire & Rescue Association fronted \$4000 toward the purchase and the remaining \$17000 came from the City of Truro. In addition to that expense was an additional \$3500 for the purchase of a medical cot and other supplies, which was covered by the Association. As of May of 2009 the City of Truro has received payments of approximately \$15000 to reimburse most of the cost they fronted for the Fire & Rescue. As income from the ambulance continues to come in the City will soon be

reimbursed in full, after which the Association will get reimbursed for the cost they have covered, along with expenses from other ambulance services and billing costs. Once all amounts have been repaid the profit from the ambulance will be split between the City of Truro and the Truro Fire & Rescue. The percentages have not yet been decided, but it is safe to say that not only is the Truro Fire & Rescue an asset to the community with the services they provide but also to the City as they bring in a profit to better our community.

Summer Reading Program  
Truro Public Library  
June 15th-19th, 2009  
9am-10am



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

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

*125 YEARS = LIFE OF TRURO*

*1.25 TONS FOOD = LIFE FOR MANY*

The **Truro Congregational United Church of Christ** is sponsoring a **food drive** to help Truro celebrate its **125<sup>th</sup>** Birthday the weekend of June 26-28. We, too, have a birthday to celebrate – our current building was built & dedicated in 1899, making it **110** years old this year. So, help spread the love of Jesus by **giving back 110%** - help us try to collect **1.25** tons of food to be donated to local food pantries. At an average weight of about 1 lb. per can or item, that's about 2500 items! It will take the efforts and goodwill of the entire community to reach our goal. Look for collection boxes around Truro, or leave a message on the church phone (641-765-4828) if you need a large quantity of items picked up. Call Donna Crow with any other questions at 641-765-4880 or 515-250-0871.

### Volunteer of the Month: Joe Sciarrotta



Joe Sciarrotta started on the Truro Fire & Rescue Department after moving here in 2006. In the spring of 2008 he pushed for the purchase of a new ambulance; and after months of hard work a new ambulance was purchased from the Des Moines Fire Dept., making possible the transition to a transporting department. Joe worked as a Mercy Instructor last spring/summer, bringing an EMT-Basic course (taught at the high school) to the area. During this class he taught several members of the community which increased the EMT's on the department. He has made immense changes on the rescue side of the department and continues to put on EMS training classes for the department. Joe continues to push the department, hoping to become a paramedic unit within the next six months. Joe brings with him over 10 years of fire and paramedic experience, starting as a volunteer for Martensdale Fire & Rescue, and now working on Mercy Ambulance, Clarke County Ambulance, and the Des Moines Fire Department. On May 19<sup>th</sup> Joe was one of twelve Iowa medics to receive an award for their outstanding dedication to the field of EMS and their communities. He is now working as co-chair on the Ragbrai committee as well. We are lucky to have Joe as a member of our community as he continues to go above and beyond.

## Ragbrai 7/21/09

The Truro RAGBRAI committee has been very busy in preparation for the upcoming event. For those who haven't heard, RAGBRAI will be riding through town on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The town is making this a very large event. We are expecting 20,000 riders that day. The Co Chairs for the event are Joe Sciarrotta and Greg Palmer. They have delegated several sub committees to help with all that needs to be done. The Chairs are asking for the towns help in getting ready for RAGBRAI as well as helping the day they come through. There are many events planned and a lot of volunteers are needed. Anyone who is interested in volunteering may pick up a form at city hall or look on the Truro website [www.truroiatownandcountry.info](http://www.truroiatownandcountry.info) for a volunteer form. Also, any group or individual who is interested in selling items during RAGBRAI such as food, shirts, etc, needs to contact either Joe or Greg for details. Everyone selling items in town are required to obtain a permit from the Co Chairs in order to do so. Joe can be contacted at 515-681-4612 or [fireman556@msn.com](mailto:fireman556@msn.com). Greg can be contacted at 515-238-9391. We will be announcing all meetings on the board in town. Please attend one of the meetings if you are interested in helping out. Together, we can make this a BIG SUCCESS for the town of Truro!!



## May and June Calendar Updates and Information

Belated May Updates: Michael McClelland May 3<sup>rd</sup>; Joey Bregar May 10<sup>th</sup>; Ivyl Ransom May 18<sup>th</sup>

The May background featured Hull's park with newly added playground equipment. The park was originally located where the Methodist Church is at, but was moved in 1916 to its current location. Look for more upgrades to our park as a new stage is added! The 1899 building owned by JW Likens and WM Steer housed the privately owned Truro Bank. In 1937 Union State Bank opened a branch in Truro. In 1979 Union State had a new building brought in, made up of 3 different sections.

June Updates: Brandi Herman June 4<sup>th</sup>; Juan Zepeda June 24<sup>th</sup>

The June calendar features shots of Truro throughout the years. The Truro Public Library opened in 1930 in a little building that is east of the current Fire Station. In 1966 they relocated to their current building on Main Street. They are continually updating books and the building; stop in to see the new roof, windows and other upgrades!! The official Truro Lions started in May 1972 and has been an important part of Truro ever since. The club often houses receptions for weddings, graduations, birthdays, as well as helping other organizations with a spot for fundraisers.

## "125 Years of Memories"

We need people to call bingo at the park, if you can volunteer for as little as an hour or more, please contact Jennifer Collins 515-975-2148 if you would like to call bingo.

We are also asking that if at all possible if you have coffee cans or nut cans to please save them for the Truck show. You can take them to Jennifer Collins. You will also have a chance of testing your driving skills at the truck show. We will have **SIDNE®** this **SIMULATES IMPAIRED DRIVING** courtesy of the Iowa Crime Prevention Association and Gary Davis.

Remember you can buy your wristbands now. We will be having rides this year and they will consist of a mechanical bull, a log ride, giant slide, bounce house and a safari train. You will be able to buy tickets for \$1 each ride takes 1 ticket. We will also be selling wrist bands that are good all day long they are available for \$20 and you can buy them from any Betterment Committee Member or Union State Bank.

There will be a variety of live music in the park on Saturday and Sunday so be sure to bring your lawn chairs.

Please remember that we are doing a walk down memory lane in the high school commons. You are welcome to bring whatever you want to put on display. If you have any questions on this you can contact a member of the Betterment Committee or the Library Board. We would like to be able to keep your memories through Sunday for the Alumni Banquet, you would be able to pick your items up at 6pm.

This year there will be cash prizes and a trophy for the parade. The trophy will go to the "Best of Show" and the cash prizes are as follows for non-commercial floats: Large floats 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$25 and 3rd-\$15, Small Floats 1st-\$40, 2nd-\$20 and 3rd-\$10. You can pre-register your parade entries by printing off the entry form on the web-site or picking one up at the Library or the Bank, or any committee member.