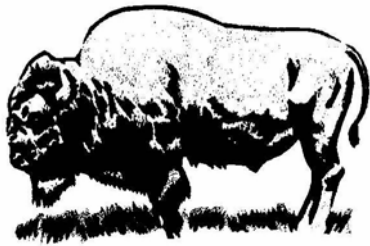

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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Rural Pearl of the Month: One Hand Washes the Other.

After you read your copy of the "Buffalo Shores Gazette", please pass on to a Friend, Relative or Neighbor to Enjoy.

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BVFD Notes



We spent 155 man-hours responding to 37 emergency calls in April. We responded to 24 EMS calls, 1 Vehicle fire, 1 Structure Fire, 6 Grass Fires and 5 Miscellaneous Calls for A Chlorine Leak, Missing Person Search and 3 Alarm Malfunctions. The members also spent 21 man-hours performing station and vehicle maintenance with their assigned duty crew.

With the Spring season in full swing, most of us are outside trying to spruce up our yards. In doing that chore we inevitably end up with a pile of yard waste to get rid of. That pile can be burnt if you follow these 4 important rules. First, the substance being burned, must be grown on your property (leaves, twigs grass, etc.). Secondly, it can only be burnt during daylight hours. The third rule is you must be present watching the fire and have an extinguishing plan should it get away from you (garden hose or rake). The fourth and most important rule is, you have to respect your neighbor's right to fresh air. If the smoke from your fire is bothering your neighbor it will have to be extinguished.

Please follow these 4 simple rules and have a safe and enjoyable spring cleanup.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Adams, Fire Chief

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LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Buffalo, Iowa

Saturday July 3rd at dusk

Looking for boaters to participate in parade

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Contact Les Miller @

563-370-6493

BUFFALO DAYS:

This year's theme is "GO Green"

Volunteers are needed in all events below!!

Call Cheryl Meador 381-1687

Friday, July 2

- Softball Tournament
- PTA kids games
- Bouncy Toys
- Karaoke
- Horseshoe Tournament

Saturday, July 3

- Fishing Clinic/Contest
- Softball Tournament
- PTA kids games
- Bouncy Toys
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Wrestling
- Petting Zoo
- Band- Smile 1:00pm-5:00 pm
- Band- 8:00 pm-12:00 pm, Back For More Band

Sunday, July 4

- Bingo, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Parade @ 2:00 pm
- Car/motorcycle/boat/lawn mower Show
- Bake Off- deliver entries between 12:00 and 4:00 pm,
- Softball Tournament
- Wrestling
- PTA kids games
- Face painting
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Karaoke
- Skate Board contest
- Basket Ball Tournament
- Watermelon Seed Spitting contest
- Horse wagon rides around town
- **FIRE WORKS AT DUSK SUNDAY EVENING!**

(Fireworks to be set off Proudly by our Fire Dept)

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

MAY 17-22

(see Clerk's Corner for details)

CLERK'S CORNER

The City Wide Clean up will be May 17-22 residents may haul items directly to the landfill or de-manufacturing facility. Additionally the city will be providing dumpsters in the community center parking lot May 20-21(7AM-7PM) & May 22 (7AM-Noon). Please make sure you put your items in the correct dumpster. Each dumpster will be marked.

Please remember it is against city code to blow your grass clippings into the street.

Buffalo Day "Go Green"

The Park Board is working hard on planning for this year Buffalo Day's. They are planning many activities for children and adults. They are still in need of volunteers! If you are willing to share your time during the community event please contact the Park Board through City Hall or come to a meeting. May 25, June 8 & 22 at City Hall.

Project Share Customer Contribution Plan

Project Share is a plan, created by the Buffalo Municipal Utilities, to assist needy households in paying their wintertime energy bills. You can help by adding a regular PS contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs. Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently. So please, add a PS – Project Share – to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it. For information on how to contribute, contact Buffalo City Hall at 381-2226.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



A home energy audit can be a great first step toward saving money on your utility bills. Try online sources for easy results! Go to www.energystar.gov click on "Home Improvement, "then Home Energy Audits."

Kim Kauffman, Deputy Clerk

and

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Blue Grass American Legion Post 711

On May 1st. we held our monthly pancake breakfast. All the proceeds from the breakfast are being donated to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. In addition to the support of the area residents, we would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations:

Jeff's Market & Meat Locker, Two Sisters Bakery, Sam's Club, Huston's Car Wash, TPC, Cash & Carry, Allan & Ed Nelson, Wholesale Food Outlet, Kings Foods, Loffredo Fresh Produce, STAR Gas station: Blue Grass, Darlene Martz, HyVee: Muscatine, Fareway Stores: Davenport & Muscatine, WalMarts: Davenport & Muscatine, Walgreen Drug Store- Muscatine.

Upcoming events:

-Social Nite, May 17th, Open to the Public

6:30 PM, Legion Home

-Legion & Auxiliary Meetings, May 20th,

7 PM, Legion Home

-Memorial Day Ceremony, May 31st

10 AM, Blue Grass Cemetery

-Pancake Breakfast, June 5th,

6 to 9:30 AM, \$6, Legion Home

-Boy's State, June 13th – 18th

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sites.google.com/site/ialegionpost711

The Great Mississippi River Cleanup

Quad Cities, USA – Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) is seeking approximately 800 to 1000 volunteers for the multi-state clean-up of the upper Mississippi River. The event will take place **Saturday, June 19, 2010.**

The Great Mississippi River Cleanup will remove debris; such as tires, barrels, propane tanks, appliances, plastic bottles and even a message in a bottle or two from the shorelines and islands of the upper Mississippi River. For more information about what LL&W has pulled from America's rivers and our needs in this massive cleanup visit www.livinglandsandwaters.org.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Community Dinner will be held

May 27 4-6:30.

We will be serving

Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salads, desserts, beverages.

This is free to the community.

Donations are welcome.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Buffalo Iowa

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Wednesday-Friday 4pm-8pm

Saturday 7am-2pm

Daily Lunch Specials

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BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Memorial was presented to the Buffalo Historical Society in memory of Ernie Schroeder. One of Ernie's passions was the Buffalo Historical Society. He will be missed greatly.

The next Historical Society meeting will be May 20. We will be open for visits on Sunday afternoons 1-4, or by appointment. Telephone numbers are on the door of the Museum, or you can call Chris at 381-8074. Donate to our Museum and get your name in the paper!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Teresa Plett	May 19
Zachary Carson (16)	May 20
Troy Mangs	May 25
Terry Adams	May 26
Dorothy McKibbin	June 2
Ryan Larson	June 5
Judy Hammons	June 12

Happy Anniversary

Stan & Bonnie Coolzy	June 2
Rich and Deena Moore	June 5
Gary & Missy Bowers 20yrs	June 10th
Steve & Lynnette Teel	June 11th
Daryl & Leota Buffington	June 12

If you would like to see yours or your loved ones' Birthday or Anniversary in here, please email the info to Chris at Chrisc2865@msn.com, or call 381-8074.

Buffalo History 101

On May 3rd, 1886 the ferry Durand had exclusive right to carry passengers to and from Buffalo.

GRANT FROM SCRA HELPS BUFFALO SCHOOL!



Scott County Regional Authority Board member Ted Olt looks on as Buffalo Elementary School students try out some new computers purchased with an SCRA grant. The students, in order, from closest to the camera, are Dale Kunce, Caleb Freeman, Kaitlyn Kalahan and Kaizlee Haynes.

Buffalo, Iowa (April 27, 2010) - Thanks to a spring 2009 grant from Scott County Regional Authority (SCRA), students at Buffalo Elementary School now have 24 new computers to use.

The computers, four each in six classrooms, are valued at \$20,448. They are part of a \$78,385.84 community effort to upgrade computers in the school's classrooms and computer lab.

The new computers replaced the computers provided by the Davenport Community School District eight years ago, when the school was built. They were too old and unreliable for the current software.

In addition to receiving the grant from SCRA for computers for six classrooms, the school received funds from the school district and Buffalo businesses and organizations to purchase computers for the remaining classrooms. Those benefactors are Carver Foundation, Buffalo PTA, Buffalo Savings Bank, LaFarge North America, SSAB (formerly IPSCO), Cargill, Upper Mississippi Fleeting LLC and Grisham Industries Inc.

The goal of the upgrade is improving reading and math proficiency by enhancing the curriculum with quality software.

For more information, contact Jodi Hoogland, principal, (563) 381-2232.

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

How much river frontage was in the purchased claims by Capt Benjamin Clark in June 1833?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

The VFW Aux was organized on January 5, 1949 with 30 charter members.

GEN-AGE CAFÉ

Please support our Gen-Age Café. We have delicious, low cost meals, and lots of friendly conversation and games. We offer meals and company on M-W-F. Please check us out. Everyone is welcome.

Courtyard Estates Of Walcott



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Most people are surprised when they find out just how healthy & active a person needs to be to live with us at Courtyard Estates of Walcott. Our facility has been certified as an Assisted Living Program by the Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals. It has set guidelines regarding the health status of potential tenants to "qualify" to live in an Assisted Living program. People living in an Assisted Living program actually need to be quite independent, requiring limited assistance when they move in. Once a person is a tenant in an Assisted Living program there are guidelines allowing someone to stay beyond the normal disqualifiers if certain circumstances apply. Many people say to us, "I'm not ready yet", but what they are thinking is "I'm not ready for a nursing home yet." There is a big difference between being a tenant in an assisted *living* and being a patient in a nursing home.

An Assisted Living Program is designed to maintain or improve the overall quality of life of its tenants. At Courtyard Estates of Walcott we understand that there is more to life than just being alive, we go a step beyond to help create a life worth *living*! GO on fun outings to new and exciting places, DO fun things each day with friends, ENJOY a care-free lifestyle while we do the cooking & cleaning! NOW is the time to go, do & enjoy *living*. Take advantage of our 3rd Anniversary gift to you, move in now & stay the month of August free! Call to schedule a private tour or to reserve your suite **284-4211**.

June Events & Outings:

Friday June 4th 11-1 @ Courtyard Estates of Walcott on behalf of Hope Enrichment Center; our 1st Annual Birdies for Charity Putting Contest; \$1 per put; each put gets you registered for prizes! Make a pledge of \$25 or more and receive: your choice of a FREE 1/2 hr. massage OR a FREE yoga class at Hope Enrichment Center AND lunch-to-go, 10 minute chair massages will be available (on your lunch break!) for \$1. Drop by with your staff for a relaxing chair massage during lunch and make corporate donation! A special gift will be available for corporate donations made that day. Come out and make your Birdies for Charity pledge while having fun putting, relaxing with a chair massage & take your lunch to go!! We hope to see you all there!!

Tuesday June 1st 8-10am Coffee Club; Coffee, rolls & good company!

Wednesday June 9th 1:30 500 Card Party; \$3 to play cards with your friends for the afternoon

Thursday June 17th 1:30-3:00 Bingo; Snacks, prizes & time well spent with friends

Wednesday June 30th 1:30-2:30 Live entertainment; Enjoy the music, jokes & stories of "The Fabulous One's"

Friday June 4th Picnic & fishing @ West Lake Park van leaves @ 11am
Wednesday June 9th breakfast @ Machine Shed Restaurant van leaves @ 7:30am

Wednesday June 23rd lunch @ The Boat House Restaurant van leaves @ 11am

Thursday June 24th Tri-County Community Band free concert @ Durant Band Shelter van leaves @ 7pm

Contact us to learn more about worry-free lifestyles for you!

TEL: 563-284-4211

Senior Moments.....First I must tell you that my 3 Champion Snow White Riding and Show mares each had Snow White Fillies since the last newsletter.

China Doll had TUFA REV'S PRECIOUS China Doll on April 28th. She has a medicine hat and red in the mane and tail that will go away in a month. Precious is halter broke and loves humans.

Snobunny Bar had Tufa Rev's SNO DERBY DANCER BAR on May 1st or Kentucky Derby Day and she was Dancing around the pasture with her medicine hat. Her mom is the famous palamino Bunny Bar that Rowdy Joe rode for many years and won more Championships than anyone can remember.

Lady Anne was the last white out of Thompsons Princess Mary (Angel Fire) from the WHITE HORSE RANCH and won Parades, National Awards and shows for over 20 years. Annie was show at RI Fair by Robby last year and won over \$350 in 4-H. I had sold her to Katie Briegel and traded a Buckskin mare to get her back. On MOTHER'S DAY she had a snow white filly also. In front of all the neighbors and friends on Sunday afternoon. She was so huge(94lbs) I was sure it was a boy. We put a halter on to get her to the barn before it rained. Tufa Rev's ANNABELL ANGEL M.D.(MOTHERS DAY) WAS 38 IN TALL.

Then this morning, Polly greeted me with a beautiful mini filly with a funny ghost like white marking on her head. She is out of CASPER, THE MINI WHITE STALLION. WAS GOING TO NAME HER Rainy Daze, but decided to get INPUT FROM MY READERS FOR HER NAME. The winner will get their photo taken with her and will be announced in the next newsletter. DO YOU HAVE A GOOD NAME?????????

I was feeding yesterday and had a new goat from a dairy and put her in a pen and threw some hay in the shed and heard a frightened MMMMMMAAAAAA!!!!!! I looked into the shed and there was the biggest Alpine looking doe kid I ever saw. Never knew or was told she was pregnant.

Takes a lot to fool me but she did. So far SURPRISE is the only name unless I get input on that one and a photo with her IF YOU CHOSE THE WINNING NAME.

It seems like a lot of people and Seniors have been sick lately. If I had a wish it would be Better Health to everyone. and GET WELL SOON.

IT WOULD ALSO BE GREAT to see more people at the GEN AGE CAFE.....MEN OR WOMEN. The food is great, priced right and YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COOK..! We have games, updates on life, friends, the library is right across the hall, and I will sing or tell stories if it would get you there.

There are only 3 meetings left before the Buffalo Days...They are on Tuesdays at 6pm. May 25th, June8th and June 22 at CITY COUNCIL ROOM.

We need CRAFTERS, AND VENDORS. There is no charge unless you use electricity and then it is only \$25. 2-3-4. There will be participation ribbons, awards, and th FAMOUS River City Six BRASS BAND(11 members) playing for YOU on the parade route and at the park from 1:30 to3:30 on 4th.

We hope to have POSTERS out the firs of June. The BUFFALO CHIP CONTEST will be back, Horseshoes, Baking, Wrestling, DJ, Childrens Games, Raffle, andWrestling both days. ANY MORE IDEAS????? COME TO THE MEETING.. FIREWORKS ON 4th at dusk. Lighted

Boad parade on 3rd and Regulsr Parade on 4th at 2pm. STAY in Buffalo and bring the family to the PARK. There are many improvements.

Speaking of Improving, I CAN SEEE CLEARLY NOW THE BEACH IS BACK. I hear there will be flowers in front of our Vetrens Memorial. Would You like to see something on the street side also to HONOR OUR VETRENS? Cleanup starts 17-22nd. YOU can take junk to Landfill yourself that week with proof of being Buffalo Resident. Thur-Fri-and Sat AM there will be dumpsters at Community Center. Srs. may call if they need help to 381-2226.

There will be a BICYCLE PARADE down Front to Casey's and back past HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM on 2nd to Breakfast. JUNE20th. 8:45 Families with their children would be great. Lets all JOIN IN>>>> The Ride the River riders are coming from Muscatine. MORE LATER.

Remember the THEME for Buffalo Days is GOING GREEN. There will be a display in the Park with gifts and INFORMATIUON> GO GREEN.....BE SEEN

the BLUE GRASS PARADE IS June 6th at 1pm. Phone Kim 381-1376 for more. Theme is "Be Grateful For Freedom" by Ashlyn Ford. No entry fee. Well I have expressed enough Senior views. Turning 70 soon is making me think more and realize life is precious and we should enjoy it and our city more.

Your Sr Pres, Council Member and Farmer on the Hill,

Dana Jo 😊 and 🌟's for the Future,



Wyatt Earp (Rooster) is king of the barn and loves his mirrored friend. Wyatt

thinks the goat inside the hay bale is pretty smart!

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NEW ERA DINNER THEATER
The Mystery of Edwin Drood is being presented by the New Era Dinner Theater in the New Era Community Building at 3455 New Era Road in rural Muscatine; **Friday, May 21; and Saturday, May 22 dinner will be at 6:00pm** with the show following at 7:00pm. On **Sunday, May 23**, dinner will be served at 5:00 pm with the show starting at 6:00pm. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. They can be ordered by calling: Maxine Stark 563-263-5255 or Nancy Henke 563-263-0881. Tickets may also be ordered by mail from Maxine Stark, 986 Newell Ave, Muscatine, IA 52761.



Buffalo Library News -May 2010

Stop by and check out the beautiful flowers in the courtyard pots! The Story-Hour kids planted them last week, and each also took home a petunia for their Moms for Mother's Day. While you're here, enjoy a book in the courtyard, too.

Summer is just around the corner, and it will soon be time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Registration for all ages starts May 24th. Read your favorite books, and earn fun prizes. It's free!

On Friday, May 21, Miss Cindy and Miss Crystal from Eldridge will visit Buffalo Elementary School, to talk about the Summer Reading Program. A flyer will be sent home with details of the Program. Help us boost our summer participation in this fun program that promotes reading!

A busy Summer is shaping up!

Upcoming Library Events - Mark your calendar!

SATURDAYS: Starting Saturday, June 5, and running through July 31: Each Saturday will offer a free 'Make & Take Craft Time'. Stop in from 9:00 to Noon, and make something fun to take home. No registration, no cost!

TUESDAYS: Starting Tuesday June 8, through July 27: Every Tuesday will be 'Games – Unplugged'! Stop in at 2:30 pm and play a variety of board games. Bring your friends and your favorite games, or play the ones provided by the Library.

WEDNESDAYS: Every Wednesday at 10:00 am – our usual Story Hour. Hear a story, and make a craft.

Wednesday, June 23, 10:00 am - Meet Tacky the Penguin, from Helen Lester's well-loved children's books. Make a craft, and enjoy a cold treat!

Wednesday, July 21 10:00 am: Master of Disaster! See how a tornado works, and learn how to be safe in hazardous weather when Erika Flecker of the American Red Cross visits.

MONDAY June 28, 2:00 pm: Be a Water Hero: learn to save someone from drowning when Steve Vacek from the Army Corps of Engineers comes by.

EVERY DAY: Take part in a Scavenger Hunt. Use a computer. Enjoy your favorite magazine, the latest book or a new DVD. It's always free at your Buffalo Library!

Library Quote: People only learn through two things. One is reading and the other is association with smarter people. -- Will Rogers

- **Cindy Mosier, Branch Associate**

Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, then 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to Noon

381-1797

Colts & Fillies For Sale



Pictured here is one of Dana Jo's new babies. She has several more. If you are interested in purchasing one of these beauties, please call her at 381-3245.

Springtime Petcare

Spring has sprung, and with the change of season, our thoughts inevitably turn to spring cleaning and much-needed home improvement projects. To help keep your pet safe, our ASPCA experts have come up with a few seasonal tips that will help prevent mishaps or misfortunes.

Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all commercially sold cleaning products contain chemicals that are harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage. Products such as paints, mineral spirits and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. Also, be cautious of physical hazards, including nails, staples, insulation, blades and power tools. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.

Fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients aren't meant for four-legged consumption and can be fatal if your pet ingests them. Always store these poisonous products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully. Many popular springtime plants—including Easter lilies, rhododendron and azaleas—are highly toxic to pets and can easily prove fatal if eaten.

April showers bring May flowers—and an onslaught of bugs! Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication, as well as a flea and tick control program. Ask your doctor to recommend a plan designed specifically for your pet.



Warmer weather means more trips to the park, longer walks and more chances for your pet to wander off! Make sure your dog or cat has a microchip for identification and wears a tag imprinted with your home address, cell phone and any other relevant contact information. If a collar is absolutely necessary for a cat, please make sure it is elastic or break-away. Dogs should wear flat (never choke!) collars, please.

If you suspect your pet may have come in contact with or ingested a potentially poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

GARDENING

Corn, Beans and Squash (Three Sisters)

by author Alice Formiga, Reneesgarden.com



According to Iroquois legend, corn, beans, and squash are three inseparable sisters who only grow and thrive together. This tradition of interplanting corn, beans and squash in the same mounds,

widespread among Native American farming societies, is a sophisticated, sustainable system that provided long-term soil fertility and a healthy diet to generations.

Growing a Three Sisters garden is a wonderful way to feel more connected to the history of this land, regardless of our ancestry.

Corn, beans and squash were among the first important crops domesticated by ancient Mesoamerican societies.

Corn was the primary crop, providing more calories or energy per acre than any other. According to Three Sisters legends corn must grow in community with other crops rather than on its own - it needs the beneficial company and aide of its companions.

The Iroquois believe corn, beans and squash are precious gifts from the Great Spirit, each watched over by one of three sisters spirits, called the De-o-ha-ko, or Our Sustainers". By retelling the stories and performing annual rituals, Native Americans passed down the knowledge of growing, using and preserving the Three Sisters through generations.

Corn provides a natural pole for bean vines to climb. Beans fix nitrogen on their roots, improving the overall fertility of the plot by providing nitrogen to the following years corn. Bean vines also help stabilize the corn plants, making them less vulnerable to blowing over in the wind. Shallow-rooted squash vines become a living mulch, shading emerging weeds and preventing soil moisture from evaporating, thereby improving the overall crops chances of survival in dry years. Spiny squash plants also help discourage predators from approaching the corn and beans. The large amount of crop residue from this planting combination can be incorporated back into the mound at the end of the season, to build up the organic matter in the soil and improve its structure.

Corn, beans and squash also complement each other nutritionally. Corn provides carbohydrates, the dried beans are rich in protein, balancing the lack of necessary amino acids found in corn. Finally, squash yields both vitamins from the fruit and healthful, delicious oil from the seeds.

Native Americans kept this system in practice for centuries without the modern conceptual vocabulary we use today, i.e. soil nitrogen, vitamins, etc. They often look for signs in their environment that indicate the right

soil temperature and weather for planting corn, i.e. when the Canada geese return or the dogwood leaves reach the size of a squirrels ear. You may wish to record such signs as you observe in your garden and neighborhood so that, depending on how well you judged the timing, you can watch for them again next season!

Early European settlers would certainly never have survived without the gift of the Three Sisters from the Native Americans, the story behind our Thanksgiving celebration. Celebrating the importance of these gifts, not only to the Pilgrims but also to civilizations around the globe that readily adopted these New World crops, adds meaning to modern garden practices

Success with a Three Sisters garden involves careful attention to timing, seed spacing, and varieties. In many areas, if you simply plant all three in the same hole at the same time, the result will be a snarl of vines in which the corn gets overwhelmed!

Instructions for Planting Your Own Three Sisters Garden in a 10 x 10 square

When to plant: Sow seeds any time after spring night temperatures are in the 50 degree range, up through June.

What to plant: Corn must be planted in several rows rather than one long row to ensure adequate pollination. Choose pole beans or runner beans and a squash or pumpkin variety with trailing vines, rather than a compact bush. Note: A 10 x 10 foot square of space for your Three Sisters garden is the minimum area needed to ensure good corn pollination. If you have a small garden, you can plant fewer mounds, but be aware that you may not get good full corn ears as a result.

How to plant:

1. Choose a site in full sun (minimum 6-8 hours/day of direct sunlight throughout the growing season). Amend the soil with plenty of compost or aged manure, since corn is a heavy feeder and the nitrogen from your beans will not be available to the corn during the first year. With string, mark off three ten-foot rows, five feet apart.
2. In each row, make your corn/bean mounds. The center of each mound should be 5 feet apart from the center of the next. Each mound should be 18 across with flattened tops. The mounds should be staggered in adjacent rows.
3. Plant 4 corn seeds in each mound in a 6 in square.
4. When the corn is 4 inches tall, its time to plant the beans and squash. First, weed the entire patch. Then plant 4 bean seeds in each corn mound. They should be 3 in apart from the corn plants, completing the square.
5. Build your squash mounds in each row between each corn/bean mound. Make them the same size as the corn/bean mounds. Plant 3 squash seeds, 4 in. apart in a triangle in the middle of each mound.
6. When the squash seedlings emerge, thin them to 2 plants per mound. You may have to weed the area several times until the squash take over and shade new weeds.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 MAY 16	17 BINGO GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC	18 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	19 GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC FREE CLOTHES	20 Hist mtg 6:30 Free clothes 5-7	21 GEN AGE CAFÉ/	15 22
23	24 BINGO GA CAFÉ	25 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	26 GENAGE CAFÉ FREE CLTHS 9-12	27 Free clothes 5-7 CLC DINNER 4-6:30	28	29
30	31 BINGO GA CAFÉ	1 JUNE FREE CLOTHS 9-12	2 Gen Age Cafe FREE CLOTHES 9-12	3 Free clothes 5-7	4	5
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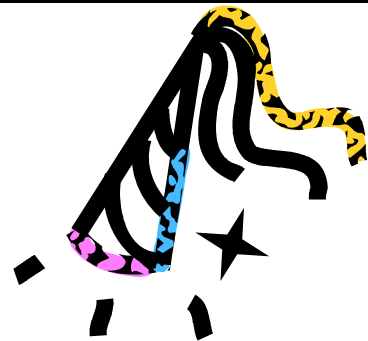
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