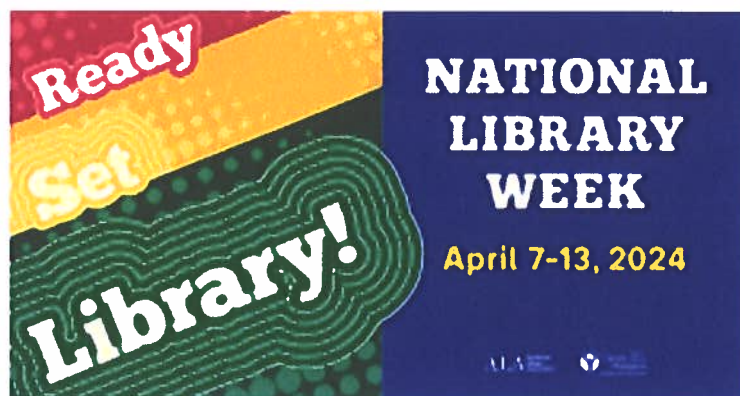


Zearing Newsletter April 2024

With April having arrived, so too is National Library Week, this year April 7-13. Sponsored by the American Library Association, the theme for National Library Week 2024 is "Ready, Set, Library!"



SAVE THE DATE!

Memorial Program will be held May 27th
at 10:30 am the Lincoln Township Cemetery.

Guest Speaker will be Brad Wilkening

Music provided by DnA Entertainment

Sponsored by the Zearing Fire Department

All are Welcome!



The Zearing Heritage Room
will sponsor a presentation by

Carl Kurtz

A noted conservationist and wildlife photographer
giving his program on 'Prairie Reconstruction'

Thursday April 11th at 6:30 PM

At the Dakins Community Center

Free and open to the public

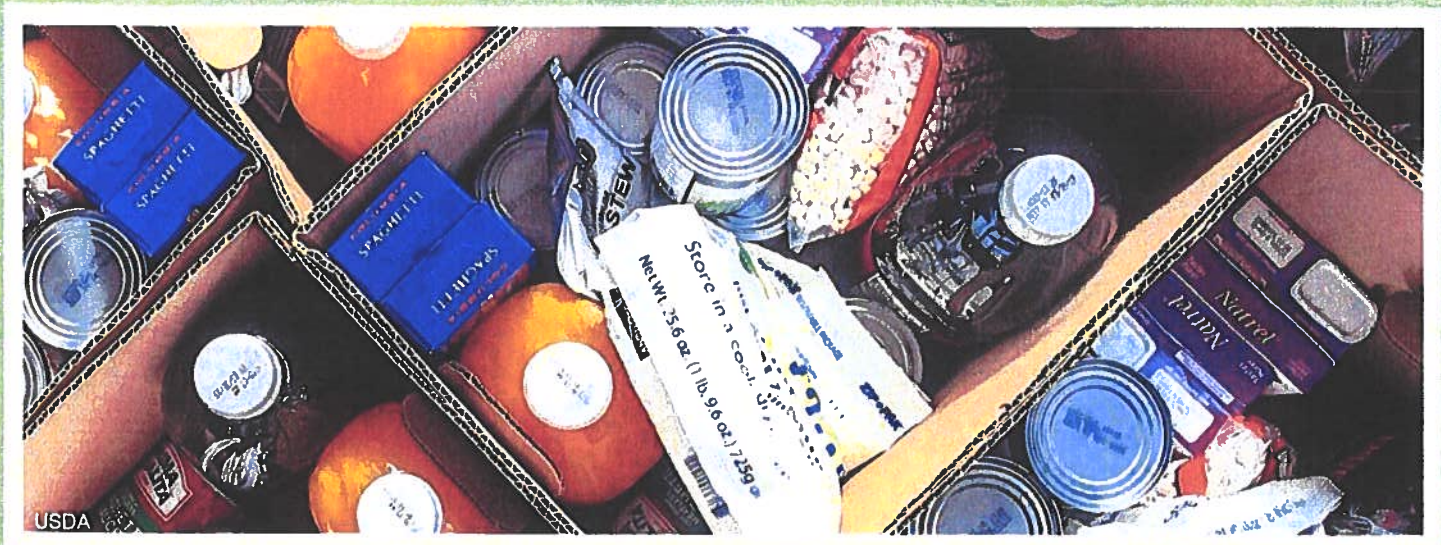
Light refreshments provided.





Commodity Supplemental Foods Box Program

Also known as "SFP" or "Polk County Food Boxes"



Are you over 60 years old, with a gross monthly income of \$1,580 or less?

You qualify to receive a FREE box of food each month!

To Apply:

Call Heartland of Story County at (515) 233-2906 and choose the "Outreach" option. Outreach Worker will schedule a time to assist you with applying.

POLK COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

STORY COUNTY SCHEDULE 2024

Listed below are the scheduled dates, times and locations of the upcoming deliveries to your county. We ask that you or your proxy are available during these times to ensure delivery of your commodities. If you miss your scheduled time, you can show up to any of the other delivery locations in your county and pick up your food package. If that is not possible, it is your responsibility to come to our warehouse at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines and pick up your food package.

Monday, January 22	Monday, July 15
Monday, February 26	Monday, August 19
Monday, March 18	Monday, September 16
Monday, April 15	Monday, October 21
Monday, May 20	Monday, November 18
Monday, June 17	Monday, December 16

- Please pay close attention, some delivery/pick up times have changed

Hobby Lobby, Ames (8:30 – 9:00)
620 Lincoln Way
(Behind the store in the back parking lot)

Regency V, Ames (9:15 – 9:30)
3001 Regency Ct

Keystone Apartments, Ames (9:30 – 9:45)
3115 Roy Key Ave

Stonehaven Apts, Ames (10:00 – 10:20)
402 Stonehaven Dr.

The Meadows, Nevada (10:45 – 11:00)
502 5th St

Score Complex, Nevada (11:15 – 11:45)

Heartland Senior Serv, Ames (12:15 – 12:30)
110 Crystal St

PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR SO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR COMMODITIES WILL BE DELIVERED.



George Henry Walters 1927- 2024

George was born on the family farm to Henry & Minnie Daleske Walters on February 18, 1927. The name George was chosen for him because he was born close to George Washington's birthday.

It always tickled George that he was born in the winter, but on a warm, clear day so the doctor had no problem traveling out there, but his brother Donald was born during an April snowstorm. In fact, the neighbors all had to help clear the road so the doctor could get to the farm for his brother's birth.

George and his brother loved growing up on the farm. They spent hours playing in the creek. George said Easter Sunday was the traditional start of the swimming season for them, so they always went for a swim in the creek that day - even when the water was ice cold!

The boys also enjoyed playing in the grove. George always loved nature. He was interested in learning about all the trees and birds there. He retained that interest all his life, becoming an avid bird watcher. He owned three pairs of binoculars so one would always be

handy for a better view of one he spotted. When he moved into town later in life, he kept the binoculars and had six birdbaths in his yard which he cleaned and refilled often.

George's parents both came from large families, so he grew up surrounded by a host of grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins.

George was ready to start school (Grant #7) at the age of five, but his parents wanted him and his brother to be in the same grade, so they waited until he was six to send him to school. George was even then very obedient and responsible. He wanted to please and help others. His parents entrusted him with the task of taking his younger brother to school with him. His cousin Wilma Walters (later Mrs. Bill Gray) also had a younger brother to walk to school. George said that he and Wilma often had a real struggle getting their reluctant, frequently crying, and balking siblings to their country school.

In school George excelled in math. (He could still add a long list of numbers quickly and with no errors when he was 96!) Spelling and penmanship were not his favorite subjects, but he did like to read.

At recess George liked to play baseball with all his friends (of whom he still spoke affectionately many decades later). He had a good, strong arm so could throw a ball well, but never became nearly as skilled at batting.

After finishing his elementary schooling, George attended Hubbard High School. He enjoyed recalling his bus rides there and back home. Always kind and social, when little Helen Fisher (now Mrs. Wendell Eley) moved to a farm near Hubbard and started riding his crowded school bus, he let her sit on his lap. Helen still speaks of that today.

After graduating from high school in 1946, George helped his father farm. He had already been doing a lot of farm work. He never went out for sports in high school because he was needed on the farm. George loved farming, but farming with ornery horses could be a challenge. He was thrilled when they switched to tractors. He enjoyed working with machines a lot more!

George never served in the military because he had heart damage from having had rheumatic fever. To strengthen his heart, he worked out every day clear into his 80's. His basement had almost as much equipment as some gyms have.

When he was twenty-six, he married the neighbor girl Margaret Frerichs. They had many happy years together on the farm and later in the home they bought in Zearing. They enjoyed going to restaurants and auctions and taking trips to see the fall leaves near the Mississippi River. After Margaret started suffering from dementia, he cared for her at home as long as he could. His beloved Margaret died on January 15, 2015.

George and Margaret were never able to have a child, so they (especially George) showered their affection and attention on cats. Tenderhearted George could never bear to think a cat was going hungry or thirsty, so he always put out food and water (in an electrically heated pan in the winter) for them and even took food and water to stray cats he saw on his daily neighborhood walks. He was still doing this up until just weeks before his death on Sunday, March 10th at the Iowa River Hospice in Marshalltown, at the age of 97.

He will be greatly missed by friends who so enjoyed his sense of humor. George always had a witty response to what was said or done.



HOMETOWN OUTREACH

ZEARING, IOWA

APRIL 10, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



ZEARING CITY HALL

105 W MAIN STREET

Zearing, Iowa 50278



Veterans and veteran spouses are invited to stop in during these hours for an informal conversation. This is your chance to ask questions and find out more about veteran resources and benefits.



The Park Board would like your help!

Would you be willing to join with the Park Board for a clean -up of both our East Park and South Park?

Please mark your calendar for **April 20, 2024, at 10:00 am!** Come join to get our City Parks cleaned and ready for the summer! Please bring gloves and an extra rake if you have one! The more the merrier and the faster the work. We look forward to seeing as many citizens as possible!



April Birthdays!

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- 2nd Jack Dubberke
- 5th Allison Hulshizer
- 8th Rachel Gunderson
Drew Stalzer
- 10th Landon Stalzer
Kem Packer
- 11th Jay Stalzer
Margaret Zimmerman
- 12th Jim Oakes
- 13th Chris Klaas
- 15th Maggie McCloud
Casen Schroeder
- 16th Teri Perisho
- 17th Joey Buerckley
Ken Weig
- 18th Brittnee Packer
- 20th Mark Britten
- 21st Kari Dubberke Hornberg
- 22nd Cassandra Davis
- 25th Rose Jones
- 28th Megan Hulshizer
- 30th Jessica Schroeder



April Anniversaries

- 8th Tim and Tamara Reed
- 13th Renald & Darcie Bouchard
- 18th Jacob and Dana Norman
- 25th Howard and Judy
Reischauer
- 30th Sharron and Bill Slinger

