

CLUB NOTES ...

City Improvement Association

The City Improvement Association met Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in the Social Hall of the First Baptist Church with 16 ladies present.

The meeting was called to order by President Yolanda Van Ausdall and she thanked the Hostess Committee, Andres Park, for the delicious treats they served.

The April meeting minutes were emailed to members and reviewed by those present. Joanne Robinson discussed a small correction to be made. The change was made to the April minutes and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Yolanda presented Jodi Hammond's April Treasure's report. Susan LeMaster stated she had nothing new to present for the April endowment report. The financial reports were approved as presented and will be filled for audit.

Yolanda told the park chairs their spring park reports were due at this meeting. She will take the reports as Juanita is unable to attend the meeting and will see Juanita gets them. The park chairs shared their May park activity reports, what they had done and any problems they were dealing with in their parks. Memorial Park had a major water issue that needed to be repaired before turning on the fountain for summer. The parks require time and effort to keep looking nice and we need to thank the husbands that share with the park work.

Yolanda reported that Theresa Cherry and Jodi Hammond are working on the CIA "Yard of the Month" and will be presenting a sign soon. They have been given several "Yard" nominations to start the 2025 season.

Susan Jacob presented her Gardeners Minute. She had information on trees. We discussed the different trees in our area and parks.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting. The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 1:15 pm. Jodi will notify us of the meeting location prior to the meeting date.

EDUCATION NEWS BRIEFS ...

Clarke University announces spring 2025 Dean's List

Logan Corcoran of Nora Springs is among the 240 students who earned a spot on the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester at Clarke University in Dubuque

The list recognizes full-time Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale.

Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

Ava Schrage of Nora Springs has been named to the spring 2025 semester Dean's List for Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

Students who have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college are named to the list.



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The Victor "Vic" Franklin Dunn, Jr. Family would like to especially thank the following Charles City community members who gave their time & talents honoring our Dad's passing last week.

Paramedics-AMS, Charles City Police Department, Chief Hugh Anderson, Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the city of Charles City, Corporate Drive Watertower Company, Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home, Immaculate Conception Church, Calvary Cemetery, VFW, United States Navy & to the community of Charles City.

Thank you for always showing our family hometown Comet love & pride.

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LIONS CLUB ROSE GARDEN PERGOLA GETS SPRUCED UP FOR THE SUMMER

A crew from Johnson Painting in Charles City works on the pergola in the Willson-Lorber Lions Club Rose Garden at the corner of Main Street and Riverside Drive earlier this week. The workers were sanding the wood in preparation for staining later in the week.

The garden was created in 1971 as a Lions Club community beautification project after the tornado of 1968, then renovated in 2013 and at that time named after George Lorber and Eb Willson, two Lions who had been instrumental in starting the project.

The park contains more than 150 rose plants in many varieties, benches and a brick walkway in addition to the pergola.

Lorber was a longtime Charles City school superintendent and Lions Club member who helped lead the way to rebuilding three school buildings after the tornado. He died in 2015. Willson, who died in 1996, was also a longtime Lion and owner of Starr Ice Cream Co. and Riverside Greenhouse.



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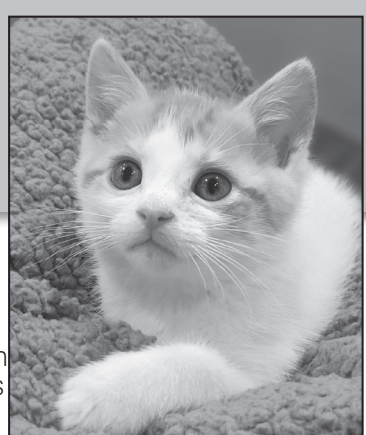
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PET OF THE WEEK



Names: Turnip


Breed: Shorthair/white & orange

Ages: 8 wks

Gender: Male

Two weeks ago, Turnip was found all alone in the Community Garden. His eyes were matted shut & he was underweight. Within a few days of starting meds his eyes cleared up & he has doubled his weight! Turnip really needs a home with another active cat to keep him company & have a playmate.

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Charles City Public Library launches summer book club

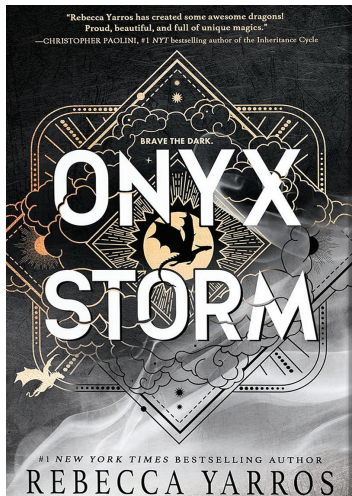
To The Press

The Charles City Public Library is kicking off the summer reading season with the first meeting of the Basgiath Book Club on Wednesday, June 26, at 5 p.m., hosted at Prologue Books & Wine in downtown Charles City.

"The Basgiath Book Club is a new group dedicated to adult romantasy – a captivating blend of romance and fantasy genres – focusing on titles like Rebecca Yarros's Fourth Wing series and other popular romantasy novels that spark imagination and passion alike," according to information from the library.

"The summer's first featured title is 'Onyx Storm,' by Rebecca Yarros, the newest installment in the explosive Empyrean series. Known for its thrilling plot, rich fantasy world and emotional depth, Onyx Storm promises plenty to discuss and explore," the library said.

This meeting will also serve as a planning session, where attendees will help decide on upcoming books, meeting dates, times and locations for the rest of the summer.



"Whether you're a die-hard romantasy reader or just curious about the genre, all are welcome to join the discussion and help shape the club's direction," the library said.

Beverages will be available for purchase at Prologue. The event is free and open to the public and doesn't require preregistration. Books can be picked up at the Charles City Public Library or are available through the Libby or Hoopla apps.

For more information, contact the Charles City Public Library at 641-257-6319.