

# The Iowa Friend

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## Tall Oaks Lodge

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Camp Quaker Heights board approved the final plans for the Tall Oaks Lodge. This "adult friendly" lodge has been a dream of several members of IAYM for many years. The plans for the building include a main floor with a walk-out basement. The main floor will consist of 6 bedrooms with private baths, kitchen, public restroom, dining and meeting area, and a small lounge area with a registration desk. The CQH board has approved purchasing the main building from Sunrise Homes of Iowa Falls, Iowa. The walk-in basement will have 3 bedrooms with private baths, meeting area, mechanical room, laundry room, storage room, and meeting area.

The goal is to have the building delivered by the end of December 2005 with an opening date for the main floor of late January or early February. The basement will be completed with volunteers in the early spring and summer. Funds are still needed to complete this project as well as the Iowa Yearly Meeting Future and a Hope Campaign. If you would like more information about the Capital Campaign please contact Ron Bryan or Pat Watson. If you need more information about Tall Oaks Lodge please contact Ron Bryan, Ric Garrison, Charles Nichols, or Lloyd McDonald.



## Friends Disaster Service

Nancy and I want to thank each of you and your churches for your loyal support to the Friends Disaster Service efforts that were put forth over the last few weeks. Paul Albritton and I just returned home Wednesday night from Farmerville, Louisiana. We had every nook and cranny of the FDS trailer packed with the many items that the IYM churches provided for the Katrina evacuees. There was not an empty place left in the trailer for anything. The people in the shelter in Farmerville, where we took the supplies, were overjoyed with the items we brought. We were also able to eat lunch and spend some time talking with some of the evacuees who have moved from Southern Louisiana to the Farmerville area. They would all like to go back home but realize there is very little, if anything, for them to go back to.

We ask that you keep the Katrina evacuees in your prayers as they search for new homes and jobs. Many of the people we talked with have good jobs in Southern Louisiana and are eager to get back to them; however, many of the employers have put things on hold until they see what the future has in store for the areas hit by Katrina.

I also wanted to share a couple neat stories about how we received some of the shirts that we took with us to Louisiana.

1. Nina Lorimor-Easley from Earlham Friends works for Garner Printing in Des Moines. New Century Mortgage is one of their clients. A New Century Mortgage employee was in New Orleans when Katrina hit and had to evacuate to Houston. They donated 300 shirts to be sent to Louisiana to help the evacuees. Thanks to Nina for her part in helping secure the shirts.

2. I have been friends with Dennis Gruss, who works for Carpenter Uniforms in Des Moines, for many years. They do screen printing on shirts, jackets, vests, etc. I called Dennis and asked him if they ever had any misprints on shirts that could be used to send to Louisiana on the trip that was being planned. He got back to me and said that after checking with the President of Pioneer Hybrids in Johnston that he had 36 huge boxes of shirts, coats, vests, etc. that Pioneer would donate to the cause. God is good! We took all of the shirts on the trailer to Louisiana. We will be taking the coats and vests later when we go on a work trip to the Gulf area.

God Bless!  
Dan & Nancy Ritchie



## Friendly Flashes

**“ Give all your worries to him, because he cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7**

I sat at the quilt frame last week and tried to untangle my thread with out unthreading the needle. I would find a loop and pass the needle through only to find out that I had just made the knot worse. Untangling the fine chain of a necklace is just as hard and we are always in a hurry when it tangles.

Our lives can get all tangled up also. Usually just when we have added one more item to our to-do list. Now we can't get any thing done! We are forced to stop and take stock of how we got in this predicament in the first place. In our Mail From Meg we are reminded that the giving to our Christian Service projects is only about 25% funded and we are 2/3 of the way through the year.

Each day the news brings us more projects that in need of our help. F.D.S.Ia is a very worthy project and we know the aid is getting to the people who need it. Can we support every project that comes our way? Yes, we can if we give a token amount to each one, and that dollar or two will help others. However it does nothing to help us, because we have not invested our hearts into our giving. At bedtime we will still feel all tied up inside and guilty because we didn't do enough.

Since last Tuesday I have been quite literally tied up. Tied up to a Cryo-Cuff and the water jug. I was forced to sit still and examine what other tangles were in my life. A.B.C, Quilts has been a part of my life for over 22 years, but I was beginning to feel "tied-up" up by the quilts, unable to move forward to new projects. God untangled that knot by having Sunshine Circle here in Earlham ( I am a member) take over the quilts. The project still goes on and they are now sending quilts to Hurricane relief. I still receive some quilts and can help with out feeling "tied-up"

Our missionaries over seas and at our Native American centers could not begin to make a difference unless they help out of a conviction of their hearts rather than feeling "tied" to a project. It is the love in our hearts that makes the difference.

We are all tied together as part of God's family. We are tethered on fine strings of immeasurable strength, that flow from His heart to ours..All other entanglements will disappear one day but this tether is eternal. This tether is love, love that never leaves us and that will direct us as we go forth this year to do "Unto the Least of These"

Peace and Grace

Linda B.



## Mission's Scholarship

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2006-2007 academic school year. Persons seeking intentional study in missions at a Christian college or seminary, and who want to pursue education to prepare for full time missions' work with a Friends organization may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2006-2007 scholarship, please contact Diane Martin, IYM Mission's Chairperson, at 3227 Pheasant Avenue, Rockwell, IA 50469 or e-mail at [zoocrew@netins.net](mailto:zoocrew@netins.net).

**The deadline to apply is March 15, 2006.**

## Salem Friends 44th Annual Missions Convention

Theme: Life and Work of a Missionary  
*Friday, November 11 - Sunday, November 13*

Speakers: Gene and Myra Pickard

They served previously in Guatemala.

All services will be at Salem Friends Church

\*Kick-off Friday with a theme supper at 5:45 pm.

\*Evening services are at 7:00pm each evening

\*Sunday a full schedule beginning with the 8:15 worship, 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 worship, noon Pot-Luck Dinner, and 7:00pm worship

\*Youth event following the Saturday night worship.\*

Dear Friends,

In February 2000 I began a wonderful journey, working as the Office Administrator of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Little did I know, at the time, what an impression IAYM would have on my personal life and my walk with the Lord. I have truly enjoyed serving the Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting and cherish the memories I now own in my heart. It is with sadness that I must resign from my position as of September 16, 2005. As a new journey begins, I ask that you would pray for me and my family. I will greatly miss being part of this wonderful Christian fellowship that I have grown to love and respect.

In Christ's love,  
Daneta J. Lopez



## VITAL SIGNS

**Wilford Franklin Cox, 88**, of Richland died Sunday June 19, 2005 at the Washington County Hospital in Washington. He was born January 31, 1917 in Richland to John and Mabel Cox. Mr. Cox lived his entire life in the Richland area and attended area schools. He married Clara Brown on February 1, 1946. He farmed, raised cattle and drove a school bus for Richland schools and Pekin Community Schools for 17 year. Mr. Cox served in the US Army during WW II in the Pacific Theater for 3 1/2 years. He was a lifelong member of the Friends Church. He is survived by his wife Clara, Three daughters: Barb Raska and her husband Bill of Spencer, IA, Ila Capps and her husband Craig of Kalona and Carol Speidel and her husband Tim of St. Paul, MN, 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Marvin Cox, one sister Eva Shamblin and one nephew John Cox.

**Duane Moon** - former pastor at College Avenue Friends and then president of William Penn College died over the weekend of September 11th in Columbia, MO. His memorial service was September 15 at the United Church of Christ. Memorials may be directed to any Quaker institution of choice. **Alice Moon's** address is: 13 Fleming Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

**Claire and Marjorie Jones** of Davenport...longtime members of Bear Creek Friends Church...

**Marjorie**, age 80, passed away July 14. Her funeral was held at Bear Creek Friends on July 19 with Pastors Bob Tabor and Keith Smith officiating, and Pastor Dallas Gilreath of Bear Creek assisting. **Claire**, age 81, passed away August 9. His funeral was held August 12 at Bear Creek. Claire's brother, Rev. Kenneth Jones, officiated and Dallas Gilreath assisted. Claire and Marjorie are survived by their 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, Claire's brothers Keeneth of Arizona and Howard (Delores) of Earlham, and Marjorie's sister Delores (Howard) Jones of Earlham. Claire and Marjorie will always be remembered for their years of membership and faithful service to Bear Creek Friends.

**Estelle Hoskins** died August 16 in Marshalltown. Estelle would have celebrated her 104th birthday in October. She was an involved member of Bangor-Liberty Friends Church but had lived in Marshalltown for a number of years before and after her husband's death.

**It's a Girl!** Congratulations to Tim and Meridith Thomas of Union on the birth of Kaylee Elizabeth, born August 15th. Tim and Meridith and grandparents, Mark and Darlene Bradley, are all attenders at BLFC.

### Iowa Youth Ministries Upcoming Events by CQH (call Ric @ 641-751-4400 for more info)

**Youth Ministries 101**...Oct. 24 @ Grinnell Friends  
Oct. 25 @ Fairfield Friends  
**Cross Training**...October 22, 9 - 3pm Cost \$10  
6th Grade - Prayer @ Fairfield Friends



## MEETING MOMENTS

**Riverside Friends** considers every child a special gift from God. Last spring their mid-week Kid's Club averaged 30 children, picked up by three vans. Over the summer the average attendance was 16. With school back in session, they are once again expecting larger numbers. Many of these children have never heard Bible stories and have to be assured that they are really true!

**Bangor Liberty Friends** The Friends of House of Compassion reports that over 655 children showed wide smiles as they were given back packs with many of the supplies needed for the grade level. Since they had extra supplies after the official dates, 60 others received a partial bag of supplies and boxes of various items were given to local teachers to use at their discretion.

**Bear Creek Friends** celebrated the 65th wedding anniversary of Otha and Marie Cook. Also, throughout the summer "William Penn" (a.k.a. Pastor Dallas) appeared in several community parades in full costume, including knee breeches, long frock coat, and wig! Alongside him was a wooden model of the church, built years ago by Marion Patience, and pulled on a little red wagon by Emma Skahill.

### Light of the Lakes Friends Church

#### welcomes new pastor:

#### Jerry and Vicky Mercer

We, at Light of the Lakes Friends, shared with many of you, at this year's Spring Body, our belief that God was certainly not finished with us as a Body of and in Christ. He really never is and just recently confirmed this in calling Pastor Jerry Mercer and his ministerial partner and wife Vicky to be our new shepherds. Jerry and Vicky met at Friends Bible College(now Barclay) where he received a BA in religion and pastoral ministry. He has served Friends(FUM & EFI) in Indiana, Tennessee, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Jerry is a 7th generation Friend so is returning to his roots here with us. They will begin their service at Light of the Lakes in Arnolds Park on October 16th.

## Memorials

The memorial committee have the following requests:

1. Send your memorial write-ups throughout the year, telling their story.
2. Typewritten on 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
3. Picture on same paper.
4. Include place of burial.

*Send to: Shirley Settle, 1211 West State #141,  
Marshalltown, IA 50159*

Any questions, please call me at (641) 844-5022.

Thank You - Shirley Settle

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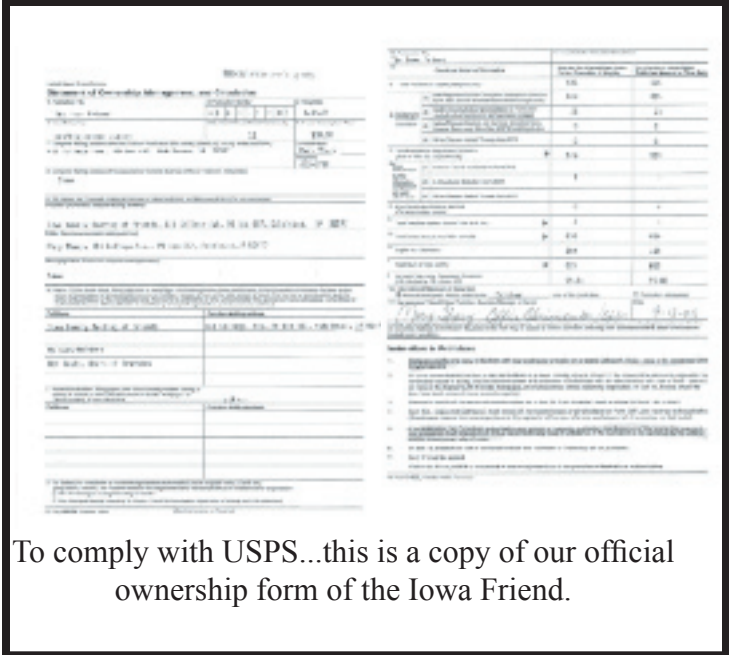
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**Lifesaving with Valor Award Honoree  
Chip Daleske, Eldora IA**

Iowa Governor Thomas Vilsack recognized 33 individuals for unselfish service to their fellow citizens and family members August 12, 2005 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Lifesaving With Valor award is presented to those persons who, while risking their own life, saved the lives of others.

Chip did so on March 13, 2005 during an armed robbery at the local Pizza Hut. At closing time, Chip and 2 other employees were held at gunpoint by an armed man who demanded money. During the robbery, the gunman laid down his gun and Chip quickly took it and ran. The gunman tackled Chip and tried to get the weapon back but gave up after a short struggle and ran out of the store with the money.

We are proud of Chip's non-violent action in this tough situation!



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**Wm Penn  
Campus Ministries**

**WANTED - Campus Ministries is in need of a used drum set and P.A. Equipment that could be donated to the University. If you have any of these items**



**and would like to give them to the Campus Ministry Program, please call Spencer Thury, Campus Minister, at 641-673-1088.**



**FUM News  
Center Online**

For news of Friends around the world, as well as updates on major religious issues/events of interest to Friends, go to the FUM web site, [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org). We will continue with updates from Friends in the Gulf Coast area and information on long-term Friends relief efforts and rebuilding in the region.

You can also follow the last few weeks Shelley Newby's (New Castle (IN) First Friends Meeting) 540-mile Peace Walk from New Castle to Washington, D.C.

Know of something that might be of immediate interest to Friends beyond your yearly meeting? An event, a time-sensitive personal ministry, how your meeting is addressing a time-sensitive faith issue? Contact Barbara Mays, [barbaram@fum.org](mailto:barbaram@fum.org).