







We invite you to join us for the 2018 Independence Day Celebration which will be held on Tuesday July 3rd on the VNU campus. Food booths open at 5pm and entertainment options open at 6pm. Free activities this year include fire truck rides, petting zoo, horse drawn wagon rides, photo booth, balloon artist, life-sized corn hole, human foosball and our huge fireworks display. Other activities include carnival booths, kiddie train rides & kiddie ferris wheel, inflatables, cake walk, ice cream sundae parlor and more!

Beginning at 7pm, the Mud Dogs band will be performing on our outdoor stage. During intermission of the Mud Dogs we will be hosting our first ever Sweet Corn Sprint live in front of the main stage. The fastest person to eat 6 ears of corn, donated by the Iowa Corn Growers Association, will get the title of 2018 Sweet Corn Sprint Champion. If you are interested in participating in this new event contact KayCee O’Connell at 712-324-5418 or kayceeo@villagenorthwest.org.



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VILLAGE VOICE

• • • **SUMMER GAMES** • • •

The Summer Games are Special Olympics Iowa’s largest event of the year, with more than 2,600 athletes and 2,000 volunteers converging on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames. VNU had 20 athletes participate in this year’s event. Our athletes brought home an incredible 27 medals and tons of great memories!

SOCCER SKILLS PARTICIPANTS

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| Nicole A.-3rd | Austin B.- 3rd |
| Brad F.- 3rd | Justin G.- 1st |
| Matt S.- 1st | Chad W.- 3rd |
| Jessica W.- 1st | |

BOCCE BALL TEAM PARTICIPANTS- 3rd

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| Mike K. | Scott W. |
| Matt K. | Charles W. |

4X100 WALK RELAY PARTICIPANTS- 2nd

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| Mary S. | Nicole A. |
| Jessica W. | Allie E. |

TRACK AND FIELD PARTICIPANTS

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| Brad F.- turbo jav- 2nd | Matt S.- 25 meter walk- 1st |
| Mary S.- turbo jav- 2nd | Nicole A.- 50 meter dash-2nd |
| Chad W.- shot put- 3rd | Cody C.- standing long jump-1st |
| Mary S.- turbo jav- 2nd | Dan D.- 100 meter dash-3rd |
| Jessica W.- turbo jav- 2nd | Allie E.- 100 meter dash- 3rd |
| Matt K.- 50 meter dash-2nd | John L.- standing long jump- 3rd |
| Todd E.- softball throw- 2nd | |



• • 13TH ANNUAL RUN, WALK & ROLL • •



Photo by Brittany Duncan

The rainy skies cleared up and it turned out to be a beautiful morning for the Village's Annual Run, Walk & Roll. This event raised over \$80,000 and the old record of 436 participants was shattered with this year's incredible 487 participants.

Elmer Beltman, 89, proves that the Run, Walk & Roll is a community event for all ages. Pictured left is Elmer receiving the 1st place medal from Jordan M. in his age group after walking the 5k. He has been participating in the event since 2011. Elmer is passionate about supporting the Village and feels blessed to be able to continue taking part in this event.

See Elmers full story at www.villagenorthwest.org

5k Overall Winners

Female: Ashley Arend, Sibley 23:14.05
Male: Caleb Bakker, Sanborn 18:49.69

10k Overall Winners

Female: Shannon Schreurs, Sheldon 45:26.45
Male: Ryan Francis, Sheldon 42:44.78

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• • MARIGOLD • • PLANTING

Friday May 18th was the annual marigold planting day at VNU. Sheldon used to be called the Marigold City. To follow that theme, the Village started planting over 8,000 marigolds around our campus and along highway 18. While this no longer occurs throughout the City, the Village has continued the tradition of planting these flowers to beautify our campus. VNU staff and consumers are encourage to participate in this fun afternoon project. After all of the marigolds are planted everyone gets an ice cream treat for all of their hard work!



• • COOKING • • WITH AUTISM

Patty Horstaman and Marlys Wolthuizen have been busy helping to instruct and teach the young men in the ACT Center program the basic skills required for a healthy and tasty eating experience. The cooking curriculum was purchased from Canada, and is titled Cooking with Autism, but has been adapted to more appropriately suit the taste of those in the class. The entire course focuses on kitchen safety and cleaning, food preparation, measuring, cutting and dicing techniques, following recipes, and of course cooking food properly. At the conclusion of each cooking class, everyone will take turns setting a table and enjoying the fruits of their labor as they eat the meal they prepared. The mealtime emphasizes the importance of conversational skills, taking turns sampling everyone's creations, and making sure to offer compliments to the chef. Thanks to Patty and Marly's efforts, there has been significant growth in all areas, with many of the new skills being utilized in the home.



• • SCHOLARSHIP • •

Congratulations goes out to our 2018 Linda K. DeGroot/ VNU Spirit of Caring Scholarship winner, Nicholas Huesman. To be awarded this scholarship, a student must plan on going into a field where they will be working with individuals with disabilities. Nick plans on attending USD in the fall and working towards a degree in Special Education.

We wish Nicholas the best of luck!