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Clarence Main Street Chatter

BY JENEL WENNDT-KLIMESH
CLARENCE MAIN STREET DIRECTOR

WHEW! I can't believe we are at the end of the year already. We had an absolutely magical Clarence Christmas Walk. I want to thank the businesses, the volunteers, the board, the committees, the Clarence Fire Department, the Clarence Public Library and their staff and volunteers, the town of Clarence staff and Public Works, and everyone else who had a part in the Christmas Walk. There is no way that this event could happen without each and every one of you. And thank you to all of you who came out and supported our small businesses, shopped, walked around, and enjoyed the festivities. It was so fun to see everyone walking around, enjoying the s'mores, and partaking in Christmas cheer.

We also had great success with our first year doing our gift card sale and want to thank everyone who purchased one!

We are already working on the events for the upcoming year and how we can make them better for next year. Stay tuned as the set schedule for Clarence Main Street's 2025 events will be coming out soon!



Clarence Firemen delight young visitors to the Clarence Christmas Walk at S'more Square



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THIS & THAT

Yoga with Janel

St. John's UCC Fireside Room

*Yoga, Mondays, 5:30pm \$10

*Sound Meditation, first Sunday of the month, 6pm, suggested \$20 or contribute as you are able.

Preregister with text or call

Questions?

Contact Janel at 319-721-9559

January is National Hot Tea Month

January 8 is National Bubble Bath Day

January is International Creativity Month

January's Moon is called the Wolf Moon. The Saxon word for the month was Wulf-monath or "wolf month."

Clarence United Methodist Church New Worship Times 11:15am Sundays, Pastors Derrick and Theodora Okine. All are welcome. 316 7th Avenue

St. John's UCC Worship is Sundays 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry is open Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 p.m. 320 9th Avenue, 563-452-3022 All are welcome!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				CMS Board Meeting, 4:30p		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Design Committee, 4:30p		Promo/Org Committee 3p		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	City Council, 6:15p	RECYCLE PICKUP				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Articles due for February Cardinal					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		RECYCLE PICKUP				

{submit calendar items to ClarenceNewsletter@gmail.com}

Clarence Main Street Meetings and Events]

January 2, 4:30pm: Clarence Main Street Board Meeting, Clarence Main Street Office

January 7, 4:30pm: Design Committee, Clarence Main Street Office

January 9, 3pm: Promotion/Organization Meeting, Clarence Main Street Office

January 20: Submissions due for February Clarence Cardinal

Tiny Taco Company Celebrates Grand Opening

A birthday gift to herself has turned into a fun new business for Danielle Hahn of Clarence. In August of 2023 Danielle purchased her food trailer from a friend on a whim and The Tiny Taco Company was born. After getting officially licensed to serve in the entire state of Iowa, Danielle has hit the ground running, literally! With such a portable cart, The Tiny Taco Company is available for all kinds of parties and celebrations, in all types of locations. Danielle specializes in tacos, but is also flexible in menu options.

The Tiny Taco Company celebrated its grand opening at a vendor fair on November 16 at the Highpoint Event Center in Clarence. This event highlighted many small businesses from the Clarence area.

Danielle would like to thank all of her friends and family for their encouragement and support. Special thanks to her husband Robert for his endless involvement as well.



Visitors on the Clarence Main Street were delighted by the arrival of The Tiny Taco Company during the Clarence Christmas Walk on December 6.



The Tiny Taco Company celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon cutting at Highpoint Event Center

Contact The Tiny Taco Company at t.tinytaco@gmail.com

Be sure to follow all Clarence businesses on Facebook and Instagram for updates on winter hours and upcoming events.



Clarence Cardinal Newsletter

Partnership with Clarence Main Street

After a brief hiatus, the Clarence Cardinal has returned to publication. To submit articles and information for publication please email content to newsletter editor at ClarenceNewsletter@gmail.com.

To join the newsletter mailing list send an email to ClarenceNewsletter@gmail.com with the subject JOIN NEWSLETTER.

The newsletter is also published monthly at the Clarence Main Street website: www.clarencelAmainstreet.com



Harmony Hustlers 4-H Club

BY LEVI PRUESS
HARMONY HUSTLERS REPORTER

The December meeting of the Harmony Hustlers 4-H club was held at the St. John's Church in Clarence on the first. The meeting was hosted by Makenna Reif and Emily and Levi Pruess. Our club purchased 4 Christmas Bells to give back to the community. Presentations were given by Emily Pruess on making a Christmas Snack, called Rudolph's, Levi Pruess was on the history of baseball cards, and Makenna Reif on her horse collection. Everyone participated in a game where they had to roll a Christmas Tree. The next meeting is Sunday, January 5th.



l-r: Front row Annabelle Dittmer, Boyd Schroeder, Odis Choate, Vivyan Voss, Aiden Clemens, Back row Marx Ditter, Easton Clemens, Paul Redhage, Weston Dircks.



l-r: Bailee Caspary, Avery Caspary

Laser Engraving Gets Creative at Diamond Cutter

The possibilities are endless at Diamond Cutter Graphics, on the Clarence Main Street. Owner, Gerry Stamp, gets asked a lot, "Can you do laser engraving on...." the answer is probably yes. The portable blue diode laser allows Gerry to burn onto wood and many other things, like Yeti cups. Metals are usually not a possibility unless they are powder coated. The powder coating process allows the coating to be burned off, leaving just the metal as seen in the travel mug pictured. The biggest seller, this holiday season, were wood cutting boards laser engraved with a recipe from a loved one. Gerry photographs the handwritten recipe, capturing the handwriting of your loved one and can engrave it for a special gift.



Be sure to stop in to see Gerry at Diamond Cutter Graphics soon to talk about all the possibilities!



CLARENCE AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE

BY KATHY ROBINSON
CLARENCE AMBULANCE DIRECTOR

The Clarence Ambulance Service will be offering another EMT class January 22- May 15, 2025! If you have ever considered becoming an EMT to help provide help for your neighbors, family and friends during their time of need, this is a great class to take. The class will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings 6-10 pm at our ambulance station right here in Clarence, during those winter months when there is little else to do. The class is available to ages 18 and older....and is also a great way for high school seniors to earn some college credits and help out their community too.

If you think you might be interested, just text Kathy Robinson at 319-480-3379 and she will happily meet with you to answer any questions for you so you can see if this is something you would like to do and what will be required for the class.

Our service is made up of community loving, fun loving, well trained, and dedicated crew members, and we would love to have you become a part of our group!

We recently held our Christmas party where there was fantastic food, gift exchange, and some fun games to enjoy. It became an evening of relaxing and LOTS of laughs!

By the end of 2024 we will have surpassed 160 runs for this year...with November being our biggest with over 28 calls alone! We are proud of what we have accomplished in the last 12 months and will continue to strive to provide the best care possible for our community members. We provide training of some kind every month to hone our skills so we can be prepared when life throws challenges at us. And as always, we appreciate all the financial support our communities provide...without that we would not be able to do what we love! Thank you , thank you, thank you!

We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that 2025 is filled with good health, and happy times!

The Science of Parenting

Online Workshops

Understanding Research and Reality

Tuesday- February 4, 2025

(Approved for foster parent credit)

How can parents use **research** to help **inform** the **realities** of parenting? Learn about how parenting realities are different and discover helpful parenting tools and techniques.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Register online: <https://go.iastate.edu/GYWALU>

Understanding Temperament

Tuesday- February 11, 2025

Every child is unique, and their **individual temperament** is one of the biggest reasons why! This workshop will introduce you to the individual temperament traits and offer an opportunity to explore how your child's temperament can impact their feelings and behaviors.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Register online: <https://go.iastate.edu/U1D4FL>

Children's Ages and Parenting Stages

Tuesday- February 18, 2025

Just like our kids grow through different ages, we go through **stages as parents, too!** Learn about those stages, your **child's development**, and tips for adapting your parenting to your child's age and abilities.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Register online: <https://go.iastate.edu/3DGVHC>

Positive Discipline

Tuesday- February 25, 2025

(Approved for foster parent credit)

Parents often say **guidance and discipline** is their **number one concern**. This workshop will help you see positive discipline as an opportunity to build positive parent-child relationships. Learn about the difference between discipline and punishment and strategies for positive discipline, including Stop. Breathe. Talk.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Register online: <https://go.iastate.edu/KJISVI>

FREE for ALL PARTICIPANTS!

www.scienceofparenting.org

Questions? Contact Barbara Dunn Swanson:
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