

CLARENCE cardinal

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CLARENCE IOWA: THE HEART OF THE HISTORIC LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Moonlight & Magic To Return

Autumn fun returns to Clarence the weekend of Oct 9-11. The festivities kick off Friday evening with the return of the Moonlight & Magic Stroll. Take a peek at the full schedule from Clarence Main Street on page 7.



Demeter's Market Moves on to Finals of Grant Competition

Torrey Wilhau of Demeter's Market, has recently been selected to move on to the final pitch presentation of the Open 4 Business Grant.

Open 4 Business is Main Street Iowa's annual business development challenge, designed to support existing small businesses and strengthen downtown districts in more than 50 Main Street Iowa communities.

After advancing through multiple rounds of competition, five finalist businesses, including Demeter's Market, will pitch their expansion and development plans before a panel of judges. Projects may include new equipment, services, product offerings or other investments that support business growth and downtown revitalization. Wilhau plans to use the first round of funds for a large display freezer and refrigerator to sell local meats. "We hope to expand into local restaurants and grocery stores with the upgraded equipment, including ovens and refrigerators." The upgrades will help Demeter's Market grow and expand beyond their current storefront, as well as leading to expanded regular hours.

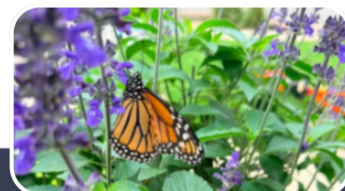
Finalists will compete in Osceola, October 5, for funding to help bring their projects to life, with up to \$25,000 available for the top project and additional awards for other finalists. Winning projects are selected based on business innovation, community impact and the potential for growth, increased revenue and long-term sustainability.



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A Glance to the Past



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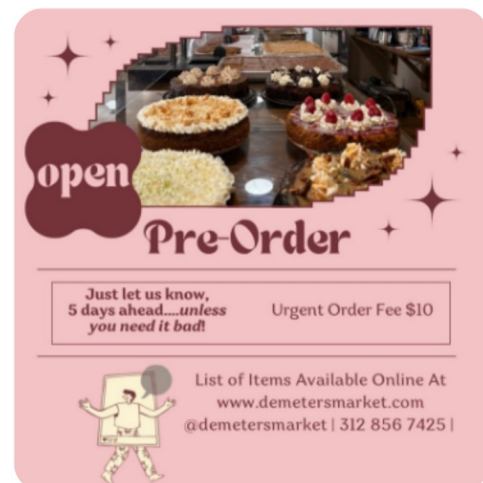


New Addition to Moonlight & Magic Stroll

Last year's Moonlight & Magic Stroll was such a success, there are new additions this year! Amber Stock is bringing her market planning expertise to the Highpoint Event Center (509 Lombard Street) with the newly created "Market by Moonlight"! Bring your friends and enjoy a whimsical evening of shopping local makers, enjoying the evening air and capturing a little spooky season magic. The market, planned for Friday, October 9, 6pm to 8pm will complement the roster of events slated for the Moonlight & Magic Stroll.

Interested in participating in the Market by Moonlight? Contact Amber at staygoldensunlessbtq@gmail.com

Upcoming Events





Clarence Farmer's Market Ends *Season*

What began as a downtown institution, the Clarence Farmer's Market made its return to the business district this summer. In addition to vendors and food trucks, main street businesses were encouraged to extend their hours on Thursday evenings.

The first market kicked off June 18 at the corner of 501 Lombard Street. The market will close out its season on Thursday, September 11. Visit www.ClarenceMainStreet.com for more information on becoming a vendor next year.



Yoga and *Sacred Sounds*

Yoga With Janel

Every Monday

5:30pm - 6:30pm

St. John's UCC, 320 9th Avenue

Sacred Sound Meditation

(Preregistration required)

SECOND Sunday of each month

Two sessions: 4pm and 6pm.

Janel Wenndt @ (319) 721-9559

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From the Clarence Archives

INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM CLARENCE HISTORY

A Glance to the Past



School Days

The school faculty is now complete. Mrs. Norma Lou Broderson of Clarence will teach second grade.

The school buses will run at usual time Monday morning. Students will not need to bring lunches as the buses will leave the building at 11 o'clock. Tuesday school will take up and dismiss at the usual hours.

The high school schedule will be as follows:

1st period - algebra (freshman), physics (seniors).

2nd period - literature (juniors), physics laboratory (Mon. Wed.), English (sophomores), general science lab (Tues. and Thurs.)

3rd period - advanced algebra (juniors), world history (sophomores), speech (seniors), general science (freshmen).

4th period - glee clubs, physical training, mixed chorus, play production

5th period - American history (seniors), geometry (sophomores), American government (juniors), English (freshmen).

6th period - biology lab (Wed. and Friday) bookkeeping (seniors, elective for juniors)

7th period - biology (sophomores, elective for juniors and seniors), typing (freshmen)

8th period - band, athletics

People having tomatoes or apples to donate for hot lunch canning, please bring such fruit to the school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

~Clarence Sun, August 29, 1946

From the Diary of Elsie Pruess

September 16, 1953:

Standard Station

burglarized early AM. \$14 taken with cash register—found by Bennett.

September 28, 1956:

Got my steam iron with S & H green stamps.

September 16, 1959:

Open house at Elijah's new Farm Progress house.

September 1, 1963:

Schlueter's opened Maid Rite.

September 25, 1966:

Bill Geadelmann fainted in church.

September 11, 1999:

Mike Blake bought Arlo's apartment.

****Elsie Pruess, Clarence, kept a detailed journal for decades. Portions of this journal were donated to the Clarence Cardinal. Excerpts from this wonderful collection will be included each month in the newsletter****

Summer Fun Wraps Up at *Clarence Public Library*



After a summer season filled with fun and reading, Clarence Library Director, Nikki Scheel, wrapped up the summer festivities. Looking ahead, Nikki has more fun planned for fall, so be sure to follow along on the Clarence Public Library Facebook page. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Glow Party, to be hosted during the Moonlight & Magic Walk, Friday, October 9.

New Releases



Upcoming Library Events



Library Hours
Tuesday 1-6
Wednesday 9-12 & 1-6
Thursday 1-6
Friday 9-12 & 1-6
Saturday 9-12



Events for Sept. - Oct.



SPECIAL EVENTS



2026

**SEPT.
8-26**

MAKE A SHOELACE BACKPACK TAG

✎ Create your own chunky shoelace backpack tag for the new school year!

**OCT.
09**

GLOW PARTY!

DURING THE MOONLIGHT AND MAGIC STROLL

✎ Black light face painting, color with light, black light rock decorating & more!

**OCT.
6-31**

MUSHROOM KINGDOM MADNESS

✎ Tiny Bowser is up to no good! Go on the hunt to help Toad find the missing Power Ups!

**OCT.
20-31**

CRAZY ABOUT CANDY!

✎ Taste and rank all new candies from different countries around the world!



Check out our facebook for the latest event schedule

🍁 CLARENCE FALL WEEKEND 🍁

Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 11, 2026

Come celebrate fall in Clarence!

Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled weekend featuring community activities, local shopping, delicious treats, and Halloween fun!

🌙 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

CLARENCE
MAIN STREET

MOONLIGHT STROLL

Take an evening stroll through Clarence and enjoy activities, treats, and fun along the way!

🚚 TOUCH-A-TRUCK | 5:00–7:00 PM

📍 Clarence Fire Station

Check out a fire truck, ambulance, and farm equipment up close!

☕ IOWA COFFEE CUP

Stop in for a warm drink while enjoying the evening's festivities.

💡 LIBRARY GLOW PARTY | 5:30–7:00 PM

📍 Clarence Public Library

Come enjoy an evening of glowing fun and activities!

🔥 S'MORES

📍 501 Lombard Street

Stop by for a delicious fall treat and enjoy some s'mores with family and friends!

🏪 DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES OPEN!

Shop local and support our Clarence businesses! Downtown businesses will be open during the Moonlight Stroll, so make plans to stop in and see what's new.

Market by Moonlight | 6:00–8:00pm

Highpoint Event Center, shop local vendors

🌟 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

FALL INTO CLARENCE

Keep the fall fun going with shopping and community activities!

🌾 FARMERS MARKET

Enjoy local products and the final tastes of the season from our Farmers Market vendors.

🏪 DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES OPEN!

Make a day of it! Clarence downtown businesses will be open for business on Saturday, giving you another great reason to shop local and explore downtown.

🍁 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

TRUNK OR TREAT

🕒 1:00–2:00 PM

📍 ASSISTED LIVING PARKING LOT

Put on your favorite costume and bring the kids for an afternoon of Halloween fun! Visit creatively decorated trunks and collect some treats along the way.

🍁 COME CELEBRATE WITH US! 🍁

Three days. Plenty of fun. One great community!

🌙 Stroll under the moonlight

🏪 Shop local

🌾 Visit the Farmers Market

🔥 Enjoy s'mores

💡 Glow at the library

👗 Dress up for Trunk or Treat

Around Cedar Co



West Branch Fall Fest,
October 9-10



Benefiting the Cedar County
League for Animal Welfare



Enjoy a full day of fun with live music from 11 AM to midnight, a car show, vendor fair, and tons of family-friendly activities. Whether you're coming for the music, shopping local vendors.



Clarence *Ambulance*

The Clarence Ambulance Service will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast & Raffle on Sunday, September 20th serving 7-noon.

Since we receive no tax dollars, we really rely on the support of our community. Proceeds will be used for any equipment we may need to purchase and a large portion will go towards the purchase of a new or refurbished ambulance to replace our current 2017 model.

Thank you all in advance for your support.

If you are an RN or certified EMT that would like to join our crew as a sub when crew members are on vacation, injured, or sick, we could really use your help. Text Kathy Robinson at 319-480-3379 if you would like information on this.

We are also hoping to have another EMT class this winter. Text Kathy for details.

Chair Exercise Class

Location: Clarence United
Methodist Church, 316 7th
Avenue

Time: 9:30am

Cost: \$2/week

Contact: Terry Hoy, 319-560-
8190

A Note From Terry

All are welcome to our class. you do not need to come all the time if you have other things going on. Our fellowship and exercise is great for the spirit.

PLEASE NOTE: Canceled classes will happen when: either severe weather is in the area or I am unable to lead the class. If in doubt, call me 319-560-8190. If I need to cancel for any other reason, I will contact you via phone, Facebook, text, or email. A bottle of water is supplied at each class, coffee and snack supplied during fellowship after class.

Following Thursday classes we go to Demeter's Market for fellowship.

Class Schedule

September/October 2026

3 Thursday, Demeter's after

7 LABOR DAY NO CLASS

10 Thursday, Demeter's after

14 Monday

17 Thursday, Demeter's after

21 Monday

24 Thursday, Demeter's after

28 Monday

OCTOBER

1 Thursday, Demeter's after

5 Monday



Friday, October 9, 6pm-9pm
Onion Grove Mercantile
511 Lombard Street

Candlelight, the alchemist's tea bar, intuitive shopping menus; Wand & Wick is about to become your favorite Onion Grove event. Hosted during the Moonlight & Magic Stroll, we welcome you to enjoy a mystical, magical evening at the mercantile.

We'll be enjoying moon milk and midnight shortbread, building our own magical baskets and treating ourselves to some gentle evening rituals.

This & That

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

St. John's Food Pantry open 5pm - 7pm every Wed. Use north door at St. John's UCC, 320 9th Ave, Clarence. Worship with St. John's UCC Sunday at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.

September is National Happy Cat Month

Clarence United Methodist Church *Faces Challenges*

The Clarence United Methodist Church is currently planning some special meetings for our congregation to discuss the future of our church. Past and recent storms have taken a toll on our building, causing some major issues. Discussion and decisions need to be made to weigh the cost of repairs vs. possible new build.



We hosted the wedding of Becky Hoy and Austin Claussen on August 1st. It was a beautiful and meaningful ceremony and we congratulate this wonderful couple. The sanctuary was bursting at the seams! It was so nice to witness a traditional wedding in our church, when it is so popular today to do 10 minute destination weddings.

We continue to hold chair exercise classes on Mondays and Thursdays each month. Our group that started out with a small group in one of our classrooms has blossomed into a group that has had to move into our fellowship hall. Besides working on joints, balance, and strength, the group often enjoys fellowship after class at local eateries. More people

are always welcome to join this fun group!

If you are looking for a church family, feel free to attend our worship service each Sunday at 11:15 am. Our later time allows you the freedom to go out and enjoy a weekend breakfast before church.



The Stanwood Lions have started collecting shoes. The shoes collected will be sent to Soles4Souls to help with their programs aiding small businesses in developing countries. We take any footwear in new or used condition. There are drop boxes located in the north lobby of St. John's UCC, in the foyer of Freezy Dreams/Scheer Insurance, at the Stanwood Library, and at the Stanwood Union Church. All donations are appreciated.