

MARCH 2025

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CLARENCE cardinal

CLARENCE IOWA: THE HEART OF THE HISTORIC LINCOLN HIGHWAY

The Clarence Main Street office is located at 514 Lombard Street, Clarence, Iowa. The Clarence Cardinal is published independently, in partnership with Clarence Main Street.

250 Museums in 2025

Small town museums dot the Iowa landscape and Tyler Sullivan is determined to find all of them. The Clarence Main Street was delighted to welcome Tyler, of 'Iowa Scenic Views By Foot' to the Clarence Museum on February 24. Iowa City resident and author, Tyler's goals are numerous as he traverses the state. Last year, Tyler visited 156 museums in Iowa and this year he plans to visit a whopping 250 museums all across the state. He has also visited 96 of the 99 counties in Iowa, explaining that he's decided to slow down and enjoy the last three. Tyler runs a mile in each city he visits and also writes a poem for each county! In all, he has visited 1,272 towns, villages, ghost towns and cities in the state of Iowa!

Clarence Main Street board member, Jamie Wilhau, gave Tyler a tour of the newly established museum space at the main street office. In its infancy, the Clarence Museum is growing by leaps and bounds and is already due for a reset to display some of the newly acquired items.

The Clarence Main Street board welcomes all to make an appointment via email at ClarencelaMainStreet@gmail.com to visit the museum space, share a story and reminisce.

Follow along on Tyler's journey to all the nooks and crannies of Iowa on his Facebook page: **Iowa Scenic Views By Foot.**



Clarence Main Street board member, Jamie Wilhau welcomed Tyler Sullivan

CLARENCE
MAIN STREET

CLARENCE MAIN STREET, 514 LOMBARD, 563-265-0711, clarenciamainstreet@gmail.com

THIS & THAT

Yoga with Janel

Mondays at 5:30pm
St. John's UCC Fireside Room
Questions? Contact Janel at
319-721-9559

The Clarence Main Street
Committees (Design/Promotion/
Organization/Economic Vitality)
invite YOU to join in the fun!
Contact the Clarence Main
Street office for details.

March is National Umbrella
Month

March 19 is National Backyard
Day

March comes in with adders'
heads and goes out with pea-
cocks' tails.

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

St. John's Food Pantry open
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every
Wed. Use north door at St.
John's UCC, 320 9th Ave, Clar-
ence. Worship with St. John's
UCC Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
All are welcome!

320 9th Avenue, Clarence

Gerry Stamp
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Treasurer

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MAIN
STREET
BOARD

Fritz Drexler
Vicki Hamdorf
Becky Corbett
Jamie Wilhau
Lori Dennis



Clarence Cemetery

Sadly, the Clarence Cemetery has seen a great deal of vandalism in the last few years. In an effort to bring awareness to the sanctity of this very special place, the Clarence Cardinal will feature a personal story from the cemetery each month in the newsletter.



"Mary Adelaide Winkler was born Dec. 16, 1847, in Le Roy, Boone County, Ill. Here her girlhood days were spent, and Dec. 13, 1865, she was united in marriage to La Grange Tiffany. The early years of their married life were spent in Clinton, Iowa, and later they removed to Clarence, Iowa, where they resided for twenty-four years, the husband passing away Sept. 21, 1901.

To this union were born four children, Wellington of Rice,

Arizona; Maude, Florence and Ralph of Austin, Ill. During 1905 the widow and three children moved to 318 Long Avenue, Austin, and here the mother passed away Feb. 3, 1915, her death following a severe fall causing cerebral hemorrhage.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday, Feb. 6, at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Beatty of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. On Feb. 7 the remains were brought to Clarence and burial took place in the Clarence Cemetery following a short service in the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. A. English."

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 CMS Board Meeting, 5:30pm	7	8
9	10 City Council, 6:15p	11 RECYCLE PICKUP	12	13 Promotion Meeting, 4:30pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Articles due for April Cardinal	21	22
23	24	25 RECYCLE PICKUP	26	27	28	29 Bloom & Gather Market
30	31					

{submit calendar items to ClarenceNewsletter@gmail.com}

Clarence Main Street Meetings and Events

March 6, 5:30pm: Clarence Main Street Board Meeting, Clarence Main Street Office

March 13, 4:30pm: Promotion Meeting, Clarence Main Street Office

March 29, 9am-2pm: Bloom & Gather Artisan Market, Highpoint Event Center

April 4, 10am: Assembling Easter treat bags, Clarence Main Street Office

April 12, 10am-1pm: Hop into Clarence, Library/American Legion/Businesses

Bloom & Gather Artisan Market



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MARCH 29, 2025
CLARENCE, IOWA

HIGHPOINT EVENT CENTER
509 LOMBARD

9am - 2pm

AN ENCHANTED SPRING AFFAIR



Sun-drenched meadows are calling, and the wildflowers are anxious to bloom! Come gather with us at the beautiful Highpoint Event Center along the historic Lincoln highway located in downtown Clarence, IA for an enchanting spring affair!

Gather your whimsical spring-loving friends and shop our market of hand-made goods, vintage wares, and curated pretties!

Demeter's Market will have their delicious bounty of baked goods and famous sourdough bread located inside the Highpoint Event Center.

Onion Grove Mercantile, located next to Highpoint will have a delightful display of spring gift baskets, cozy farmhouse finds, garden essentials, old-fashioned candies and a special tea-tasting to debut Jen's new spring teas!

Bloom & Gather Artisan Market comes to us from the collaboration of Stay Golden Boutique and Onion Grove Mercantile, who were both determined to bring a curated spring market to the Clarence area. Guests are invited to spend time with the nineteen artisans who will have their wares displayed, as well as stroll the Clarence Main Street. Mill Creek Café will be hosting "girl lunch", so be sure to plan your trip to make time to visit all the unique spots in Clarence!

Find more details on the artisans attending Bloom & Gather Artisan Market on Facebook and Instagram.

Hop Into Clarence



The Clarence Main Street Promotion Committee has been hard at work planning this year's Hop Into Clarence celebration. Committee chair Terry Hoy shared a few details of the big day with the Clarence Cardinal.

To kick off the morning, Clarence the Easter Bunny will be welcoming children to the Clarence Public Library for a photo opportunity from 10am to 12pm. The Clarence Dance and Tumble dancers will be performing at 11:15 am onstage at the American Legion. These dancers delighted the crowd at Christmas in Clarence, so be sure to put them on your schedule. The basement at the American Legion will be filled with fun, as St. John's UCC hosts a cookie decorating station. The Promotion Committee will have a wooden egg decorating booth, face painting and take home crafts.

The Clarence Main Street Economic Vitality Committee will be hosting a fun new event that day with the Small Business Scavenger Hunt! Stop in the Clarence Main Street office that morning to pick up a map and have fun exploring the Main Street district!

Watch next month's newsletter for further updates and business specials!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ★

The Clarence Main Street Promotion Committee will be assembling the Easter treat bags for children on April 4th, 10am at the Clarence Main Street office (514 Lombard Street). Many hands make light work. All are welcome!

Activities at St. John's UCC

Lent Services with the Cedar County UCC Churches

All are welcome to these free events.

Call 563-452-3022 with any questions.

March 5—Ash Wednesday—6:30 p.m. at Zion UCC, Lowden

March 12 - April 9 Meals Served at 5:00—6:30 p.m.

Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. * Offerings go to local Food Pantry

Theme: "Five Course Meal"

March 12 – at Zion UCC, Lowden

Lasagna

March 19 – at First UCC, Tipton

Baked Potato Bar

March 26 – at Peace Church, Bennett

To Be Determined

April 2—at First UCC, Tipton

Soups

April 9 – at St. John's UCC, Clarence

Meatballs



April 17 - Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at St. John's UCC, Clarence

April 18 – Good Friday, 6:30 p.m. at Zion UCC, Lowden

April 20 – Easter, 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at St. John's UCC, Clarence

8:15—9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast at St. John's UCC, Clarence

9:30 a.m. Easter Worship at St. John's UCC, Clarence

Join us as we welcome

Teddy Widdel

Certified Laughter Therapy Instructor

**"Empowerment
Through Laughter"**

Saturday, March 22, 2025

2:00 p.m.

A free will offering will
be accepted.

St. John's UCC

320 9th Ave, Clarence, IA

Sponsored by -
St. John's Lend-a-Hand



Open
March 1 and March 29
8:30-11:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

We are a pop-up play cafe
serving coffee & food while
letting the kids play!

St. John's United Church of Christ
320 9th Avenue, Clarence

SMOOTHIES! NEW TO FREEZY DREAMS

BY ERIN SCHERR
OWNER, FREEZY DREAMS

We are now offering real fruit smoothies (on top of our other amazing coffee and lotus energy drinks).

We have started doing deliveries to schools, businesses, offices, etc. Anyone interested in setting up deliveries can either message on Facebook or email us at FreezyDreams@gmail.com.

We will be delivering Monday-Friday after the shop closes at 10am.

Teachers and their helping staff, military/veteran, first responders, and city employees also always get 10% off in our shop.

We are also now making and selling the "viral" Cotton Candy Gushers.

We have these flavors of gushers:

Cotton Candy

Sour Cotton Candy

Nerd Cluster Gummy

Blue Raspberry

Freezy Dreams is now offering

**Real Fruit
Smoothies**

MADE WITH FROZEN FRUITS AND
YOUR CHOICE OF ALMOND MILK
OR FRUIT JUICE

FRUIT OPTIONS:

- Strawberry
- Strawberry banana
- Banana
- Pineapple
- Triple berry
- Blueberry
- Mixed Fruit (Pineapple, Strawberries, Peaches, & Mangoes)

Mix and Match
as you choose

16 oz, 24 oz, or 32 oz



Clarence American Legion Invites You

The Clarence American Legion post 286 in Clarence would like to invite all persons who have served in the military since 1941 to attend a meeting that takes place every month on the first Tuesday at the Legion Hall in Clarence.

Enjoy getting together with like-minded people and join the oldest fraternal organization (100 years) in Clarence. Hope to see you there.

Questions?

Contact Kevin Kelly

Phone/Text: 563-210-6300



CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS WELCOMES ALL

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

A bottle of water is given in each class for all attendees.

Coffee and snacks with fellowship after class most Mondays and Thursdays. After Saturday class we go to Demeter's Market for fellowship.

If classes need to be cancelled, I will try to post on Facebook, call, text and place a note on the church door, weather permitting I am able to get to the church. Reasons to cancel class include snow or ice overnight, temperatures below 10 degrees or severe weather.

Class Schedule

March 2025

3, Monday

6, Thursday

10, Monday

13, Thursday

15, Saturday

17, Monday

20, Thursday

24, Monday

27, Saturday

29, Saturday

31, Monday

April 3,7

Diamond Cutter Graphics Outfits Local Vehicles



BY GERRY STAMP
OWNER, DIAMOND CUTTER GRAPHICS

Diamond Cutter Graphics had a busy month this month. We had the honor of installing the graphics on the new squad car for the city of Lowden, the truck for Ace Basements and Waterproofing, and the much awaited band trailer for the North Cedar Community Schools. We couldn't have made it all happen without the help of my friend Bryan Caspary at Caspary Designs. This guy is just plain awesome at what he does.



REPORT FROM THE HARMONY HUSTLERS

This month's Harmony Hustlers 4-H meeting was held on 2-2-25 at St. John's church. The meeting was hosted by Weston Dircks, Sophie Deerberg, Keegan Klahn. It was reported that our basket at the 4-H Gala was a big success! Weston's presentation was on how to solve a Rubik's cube, Sophie's was on cake cookie bars, and Keegan's was on John Deere model 70s. For our activity we solved Valentine's puzzles. We are selling Red Wheel for

our fundraiser, if you would like to buy something please contact a club member. Our March meeting will be a club activity at The Red Pin in Tipton. Levi Pruess, Reporter



FROM THE CLARENCE ARCHIVES

INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM CLARENCE HISTORY

A LITTLE SMALL TOWN HELP

Ted McCoy of Milwaukee will have reason to remember the town of Clarence, Iowa for the rest of his life. On Tuesday along toward evening he came into town in a side car of a motorcycle with a badly bruised foot. He and the young man who owned and drove the motorcycle camped for the night in the veterinary stable at the rear of the gas station. Here it was that Night Watch Wm. Banks found him suffering from his wounds. Dr. A. G. Rieke and Chas. Smith were told and the young man taken to the home of Mr. Smith and given much needed attention. He suffered much pain during the night but was relieved on Wednesday. At midnight he was able to take the train for home, being given a railroad ticket and \$5. A short time ago Mr. McCoy stopped here over night on his way by motorcycle to Des Moines where he visited his sister. It was on his way home that he had an accident near Chelsea when the cycle crushed his foot. A doctor attended to the foot and he managed to drive on to Cedar Rapids. Here he chanced to fall in with a young man who had just purchased a motorcycle and was willing to take him to Milwaukee for the instructions he would receive in running the machine. Getting this far it was found that that mode of travel would not do, but he had no sufficient money to get home by rail. A little local help was all he needed and today he is home. The other young man returned to Cedar Rapids on his way to St. Paul. Mr. McCoy's motorcycle is in Cedar Rapids, but will be brought here to be called for by him. The young man served three years in the navy and crossed the Atlantic numerous times on transports.

Clarence Sun, October 5, 1922

FROM THE DIARY OF ELSIE PRUESS

*March 29, 1952:
Got roads harrowed, Dad upset
with drag.*

*March 4, 1956:
Beginning work on new 30 with
the bridges, etc.*

*March 6, 1957:
Whitey's have boy in Doc's
office in Tipton.*

*March 9, 1959:
Break-in at Kemman's.*

*March 6, 1961:
Finally got Mrs. McNeil buried.
Had wrong plot, snow was so
deep. Paul and Gene dug grave.*

*March 6, 1963:
Co-op truck bumped into Geo
Meier's school bus.*

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

Clarence Cardinal Publication

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 at ClarenceNewsletter@gmail.com.

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

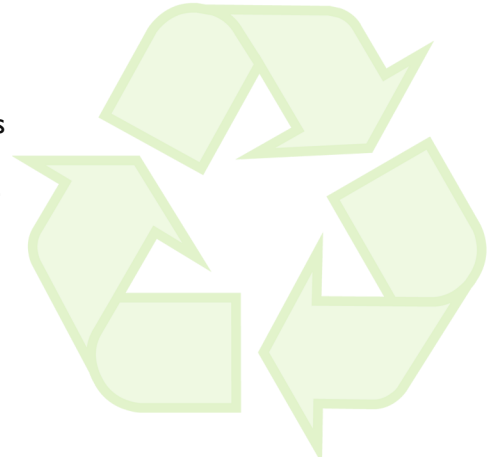
The newsletter is also published monthly at the Clarence Main Street website: www.clarencelamainstreet.com



City of Clarence Recycles

GLASS NOW ACCEPTED!!

Recyclables must all be placed together loosely (not bagged) into one hard-sided container. Recycling customers must provide their own containers or dumpsters for pickup. Plastic or paper bags may not be used as recycling containers, and any bagged recyclables will be picked up as garbage on a garbage pickup day. Plastic containers, baskets, 5-gallon pails, or any clean hard-sided container may be used. The container should be placed curbside for pickup—recycling will not be picked up in alleys.



March Recycling Schedule

March 11

March 25

CURBSIDE RECYCLING
SERVICE BEGINS AT
7:00AM

Plastic: Clean rinsed plastics labeled #1 – #7 will be accepted. Not accepted: automotive fluid bottles, pesticide bottles, heavy chemical bottles, etc.

Tin & Aluminum Cans: Clean rinsed tin and aluminum cans and pans are accepted. You may leave labels on.

Newspapers, Magazines, Junk Mail, Office Paper, Phone Books: Must be loose in container, not tied or bagged.

Corrugated Cardboard, Chipboard (Cereal boxes etc.): Please break down/flatten. Do not tie or bag.

Glass: Clean rinsed glass bottles and jars are accepted. You may leave labels on.

Styrofoam containers, plastic bags, and plastic wraps should be placed in regular garbage. Batteries are not recyclable through this system and should be disposed of in the proper way determined by battery type.