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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.

Celebrating the Lincoln Highway

It didn't take long for the Clarence Main Street board to enthusiastically approve inviting the Lincoln Highway Association's annual auto tour to make a stop in Clarence. This annual tour celebrates the route of the Lincoln Highway all across the nation, this year highlighting the "Middle Third", stretching from Joliet, Illinois to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Clarence's history on the Lincoln Highway is long and storied, playing a role in opening intercontinental travel to motorists eager to explore beyond their horizons. The route of the Lincoln Highway ran through the Clarence business district long before the road was paved, but after the 1927 paving project, the Clarence Main Street was changed forever.

The Lincoln Highway Middle Third Tour will be passing through Clarence on Thursday, June 19, beginning at approximately 2pm. The tour participants and the entire community are welcomed to Highpoint Event Center for a reception with refreshments and a history display from 2pm to 4pm, and then a dedication of the Lincoln Highway Lamp Post Project at 4pm near the corner of 5th and Lombard. Weather permitting, Kinion Auto will be displaying a number of their classic cars throughout the main street district.

Guests of the Clarence Main Street, and community members alike, are invited to stroll the district, visit the businesses, take in the interesting sights (you don't find an Elvis Museum everywhere!) and enjoy the day. The Clarence Farmer's Market then welcomes everyone to come to the park for an extra dose of small town charm. Take a peek at the map on page four of the Cardinal to come along for the fun!



CLARENCE
MAIN STREET

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

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.

June is National Perennial Gardening Month

June 18 is National Splurge Day! We suggest taking part on the Clarence Main Street!

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!

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  RECYCLE PICKUP	4	5 CMS Board Meeting, 5pm	6	7
8	9 City Council, 6:15pm	10	11	12 Promotion Meeting 3pm Farmers Market 4:30pm	13	14 Citywide Cleanup 7am
15	16	17  RECYCLE PICKUP	18	19 Lincoln Highway Heritage Day Farmers Market 4:30pm	20 Articles due for July Cardinal	21
22	23	24	25	26 Farmers Market 4:30pm	27	28
29	30					

{submit calendar items to ClarenceNewsletter@gmail.com}

Clarence Main Street Meetings and Events

June 5. 5pm: Clarence Main Street Board Meeting, Clarence Main Street Office

June 12, 3pm: Promotion/Organization Meeting, Clarence City Park

June 12, 4:30-6pm: Clarence Farmers Market, Clarence City Park (food truck: Lowden Lions)

June 19, Lincoln Highway Heritage Day, see attached information

June 19, 4:30-6pm: Clarence Farmers Market, Clarence City Park (food truck: Chuckie's)

June 26, 4:30-6pm: Clarence Farmers Market, Clarence City Park (food truck: Tiny Taco Co & Fidelity Bank and Trust Brownie Sundaes)

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Lincoln Highway Tour To Make Clarence a Destination



The National Lincoln Highway Association will be hosting their annual motoring tour, featuring the middle third of the original Lincoln Highway route this year. The tour stretches from Joliet, IL to Cheyenne, WY. The group has been invited by the Clarence Main Street to stop in Clarence on June 19, as they're traveling from lunch in Clinton to their overnight in Cedar Rapids.

The community is invited to meet the tour as it arrives in Clarence, between 2pm and 3pm. The first stop for the group, and the entire community, is a welcome reception with refreshments at Highpoint Event Center, beginning at 2pm. A display of Clarence history on the Lincoln Highway will be featured at the reception. At 4pm the Clarence Main Street Design Committee will be dedicating the Lincoln Highway Lamppost Project. Please plan to gather at the corner of 5th and Lombard to celebrate this project!

Weather permitting, Kinion Auto will be displaying a number of their vintage autos throughout the Main Street district. In addition, businesses will be extending their hours and welcoming all to stroll main street. Community members are invited to play the tourist and take in some of the sites as well, including the original Lincoln Highway marker downtown, the mural on the old city hall, Freida Bixler's Elvis Museum, the Little Lady of Liberty statue at the park, Kinion Auto's display of vintage autos, the Farmer's Market in the park and more!



Iowa Barn Foundation Tour Features Cedar County Barns

The self-guided Iowa Barn Foundation Spring Tour will be held **Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd**. Eighteen Cedar County barns will be featured on the tour. Barn owners are excited to meet with you and tell you all about their unique barn. Each barn has a story to tell! Enjoy your drive through Cedar County with a stop at the Cedar County Historical Museum where a luncheon will be available from 11-2 on Saturday for \$15. All proceeds will be used to support the Tipton Ministerial Fund which provides resources for community members.

The tour is free and open to the public.



For more information www.iowabarnfoundation.org

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Welcome Lincoln Highway Middle Third Tour!

2pm-4pm: **Welcome to Clarence Reception**, Highpoint Event Center, snacks and history!

4pm: **Lincoln Highway Lamppost Dedication**, corner of 5th and Lombard

****Check out the original Lincoln Highway marker in the downtown park and the history walk throughout downtown (watch for the sidewalk graphics!)**

1. **Victory Lane:** Bar and grill open for dining and drinks. Hosts live music outdoors all summer.
2. **The Loose Brick:** A welcoming and friendly drinking establishment nestled inside one of the oldest brick buildings in Clarence.
3. **Clarence Public Library:** Check out the biggest book in Eastern Iowa!
4. **Clarence Main St Museum:** Collection of Clarence memorabilia.
5. **Hound Dog Rock Shop:** Minerals and gemstones from around the world. Open 10am to 6pm.
6. **D'Lissa's:** Boutique women's apparel.
7. **Highpoint Event Center:** Newly restored 1925 Ford garage, transformed into a beautiful event venue with hotel suites on second floor.
8. **Demeter's Market:** Specializes in sour dough bread and the best cheesecake you've ever tasted.
9. **Onion Grove Mercantile:** Cozy mix of home goods and local artisans' wares. Nostalgia abounds. Open 9am to 5pm.
10. **Freezy Dreams/Scheer Insurance:** Specializes in freeze dried candy and drinks. Open 7am to 10am and 1pm to 4pm.
11. **Highway Nutrition:** Looking for an energy drink or nutritious treats? This is the place!
12. **Kinion Auto:** Packed to the gills with American muscle and classic autos.
13. **Elvis Museum:** Local Elvis aficionado, Freida Bixler, has amassed quite a collection of Elvis memorabilia! Pose for a photo next to the pink Cadillac!
14. **Mill Creek Café:** Made from scratch menus, this building has been a continuously operating restaurant since 1896.
15. **Little Sister of Lady Liberty:** Erected in the Clarence Park in 1961 by Clarence Boy Scouts. Less than 100 still exist.

Visit our
website here!



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Clarence Main Street

Clarence Farmer's Market

The Clarence Farmer's Market is just a few short days away. With the growing popularity of this community resource, the Clarence Main Street has developed a Facebook page exclusively for Farmer's Market content. In addition, you can find necessary forms and information regarding the market on the Clarence Main Street website at



www.ClarenceMainStreet.com

Clarence Main Street to Participate in Accreditation

The Clarence Main Street program is accredited by Main Street America. Biennially, the program participates in a process with Main Street America to gauge the strength of the program, along with studying the indicators of support from the City of Clarence, as well as the community at large. Clarence Main Street is currently preparing for this process, which begins this summer and culminates in a visit from Main Street America Program Officer of Revitalization Services, Jonathan Stone on September 10.



Clarence Main Street, located in a rural community in the heart of Iowa along Highway 30, is seeking an Executive Director to coordinate downtown revitalization activities using the Main Street Approach™.

Applicant should possess excellent communication skills and be able to create strong public relations. Previous nonprofit experience is desired, as well as a background in the areas of special event planning, small business development, and volunteer recruitment. An administrative background and management experience is a plus.

Position requires a dynamic, outgoing team player with the proven ability to multitask and work in an independent environment. Requires the ability to work with both the public and private sectors.

Submit resume and letter of interest to
Clarence Main Street Board, PO Box 44, Clarence, IA 52216

The mission of Clarence Main Street is to be a partner and advocate for the energizing of our historic main street district; with a focus on small business growth and social vitality of the community.





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Farmers MARKET

JUNE FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

June 12

Lowden Lions' Club Food Trailer

June 19

Chuckie's Famous Breaded Pork
Tenderloin Truck

June 26

The Tiny Taco Co. &
Fidelity Bank and Trust Brownie Sundaes

JUNE 12-SEPT 11
EVERY THURSDAY 4:30-6pm
Clarence Park

www.ClarenceMainStreet.com

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

June 2025

2, Monday

5, Thursday

9, Monday

12, Thursday

14, Saturday, Fellowship at Demeter's Market after
16, Monday

19, Thursday

23, Monday

26, Thursday

30, Monday

July, Class on Thursday, July 3

Sounds of Success: North Cedar Band

BY JILL POWERS, NORTH CEDAR 7-12 BAND DIRECTOR

With summer break officially here, it's a great time to reflect on the past school year. For the North Cedar Bands, this year brought many exciting changes that have led to growth across the program.

At the 5th–8th grade level, we've experienced high levels of recruitment and retention over the last two years. Ms. Addie Shindelar joined the North Cedar staff as the 5th–6th grade band director in the fall of 2023 and has completely reignited our elementary program. The 5th grade band has seen impressive level of participation, with the majority of the class signing up!

The 6th–8th grade bands participated in our in-house solo/ensemble festival, performed in three concerts throughout the year, and had many students selected for honor bands. They also performed at the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association (SEIBA) Middle School Large Group Festival, where both groups received high praise from the judges!



The biggest change this year came at the high school level, where the band now rehearses every day for 45 minutes. In previous years, rehearsals were held only two or three times a week—so our rehearsal time has *doubled, and we've made the most of those extra minutes!*

During marching band season, we performed three unique halftime shows, keeping things exciting all season long as we supported the North Cedar Knights football team. As the year progressed, the concert band continued to grow and improve.

In April, we brought 15 entries to the IHSMA Solo/Small Ensemble Festival and earned six Division I (Superior)

ratings and nine Division II (Excellent) ratings. We ended our year on a high note when the concert band earned a Division I rating at the IHSMA Large Group Festival on May 9th—our first since 2019!

Our school may be small, but our band program is thriving! If you'd like to stay up-to-date and follow our progress, we encourage you to "like" our Facebook page: **North Cedar Bands**. There you'll find photos of recent events and updates on upcoming performances.

Thank you for your continued support of the fine arts at North Cedar!

Clarence Main Street Museum to Open for June

The Clarence Main Street Museum will be open for select hours in the month of June thanks to the volunteer efforts of several board members. The museum can be found at the Clarence Main Street office, 514 Lombard Street.

Visit during the following times, or by appointment:

June 17 1-3pm

June 20 1-3pm

June 24 1-3pm

June 27 1-3pm



CLARENCE CITYWIDE CLEANUP DAY!



**SATURDAY JUNE 14 2025
STARTING PROMPTLY AT 7AM**

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE GOING CURB-TO-CURB COLLECTING ELIGIBLE BULK CLEAN-UP ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

NEW FOR 2025 – SIZE LIMITS DUE TO TRUCK CAPACITY

PLEASE NOTE: NO ITEM LARGER
THAN 60" X 60" X 60" CAN BE
COLLECTED.

EXAMPLES:

- OVERSIZED FURNITURE (E.G.,
COUCHES) MUST BE CUT IN HALF

🚫 ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- ✗ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (PAINT,
OIL, BATTERIES, PROPANE TANKS, ETC.)
- ✗ YARD WASTE (LEAVES, GRASS,
BRUSH, TREE LIMBS)
- ✗ LARGE VOLUMES OF
CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING MATERIALS
- ✗ CONCRETE, BRICKS, OR ROCKS
- ✗ ANIMAL WASTE
- ✗ REGULAR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- ✗ TIRES
- ✗ PIANOS

THIS SERVICE IS LIMITED TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CLARENCE ONLY

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? MEET AT CITY HALL AT 6:50AM!

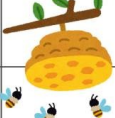
Clarence Library Kicks Off Summer in Style

BY NIKKI SCHEEL, CLARENCE LIBRARIAN

Oh my goodness you guys, I am worn out after yesterday! If you had as much fun as I did at our kickoff party I need you to do me a favor. Thank the Clarence Fire Department, the Clarence Ambulance crew, our amazing police chief, our Mayor, our City Clerk, and our awesome city guys. Also thank the Friends of the Clarence Library and my amazing board members and my Mom (she was the one covered in cotton candy) and our phenomenal sponsors at Hills Bank, Fidelity Bank & Trust and River Valley Cooperative. Oh and thank the Iowa Coffee Cup and Get Your Bake On...It takes a village and we live in a great one!



EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW craft at the library this week! 	2	3 SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING ANY TIME THIS MONTH!	4	5 MEALS FOR KIDS! KICKOFF PARTY AT THE PARK 3:30-6:30 	6 	7
8	9 	10 MISS SARAH AT THE PARK PAVILLION 2:00-3:00 	11 	12 BUBBLE STATIONS AT THE PARK 3:30-4:30 	13	14
15 NEW craft at the library this week! 	16	17 MISS SARAH AT THE PARK PAVILLION 2:00-3:00 	18	19 IOWA RAPTOR PROGRAM AT THE PARK 3:00 & 4:30 MUST REGISTER! Call us: 563-452-3734 	20	21
22	23 	24	25	26 FOAM BLASTER FUN PARTY AT THE PARK 3:30-4:30 	27 	28
29 NEW craft at the library this week! 	30	1	2	3	4	5



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Farmers MARKET

JUNE 12-SEPT 11

EVERY THURSDAY 4:30-6pm | CLARENCE, IOWA

CLARENCE PARK

North Cedar Ends Impressive Year

BY TANNER CARLSON, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To start off this report, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the class of 2025. The students have worked hard for many years to be in this position, and now the time has come for them to move on to new adventures in life. We wish them nothing but the best, and hope to see them around at future North Cedar events.

Academics

May 19th begins the last week of school for students, and this typically includes finalization of grades, exams, and re-assessments at the building. The students' last day is on May 23rd, which is a 1:25 early dismissal. Students and staff are working hard to finish out the school year on a positive note academically, and we hope that all of them will finish the year strong.

Activities

Track and Field and golf finalized their schedules the week of May 12th. We did have one track athlete qualify for State Track. Clancey VanOort is seeded 11th in the state meet seedings. We are looking forward to seeing how he does Thursday, May 22nd at 7:20 PM.

The summer sports are underway. We have our first home varsity baseball game on May 22nd vs. Easton Valley. We are looking forward to seeing this group compete. Our softball team is playing with Midland again this year, and their season begins soon.

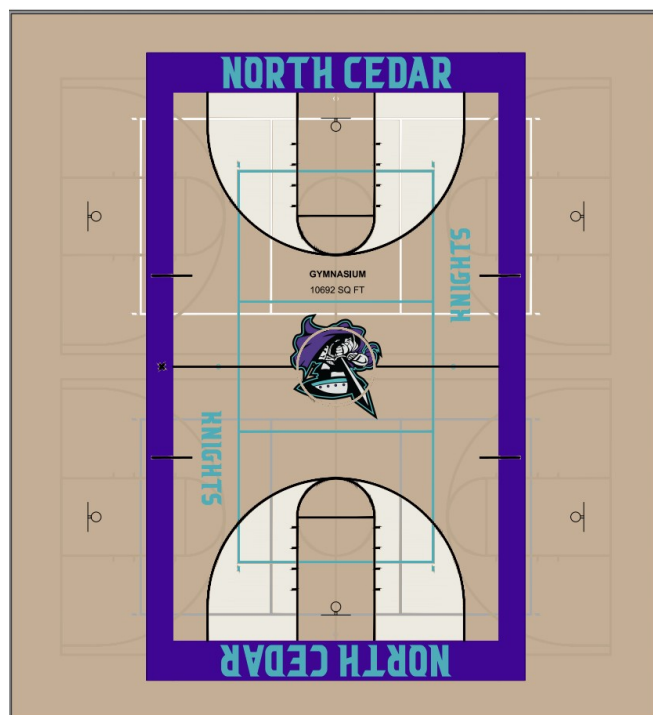
Huge congratulations goes out to our Large Group Band who received a Division I rating at the IHSMA Large Group Festival. This is our first Division I rating since 2019, and we couldn't be prouder of the group. They had a crazy day as their bus had a flat tire on the way to the event, it got fixed up, they refocused and were able to put on an amazing performance. Our children are resilient!

Our new Activities Director will be Matt Miers, who is coming to us from Central City, and has been an Activities Director already in another Tri-Rivers Conference school. Matt has also previously been a coach of football (20+ years experience), high school track (6 years experience), JH baseball and high school basketball at points in his career. Matt will serve as our Head Varsity Football Coach next year. He is looking forward to getting to know everyone in the North Cedar district.

As I round up this report, I do want to once again thank everyone for helping the Class of 2025 reach graduation. It takes a lot of people helping students along the way to achieve their goals. We have a great community of people pushing to help them become whatever they want to be after graduation.

As always,

LET'S GO KNIGHTS!



The gym floor will be resurfaced soon, and I thought I would share with you what it will look like. This resurfacing was much needed on the floor. They are beginning completion May 27th, and the gym will be closed for about 2 weeks at that time. The only thing that will be slightly different is the side volleyball court lines will both be white (as it shows on the top) instead of one white one grey.

FROM THE CLARENCE ARCHIVES

INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM CLARENCE HISTORY

Stripping Cars

Saturday night when Henry Ibsen went to his car to drive home from town he found his front cushion gone, and on Sunday morning when he again went to his car the battery, battery clamps, floor mat, and a horse blanket had disappeared. The last named articles were carried off after 2:30 Sunday morning for Elmer Ibsen came home from Clinton at that time and the battery was removed from his car and left on the floor beside it.

When Charles Brink tried to start his Ford on Sunday it wouldn't start. When he looked for the reason why he found all four coils gone together with the top of the coil box. The thief took the trouble to go off the road to find the coils as the Brink place is quite a ways back from the highway.

That the two jobs are by the same artist is a natural guess. The two farms are not far apart.

Clarence Sun,
June 26, 1924

The
TEN MILLIONTH

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

started from New York Monday, June 6th, and is traveling over the LINCOLN HIGHWAY. It will be in Clarence, Ia.

Tuesday, July 1st

Bring in your Fords and welcome this car to our city

Parade will form on the mile South of Clarence on the L. H.

For more information Lincoln *Ford* Fordson Phone or call

CARS-TRUCKS-TRACTORS

Clarence Motor Co.

PHONE 170 CLARENCE, IOWA

FROM THE DIARY OF ELSIE PRUESS

June 15, 1952:
Lubkemann got fracture of arm in car/truck accident.

June 30, 1954:
Port Stonerooks had car accident on the way to Crists wedding.

June 17, 1955:
Arnie Kahl's & Cleaner's robbed of \$200.

June 18, 1956:
Highway 30 road folks have trailers at Shriver's and Flemming's.

June 15, 1961:
Joe Ditz gave E & R Church \$52,000.

June 3, 1965:
Two men in space - out of capsule for 20 minutes.

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 MAIN STREET

Downtown Beautification Investor Form

The Clarence Main Street Board of Directors invites you to join us in energizing and revitalizing our historic business district by making an investment in Clarence Main Street. Please consider a contribution to help Clarence Main Street in our ongoing goals to beautify and strengthen the overall social and economic health of our community. Clarence Main Street is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and your donation is tax deductible.

Investor Information

Name _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Website (if business) _____

Phone _____

Privacy Option: Name Listed _____ Anonymous _____

How Your Investment Will Impact Clarence Main Street



This year investors have the opportunity to contribute to the Downtown Beautification Project. We are pursuing funding opportunities for solar lamp posts, trash cans and large flower planters to keep Clarence Main Street looking beautiful. With your help, Clarence will continue to be a standout on the historic Lincoln Highway!

Your Clarence Main Street Investment

Investment \$ _____

Please submit your payment with this form (*make checks payable to - Clarence Main Street*)

Payment Method:

Payment Included: _____

Payment online via the Clarence Main Street Website: _____

www.ClarenceMainStreet.com

*Thank you for
your support!*