

REMEMBER WHEN

25 Years Ago
July 1999

Gibson's 4th of July Anniversary Celebration offers these deals; LIFESAVERS GUM, Jumbo pack 11 cents; Pringles Potato Chips, 2 pack for 69 cents; Nestle's Crunch Candy Bars, 3 for 99 cents; Hot & Cold Cups, 51 count for 44 cents; Kodak Pocket Instamatic camera, \$19.97.

The level of Clear Lake rose 1.76 inches over the past week to bring it to 5.04 inches above the weir.

The five-day celebration got off to a bit of a rough start after wet weather moved into the area Friday. Evans United Shows opened on Thursday but Friday's attendance was down and the evening's entertainment was rained out entirely. However, by Saturday the heat was on and the fun was in full swing. The temperature rose to the humid 90s on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The Clear Lake High School Class of 1959 will hold a reunion Friday and Saturday, July 9-10. The event will begin with a Lady of the Lake cruise Friday evening.

Under Club News was a listing of addresses, clergy memes, and monthly activities for,

Agape Christian Family Church, Christian Science Church, Clear Lake Church of Christ, Congregational Church, The Bahá'í Faith, Knoer Lodge, Evangelical Free Church, United Methodist Church and Zion Lutheran Church.

Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company of Forest City/Crystal Lake has received approval from the Iowa Division of Banking to open a loan production office in Clear Lake to be located on Hwy 18 where the X-Size building is located.

The Clear Lake Boys Baseball team got off to a good start Monday, June 28, with a large conference win over Iowa Falls at home. However, rain got in the way of the rest of the week's baseball action with Humboldt and Clarion.

The Clear Lake Lions Junior Varsity Baseball team is continuing the excellence that they started in the first few weeks of the season. They have won the last nine games they've played and have skyrocketed to 13-3 overall and 8-1 in the North Central Conference.

50 Years Ago
July 1974

Clear Lake's first drowning victim this year is Michael John Mariner, 19, of 1010 E. Main Ave. The young man drowned Sunday about 1 a.m. while swimming in six feet of water about 160 feet out at City Beach...The Clear Lake High School girls recreational softball teams has a four



The Clear Lake High School Band led the way in the Fourth of July parade.

game winning streak so far this summer. The teams are coached by Keith Huntley and under the supervision of Pam Turek, girls' recreation program director...Mayor Floyd (Nibbs) Nesbit urges Clear Lake residents to exercise good judgement in the use of water for washing cars or watering lawns. "We're very low on water and will be until the new water plant is in operation which hopefully will be the first part of August," the mayor said... Grocery specials at Fareway include: Armour Star canned hams, 5 lb. can \$4.99; Van Camp Pork&Beans, 3 cans for 98 cents; Diet Rite or R.C. Cola, 8 16 oz. bottles for 79 cents; Fareway's Ground Beef, 3 lbs. For \$1.99. (As of July 1, 1974 there is no sales tax charged on food purchases.)

73 Years Ago
July 1947

During the last 15 minutes of the showing of "Dual in The Sun" at the Park Theatre, a fire occurred in the fireproof projection room. The fire did not spread. It was necessary to buy a new projector and the show went on as usual the next night. A total of 135 have been in attendance at the Red Cross Swimming Classes, according to Betty Burns, safety director...Mr. And Mrs. Roger Choate and son, Tom, of Davenport, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Everett and daughter, Elizabeth, Minneapolis, have taken the Earl Ashland cottage at Tanglefoot for the month of July

99 Years Ago
July 1923

John Fuller lost a fine gold watch nine years ago while working in the field on his farm. Last Friday his son, Herbert, while cultivating corn, found the watch. The gold case was in good condition but the works were rusted...The official program for the Fourth of July celebration is complete. The parade, headed by the Clear Lake professional band, will start at 10:30 a.m. the afternoon program will include 50 and 100 yard dashes, three legged race, sack race, bicycle race, fat man's race and fat woman's race. Leon Dare Devil Hood will make a motorcycle jump into the lake at 80 miles per hour. He holds the world record...Last Friday

night some unknown party drove an auto over the newly laid pavement between Clear Lake and Mason City. As soon as they discovered the cement was freshly laid, they retraced their tracks. The air was exceedingly blue the next morning when workmen discovered what had been done.

Recipes from July 1974

Fresh Fruit Compote

3 medium peaches
2 cups sliced strawberries
2 cups blueberries
2 cups melon balls
3 medium bananas
1-25 oz. bottle of pink sparkling catawba grape juice, chilled

Peel peaches and slice into bowl. Top peach slices with strawberries, blueberries and melon balls. Cover tightly and chill.

Just before serving, peel bananas and slice onto fruit mixture. Pour grape juice over fruit. Serves 8-10.

St. Mark Punch

1-46 oz. can pineapple-grapefruit juice
1-46 oz. can orange juice
1 large can frozen lemonade (cut down on water)
1 small can frozen limeade (do not dilute)
2 qt. Bottles of ginger ale
Sugar to taste

Mix all above ingredients. Serves 50 people.

Toffee Squares
Cream 1 cup margarine. Gradually add 1 cup packed

brown sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Drop in one egg and blend. Flavor with 1 tsp. vanilla, then add 2 cups flour sifted with ½ tsp. salt, mixing well.

Spread batter evenly in ungreased 10x15 pan. Bake 25 minutes in 350 degree oven. Remove and spread at once with pkg. Of chocolate chips. Turn oven off.

Place pan back in oven but leave door open. This will aid in melting the chocolate. Then sprinkle with 1 pkg. chopped nuts, walnuts or pecans. Cut into bars while slightly warm. Makes 56.

Chicken Breasts in Sherry Sauce

6 large chicken breasts, split and boned
2 cans French fried onion rings
½ lb. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
2 cans cream of celery soup
1 can dry sherry (use empty soup can to measure)
Salt, pepper, paprika

Lay chicken in shallow 9x12 baking dish. Season with salt, pepper, and paprika. Cover with onion rings. Then cover with shredded cheese.

Mix sauce of mushroom and celery soups and sherry. Pour sauce over top. Bake in 359 deg. Oven 1 ½ hours. Serve over rice or wide noodles.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts on national debt

Dear Editor,

A billion dollars is 1,000 millions. A trillion dollars is 1,000 billions. We are almost \$34 trillion in debt. Who do we owe this to? What organization is dumb enough to loan that kind of money without paying back anything? It must be the old American taxpayer. I'm glad they don't charge overdraft fees. They keep your money all year (interest free). Pay you back on their time. Watch out if you owe them.

The bankers I know wouldn't loan them (our government) \$0. Instead, bankers borrow from our

government (American taxpayers) at 1 percent or less. Then turn around and loan us our own money back at 4 percent or up to 20 percent on credit cards, depending on your credit rating. Sweet deal for bankers. If you don't pay your banker, you know what happens.

If bankers don't pay back their loans, here come the taxpayers (our government) to bail them out. They don't want banks failing. Every man, woman and child owns \$103,303. A banker friend figured this for me. I wonder if a banker will loan me my money so I can pay my share.

P.S. Give 'em hell, Trump.

Rich Oehlert, Clear Lake.



What is new at the farmer's market this week?

The inventory of the farmers market is becoming more plentiful compared to earlier in the season. More and more produce is being harvested every week, which means even more healthy fruits and vegetables are available to customers. This week we will have fresh peaches and the first pickings of sweet corn.

How can I preserve my peaches and sweet corn?

Not only can you enjoy sweet corn this summer, you can also freeze bags of it to enjoy during the winter months. Freezing corn is a simple way to preserve fresh vegetables all year round. People usually have their favorite ways of preserving the Iowa relic, but it can be as simple as blanching, cutting the kernels from the stalk, and bagging them in freezer bags. Many people like to add salt and butter or their favorite seasonings.

The same ideas can be applied to preserving peaches. They can be blanched, peeled, and bagged in freezer bags for use year round. You can take it a step further and make peach pie filling and freeze it. Who wouldn't enjoy a homemade peach pie on a chilly winter day?

How do I find certain vendors at farmer's market?

Unsure of where to find your favorite items at the farmers market? Stop by the Clear Lake Farmers Market booth and talk to our market manager or one of our hardworking volunteers. They will show you around the market and help you find your favorite local goods. You can also plan your visit ahead of time by checking out the customer section of the Clear Lake Farmers Market webpage. It allows you to see who is attending market each week and where they will be located. Also be sure to check out our Facebook page to stay up to date on everything CLFM.



At the Library

Community Seed Library Update

by Brianna Sholly

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." —Gertrude Jekyll

My summers are busy from sun up to sun down. The days are filled with library programs, kids' activities, community events around town, ice cream trips and mini vacations on the weekends. When I finally catch some "free time," I spend it in the garden.

About a year ago, I moved into a new house and finally had the space to put in a proper vegetable garden. I grew up with a love of flower gardens as my mom transformed my childhood backyard into a mini oasis of plants in an otherwise busy neighborhood in a large city. But vegetable gardening is something entirely new to me. My kids helped me install, fill and plant six large raised beds this year and we're anxiously awaiting the day it all comes to fruition (pun intended!). Actually, we harvested our first zucchini this past week. The rest of the beds contain mini pumpkins, tomatoes, peppers, squash and lots of herbs.

Why am I telling you all this? Because many of the seeds used to start our garden are also available in the Community Seed Library upstairs in the Clear Lake Public Library! In fact, if you dig through the bins enough, you'll come across some that were harvested from my yard last year – both flowers and herbs. Many of the rest of the seeds available there were harvested from Central Gardens of North Iowa by volunteers last fall as part of our collaboration. You can find annuals, perennials, vegetables and all kinds of fun additions to your yard in those bins.

Each spring, I take some of our kids programs "shopping" in the seed library and have them choose a packet or two to take home and try to grow. Anyone can get their start gardening this way, especially since you can also check out some gardening tools from the Library of Things right across the aisle.

Each year, we give out more and more seeds through our seed library. We started in April of 2022 and by the end of July 2022 we'd

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