

## BRIEFS

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**Road Closure Notice: Co Hwy M41 Bridge Replacement Project** Co Hwy M41 is closed for bridge replacement over the East Nishnabotna River. The closure will remain in effect until Tuesday, July 15, 2025. A.M. Cohron and Son of Atlantic will lead the project, starting with the demolition of the existing bridge. A marked detour route has been established, utilizing 150th Street, C Avenue, and 130th Street. As part of the process, substructure work in the river channel will occur during the winter months, when water flow is low. In spring 2025, the contractor will set beams and begin forming the deck, with completion contingent on favorable weather conditions.

**LIHEAP applications start Nov. 1** Applications will be taken starting Nov. 1 for the 2024-2025 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, and has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay a portion of their primary heating costs. West Central Community Action, 301 Maple St Suite 3, Shenandoah, IA 51601, will be taking applications from Nov. 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025 (Oct. 1 for households with an elderly/disabled member). LIHEAP customers will need to furnish some form of identification, a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill and proof of all household members' gross income for the past 30-days or provide their 2023 Federal Income Taxes. Applications taken by appointment only; call to schedule an appointment at 712-246-2585. Eligibility is up to 200% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. Contact the office to see if you qualify.

**Shenandoah Middle School Musical** Shenandoah Middle School will present the musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR." on Nov. 22-23, at 7 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. The musical will be held at the Shenandoah High School Auditorium.

**Briefs are intended to serve as a short announcement for upcoming community activities and free events sponsored by non-profit organizations. They are not to be used to profit any individual or company. The editor will decide which articles will run. Deadline is Friday by 5 p.m.**

**Lighted Christmas Parade Nov. 29** The 32nd Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will be presented at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, on the downtown square in Clarinda. "Dreaming of a Tropical Christmas" is the theme of this year's parade.

**Night the Lights Come On Nov. 30** The Night the Lights Come On will be celebrated in Shenandoah from 3-7 p.m. on Nov. 30. People will be able to shop local stores until 6 p.m. Stores will be playing music, offering hot cocoa, treats, the opportunity to make holiday ornaments and more. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be attending the event along with their live reindeer. Horse-drawn carriage rides will also be offered from 3 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at Flatiron sponsored by The Fuller Center, Invenergy and Community 1st CU. The holiday lights will be turned on at 5:30 p.m. A soup and pie supper will also be offered from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Museum.

**Giving Tuesday Dec. 3** Please join the Clarinda Foundation in the annual Giving Tuesday event on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Donate to a participating fund, and the Clarinda Foundation Board of Directors will add to the donation with challenge awards for total donations — contributing \$1,000 to each fund with up to \$5,000 in total donations; or \$2,000 for total donations \$5,000-\$10,000; or \$3,000 for each fund with total donations over \$10,000. Visit [www.clarindafoundation.com](http://www.clarindafoundation.com) for a list of participating funds and to donate online. Call 712-542-4412 or email [clarindafoundation@clarindafoundation.com](mailto:clarindafoundation@clarindafoundation.com) with questions. Thank you for giving to Clarinda and the locale this Giving Tuesday.

**Breakfast with Mrs. Claus Dec. 7** While children enjoy a Breakfast with Mrs. Claus Dec. 7, people will be able to shop at various Shenandoah stores from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Crafts, cookie decorating, stories and games will be provided during the event. Call 712-246-3455 for specific details.

**Santa Visits Shenandoah** Visit Santa Claus from 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays in December at his workshop at the Everly Brothers Childhood Home, 800 W Sheridan Ave., in Shenandoah. Gifts will be available for the children.

**Private Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course** The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Fremont County office will be offering an opportunity to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist, Aaron Saeugling. It is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the McElroy Building on the Fremont County Fairgrounds in Sidney. The course will also be offered in other counties across the state at varying dates and times. The course will run for approximately two and one-half hours including check-in and breaks. For additional information about the P-CIC, including registration fees, call the Fremont County Extension Office at 712-374-2351 or email [xfremont@iastate.edu](mailto:xfremont@iastate.edu). The course will fulfill 2024-2025 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension, including restricted entry interval and preharvest interval; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

**Free Holiday Movie Dec. 21** A free holiday movie will be shown at Legacy 3 Theater on Dec. 21 in Shenandoah. The movie "Wonka" will be shown at 10 a.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. with a free snack pack provided for children.

**Lied Public Library Dominoes Club** A local Dominoes Club has been formed at the Lied Public Library in Clarinda. The club meets from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the library. The club is for adults of all skill levels. The library will provide dominoes or those attending may bring their favorite set.

**R.I.D.E. Hours** R.I.D.E. transportation service will be available weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weekend, evening and holiday rides are available with a 24 hour advance notice. Call 712-542-7950 to schedule trips. Trips to medical appointments outside the scheduled times are dependent on the availability of drivers. People with out of town trips through Page County Passengers may call 712-542-7547.

**Food Pantries** The Shenandoah Community Food Pantry is looking for donations of the fol-

lowing items for those in need. Donation ideas: Macaroni and cheese, any kind of pasta, Mandarin oranges and/or pineapple, brownie, cake, cookie and/or muffin mixes, jelly, hamburger, Tuna and/or Chicken Helpers, canned tuna and/or chicken, chicken noodle soup, bar soap, shampoo and/or conditioner. The food pantry is located at 1209 Fifth Ave. in Shenandoah. For more information, 712-246-2093.

The Clarinda Sew and Share Food Pantry remains open to serve residents from Clarinda and the surrounding area. The pantry is located on the west side of Clarinda at the First United Methodist Church, 923 State St., north of the Clarinda High School. The pantry is open to all that have a need for food during these difficult times. Opening hours are every Wednesday from 1 p.m. until at least 3 p.m. It will remain open later than 3 p.m. if there are still clients in line waiting. The pantry has instituted a drive-up system to distribute the food to protect both the clients and the Pantry volunteers.

The Clarinda Community Center Thrift Shop, 615 E. Main, is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. The food pantry is also open from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

**The Blessing Room** The Blessing Room, 412 W. Clarinda Ave., Shenandoah (formerly the First Christian Church). The Blessing Room will serve all of southwest Iowa and provides clothing, household and kitchen items at no charge. The hours of operation for The Blessing Room will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Delivery of donations is encouraged during these hours, but other arrangements can be made. Organizers request that if you have a donation, please call ahead at 712-246-1970 or 712-246-9788.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit #88** Third Tuesday of each month, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #88 of Shenandoah meets upstairs at the American Legion Country Club. The Executive Board meets at 4:45 p.m. The regular meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. Any questions, please call LuAnn Armstrong at 712-246-8372.

**American Legion Post 156** The last Tuesday of each month, American Legion Post 156 of Hamburg meets at the United Methodist Church, 1200 Park St., at 7 p.m.

**SPL Free Blood Pressure Clinic** Free Blood Pressure Clinic in Shenandoah (Page County Public Health) on the second Monday of every month. Locations and times are Shenandoah Fitness Center 7 to 8:30 a.m., Shenandoah Hy-Vee 8:45 to 10:30 a.m., Shenandoah Public Library 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Shenandoah Senior Center 1:45 to 3 p.m. All locations are open to the public. For additional information, contact Carmen at Page County Public Health at 712-850-1212.

**Lied Center offers Drop-In Pickle Ball** Drop-In Pickle Ball is being offered at the Lied Center in Clarinda. Times for the games are Mondays, 9 to 11 a.m.; Tuesdays, 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.; and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. The cost to participate is the daily admission rate.

**Lied Public Library offers Mah Jongg club** Learn to play Mah Jongg, the ancient Chinese game of tiles, at the Lied Public Library. It's fast, free, and fun for all ages. Mah Jongg is a fun, social, and mentally stimulating tile game played with four players. Players create strategy and build hands. Both skill and luck play a part of this game. Open to players of all skills and abilities. Sessions will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from noon to 3 p.m.

**Rural School Signs** In celebration of Iowa's 50th Centennial in 1996 all the rural school sites in Page County were located. Small signs were erected that named the school and gave the years it was open. They were usually financed by the landowner or a former teacher or student. Recently the sign for Martin School in Colfax Township was found in a ditch. The land had changed ownership and fences removed as was the sign which is in good repair. It is hoped the sign can be restored with the approval of the new owner. No doubt others of the more than 130 signs are also missing. If you know of any, you are asked to call the Nodaway Valley Historical Museum at 712-542-3073 on Tuesday or Saturdays between 1 and 4 p.m. After this information is collected perhaps a grant can be found to restore lost signs.

**Super Saturdays** Super Saturdays at The Sanctuary Restaurant 207 S. Elm St. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., serving lunch at 11 a.m. \$2 off all sandwich, quiche and large salad orders; \$2 cobbler and all signature desserts only \$3. Special prices on drinks. The 25th guest gets a free lunch!

## WHAT'S UP CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

- Fremont County Board of Supervisors, Fremont County Courthouse in Sidney, 9 a.m.
- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Chicken Noodle Casserole, Brussels Sprouts, Dinner Roll, Hot Spiced Apples and Margarine
- Essex School Board, Essex School, 6 p.m.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 21

- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Beef Stroganoff, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Mixed

Fruit Cup and Margarine

- Page County Board of Supervisors, Page County Courthouse, 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 22

- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Beef Patty, Sliced Cheese, Pickle Slices, Baked Beans, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Hamburger Bun, Chocolate Crunch Bar, Ketchup and Mustard
- AA-Clarinda, Friday High Flyers, 216 West Division, 8 p.m.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 24

- Clarinda Sings Concert, Clarinda High School Auditorium, 3 p.m.

## MONDAY, NOV. 25

- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Cheese Omelet, Hashbrown Casserole, Blueberry Muffin, Orange Juice and Hot Spiced Apples
- Clarinda City Council (if Necessary), Clarinda City Hall, 5:15 p.m.
- Sidney City Council, Sidney City Hall, 6 p.m.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 26

- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Pineapple

Glazed Ham, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Green Salad, Whole Wheat Bread, Pineapple Crisp, French Dressing and Margarine

- Shenandoah City Council, Shenandoah City Hall, 6 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

- Fremont County Board of Supervisors, Fremont County Courthouse in Sidney, 9 a.m.
- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Thanksgiving meal — Turkey Breast, Poultry Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Bread Dressing, Green

Beans, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie, Whipped Topping and Margarine

## THURSDAY, NOV. 28

- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Closed for Thanksgiving

## FRIDAY, NOV. 29

- Sr. Center/Meals on Wheels: Closed
- Clarinda Lighted Christmas Parade, Downtown Square, 6 p.m.
- AA-Clarinda, Friday High Flyers, 216 West Division, 8 p.m.

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