

Coffee & Camaraderie is Tuesday

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The Coffee & Camaraderie program is from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 5 at the VFW Post, 107 E. Meadow Lane, Marshalltown.

Speakers Joe Latham and Jeff Heiden, will talk about how the F-4 Phantom Fighter Jet is located at the American Legion on Sixth Street in Marshalltown. Latham flew this F-4 on Sept. 14, 1966, over North Vietnam on his 45th mission. This F-4 serves as a memorial to all veterans.

Coffee and light refreshments are served beginning at 7:30 a.m., the presentation starts at 8 a.m. and generally concludes by 10 a.m. The program is open to the public.

ASK AUGUSTINE

by Paul A. Tambrino, Ed.D., Ph.D.

Doesn't the Bible justify slavery as it was practiced in the United States?

Our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln said, "If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong." Although the book of Exodus is in a large measure an antislavery polemic wherein we read of the Egyptians suffering horrible plagues as punishment for enslaving the Hebrews, the Bible did permit slavery in the society the Israelites established in Canaan; but it was a more humane form of slavery than that which is practiced in other societies and which was practiced in our United States of America. Biblical law placed such restraints on slave owners that the slaves' status was more like that of a domestic servant.

For example, Exodus 21:20f. states that a master who beat his slave to death was himself to be punished with death, indicating that in God's eyes slaves were as important as masters. Exodus 21:26 states that a master who causes a slave to lose a limb or even a tooth is obligated to set the slave free. Deuteronomy 23:16 prohibits returning a runaway slave to the slave's master; the assumption being that the slave fled because he suffered and must be granted refuge. It was this biblical law that Chief Justice Taney violated in the infamous 1857 Dred Scott decision.

Hebrew slaves did not serve for life. Their maximum sentence of enslavement was six years and once a slave was set free he was not to be freed empty handed but "you shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor and from your winepress. From what the LORD has blessed you with, you shall give to him" (Deuteronomy 15:13, 14).

A person became a slave if that person committed robbery and lacked the means to return to the victim the stolen good plus a one hundred percent fine. Biblical law was primarily concerned with gaining restitution for the victim than with punishment of the thief. By requiring restitution of the stolen goods plus a hundred percent fine was intended to both compensate the victim for some of the anguish suffered by the victim as well as to discourage the thief from stealing again.

The thief could then pay off the debt by being sold into slavery for a period not to exceed six years. Persons with heavy debts could likewise sell themselves into slavery for a period of up to six years to discharge their debt obligations.

In Leviticus 25:39 and Deuteronomy 15:14 we find that a master was forbidden to rule over a slave harshly. A slave had to be treated on a level relatively equal to that of the master. If a master had a comfortable bed, his slave had to be given an equally comfortable bed. If a master had only one bed he had to give it to his slave. The laws protecting a Hebrew slave were so far reaching that it was said that one who acquired a Hebrew slave acquired a master.

Thus, it can be seen that the Bible in no way justifies slavery as it was practiced in the United States. The way it was practiced violated many of the Bible's teachings on slavery. The Bible clearly legislates that kidnapping a person and selling that person into slavery was a capital crime (Exodus 21:16). Given that slaves in America had either been kidnapped and sold into slavery or were descended from people who had suffered this fate we can conclude that the Bible does not justify slavery as practiced in the United States.

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Beverly Lynch , 88
Beverly J. Lynch, of Marshalltown, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at UnityPoint Health- Marshalltown Hospital with her children by her side. Per Beverly and her family's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A graveside service has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5 at 2:00 P.M. at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation. Mitchell Family Funeral Home of Marshalltown has been entrusted with the care of Beverly and her family. To leave online condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. Ph. 641-844-1234.



Beverly Joan (Robertson) Lynch was born on January 6, 1937, in Marshalltown, Iowa. She was the daughter of Wendell and Mossie (Walkup) Robertson. She grew up in her Marshalltown home near West Olive Street. This was her father's property, and they eventually named Robertson Drive in honor of their family name. Beverly attended school in the Marshalltown School District and graduated with the class of 1954.

On May 29, 1955, she was united in marriage to Kent W. Lynch. Beverly and Kent lived on the family farm. The farm was a gift from Beverly's father and mother. She spent the next 33 years as a homemaker and mother to her family. She began her working career as a hostess at the Thunderbird restaurant, as a desk clerk at the Super 8 Motel before being promoted to motel manager. She always took great pride that while under her management, they won numerous awards including "Motel of the Year." She was also a gift

shop co-owner at the Regency Corner Gift Shop at the Regency Hotel. She was a proud member of the Marshalltown Jaycettes.

She met Robert Lyons and spent over 20 years together enjoying their life together at her home at Lake Ponderosa. After his passing she moved back to Marshalltown and to her condo at Bobcat Estates. Where she served on the board of directors and took great pride in decorating the common area every season for several years. In May of 2025 she moved into Glenwood Place in Marshalltown and made it her home until her passing.

In her free time, she enjoyed shopping, decorating for all of the holidays, (especially Christmas), making ceramics, crafting, and watching her favorite soap operas. She also had a vast collection of bird, bunny and snowman figurines. Beverly cared deeply for her family. All three of her children called her every morning and evening for over 15 years. They were her pride and joy, and she was their best friend.

She is survived by her three children: Dawn Carver of Yorkville, IL., David (Cyndi) Lynch of Grinnell, IA, and Deanne Lynch of Yorkville, IL; her six grandchildren: Jason (Tiffany) Carver, Corey (Valerie) Carver, Chad Maas, Adam Maas, Jeremy (Andrea) Lynch and Nikki Lynch; 17 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and cousins; and her dear friend and cousin Dede Kopsa of Tama, IA.

Beverly is preceded in death by her former spouse, Kent Lynch; her parents Wendell and Mossie; her stepmom Marjorie Davidson Robertson; her partner Robert Lyons; her son in law Rodney Carver and her special dog "Hooter."

Bruce Oleson, 67
Bruce died of a heart attack at the age of 67, in his home. He is deeply missed by friends and family alike.

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday September 14th from 12:00-3:00 P.M. at the Maytag Park- South Shelter in Newton, IA. In

lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. Mitchell Family Funeral Home has been entrusted to care for Bruce and his family. For more information or to send a condolence, please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-1234.

Steven McCombs, 64
Steven McCombs, 64, of Marshalltown and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away on Friday, July 25, 2025, at the Iowa River Hospice Home in Marshalltown. Steve is survived by his mom, Nancy McCombs; wife, Tracy McCombs; daughter, Kyleigh McCombs; a grandson; siblings: Cindy McCombs, Jim (Christine) McCombs, Kristy (Gregg) Lambert, Randy (Holly) McCombs, Chad (Monica) McCombs;

sister-in-law, Tammy Wirth and brother-in-law, Cedric Brown. He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews; 2 great-nephews; his aunt and uncle along with many cousins. Per Steve's wishes, cremation will take place. There will be no formal services at this time. Mitchell Family Funeral Home has been entrusted to care for Steve and his family. To leave online condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. Ph. 641-844-1234.

Mary Kaloupek, 90
Mary Faye Kaloupek, 90, of Toledo, passed away August 1, 2025, at the Iowa River Hospice Home in Marshalltown. It was her wish to be cremated and Private Graveside Services will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo. Survivors include two daughters, Linda (Jim) Bailey, of Marshalltown,

and Barbara Brown, of Marshalltown; daughter-in-law, Dee Kaloupek, of Fort Dodge; three grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; sister, Carol Overton; and several nieces and nephews. Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home, Tama-Toledo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Christopher Edwards, 51
Christopher Taylor Edwards, 51, skilled product and UX Designer, of Chicago, passed away from natural causes after a lifelong battle with Neurofibromatosis Type 2. A graveside service has been scheduled for Tuesday August 5, 2025, at 10:30 A.M. at Hillside Cemetery in State

Center, Iowa. Mitchell Family Funeral Home of state Center has been entrusted with the care of Christopher and his family. To leave online condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. Ph. 641-844-1234. Christopher leaves behind his partner of a decade, Alex Thornton, his former partner and chosen family.

Mildred Jean Schaper, 84
Mildred Jean Schaper, 84, of Bondurant, and formerly Marshalltown, passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at the Carlisle Center for Wellness and Rehab. Funeral services for Mildred will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Visitation will be one-hour prior to the service, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please dress casual. Memorials may be directed to the family.

For more information or to send a condolence, please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-1234. Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Mildred and her family. Mildred is survived by her children: Dave (Becky) Schaper, of Elkhart, and Mark (Brenda) Schaper, of Newton. Two Grandchildren along with three great grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings: Ellen (Dick) Graber, of Newton, and Kay (Ben) Zizzi, of Denver, Colorado.

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Marshall County Courthouse Court

- Aug. 1
- Prince Jallah made an initial appearance on a pre-trial release violation charge. Pre-trial release is revoked. Bond is set at \$2,000 cash in defendant's name only.
 - A 17-year-old female made an initial appearance on a curfew violation charge. A pre-trial conference is set for 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 20 in Magistrate Court.
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Property Transfers

- July 31
- Timothy D. Sletten to Falon Taris Kapayou, 8 W. Grant St.
 - Jeanette Jensen, Jea-

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Nature Story Hour is Aug. 7

Nature Story Hour — Skunks will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Leonard Grimes Amphitheater during the summer season. In inclement weather, the program will be held

inside the center at 2349 233rd St., Marshalltown. The program will start with local celebrity, Hardin County naturalist, reading a storybook, an educational program by the naturalist about the topic-skunks featuring Flora the Skunk and an activity or craft. Each session will last about 30 - 40 minutes in length.

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