Lenten Services at Christian Church



Howard Street Christian Church in Colfax is hosting a 6 p.m. Lenten Concert Feb. 26 -April 2.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at 5 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted.

- Feb. 26 Loynachans
- March 5 Sounds of Inspiration
- March 12 Briggs Family
- March 19 Headin' Home
- March 26 Kingdom Criers

April 2 — Higher Power

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Naig encourages applications for the 2023 Century and Heritage Farm program

Applications accepted through June 1

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig encourages eligible Iowa farm owners to apply for the 2023 Century and Heritage Farm Program now through June 1.

The program was created by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to recognize families who have owned their farms for 100 years and 150 years, respectively.

"Iowa's multi-generational farm families are the backbone of our state and the Century and Heritage Farm Program recognizes their hard work, strength, resilience and perseverance," Naig said. "Each year I look forward to recognizing these families, hearing their stories, and celebrating their legacies at the Iowa State Fair."

To apply, download the application on the Department's website at iowaagriculture.gov/ century-and-heritage-farm-program. Please complete the application and return it to: Century and Heritage Farm Program, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

You may also send a written request for an application to the address above, or contact Kelley Reece, coordinator of the Century and Heritage Farm Program, at 515-281-3645 or kelley.reece@iowaagriculture.gov.

To be included in the 2023 Century or Heritage Farm Program, completed applications must be received by the Department by 11:59 p.m. June 1.

This year marks the 47th anniversary of the Century Farm Program, which started in 1976 as part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration. To date, more than 20,000 farms from across the state have received this recognition.

This is the 17th anniversary of the Heritage Farm Program. More than 1,600 farms have been recognized since this program began in 2006. To search for previous Century and Heritage Farm recipients, visit centuryfarms.iowaagriculture.gov/. Photos from past recognition ceremonies are also available on the Department's website.

The ceremonies recognizing the 2023 Century and Heritage Farm families will be held at the Iowa State Fair on Aug. 17 in the historic Livestock Pavilion.

Community Calendar

To include your item on the community calendar, email it to news@jaspercountytribune.com

THURSDAY

• Mingo Men's Club meets at 7 p.m. the third 'Thursday of month at the Mingo Community Center

MONDAY

• Colfax Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of month at the museum

THURSDAY

• AMVETS meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of month at the Colfax Fire Station.

Event Briefs

Friday Night Out

The First Baptist Church of Colfax is offering parents an opportunity to enjoy a Friday Night Out from 5 to 9 p.m. Feb. 17, by providing free childcare, dinner, snacks, crafts and games for the kids. Contact the First Baptist Church of Colfax for information and to register.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Baxter

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Baxter Congregational Church on Main Street. Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is traditionally a feasting day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Pancakes, sausage, and beverages will be served. A free will offering will be accepted.

Coffee

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6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"It will be a full coffee bar with drinks, cold and hot, to smoothies and also deli sandwiches and soup of the day at lunch time," Hunsberger said. "In the morning we will have fresh pastries, everything from our bakery and our chef. There will always be sweets and cookies."

Conceived as a way to be involved in the community, the turnout on opening day showed citizens are excited to have a place to grab more than just convenience store coffee. With additional uses for the space planned, it is set to become a new favorite spot in Colfax.



"We look for different way to be in the community. All the time I have lived here, it always ends up being one of the top things people want. We thought, 'Can we provide something the town really wants and at the same time build partnerships?" Hunsberger said. "So yes, we will be selling coffee, deli sandwiches and pastries, but it is really having the community place where we can share who we are as SheepGate. We also plan on doing some different group meetings where we can open this place up. We're looking at some differ-

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A variety of coffees, sandwiches, soup and pastries will be available daily at SheepGate Coffee Co. in Colfax.

ent youth options and partnering with veterans. We look to provide a central place for people."

With SheepGate staff already busy in their positions, all new employees have been hired for the coffee shop. The company has even hired some local teenagers as baristas for the after school hours.

"Everyone is getting trained in the next week and the goal is to have a hard

opening at the beginning of March," Hunsberger said.

With a packed building for the opening, Hunsberger, along with his wife Megan and business partner Nikki Hook, are excited for the new beginning.

"I didn't expect everyone to come right at the opening but tonight was just about opening up and letting the town see it," Hunsberger said. Just taking the paper off of the window and seeing light come into the space was fun for the partners. Having people enjoy the coffee shop is even better.

"It has been a long time coming and it is nice that it is actually here. We are excited," Megan Hunsberger said. "There are more people than we realized. I feel like it is very cozy so it will be a great spot to hang out."

