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**A Fun Event At The Ft. Des Moines Museum!**

Friday, August 7: “Nothing Is Impossible: The Triumphs of Edna Griffin.” This student-directed production (created by two high school students working at the Museum this summer) explores the life of civil rights pioneer and Women’s Army Corps veteran Edna Griffin. The play will start at 6:00 PM at the Museum, and is free to the public. The production runs a little under an hour—perfect for families looking to learn about history in a fun and exciting way.

For information about either event, call 515-282-8060 or visit www.fortdesmoines.org

**Community Forums Set On Revenue Purpose Statement**

Des Moines Public Schools officials will conduct three community forums to enable community members to learn more about the revenue purpose statement, which will be included on the upcoming Sept. 8 school board ballot.

“We believe community members need to know exactly what they are voting on,” said Bill Good, Chief Operations Officer (pictured). These forums also are intended to help people understand what the vote on the revenue purpose statement means for our students over the next 29 years.

For more information about the revenue purpose statement, visit the district’s Web site at www.dmps.k12.ia.us.

**Forums will be held at the following locations:**

**North High School**

501 Holcomb Avenue
Thursday, August 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria

**Hoyt Middle School**

2700 East 42nd Street
Monday, August 17
6:30-7:30 p.m.
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The Des Moines Independent Community School District is Iowa’s largest provider of public education serving the individual needs of more than 33,000 students in 66 schools with more than 5,000 dedicated teachers and staff.

**School Supplies Aren’t The Only Thing On The Back To School List**

Back to school time can be exciting and nerve-wracking for both parents and kids. The list of things to do before school starts can seem endless: new clothes, school supplies, carpool schedule, lunch tickets, registration, homework schedule. The thing that is missing from most back to school lists is health check-ups.

It is extremely important for kids to have a check up before they start school. There are a lot of diseases out there, such as lead poisoning, that can affect your child’s ability to learn and socialize with other kids. Even when your child comes down with something as routine as a cold or a toothache, they can lose focus and miss out on important lessons during class. If they catch a serious disease, such as measles or influenza, they can end up missing weeks of school and fall behind their classmates.

This is why there are new laws in Iowa that require kids to have a lead test before kindergarten and dental exam before kindergarten and high school. Schools also require kids to be up-to-date on their immunizations to prevent the spread of dangerous diseases in the classrooms. The tests and shots are easy to get and will help make your child ready to learn.

There are several Back to School Fairs in Des Moines that help parents who don’t have insurance or are under-insured get their kids the services they need. Two of these fairs will take place during the week of August 10. Shalom Zone will be holding their event on August 10 from 3-7 at the Gatchel United Methodist Church and the Healthcare Coverage for Kids will hold their fair on August 13 from 3-7 at McKinley Elementary School. Both fairs will have free back packs and school supplies as well as important health services including physicals, dental screening, lead test, immunizations, and vision screening. Other fairs are the Mt. Hebron Back to School Carnival at Evelyn Davis Park on August 15 from 11am-9pm and the Back to School Bash at the Grubb YMCA on August 23 from 2-5pm. These services are free and will help ensure that uninsured kids are ready for school.
Blacks And Poor People Shunning Swine Flu Shots:

Blacks and poor people throughout the nation are apparently shying away from swine flu inoculations in large numbers, according to federal and local officials.

The health officials attribute the limited participation by poor and blacks to a fear that the vaccine contributed to the deaths of three elderly people in Pittsburgh a couple of months ago.

Those people died hours after taking the vaccine, but federal health officials who investigated the deaths said the people died of heart attacks and other ailments unrelated to the vaccine.

This first appeared in the Iowa Bystander December 30th 1976:

This is just a reminder of how things change, and stay the same. When it comes to our history, we’ve been down this road before the swine flu in not new and a vaccine existed in the past. The question that we must ask now is where is the data from the vaccine of 1976? What were the side effects of the drug, and is this vaccine the same? We can ask a myriad of questions about the vaccine for swine flu, but it’s time to error on the side of caution when it comes to researching things that have a heavy affect on our community.

I’m not suggesting passing on the vaccine by no means. What I call for is asking questions of the very people who argue in favor of taking the vaccine. How was the swine flu contained for all of these years and then make a comeback?

The Iowa Bystander has covered this and many important issues that concern us in the past and will continue to give you information that you can use in the future. Keep reading!

Change happened…change continues…moving toward change……JB

Harkin Delivers $11.1 Million For Transportation Improvements And Economic Development Projects

Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), a senior member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee, announced that he successfully worked to acquire $11.1 million for important transportation improvements and economic development initiatives across Iowa.

“This legislation will provide investments in transportation and economic development and give a welcome boost to Iowa’s economy,” Harkin said.

“These funds will improve the quality of life for so many Iowans by making our roads and transportation system more accessible, efficient and convenient.”

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Des Moines, Southeast Connector: $2 million to complete the piece of MLK Parkway from the river to East 14th Street, south of the central business district and the State Capitol Complex.

West Des Moines, Iowa Technology Corridor: $600,000 to provide for planning, design and an environmental review of Grand Avenue from Jordan Creek Parkway west to 105th Street, as well as 105th Street.

Polk County, Northwest 66th Avenue Reconstruction: $600,000 for the design and right of way acquisition for this project that includes the replacement of the existing 50 year old Des Moines River Bridge on NW 66 Avenue and other improvements to 66th Avenue.

Harkin Announces Over $600,000 For Juvenile Support Programs

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) announced that a total of $607,386 has been awarded to the Iowa Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Agency from the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program. Harkin is a senior member of the Appropriations Committee.

“Keeping at-risk youth out of the system keeps our kids in school and strengthens communities,” said Harkin. “I am pleased that the Des Moines Juvenile Justice Planning Agency will have funding to keep our children safe.”

This grant was provided by the Office of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Details of the grants follow:

· $33,486 awarded for the JABG to reduce risk and enhance protective factors to prevent at-risk youth from entering the juvenile justice system and intervene with first-time offenders and non-serious offenders to keep them out of juvenile justice system.

· $374,100 awarded for the JABG to reduce juvenile offending through accountability-based programs, focusing on both juvenile offenders and the juvenile justice system.

Shannon Cofield: Continued from page 12

Instead we said “Wayne, Shannon says you’re the reason the club is gone, you wanted the money for Urban Dreams and by the way, you got two sets of book, what say you?”

These are the facts. We are not the villain. We did nothing wrong. We simply asked very simple questions of people that make a lot of money in the name of assuaging Black suffering. Ours was a very fair and very generous twice extended offer to hear Rep. Ford’s side of the story.

Finally let this point be made clear. Black people in this community are suffering. Our children are in serious trouble. While people like Ms. Cofield make huge six figure salaries to exploit and profit from that suffering our mission at Iowa Bystander is to serve this community, period. We are not afraid of the truth. Instead we embrace it.

In the 1800s Iowa Bystander put our people above petty politics and personal gain. Throughout the last century we did the same. Iowa Bystander will not let that great tradition die in the early part of the 21st century. Further, our community service and impact, off the pages of our paper suggests a trans- plant like Shannon Cofield has no legitimacy in questioning our publica- tion, our legacy, our integrity.

Ms. Cofield set out to accomplish a task - make Wayne Ford the bad guy. Iowa Bystander didn’t play her game. Instead we did what we do, our job. Either Ms. Cofield she owes Wayne Ford an apology or he owes us this community one.

Iowa Bystander will find out which it is.

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Carnival In The Park

Tug-of-War. Sponge bath races. Cotton candy. Popcorn. Bounce House and burgers and hot dogs with sides for lunch. Kids, kids, kids all over Sullivan Park in Waterloo, IA. This was the scene on Saturday, July 25, 2009. The Carnival in the Park was a community event in the midst of the negative reports on the local news. This was a day for kids and adults alike to relax and enjoy a positive event on a nice breezy day. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the group who put it together and kept it fun were respected and everyone conducted themselves accordingly. A couple of young men who wanted to alter their mood with an apparent blunt were asked to take it out of the park and they complied willingly. This day was for the children and they had fun.

The event was sponsored by Integrated Treatment Services, Inc. of Waterloo and Spectrum Resources of Des Moines. Terry Sallis, Director of ITS spoke to the crowd and explained ITS is dedicated to Culturally Specific Substance Abuse Services. Spectrum Resources staff was on hand and enjoyed the event. Spectrum Resources has three Prisoner Re-Entry Programs that lead the country in successful re-entry for people coming home. One of the programs, Beneficiary Choice, is operating throughout the State including Waterloo. Overall this event shows what positive contributions can be made when everyone is involved regardless of their past histories.

Khalid Abdar-Rashid
Project Coordinator – Spectrum Resources

The great virtue of a free market system is that it does not care what color people are; it does not care what their religion is; it only cares whether they can produce something you want to buy. It is the most effective system we have discovered to enable people who hate one another to deal with one another and help one another.

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This stimulus package is called a job!

Almost everywhere you go there’s construction, but you only see White and Hispanic workers. No Blacks! Mother Evelyn Davis was talking about this unfair employment practice years before she died, and still no Blacks! How long, oh how long must you be continent!

I personally asked a head of construction worker’s, “do you have any black workers on any of your jobs; all I see are Whites and Hispanics?” He said, “we hired a couple of blacks with a truck who stopped and asked if they could haul away some of the trash, but I’ve never seen any Blacks apply for a job.”

Is this true? I know it can be a dirty job. Yes, you have to work real hard, take some of the heavy back bending digging, work in the hot sun and sometimes for long hours in the night time but, if you’re tired of not having a job check these construction sites out. You’ll be surprised how much take home pay you will earn.

Slaves built the Whitehouse at a time when the Blackman was called three-fifths human. They built half of America for no pay and had superior invention taken from them that still keeps America working today. Blacks still have great ability to construct, but few are taking advantage of it.

If you don’t know how to get involved, ask somebody. Go to construction classes, go to a trade school, do whatever is necessary. America is changing directions. Jobs are leaving our country. Many new Nationalities are coming to this country. Don’t let yourselves be SHUT OUT.

Les Brown said, “you have to prepare yourselves so when opportunity comes, you can take advantage of it, otherwise you will not be ready.”

“The Out-Of-Towners” Featuring “The Out-Of-Towners Q&A”

In May of 2009 a new totally submission based column, “The Out-Of-Towners”, was introduced to begin publication in June 2009. The purpose of this column is (1) to share GOOD NEWS, achievements and/or to catch up on “What Native Iowans”, who have moved out of Des Moines and/or Iowa, have been up to and (2) to showcase people who live in Iowa, who have been able to realize their “American Dreams” in Iowa, but are natives from a different state.

To those of you who have submitted articles, we thank you. The information and those who have been featured have received many positive comments. However, we only received enough articles to cover the month of June. Perhaps this was a communication problem. Meaning that perhaps our readers thought that this column would only be featured for the month of June. Well, that was not the intent of this column. The intent was that this would be a permanent column in the Iowa Bystander.

Because of the great reviews we have received, for this column, we want this column to continue. “The Out-Of-Towners” column has been revised. The purpose and the direction will become known as “The Out-Of-Towners Q&A”, in hopes that we will receive submission based articles from our readers.

Anyone may respond, whether you have lived in Iowa all of your life or not. Below we have provided you a list of topics/questions for you to answer and return back to us.

“The Out-Of-Towners Q&A” topics / questions are:

1) Your Name
2) The names of your Parents
3) Place of Birth
4) City and State where you currently reside
5) Are you married? Spouse’s name. Do you have children? How many.
6) Education. Where did you attend High School? College? Post Graduate Work
7) What you wanted to do when you grew up and what you are doing (your Occupation) now that you have grown up?
8) Hobbies and or Interests. Organizations, clubs, church affiliations.
9) The best advice anyone ever gave you.
10) A Life Lesson that you would like to Share.

We ask that your “The Out-Of-Towners Q&A” submission, is sent to us preferably by email, includes an attachment of a clear photo of your choice, and that your article, is an attachment, in doc or txt format, does not exceed 600 words. OR if you do not have access to the internet or do not have an email address, we ask that your article is typed, does not exceed 600 words and includes a picture, as well, with the understanding that it will not be returned.

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August 5, 2009
Elpis Fellowship — Weekly Meditation

The Fruit of Change

Living Out Your Repentance

Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 NIV • Verse of concentration 2 Corinthians 7:10a NIV

“Godly grief brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret…”

Godly grief is true repentance, and true repentance is more than regret. A person may be sorrowful over his or her sins…yet unrepentant because they are sorry for the wrong reason. Instead of repenting because our sins have hurt and disappointed God, we may just feel bad because our sins have been personally painful, stressful, or costly, or because our sins have been uncovered. Often times we find ourselves in situations we don’t care to be in (which usually derives from some form of disobedience) where we end up crying out and praying to God so He can help us through a situation in our lives, or needing Him to bless us with His favor over a thing. Right away we realize where we went wrong. So we then repent and say things like: “God if you help me out of this or grant me your favor over this… I will…” I’ll do, I’ll be, I’ll change, Lord I won’t do… what ever we think God wants to hear we find ourselves pleading to God.” The great thing about God is that He will not only hear our cry, but He will also fulfill our desires (Psalm 145:18-19). God will forgive us of our sins and hidden faults (Psalm 19:12).

What we do after God has forgiven us and given us favor, is just as important…if not more important…than what we did before we received God forgiveness and favor. Even though the price for God’s love, forgiveness, comfort, provision, favor, and healing is priceless, being that He already overcame sin and the dark things of this world, on the cross, God expects us to learn from our faults and turn from our sins. The Prophet Jeremiah says Jeremiah 7:5 “you must change your lives and do what is right!” God knows beforehand if our repentance was from the heart, which is the only way change (healing) will happen, in order to keep us from finding ourselves back where we were before God’s favor and forgiveness. Jonah disobeyed God and repented, and after he was freed from the fish, he got right back on track to where God ordered him to go at first. By his actions… he validated his repentance. A true sign of genuine repentance is a change of mind, heart, behavior, and purpose of action. If there is no change in character, there has been no true repentance.

New Normal: When you find that you have taken the wrong course of action, stop and pray, repent with Godly grief and turn to change. Live out your repentance; no longer allow your lives to go on as usual. Pursue a different state of mind, behavior and purpose of action, which produces the fruit of change that leads to salvation that brings…no regret.

DeAnna Rankins • Elpis Fellowship
“Growing Together In The Things Of God”

“Seven Seals” For Your Spiritual Diet

By Carolyn Clinton King C., Th.D

Rev. 6:1-2 “And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and beheld a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”

WHO IS THIS RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE? There are some who have tried to tie him to the second coming of Jesus Christ on a white horse, but there are some real problems with this.

Chuck Smith in his notes on Revelations says: “The coming of Jesus on a white horse does not happen until chapter 19. The white horse is followed by the red horse of war, the black horse of famine, and the white horse of death. Jesus is coming to abolish war. They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks and they shall study war no more.”

So, it would appear that the white horse rider is the Anti-christ. He is going to deceive the world into thinking that he is the messiah. Thus it would only be fitting that he comes with the disguise of the white horse.

Look how well that fits with the whole picture. Pastor Chuck Smith (well-known Theologian) says: “Chapters 2 and 3 deal with the church and it’s ministry through it’s history. The church is captured at the beginning of chapter 4. We then move into the things that will take place after the things of the church. In chapter 5 we find the church in heaven singing of the worthiness of the Lamb to take the scroll and loose the seals, for He was slain and has redeemed by his blood out of every kindred, tongue, people, and nation. Chapter 6 begins the events of the great tribulation that shall come upon mankind that has rebelled against the authority of God.” The church does not appear again in the book of Revelation until we move back into the heavenly scene in chapter 19.”

The presence of the Holy Spirit within the church in the world is the hindering force that is holding back the powers of evil that are ready to take over the world the moment the church is gone.

You may or may not recall, “When the angels were on the way to destroy the city of Sodom because of the wickedness, Abraham sought to intercede for the city, knowing that his nephew lived there. He asked: Shall not the Lord of the earth be just? What if there are fifty righteous men in the city of Sodom. The Lord said that He would spare the city for the sake of the fifty righteous. As Abraham continued to intercede the Lord finally consented to spare the city if ten righteous might be found. We know the story, there were not even ten righteous men in the city of Sodom, only one and that was Lot. The angels hastened Lot out of the city declaring that they could not destroy the city until Lot was safely out of it. Making a comment on that event Peter wrote, “For the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” Jesus spoke of iniquity abounding upon the earth just prior to His return. If it is this bad, with the restraining power of the church in the world, think of what it will be as soon as the church is removed. Don’t you want to be in that number? When the Saints Go Marching In?

Email comments to carolynking7@yahoo.com.

Family life is too intimate to be preserved by the spirit of justice. It can be sustained by a spirit of love which goes beyond justice. -- Reinhold Niebuhr

It’s a sad dog that won’t wag it’s own tail! Send Iowa Bystander the good news about your family and friends no longer living in the Greater Des Moines community but doing some very exciting things to: iowabystanderarticles@yahoo.com

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Life Line Resources: Shepherding The Flock

Story and photos by Fred Narcisse

The Life Line Resources, owned by Terry Robinson, Vince Kelly and Lance Connelly, located in Park Fair Mall, is here for the community. The program is free of charge and is a safe place for people to come and be exposed to different opportunities. About 60-80 children, ages 13-17, attend daily enjoying opportunities such as poetry, art, boxing, dance, wrestling, technology and school counseling.

One of the goals of the Life Line Resource Center is to get parents involved in their children’s lives. In the facility there is a reception desk, wrestling room, weight room, boxing ring, art room, technology room, girls’ room, boys’ room, and a training room for staff meetings. This training room is open to the community for events such as finance meetings, health meetings and events for those who want to teach. On staff, they have counselors and a licensed therapist.

The funding is out of the owner’s pocket and in November of this year they will celebrate three years of operation in Des Moines.

If you would like to help call 515-256-8001.

“若基础被销毁，义人能做什么？”

诗篇11:3
Burns United Methodist Church Classic Car Show

Burns UMC presented its 1st Annual car show on July 18th. We had a wonderful time. We thank the community for their support. If you didn’t come you missed a great time. There was lots of BBQ cooked by Fred Narcisse: “Master Bar-B-Que Man.” We especially thank Roger Parkey and Clifford Watkins for their suggestions and all their help.

Burns Fund Raising Ministry, Gaynelle Narcisse, Chairperson.

1st Place in Best Show Car
How Quickly Society Forgets Their Heroes

Submitted by Rebecca Grant

"I am appalled with the way society has accepted how individuals take advantage of the terminally ill during their last moments of life," stated Vincent Clark, a writer and Investigative Reporter based in North Carolina. He became familiar with a deployable case about a well known Track and Field Coach who led the Women's Varsity team to many great victories while at the University of Iowa in Iowa City Iowa. Mr. Clark learned of this case through articles in the Iowa Press Citizen, Cedar Rapids Gazette, and the Des Moines Register. Mr. Clark explains, "I was interested in the case because I had encountered Coach Grant over the years through my involvement in track and field as an agent for elite athletes. Just be sheer coincidence, I ran into Mrs. Grant while I was in Iowa assisting with flood relief over the summer of 2008." Mr. Clark wanted to write a book about Mrs. Grant’s husband and asked her for documents relating to his case. He says he was drawn to the story because he wanted to better understand how “Coach Grant’s estranged five (5) children, with whom all had different mothers, was not a part of their father’s life until his life was coming to an end. How they were able to convince a jury that they, and not Mrs. Grant, were entitled to Mr. Grant’s estate.

During the couple’s first years of marriage, the loving couple learned that Coach Grant had brain cancer. This disease spread rapidly throughout his body and primarily targeted his lungs and brain. Mr. Grant’s cancer advanced rapidly and Mrs. Grant’s condition and without notifying his legal spouse, Mrs. Rebecca Grant. This group, within three (3) days, also had Mr. Grant believing that his wife abandoned him and that his wife was an "outsider." As Greg Fender stated when he made his statement, "It was a Jamaica-in thing." Mr. and Mrs. Grant made a joint decision to work with Iowa City Hospice to provide active care for Mr. Grant. Dr. Weckmann, a psychiatrist, who had not previously been involved in Mr. Grant’s care, began treating him for his disturbing behavior. Dr. Weckmann contradicted her original diagnosis when she found Mr. Grant to be capable of making critical decisions related to his estate." This happened only two (2) weeks prior to his death. This was a direct contradiction to the doctors who had been treating him throughout his cancer. Dr. Weckmann took over the case without consulting with Mr. Grant’s primary care physician, Dr. Clamon or Mrs. Grant. There was information shared with an outsider that was strictly confidential. These people set up a secret meeting, with the help of Dr. Weckmann, and pushed Mr. Grant’s primary care physician out of the picture. Dr. Clamon had been treating Mr. Grant for the past few years. Dr. Clamon said he saw people controlling Mr. Grant at the hospital and did not know who any of these people were.

Mrs. Grant believes Mr. Grant never intended to change beneficiary information and Mrs. Grant was rightly entitled to the estate. Mr. Grant’s estranged family, along with Greg Fender, conspired together to have Mrs. Grant written out of the estate. The actions they took required that they violate Iowa Law and the University of Iowa’s ITS policies as it is related to the privacy rights of Mrs. Grant’s medical records and his University records. They also committed mail fraud and perjury with Victor Houston and the University printing important/private documents off Mr. Grant’s computer.

This was all done in Mr. Grant’s office without his approval or a written document. This information was passed onto Janet Richardson by Victor Houston. Janet Richardson then passed this information onto Joseph Moreland. Layne Anderson, who took over Mr. Grant’s position as the Women’s Track coach, allegedly gave false information to the newspaper and put false information on the university website that was later removed by the athletic department. Mrs. Grant was surprised with Layne Anderson’s involvement given his relationship with Mr. Grant. This concerns Mrs. Grant as her husband fought very diligently to help Layne Anderson secure his employment at the University of Iowa given the surrouncing and his departure from his previous employment involving the young ladies on the track.

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Joshua Christian Academy Selects Its First Teachers

Rev. Keith Ratliff, Executive Director of the Joshua Christian Academy, has announced the selection of the first two teachers for the school: Mrs. Lysia Peters (pictured with Director Ratliff) and Mrs. Alice Boyd.

Mrs. Peters will be the Reading and Math coordinator at JCA. She has been involved in Christian education for 13 years, having taught pre-school for 7 years and Kindergarten for 6 years. She received her B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Dubuque in 1985. She currently lives in Pleasant Hill, where her husband, Craig, is the pastor at Oakwood United Methodist church. They have two children who are also in the ministry, and two grandchildren.

“I’m so glad the Lord allowed me to continue down this path of Christian Education,” says Mrs. Peters. “I am looking forward to meeting all those new children and their families who will be part of this wonderful ministry called Joshua Christian Academy.”

Alice Boyd will be the Science and Social Studies Coordinator at JCA. She is a seasoned teacher, recently retired from 38 years in education, including

- YWCA Woman of Achievement Award
- Martin Luther King State of Iowa Service Award
- Church Women United Human Rights Award 2008
- Outgoing Director of Young People’s Dept. for Baptist State Convention
- Musician for National Young People’s Dept. for Baptist Convention
- Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Mrs. Boyd graduated from East High and received her Bachelor of Science and Education Degree from Drake University. She has been involved in Christian education for 13 years, having taught pre-school for 7 years and Kindergarten for 6 years. She is a lifetime member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church where she is involved in music ministry.

JCA will begin classes on September 8 for grades K-3. The school will provide an excellent, faith-based, affordable education. Anyone interested in enrollment should call 515-GOT-JOSH (515-468-5674).

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Monday - Friday, 8:30-4:40
Church Office 515-243-2852 ext 75

Our Purpose
Helping ALL people find and live their purpose for Christ, bridging ethnic, cultural, and denominational lines.

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Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Youth Elevate 9:30 a.m.
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Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Transportation to Sunday worship services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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One Youth 7:00 p.m.

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Radio Ministry
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Pastors Dan & Anne Berry

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Saturday’s activities begin with breakfast at the KP, 244 Ash Street, Gates Park golfing (tee time is at 9 AM), followed by workshops from 10-2PM. Workshop topics range from money management, effective communication and parenting, esteem building, how to cope with peer pressure, and more. At 12:30 PM, the “Think Tank” panel discussion, moderated by Wilfred “Mickey” Johnson and David Goodson, will take place. The panelists include youth and youth advocates who will discuss current community issues and develop strategies to begin healing. The Black & White Banquet and Dance begins with social hour at 6 PM followed by the program at 7 PM, and then the dance. The keynote speaker is former Waterloo Native Lorenzo Creighton, President COO of MGM Grand Detroit. Sunday close-out is the Stone Soul Picnic at Ferguson Field Park in Waterloo. That event will feature local soloists, speakers, music, and food.

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...how are they to hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

Burns United Methodist Church
Address: 811 Crocker Street • DSM, IA 50309
Phone: Church 515-244-5883
Pastor: Pastor: Rev. Dr. Willy L. Mafuta
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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Phone: 515-262-1931
Pastor: Rev. Keith A. Ratliff, Sr.
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Free Medical Clinic: 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Marlon T. Perkins, Sr.
Sabbath (Saturday) Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sabbath School (Sunday) Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting Service: 6:30 p.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Henry I. Thomas
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

...how shall they preach, except they be sent? Romans 10:15

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In recent months there has been a great deal of concern about the safety of pedestrians and the not so safety of the driving of the DART drivers. Someone getting hurt or hit by a bus or any vehicle for that matter is never a good thing. We as humans are suppose to feel compassion and uttermost concern for these people. If we did not what kind of people would we be? But what of the drivers of the vehicles even DART drivers? Are we not to feel any form of compassion for them?

In the news lately, there has been a lot of talk about the histories of these drivers. Some have OWI’s, some have felony records and some have traffic violations. Are you perfect? Drugs and alcohol has become a huge problem in our society today, especially here in Iowa. Our society and our State disregards these people and look at them as if they are expendable. I know the story of someone changing their life around. I was one of of someone changing their life around. I know how hard it is for a person with anything on their record to find a decent job and to be able to support their family. Our society also tells these people to change their lives around, but gives them no real support. They say it is not that hard to go from the life a person has ever known to a life of a positive and upstanding citizen all of a sudden. Unless you have been in their shoes, you have no idea what that is like or how hard it can really be for a person to make that ultimate change.

Now we have a company that is willing to give these people a chance, an opportunity at a decent living, to help them to make better choices and to change their lives around. And what do we do, we condemn this company and the people that they choose to bring in. They come as a society to judge them. Because of this company, I was able to make that decent living while I worked for them. Our system did not look at my job at church as a “real” job, so needed something else to show them that I was trying and that I deserved to get custody of my children back, and DART helped me to accomplish that. It has been a few years now. I have gone to college and am in my last semester of school, and that is because someone opened up their heart and decided to give me a chance.

What if any of these drivers were your family members, your sons or daughters that got caught up in a lifestyle that has forever tarnished their opportunity to make a decent living and a better life for themselves and/or their families? What would you say then if the ones that DART decided to give a chance? What would you have to say about them then? Would you be so quick to judge?

Now let’s talk about the safety of everyone. I understand that the DART drivers are professional drivers, but they are still human. What of the pedestrians? Is it not everyone’s job to ensure the safety of our society as a whole? Like I said, I used to own a restaurant in DART look a like as well as the pedestrians. A lot of them feel they have the right—a way, even when do not. I remember an instance when I was at the corner of 8th and High picking up people. Mind you, I am in the right hand lane. I then proceeded to put my foot on the gas pedal and two cars in the next lane to the right. It was a right hand turn right in front of my bus. Is that safe driving? Where were you whilst these people were making illegal turns? Where were the police then? Did they get condemned by the press or public? What if I would have hit one of those cars, would the media have made a big deal out of the other driver’s record, because they would have been in the wrong? NO you would not have! No one sees that, no one has made comments about that, have you?

So yes, DART is a no no just the DART drivers. In order to make our streets safe for all we, ALL, need to make conscience decisions on our own driving and behaviors while walking. NO ONE can foresee what another person’s actions will be while behind the wheel or on foot, not even DART drivers. So instead of passing judgment on the drivers, how about we all try our best to be safe. Maybe, just maybe, there won’t be as many accidents, and this does not just pertain to DART accidents, but to all accidents.

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team.

Mr. Grant appears to have died a pretty humiliating death. He was surrounded by family that he loved and that loved him day and night. When he needed a shoulder to cry on or someone to talk to, he depended upon his wife, Rebecca. when he was so confused many nights and they do not know how to brush his teeth, bathe himself, dress himself, feed himself or how to use the phone. He turned to the family that he loved and that loved him. Rebecca was not the one to dry his tears, to hold him when he was in pain, to tell him how God was making a better place for him to rest.

Mr. Grant’s ex-wife, Janet Richardson, showed up two (2) months prior to his last days at the hospital. She came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant with a ring asking Mr. Grant to take her back. She did not succeed and was asked not to come back three days before Mr. Grant died. Janet’s last attempt was to “STEAL” Mr. Grant away from Mrs. Grant when he was helpless. She stayed at Victor Houston’s homes to do her dastardly deeds. It was found out later that Mr. and Mrs. Grant’s mail was changed on the last night of Mr. Grant’s hospital stay. Mr. Grant was still in the hospital, on the 12th of November. Mr. Grant pass a law or strengthen the laws that exist. This should come together America and stop this GREED! Help Rebecca Grant pass a law or strengthen the laws that exist. This should not happen again. On June 27, 2007, James Grant signed a document with Hospice that he wanted information shared ONLY between he and his wife. May 2009 inspections and Appeals found Hospice did share information with those who were not entitled to the information. Complaint Findings: Federal Regulation 42 CFR, 418.52 Condition of Participation: Patient’s Rights. Finding: Substantiated without related deficiencies.

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Disclosure Violation by Iowa Pharmacy Association Bears the Question: Are Lobbyists and Elected Officials Able to Regulate Themselves? Are the foxes guarding the henhouse?

Members of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement are raising questions about the ability of elected officials and political lobbyists to regulate themselves after news broke Wednesday afternoon that the Iowa Pharmacy Association violated disclosure laws when it hosted a reception for lawmakers last February but failed to file a disclosure report within five days, as required by law.

According to the Des Moines Register, a political lobbyist for the Iowa Pharmacy Association filed the disclosure paperwork five months late, and only after they were questioned about a $7,127.00 reception by reporters in the wake of a drunk driving scandal involving Waterloo Rep. Kerry Burt.

At least 20 lawmakers, including Iowa Governor Chet Culver, were present at the reception. Every lawmaker in the state was invited.

Several years ago, state lawmakers voted to strip oversight powers from the nonpartisan State Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board and task the House and Senate Ethics Committees with oversight responsibilities. Since then, the number of reported filings have gone down, as has the amount of money spent at lobbying events.

“What other profession in the state is allowed to regulate themselves?” asks Ed Rethman, Iowa CCI member from West Des Moines. “Are doctors allowed to license themselves?”

“This lack of disclosure and transparency is clear proof that the state of Iowa needs comprehensive campaign finance reform and clean election laws to restore the credibility of our electoral process, including campaign contribution limits and public financing of elections,” said Iowa CCI Board President and fourth-generation family farmer Barb Kalbach of Dexter, Iowa.

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Iowa Bystander Responds To Shannon Cofield

United Way Chief Shifts Blame To Ford

That’s not going to happen today!

It was not Iowa Bystander that cast suspicion on Rep. Ford but Ms. Cofield in a callous and calculated manner. Again, she gave us documents and we printed them. Period.

As Publisher Brantley sat across from Ms. Cofield the answer he sought was simple: “why did United Way cut funds to the Westside Boxing Club.

Again, Cofield’s first instinct was to take the heat off of the United Way and place it squarely on Rep. Wayne Ford. Thus she provided the financial documents for publication. Had she not wanted them both printed she would not have provided them to us to print!

But she didn’t stop there.

Cofield wanted to make sure we informed our readers and the Black community that the United Way was not the villain in this drama but that Rep. Wayne Ford was. In order to accomplish the shifting of rage from the United Way of Central Iowa to Rep. Wayne Ford she provided a letter signed by Rep. Ford requesting funds to the Westside Boxing Club be discontinued in favor of those funds going to an Urban Dreams program.

Ask yourself...

Ask yourself this question: “if Shannon Cofield, President of the United Way of Central Iowa didn’t want Rep. Ford to be seen as the bad guy and not United Way why did she give us such indiglct documentation?”

At the time of the interview Ms. Cofield clearly wanted Iowa Bystander to clear her agency, shifting Black rage to Rep. Ford. What she did not expect was the manner in which we would report the story. Instead of taking what she had provided and attacking Rep. Ford Iowa Bystander simply, fairly and accurately reported what she said and then printed the documents she gave us.

We did nothing more or less. Don’t take our word for it, review the article in the sidebar box or goto page one of the July 15, 2009, edition of Iowa Bystander to confirm our version of the reporting of this story.

Ironically Ms. Cofield got what she wanted. We stopped asking her questions and shifted the focus to asking Rep. Ford for his side of the story. And that’s reasonable. Rep. Ford is not above answering questions. As a leader of a non-profit and an elected official it is not an attack on him to offer him every opportunity to respond to Ms. Cofield’s characterizations in his own words.

We didn’t seek him out, have no issue with him at this point but if she or he thinks our request for his side of the story is unreasonable neither is fit to serve this community going forward. Of course he is accountable to our community just as Cofield is accountable to our community.

Again, Iowa Bystander wrote a few sentences stating only the facts, published the documents she gave us, and, again in the fairest of journalistic tradition offered representative Ford a chance to respond. We didn’t parrot her damning accusations of him nor did we carry out her attempts to assassinate his character while hiding her treacherous hands.

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