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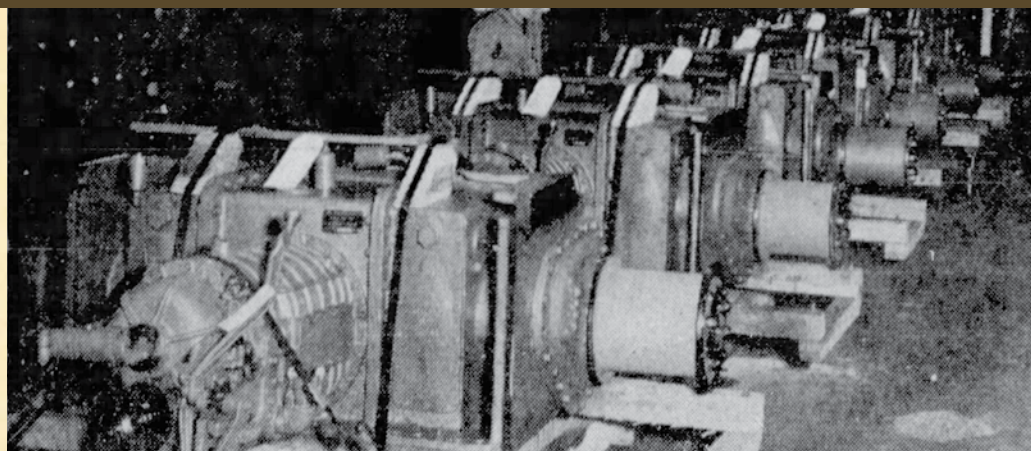
Did you know there are over 100 Black-owned businesses in the Cedar Valley? Learn all about them in the newest installment to the *Black Stories Collective* exhibit. Hear from Black business owners and learn what it takes to start a business, how each business impacts the community, and what it takes to keep a business running.

Pictured from left to right are Johnathan Jones, Renee Carson and Harry Carson of Tri-City Clothing at their location at 305 E. Fourth St.



WHO WE ARE: BOSNIANS IN THE CEDAR VALLEY **OPENS NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

As a result of Bosnian War of the 1990s, refugees sought a safe place to call home and many settled in Iowa. With them they brought unique culture that has enriched the Cedar Valley and surrounding areas. Find out what it took to journey to Iowa from a war-torn region in our first installment of this exhibit.



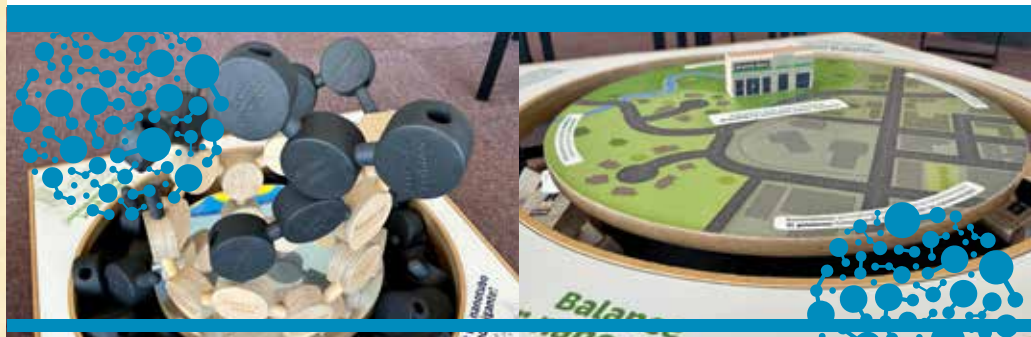
UPCOMING EXHIBIT

CEDAR VALLEY DEFENSE MANUFACTURING DURING THE WORLD WARS

NOW OPEN | GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

Did you know that Waterloo's local John Deere plant worked on tanks during World War II? What about Chamberlain Manufacturing's production of artillery or Rath Packing Company supplying fighting men and women with meat? During peacetime, manufacturing in the Cedar Valley provided locals with trusted products and services, but what about during the world wars? Visit this exhibit to learn just that.

Photo Caption (Above): A row of heavy tank transmissions ready for shipment to tank builders and to the fighting fronts to be used as replacements. Parts were made at Deere's and assembled at the Iowa Transmission plant. - Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier, January 2, 1944



NANO MINI EXHIBITION **at the IMAGINARIUM**

On Display Through December 11, 2023

Nano is an interactive exhibition that engages family audiences in nanoscale science, engineering, and technology. Hands-on exhibits present the basics of nanoscience and engineering, introduce some real world applications, and explore the societal and ethical implications of this new technology. Nano was created by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Network) with support from the National Science Foundation.

MUSEUM SCHOOL 2023 - 2024

The 2023-24 Museum School season is fast approaching, and the Education Department at the Grout Museum District can't wait to get started!

Throughout the month of August, staff plan to review and refine lessons to make them even more interactive and fun for our visiting 3rd-Grade friends.

As always, Museum School is being offered to all participating schools completely free of charge. The Museum relies on community support to make this possible!

If you are interested in sponsoring a week (or weeks!) of Museum School this year, please contact Holly Hudson-Hill at holly.hudson@gmdistrict.org for more information on how you can help.

SAVE THE DATE!



Join the Grout Museum District on October 12, 2023 for a fundraising banquet, 120 years since the Dry Run Sewer Banquet!

WHAT WAS THE DRY RUN SEWER BANQUET?

"The then-newly built Dry Run sewer served as a banquet hall in October of 1903. In the underground chamber, 450 guests -- the women in high heels and richly embroidered gowns -- filed down a ready-made stairway in a block-long section of the sewer between Wellington and Randolph Streets. Many of the guests were representatives of State of Iowa or city officials who were holding a convention in Waterloo. The \$100,000 sewer project provided an underground conduit between the marsh and the Cedar River."
(Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier)

Background Image: 1903 Sewer Banquet, Grout Museum Archive

FALL PROGRAMS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS VETERANS MEMORIAL 5K/10K

SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM | DOWNTOWN WATERLOO

COST: \$35

REGISTER AT: GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR

The Sullivan Brothers 5K/10K is a memorial for those, like the Sullivan Brothers, who have given their lives in service to our country, and a celebration of the veterans who served our country and returned home. Proceeds from the race benefit the SBIVM.

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DISCOVERY DAYS

SEPTEMBER 22: FIRST ISSUE OF

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

OCTOBER 13: SOLAR ECLIPSE

NOVEMBER 3: FIRST AUTO SHOW IN THE US

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | GROUT MUSEUM

REGULAR ADMISSION

Enjoy themed hands on activities during no school days at the Grout Museum!

FRIDAY THE 13th PLANETARIUM SHOW

OCTOBER 13

Further details TBA!

TEA PARTIES

OCTOBER 28 - HOWL AT THE MOON TEA

NOVEMBER 18 - NANO TEA

10:00 AM - NOON | SNOWDEN HOUSE

MEMBERS: \$10 | \$12 NON-MEMBERS

REGISTER AT: GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR

October-May, join Museum Staff for a themed tea party with treats, crafts, and more!

STROLLING WITH THE SPIRITS

OCTOBER 21

WALKS AT 3:30 & 7:00 PM

LOCAL CEMETERY TBA

\$10 MEMBERS | \$12 NON-MEMBERS

REGISTER AT GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR

Learn about famous and influential people from our past through stirring renditions by local performers.

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | SULLIVAN BROTHERS

IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM

FREE ADMISSION: VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY

Free admission for all Veterans and Active Duty in recognition of their service.



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FALL 2023



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