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Lamoni, IA Is Now An IMGA Member

Lamoni is a city located in South Central Iowa and is home to Graceland University. Lamoni is located in Decatur County.

Lamoni has rich history and is a historic site for the Community of Christ (formerly known as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). The former home of Joseph Smith III, the leader of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, now serves as a museum. The home was restored in 1973 to resemble the middle class home of the Smiths from time period of the early 1900's. The home boasts 10 bedrooms and has a 1892 washing machine on display.

The city is also home to Graceland University. Graceland College was founded in 1895 by the same church group now known as the Community of Christ. Classes began on September 17, 1895 with just 18 students. In 1917, Graceland received accreditation from Iowa, Missouri and the North Central Association of Colleges. In 1960, Graceland became a four year college and on June 1, 2000, Graceland College became Graceland University.

Today, Graceland University is recognized by the Princeton Review as a top school in the Midwest. Graceland offers over 50 academic programs, including 35 undergraduate majors, 8 master degree majors, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Among those who have graduated from Graceland University are Jeff Criswell, a retired offensive lineman from the Kansas City Chiefs and Bruce Jenner, the 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist for the Decathlon.

Among its vast history, Lamoni was the birth place of a former Major League Baseball relief pitcher from the 1960's and 1970's, Eddie Watt. Eddie played for the Baltimore Orioles, Philadelphia Phillies, and the Chicago Cubs.



Liberty Hall

Lamoni was named to the list of "Best 100 cities for Young People" in the nation by Americas Promise.

"Lamoni received the 100 Best honor, in part, because of their collaborative programs on behalf of children and youth. The city is proud of its 'small town, rural work ethic' and works to ensure that young people learn responsibility, teamwork, and leadership skills in the community. One example of innovative thinking in regard to young people in Lamoni is the Across Ages mentoring program that matches at-risk middle school youth with senior adults in the community."

Recently, the Lamoni area has also become home to a sizable Amish community.

Lamoni Municipal Utilities has been purchasing gas from IMGA for about three years now. IMGA welcomes them as a member of the Agency!



Graceland University

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IMGA Eligible Utility

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OQ Training Season Starts In Early December

IMGA's OQ training season will kick off December 6th and 8th with a session held on Leak Investigation. The December 6th session will be held at our offices in Auburn, IL and the December 8th session will be held in Pinckneyville, IL.

Each day will consist of a classroom component and a hands on activity. The day will start at 9am and end by 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Covered tasks include:

- 1231 Inside Gas Leak Investigation**
- 1241 Outside Leak Investigation**
- 1261 Walking Gas Leakage Survey**

Brochures with registration forms will be mailed soon. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this opportunity!

The IMGA office will be closed on November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving, December 26th for Christmas and January 2nd for New Year's.

We wish you the best this Holiday Season,

The IMGA Staff



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