



The Black Harvest: A Novel of the Civil War

When: May 18, 2022
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Osage County Community Center – Linn

9:30 Coffee and Cookies

10:00 Bingo

11:00 The Black Harvest: A Novel of the Civil War

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Door Prizes



Author Daren Dean is our May Lunch and Learn speaker. Dean will discuss the research and writing of his 2021 historical novel, "The Black Harvest: A Novel of the Civil War."

In "The Black Harvest," young Ashby Marchbanks finds himself disillusioned with the regular army in Missouri. Forced to take the loyalty oath and return home to Howard County, near Glasgow, he attempts to follow in his father's footsteps as a pastor. It's not long before Charles Jennison's "Red Legs" come to call, and, after hanging his father and terrorizing his family, the guerrillas shoot Marchbanks and leave him for dead.

Marchbanks falls in with the infamous Captain Quantrill's bushwhackers, becomes well acquainted with Frank James and his younger brother Jesse, and eventually fights under the leadership of Captain William T. "Bloody Bill" Anderson. Theirs is a war for survival on the bloody border where violence between Kansas and Missouri began long before Fort Sumter. This wild and compelling tale captures a complex era of violence, outlaws and virtual anarchy.

Join us for a morning of fun and learn from the author of "The Black Harvest".