

## County makes plans for 2008 Relay for Life

Annual Relay for Life set for August 2nd - 3rd from 4:00 p. m. to 4:00 a. m. at High School Track

### In the high school lunch room & gym

**4:00 Registration for Survivors • 4:30 Free supper for Survivors • 4:30-8:30 Silent auction in the gym**

### On the track

**4:30-6:00 Registration for teams  
6:30 Flag Raising • National Anthem • Survivor Introductions • Survivor Tree • Survivor Lap • Caregivers lap • Team Introductions & Lap**

**Much more than a walk around a track, Relay For Life is a time to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember those we have lost and get inspired to fight back against a disease that takes too much. Everyone please walk the track with us.**

### At dusk the area firemen will light our luminaries

It is a sight to see, stay with us and celebrate though the night. Our closing will be at 4:00 AM when the light will once again shine on the survivors. God Bless.

### Luminaries are available all day in the lunch room or on the field

*Remember, Celebrate, Fight Back!*

## Community Foundation seeks grant applications

### Flood relief assistance available

Wapello, Iowa – The Community Foundation of Louisa County is working to assist victims of the 2008 flood by making grants to respond to the immediate, intermediate and long-term unmet needs in Louisa County, declared a federal disaster area.

“The money we received from state-wide fundraising efforts and the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend will enable us to help people in our community that have been affected by the flood,” said Paula Buckman, President of the Community Foundation of Louisa County.

Funding opportunities are available to organizations that:

Provide direct programs of assistance; nonprofits, and community and religious organizations may apply as well as for-profit organizations engaged in charitable activities.

Nonprofit organizations directly affected by the disaster i.e. loss of space, damage to facility, etc.

Grants must be used for the purpose of victim relief, immediate capacity building programs, mid to long-term recovery efforts, or long-term development planning initiatives. The Community Foundation will partner with the 2008 Disaster Advisory Committee, composed of community members and leaders, broadly representing Louisa to award grants where the needs are greatest.

Applications can be found on line or by contacting one of the following:

On-line:  
[www.cfgrb.org](http://www.cfgrb.org)  
[www.louisadevelopmentgroup.org/CFLC/cflc](http://www.louisadevelopmentgroup.org/CFLC/cflc)

By email or phone:  
Elias Guitierrez at [ldg@louisacomm.net](mailto:ldg@louisacomm.net), or 319-527-5182

Paula Buckman at [pbuckman@louisacomm.net](mailto:pbuckman@louisacomm.net) or 319-868-4240

Grants will be distributed on a monthly basis as additional funding from gifts to the Community Foundation's 2008 Flood Relief and Recovery Fund and from the state-wide Embrace Iowa – 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund are received. Donations to the Foundation's fund are welcomed.

The Community Foundation of Louisa County was established in 2005 to enhance the quality of life in Louisa County. The Foundation offers an array of giving opportunities to meet the charitable goals of each citizen, and makes grants to support the programs and services of local nonprofits. To learn more about the Community Foundation, visit [www.louisadevelopmentgroup.org](http://www.louisadevelopmentgroup.org) and click on the link to Community Foundation of Louisa County or call 319-527-5182.

The Community Foundation of Louisa County is affiliated with the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, Bettendorf, Iowa.

## Local business owner thwarts hold-up attempt

On Friday, July 25, 2008 at approximately 3:40 p.m. the police were dispatched to Ra-Tech Computer Store at 232 Main Street for a report of a stick up robbery in progress. The police saw two males by the entrance door inside of the business. One male, identified as Juan Jose Vela, was sitting on the floor. The owner of Ra-Tech, Lonnie Harless, stated that Vela entered the business and said: “This is a stick-up.” Harless asked Vela a few times if this was serious, and Vela responded “yes” each time. Harless retrieved a 45 caliber pis-

tol and told Vela: “I have a gun pointed at you, are you serious?” and Vela responded “yes.” Harless dialed 911. The second man stated that he was not with Vela and was just a customer.

A police search revealed that Vela has outstanding warrants in Muscatine County and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Vela has been placed under arrest, and a search revealed that he had no weapon. He is presently in the Louisa County jail.

The second man was questioned and released.

## Disaster Recovery Louisa County Center closes

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Louisa County closed permanently Monday.

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) opened the temporary DRC to provide face-to-face assistance to those affected by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding beginning May 25 and continuing.

The Louisa County DRC at the Briggs Civic Center, 317 N. Water St., Wapello, IA 52653, closed at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 28. It opened July 8, 2008.

It is not necessary to visit a DRC to receive FEMA assistance. Persons who suffered damage should register with FEMA by calling its toll-free telephone line at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 1-800-462-7585, or online anytime at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from

all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 800-659-2955 (TTY 800-877-8339).

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

## Wapello Fire and Rescue receives \$2,000 Community Foundation Grant



The Community Foundation of Louisa County (CFLC) awarded Wapello Fire and Rescue \$2000 towards a Rescue Airbag System Upgrade. Rescue airbags are used to lift heavy objects, facilitating easier patient removal in an emergency rescue situation. Pictured from l-r, Ken Purdy (CFLC), Eric Small (Wapello Fire & Rescue), Nancy McGill (CFLC) and Rondalyn Weyrick (CFLC). Photo by Vivan Jennings.

continues. Work has begun on the expansion.

**Subway:** No word on status yet.

**C.J. Plaza:** Work continues on interior. Hope to have everyone back in by middle of August.

**Health Clinic:** Temporarily located at Roundy Elementary. No decision on permanent location as of yet.

**Bowling Alley:** Bids are being received for reconstruction.

**Colonel's Kids:** Still planning to be open by mid-August. Work continues on interior.

**Schlutz Enterprises:** Glass is being replaced in door. Plan to be reopened by next week.

**Columbus Motel:** Does not appear that the business will reopen. Damage too great.

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### Ainsworth Lions blood drive

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center announces that the Lions Club for Ainsworth will hold a blood drive Tuesday, August 5th, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Ainsworth Community Church, 322 Washington Street. To donate, call Allen Beers at 319-657-4203 to sign up. Walk-ins welcome. Donors who last gave blood on or before June 10, 2008, are eligible. Donors must be at least 16 years old, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. A blood donor card or other photo I.D. is required to donate. 16-year-old donors must present a signed parental consent form, available from the Blood Center or for download from [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org). Controlled high blood pressure and diabetics are acceptable.

### Breakfast Buffet in Ainsworth

It is that time to start our Breakfast Buffet again. Ainsworth Opera House, at 284 Railroad Street, Ainsworth, IA, will hold a breakfast buffet on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Buffet time is 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Cost is: \$6 for adults, children 12 and under are free. We are serving homemade biscuits and gravy, homemade mush, sausage, ham, and chicken breakfast casseroles, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fresh fruit, sweet rolls and drink. This is a fundraiser for the Opera House, so hope to see you there.

### City Council to meet tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold a regular council meeting today, Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in the New Civic Center/City Hall.

### CCHS Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Class of 1988 is planning their 20-year reunion for Columbus Day, October 11, 2008. We would like to contact as many classmates as possible. Anyone with knowledge of regular and/or e-mail addresses please contact Shari (Cecil) Vonnahme at 728-2403 or [swolfe11@hotmail.com](mailto:swolfe11@hotmail.com) or Sarah (Prior) Davis at 319-254-1111 or [tsdavis@farmtel.net](mailto:tsdavis@farmtel.net).

### Medical Clinic to be closed for a day

The Columbus Medical Clinic will be closed on Friday, August 8, 2008.

### Coming to the Heritage Center

WAPELLO, Iowa – The Louisa County Historical Society will present a free program about the Civil War at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Louisa County Heritage Center, 609 N. James L. Hodges Ave. (Highway 61), Wapello. Al Ourth, president of Burlington's Civil War Roundtable will be the speaker.

Remember: Fall Festival at the Museum Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Serving a noon meal, displays and items for sale.

### LDG to hold annual meeting

Attention Louisa Development Group (LDG) members. LDG will have an annual meeting with no meal on July 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members to the board of directors and have a short business meeting. All LDG members are asked to attend the annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the new Louisa County Law Enforcement Center located at 12635 County Road G56, Wapello 52653 (This is the former county residential care facility located north of Wapello off Hwy 61, heading east on G56).

### Soil Commissioners terms expire

Four of the five Louisa County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner positions will be on the November ballot. Current terms are expiring for Mary Boysen, Michelle Rees, Sam Willson and a 2-year term for Chris Ball.

### Spring Run Ice Cream Social

Annual Spring Run Ice Cream Supper, Tuesday, August 5...cool off with homemade ice cream and our new air conditioning! Also serving sandwiches, potato salad and pie! Serving begins at 5:00, free will offering. Hope to see you there!

### CCHS Class of 1993 plans reunion

The CCHS Class of 1993 will be celebrating their 15-year reunion on August 16th in Columbus Junction. If you are a classmate or a friend/relative of a 1993 graduate, please contact Jennifer (Eutsler) Buchanan at [classof1993cchs@yahoo.com](mailto:classof1993cchs@yahoo.com) or 507-388-4332. We would like to contact as many classmates as possible to join us in celebrating the upcoming reunion.

### Welcome for Pastor Coffin at Columbus City Methodist Church

The Columbus City United Methodist Church will host a welcome potluck for Pastor Al Coffin and his family on Sunday, August 3rd at 12:15 in the church basement. Everyone is welcome.

### Gazette to have early deadline of Friday for next week's paper

Due to a scheduled vacation, the Gazette would like to make the deadline for next week's paper this Friday at noon. If it is possible, please bring any news, announcements or advertising into the Gazette by Friday. If there is an item that needs to be in next week's paper, but it is not available by Friday, we will still make every effort to get it into the paper. We will be running rather shorthanded, so any help that you can give us would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help, and our regular deadline of noon on Mondays will return the following week.

## Flood Recovery Update Sponsored by Carpenter Productions

**Econ-O-Mart:** Plans are still underway to be reopened by September. The floor has been now removed.

**Gips:** Shelves have been returned to the building. Still plan to reopen in a couple of weeks.

**Medical Facility:** Work began this week. The interior walls and ceilings have been removed. Floor will be removed later in the week.

**Fire Station:** Work is nearing completion on interior.

**Water Plant:** Only the office area remains to be completed.

**Casey's:** Exterior demolition