

Celebrating Keep Columbus Beautiful Week

From the Community Development Center

Residents and business people are urged to celebrate spring by taking part in Keep Columbus Beautiful week April 25th – May 1st. This week is set aside by the Keep Columbus Beautiful Committee to remind people that all of us working together can make our community a more attractive and safe place to live.

The focal point of Keep Columbus Beautiful Week is the City wide clean-up that will be held Friday, April 29th. On this day residents can put out large item(s) for disposal that they might not otherwise know how to get rid of. All appliances need a tag from City Hall. Tags cost \$15.00 and can be purchased week days from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Items such as car batteries, oil, paint, etc. are considered toxic waste and should NOT be put out for the City wide clean-up. These items can be dropped off during a toxic waste pick up day; the 2011 date for the toxic pick up event is pending.

Residents and business people are urged to approach Keep Columbus Beautiful Week in two phases – Phase 1 Clean-up, Phase 2 Beautification. In preparation for the extra



trash pick-up day it is advised to clean closets, basements and garages and to look for opportunities for reuse and recycling before taking things to the curb on Friday April 29th.

The committee urges people to spend a little extra time on beautification on the weekend. Free marigold seeds are available at City Hall and other places around town. Spring is a

great time to plant, to paint, and to clean-up.

Pictured are volunteers cleaning up at the Downtown Park last Monday.

Join Tyler's Crew to fight Juvenile Diabetes

By John Carpenter Gazette Staff

What would you do if your child began to experience sudden thirst, frequent urination, weight loss or even mood changes? Kelly and Nic Rosenboom noticed these symptoms in their son, Tyler. The Rosenbooms' immediately took Tyler to the doctor, where he was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. "It's easy to have checked," said Kelly, "and a couple of days can make a difference between a treatable condition and a trip to intensive care." Although there is no cure yet for Juvenile Diabetes, Tyler is able to live a normal life through the use of insulin shots and diet monitoring.

After Tyler's diagnosis, the Rosenbooms' became very involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. They have organized a team, "Tyler's Crew" which will be participating in the "Walk to Cure Diabetes" this Friday, April 29th, at Discovery Park in Muscatine. Registration will be at 5:00 p.m., with the three mile walk to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Tyler is the grandson of Jeff and Jane Phillips of Columbus Junction. Jane discussed the situation with her co-workers at Community Bank, and the bank employees immediately organized a "Blue Jeans" day with the proceeds directed to Tyler's Crew.



Pictured are Tyler, right, and his sister, Emma, accepting a \$90 check from the Community Bank employees.

If you would like to be a part of the walk, you can register at www.walkjdrf.org, or show up at Discovery Park at 5:00 p.m. The contact

person is Meredith Stewart, and the chapter's phone # is 319-393-3850. If you are unable to participate in the walk, but would like to help financially, you can mail your donation to JDRE, PO Box 3026, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406, or leave your donation at Community Bank, directed to the

attention of Jane Phillips.

Tyler lives an active life, full of energy and curiosity, but his life could even be better when a cure for Juvenile Diabetes is found. And through the determination of families like the Rosenbooms, and with your help, that day will come.

A well remembered community landmark comes down

By John Carpenter Gazette Staff

The community witnessed the end of an era last week as the final portion of the Columbus Junction Sale Barn succumbed to the wrecking ball.

The sale barn was operated for over forty years by the F.D. and Lucile Smylie Family, and was a familiar meeting place for area livestock producers. Not only has many stories been told about the weekly sales held at the barn, but the lunchroom also holds memories for many. There is even a photo of the Columbus Community Club meeting in the lunchroom.

The sale barn property has been in the hands of the Columbus Schools recently, and the pictured building has still been in service as a store room for athletic and maintenance equipment. At the present time a study committee has been formed by the school to determine how best to utilize the site.

It was sad to see the structure come down, but the many memories made there will continue to live on.



Briefly -

Alumni Banquet scheduled

The annual Columbus Schools Alumni Banquet will once again be held the second Saturday in June. The location is Roundy Elementary School for the meal and program. The United Presbyterian Women will provide the banquet meal. Make sure this event gets on your summer calendar!

City Council meets tonight

Will conducts its regular meeting tonight Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. location the New Civic Center / City Hall.

City-Wide Cleanup this Friday, April 29th

Friday Only: Appliances will require a \$15.00 tag, which can be purchased at City Hall –No Appliance will be taken without a tag. Separate Items such as: Metal, Appliance, and Furniture. We will not pick up: Tires, Batteries, Paint, Paint Cans, Hazardous Materials, Chemicals, Spray Cans, Windows or any Glass Items. No Wood or Building Materials. **Do Not Put Anything In Garbage Bags**, they will not be picked up. All items must be set out by 7:00 a.m. the day of clean up. *This clean up day is for Columbus Junction residents only.* Any questions call City Hall at 728-7971.

CJUMW hosts May Breakfast

The Columbus Junction United Methodist Women will host their "May Breakfast" on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 9 a.m. Melanie DeVore will present music and take us to Denmark. Guests are welcome. Come and enjoy fellowship together. Hostesses will be Jo Baird, Dee Griffin, Barb Dotson and Midge Craven.

Elvis to be at Colonial Manor

Join us on Wednesday, May 4th for an evening of fun with Elvis (Junior Tally). The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Colonial Manor Resident Dining Room. We hope you will be able to attend.

Etude Club Spring Show

Etude Spring Show will be Tuesday May 10th at 7:00 p.m. location the United Methodist Church. Donations will be used for music scholarships.

Flood buyout deadline set

If anyone is interested in applying for a buyout due to the Flood of 2008 this is your last opportunity. Your dwelling must have been located in a Zone A "100 Year" Flood Plain or have been declared "Substantially Damaged" by the Louisa County Flood Plain Coordinator. Please contact the Louisa County Board of Supervisors at 319-523-3371 or SE IA Regional Planning Commission at 319-753-4307. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 29, 2011.

Half Hour Club to meet

Half Hour Club members, please note a change in meetings for May and June: May 10th we will go to Connie Lewis' cabin and in June, we will be going to the Riverside Casino.

2011 Fair dates set

The Louisa County Fair will take place July 24-30, 2011. Kick-off will be Sunday, July 24th. Fair will start on Monday, July 25 ending on Saturday, July 30. Hope to see you at the fair!

PEO Salad Luncheon

The PEO Salad Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 2nd from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion building in Columbus Junction. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased at Columbus Junction State Bank, The Feed Wagon, Pride of Iowa Market Place, Special Effects, Plants and Things, or any Chapter CX PEO member. Many wonderful salads, ham balls, chicken salad croissants, and German potato salad will be served.

School Board to meet

School Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roundy Library at the Roundy Elementary School.

Stairway to the Stars

The students and staff of Stairway to the Stars cordially invite you to attend their 17th annual dance and tumbling concert entitled "Seasons". It is being held on Friday, May 6th at 6:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 7th at 6:00 P.M. at the Washington Community Center in Washington. Both evenings are the same performance. The show is open to the public and no ticket is necessary. Many area children from Washington, Keota, Riverside, Wayland, Ainsworth and Crawfordville will be featured in the show. For more information on attending the recital or registering for dance and tumbling lessons please call Melissa at (319) 653-5648 or (888) DANCE36.

Winfield-Mt. Union Alumni Banquet

The Winfield-Mt. Union Alumni Association is hosting the 102nd annual banquet to be held Saturday, May 28, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held in the Winfield gymnasium. Alumni and guests will be served a buffet, which will be catered by Pork's Restaurant. Reservations may be made to Gwyn McCreight, 109 North Huntsberry, Winfield, IA 52659, phone 319-257-6724, or by email to pjfricke@hotmail.com. Please note "WMU Alumni" in the subject line. Deadline for receiving reservations is Saturday, May 7, 2011. The Alumni Association would appreciate an update of any name or address changes. Also, a casual coffee will be hosted by the Winfield Chamber of Commerce in the school lunchroom from 3-6 p.m. on the afternoon of May 28th. This is a time for visiting and catching up with old friends.

L-M Kindergarten Round-up

The L-M School District is in the process of identifying next year's kindergarteners. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 15, 2011, or know of one, please contact the elementary office at 319-726-3634. Kindergarten "Round Up" will be Thursday, April 28th and Friday, April 29th. This will be a 2-hour session. Teachers meet with students and the Principal will meet with the parents. You must be pre-registered, please call the elementary office to set up time. We are also accepting students for our preschool/childcare program located in the elementary building. Please call Busy Hands Preschool/Childcare at 319-726-3645 ext. 200. The preschool and childcare have limited space so sign up soon.