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County Conservation holds Earth Day Work Day

Louisa County Conservation, in partnership with AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) members hosted an Earth Day Workday event at Chinkapin Bluffs Recreation Area on Sunday, April 22.

Over 20 people participated in a variety of tasks to spruce up the Earth such as trail maintenance, signage, tree planting, mulching, pulling garlic mustard and arts and crafts.

Volunteers ranged from different organizations such as the Wamaco 4-H club, the Wapello Key Club, the American Legion and local residents.

Funding for the event was made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Louisa County (CFLC). Their mission statement states they strive to unify all residents and communities of Louisa County through charitable-giving to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, residential, national service program in which 1,100 young adults serve nationwide each year. During their 10-month term, NCCC Members – all 18 to 24 years old – work on teams of eight to 12 on projects that address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Members mentor students, construct and rehabilitate



low-income housing, respond to natural disasters, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address countless other local needs. The North Central Region campus in Vinton, Iowa is one of five regional campuses in the United States and serves Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The other campuses are located in Perry Point,

MD.; Sacramento, CA; Vicksburg, MS.; and Denver, CO.

In exchange for their service, NCCC Members receive \$5,550 to help pay for college, or to pay back existing student loans. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, increased self-confidence, and the knowledge that, through active citizenship, people can indeed make a difference. AmeriCorps NCCC is

administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Corporation improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. For more information about AmeriCorps NCCC, visit the website at www.americorps.gov/nccc. The group of volunteers pose after leaving their mark on an Earth Day banner at the end of the workday on Sunday, April 22.

The Scone House

By Mary Masonholder Wilson
Gazette Staff

A scone is a pastry that originated in Scotland, and can be described as “a lightly sweetened cross between coffee cake and a biscuit.” This is the specialty item at The Scone House, located in Grandview (100 South Main Street), but there is much, much more there.

First of all, there is owner Mary Cunningham. She is an absolute delight and can talk to anyone. She also is a musician and music runs in the family with her husband and son. On Saturday mornings, they play a fiddle, guitar, and the penny whistle. Much of their music is Celtic; some may be gospel. Whatever it is, a lilt-tune fills the air and some can be a real “foot stomper”.

The Scone House also puts on parties. Just last week, they had an *Alice in Wonderland* “Mad Hatter’s” party, complete with decorations, costumes, and actors/actresses waiting on the customers. Cunningham also has put on English teas featuring various authors such as Charles Dickens, a Harvest Tea, and a Mystery Tea. Last December, she did a “Nutmegger Tea for Kids”. Teas are by paid reservations only, and the tea for this September is already booked. She may plan another one. Also, she will do private parties and teas if you care to reserve one. This works especially well for bridal or baby showers, family birthdays, etc.

Now for the food: Yes, there IS other food besides scones; however, do not overlook the scones. They



Left to Right: Tammy Allison, Julie Nguyen and Mary Cunningham

come in various flavors such as lavender, chocolate, maple, and some fruits. There are other pastries, cookies, and cake; all depending on the day. The basic menu for The Scone House changes daily and is listed on a blackboard. She always has at least two sandwiches, a soup, and salad. One day the soup was minestrone; the sandwiches were a Reuben, Monte Cristo, or Chicken Salad. The salad was fresh vegetables in vinaigrette dressing.

Breakfast is also served. On Sat-

urday mornings they have a special called a Rob Roy, created by her husband. A homemade biscuit is cut in half; put inside is a hash brown patty, egg, sausage patty, and the whole thing is covered with sausage gravy. Also plain biscuits with sausage gravy can be ordered along with the usual eggs, etc.

Cunningham is helped by Julie Nguyen and Tammy Allison. The hours and days are: Wednesday through Saturday 7 AM to 2:30 PM.

During nice weather, there is a back deck for meals or relaxing. The also is a bedroom suite for rent above, thus making this a bed and breakfast.

There are various flavors of coffee that will call to you along with the homey atmosphere. Mary Cunningham has turned an old home at the corner by the park in Grandview into a delightful eating experience. Her penny whistle is like the Pied Piper calling to you: try it.

Briefly -

Book reading and signing

Shirley (Carey) Hendrickson will be at the Masonic Lodge in Columbus City on Saturday afternoon, April 28 at 1:30 to read from her new novel “The Starting Gate.” In addition, she will bring along and talk about her cookbook, “Mission House Bed and Breakfast Cookbook,” that was published last year.

City Council to meet tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will be holding a regular Council meeting today, Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at the New Civic Center/City Hall.

Races begin this Friday

This Friday will see the racecars take to the 4/10 semi-banked dirt oval at the Louisa County Fairgrounds for the “Spring into Action 25” Season Opener at the CJ Speedway. Classes racing this season will be Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars, Mod Lites and IMCA Sport Compacts. Races are every Friday Night (*weather permitting) Gates Open at 5:30 P.M. Hot laps begin at 7:00 p.m. with racing at 7:30 P.M. Admission Prices: Adults: \$8, Seniors: \$7, Student age 11 to 17: \$6 and Kids 10 and Under are Free With Paid Adult Admission. Pit passes are \$23 with \$1 from every pit pass sold going directly into the drivers point fund. The locally owned and operated business Simply Soothing will be the Trophy Sponsor for evening.

Alumni Banquet scheduled

The Columbus area Alumni Banquet will take place at Roundy Elementary School on June 9, 2012. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., and Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Special recognition will be given to the 50-year (1962) class and the 25-year (1987) class. Put the date on your calendar now! Tickets are available at both Columbus Junction Banks.

Master Gardeners’ Plant Sale

The Louisa County Master Gardeners will hold their annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 5, 2012, starting at 8:00 a.m., at the Heritage Center, Highway 61, Wapello. Come early for the best selection of plants and garden “stuff”. Proceeds from this sale go toward scholarships for horticulture students.

Fair Swine ID day set

All 4-H and FFA swine that will be shown at the county fair must be tagged and ear notches read on this date. It is \$1.25 for each ear tag with a 15 hog maximum. All pigs must be ear notched before the April 28th weigh-in. If you need assistance with ear notching check out the ear notching guide at www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/4h or contact the Extension Office or swine superintendent Tim Heindel. Donations for the swine/sheep/goat pen improvement campaign will also be accepted at the check-in.

Letts Mother/Daughter Supper

All ladies and girls are invited to a Mother -Daughter Salad Supper at the Letts Bible Church, Letts, IA, on Friday, April 27th at 6:00 PM. Alice Craig of Tremont, IL will be the speaker for the evening. Alice is a pastor’s wife, mother and artist. She will be sharing her artwork while speaking. The theme will be, “Me, A Princess?” There is no charge, but reservations would be appreciated by Wednesday, April 25th by calling Cheryl at 726-3142 or Debbie at 726-5108 evenings. Please bring salads or desserts to accommodate the number attending. For more information call the above numbers or 729-5042.

Museum in search of school photos

The Columbus Junction Museum is asking for copies of class photos that were provided for years by Shellabarger Drug. The Museum’s goal is to obtain a complete set of photos for each year from the original photos provided by Shellabarger Drug until the program ended. If you have any copies that you would like to share, please contact George Bell, Gloria Newell or Lisa Hills.

PEO Salad Luncheon

The annual P.E.O. salad luncheon will once again bring you great food and fellowship on May 7, 2012, 11 A.M. until 1 P.M., at the American Legion Building. The theme is “Stars, Ribbons, and Salads” and cookbooks with the recipes used will once again be available. Tickets can be bought from any member, or Main Street Gifts and Antiques, Community Bank, Columbus Junction State Bank, Special Effects, or Plants and Things. Plants and Things can also put a ticket in a bouquet for that special someone, a secretary, or a friend you would like to treat. Tickets are \$7.

Quilts of Louisa County

Coming to Louisa County Historical Society on Thursday, May 10, and Friday, May 11th (both days from 1-4 p.m.) and Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Many demonstrations will be presented every day. On Saturday, a quilt program will be followed by a button program. Refreshments will be available on Thursday and Friday and a luncheon will be available on Saturday. This outing will make a great Mother’s Day gift! Any questions, call 728-8818.

Winfield/Mt. Union Alumni Banquet

The Winfield-Mt. Union Alumni Association is hosting the 103rd annual banquet to be held Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held in the Winfield gymnasium. Alumni and guests will be served a catered buffet. Reservations may be made to Gwyn McCreight, 109 North Huntsberry, Winfield, IA 52659, phone 319-257-6710, Wanda Linder, 606 West Central Ave, Apt 9, Winfield, IA 52659, phone 319-257-6724, or to Pat Fricke, 504 West Pine Court, Winfield, IA 52659 or by email to pjfricke@hotmail.com. Please note “WMU Alumni” in the subject line. Deadline for receiving reservations is Saturday, May 5, 2012. The Alumni Association would appreciate an update of any name or address changes. 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 26th also. This is a time for visiting and catching up with old friends.

United Fund accepting applications

The board of directors of United Fund of Columbus Junction invites area non-profits to apply for funding support for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. To obtain an application form email your request to cdc@columbusjunctioniowa.org or stop by the Community Development Center office. The deadline for applications is Thursday, May 31, 2012.

United Fund of Columbus Junction provides annual support to organizations and projects that serve Columbus Junction, Conesville and Letts area families. The organization accepts applications once a year. The current application should be used for activities that will take place between July 2012 and June 2013.

United Fund collects donations from individuals and businesses creating a pool of money that is distributed annually. The majority of contributions are made through payroll deductions; Tyson employees make up the largest donor group.

In the past year the board of directors of United Fund of Columbus Junction distributed over \$23,000 to 25 area groups. Some of the recipients include Columbus Community Swimming Pool, Conesville Fire Department, Columbus City Improvement Club, Columbus Softball Association, Stork’s Nest, Louisa County Area Vets, Friends of Columbus Junction Library, and L-M After Prom.

Contributions to the United Fund of Columbus Junction in any amount are greatly appreciated. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to United Fund of Columbus Junction, PO Box 263, Columbus Junction, IA 52738 or dropped off at the Community Development Center at Civic Center.

For more information please contact Mallory Smith at the Community Development Center 319-728-7971 or cdc@columbusjunctioniowa.org or Sue O’Donnell, United Fund Board president.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2012 ONLY

E-WASTE ITEMS SUCH AS TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, FAX MACHINES, VCR’S, DVD PLAYERS, VIDEO GAME CONSOLES, SERVERS, SCANNERS, CONVERTER BOXES, CABLE RECEIVERS, SATALLITE RECEIVERS ETC – WILL REQUIRE A TAG WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED AT CITY HALL - \$10 FOR 18 IN. OR LARGER SCREEN, \$5 FOR 18 IN OR SMALLER SCREEN AND ALL OTHER E-WASTE ITEMS \$2.

APPLIANCES WILL REQUIRE A \$15 TAG, WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED AT CITY HALL – NO APPLIANCE WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT A TAG.

SEPARATE ITEMS SUCH AS: METAL, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, E-WASTE ITEMS.

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.