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67 students graduate from CCHS

Briefly -



By Mary Masonholder Wilson
Gazette Staff

Graduation ceremonies were held at Columbus Community High School on Sunday, May 13th. Senior class speeches were given by Mackenzie Griffin, National Honor Society President, who gave a motivational speech on being yourself and following your dreams; Delaney Howell, Speaker at Large, who reflected on memories of their school days; and Juan Solis, Senior Class President and Student Council President, who did a farewell and good bye to the class. Distinguished graduate honorees and speakers were Roger Salazar and John Ritchie Orr (deceased, who was represented by Brian Cummings). The high school band played the processional and performed "Acadian Festival". The chorus sang "There You'll Be".



Brian Cummings



Roger Salazar

Community Club to meet

The Columbus Community Club will meet this Thursday at Noon at the Senior Center.

Lions Club Breakfast

The Columbus Junction Lions Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th, from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Columbus Senior Center. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Lions members for \$5 - Adults and \$3 - Children under 12 or at the door for \$6 - Adults and \$4 - Children. All-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage and drinks. Come one, come all! Bikers welcome!

Colonial Manor Remembrance

You are invited to attend a Remembrance Service on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Colonial Manor Activity Room. We will be remembering: Roberta Bell, Jack Best, Marge Davis, Barb Hauenstein, Marge Heindel, Pat Howell, Maggie Meeker, Frank Mincer, Charles Nelson, Madge Orr, Lee Still and Tommy Thomas. The service will be officiated by Pastor Al Coffin.

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.

Columbus City Council vacancy

The City of Columbus City will be accepting names to fill a vacancy for City Council Member. If you are interested in serving as a council member, please submit your name to City of Columbus City, 2703 Columbus Street, Columbus City, IA 52737 by June 1, 2012.

Pool to open this Weekend

The Columbus Community Pool will be open on Saturday, May 19, 2012 and close Sunday, August 12, 2012. The admission rates will remain the same as last year. There will be an 'early bird' sign up period for season passes. If a season pass is purchased from May 3rd through May 18th, the single season would be \$45 and the family season would \$95. They can be purchased in the high school office. Arrangements can be made for swimming lessons by calling the swimming pool office (319-728-2233). Lifeguard certification and re-certification classes will take place May 19-21, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Sue O'Donnell at the high school.

Early Childhood Board to meet

The Early Childhood Iowa Area Board Des Moines/Louisa Counties will be meeting today, May 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church, 801 Middle St., Mediapolis, IA. The board will be reviewing funding requests for FY 2013.

This week at the Farmers' Market

Fridays 4:30 to 6:30 at the American Legion parking lot May 11 to October 12. The market offers fresh produce, baked goods, homemade noodles, jams and jellies, and plants. Some vendors accept Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition, WIC and Senior Program coupons. Buy fresh and local and taste the difference. For more information, including how to participate as a vendor contact Mallory at 319-728-7971.

County Fair dates set

The Louisa County Fair dates for 2012 are a July 22 kick off and the fair is July 23-28.

Visual Support Group to meet

The Louisa County Visual Support meeting will be held on the third Thursday of May, (May 17th). We will meet at the Ambulance Building at 1 p.m. Susan Howard from the Des Moines Department for the Blind and Handicapped will be our speaker. She will be bringing aids and devices that will help those of us having low vision. Please stop in and see what new things Susan will show us. The host/hostesses are Bill and Charlene Aspelmeier, Bev Paris and Clyde and Phyllis Mueller. For more information, call Lois Richers at 527-2630.

New division in Floral Hall

There will be a new division in the Floral Hall for the 2012 Louisa County Fair in Snapshots. Interpretive snapshots to include topics of light, safe, free, shaker. For more information, consult the 2012 fair book.

Speaker at Historical Society

The Louisa County Historical Society will host an afternoon speaker on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the museum in Wapello, Iowa. Rosemary Harris of Columbus Junction, will speak about "A Lady Aviator, a Friend of Amelia's." You are invited to attend. The hosts will be the Columbus Junction Board members.

Main Street Gifts Wine Tasting

Main St. Gifts and Antiques in downtown Columbus Junction will be hosting a Wine Tasting on Saturday, May 19th from 5-7 pm. Odessa Vineyard will be on site to offer samples of their wines and bottles of wine can be purchased that evening. Appetizers, dessert and iced tea will also be served and the Stone Garden will be open for outdoor sitting. The store will be open for browsing and shopping. Come join us if you can!

Museum seeks 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.

Blood checks at Senior Center

Tami Nichols, R.N. from Colonial Manor will be doing blood checks at the Columbus Junction Senior Center on **Wednesday, May 23, 2012** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Come by and have your blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol checked... We hope to see you there!

Shellbark Club to meet

The Shellbark Club will meet Thursday, May 17th at an Amish home in Kalona at 11:30 a.m. Please meet at Ainsworth Four Corners at 10:45 to carpool. Please call Judy Wilson by May 15th for her to make reservations.

Colonial Manor celebrates Nursing Home Week

Colonial Manor is in the midst of celebrating National Nursing Home Week.

The week kicked off last Saturday for a Mother's Day Social. Piano music was played in the front lounge by Kathleen Sands, and refreshments were served.

On Monday a potluck dinner was served for all residents, family and friends. Guests brought one dish to share with all. Pictured at right are the tables loaded with great food as the residents not only enjoy the meal, but fellowship as well. Some great stories were told.

This evening, "Three Guys and Soule," a men's quartet will entertain in the resident dining room at 7:00 p.m.

On Thursday Evening at 7:00 p.m. residents will enjoy "An Evening with Elvis," as Junior Talley of Monmouth Ill. will be in the resident dining room to entertain all.

There are a lot of things happening this week, and if you have a minute, stop by Colonial Manor. You'll have a good time.



Mayor Wilson proclaims May 19-26 as Poppy Week

In Flanders Field

By Lieutenant Colonel John McRae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army

*In Flanders Field the poppies grow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.
We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Field.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Field.*



The American Legion Auxiliary will be observing Poppy Days during the week of May 19th - 26th. Please help out and remember our veterans and their families during this week.

Don't forget to stop by the Gazette on Thursday the 24th for our 125th Anniversary celebration

Salute the Flag of our Country
Sing the Star Spangled Banner
Also, God Bless America
Remember our Mothers
Remember soldiers on
the Battlefields
And All are Veterans

Remember Veterans who gave their lives
Remember to decorate all the loved ones graves.
Stand up, Bow our heads
And pray that we live in the Land of Freedom,
Land of Opportunity.
God Bless the U.S.A. and wear a poppy