

## Remembering those who gave so much

As has become a twice a year tradition during Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, following are Louisa County Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice during various wars to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

### CIVIL WAR:

George B. Livingston, Columbus City; Theodore Pallett, Port Louisa; Joshua B. Sullivan, Grandview; William Butler, Fredonia; Alexander E. McConnell, Morning Sun; Alexander Britt, Fredonia; Levi M. Roberts, Columbus City; Franklin A. Royer, Columbus City; Joseph Neal, Columbus City; George Easton, Columbus City; William W. Edmondson, Columbus City; Leslie Gambell, Columbus City; Cicero H. Shephard, Columbus City; Justis L. Stauber, Columbus City; John J. Ellis, Fredonia; John A. Matthews, Columbus City; Aaron M. Ashford, Columbus City; Wesley Smice, Fredonia; James M. Duncan, Columbus City.

### WORLD WAR I:

William Bazil, Harold Cochran, Leo Cochran, Franklin Gaylord Darrow, Friend L. Glidden, Allen Wright Hanft, Milton Hardman, Fred

Hays, Fred Lieberknecht, Joseph McAvoy, James O'Toole, Robert W. Salladay, Leland Scott, Carl Stone, Garland Teel, Luther Vollmer, Robert Weber, Clifford White.

### WORLD WAR II:

John J. Arihood, Phillip W. Bailey, Arthur Bass, Dean Bisher, Robert Alan Blair, Donald T. Blake, Roy E. Bond, Robert Keith Buffington, David W. Cassabaum, John W. Cassabaum, Hugh Carroll Davis, Ted Davis, Royce Dickerson Jr., Thomas Eland, Hershel L. Finke, Ben Finley, Forrest R. French, Kenneth Gerling, Eugene R. Gookin, Raymond Gunnells, Joe Harris, Harold F. Harter, Sam Herr, Lawrence Herrick, Everette C. Holliday, John Isom, Lee Jones, Maurice J. Kerr Jr., James M. Mickey, James Mitchell, Thomas Alan Moore, Jackie P. Moran, Rex Richard Orris, Lawrence L. Owen, Roy E. Pendell, George W. Person, Merle E. Scott, Kenneth Shellabarger, Vernon Shellabarger, Robert Smith, Walter Smoger, Wayne

Sutton, John William Swan, John N. Thompson, Theodore R. Tucker, Charles Baker Venard, Perry D. Venard, Philip M. Walsh, Frank Richard Williams, William Robert Williams, Claude (Billy) Wolford, Walter Wyss.

### WWII MIA:

Glen Lewis Alan, Cyril Cline, John Tedford Duncan, Charles Thomas Odle, John Henry Springer, Roy S. Swan, John Walker. Glen L. Winder

### KOREAN WAR:

Raymond Chapman, Gerald Faber, Fred Goss, Merlin McKeeber, Wayne Nicewanner, Lawrence H. Stigge

### VIETNAM WAR-KIA OR MIA:

James D. Johnson, Craig B. Wolford, Brian D. McConahay, David L. Siverly, Burton E. Small, Dean A. Jackson, Max Lukenbach, Manzelle Alan Ford, Bruce Hankins.

### DESERT STORM:

Eloy Angel Rodriguez Jr.

### IRAQ WAR:

Bruce A. Smith, Trace Dossett

## Briefly -

### Area Memorial Day Services

Memorial Day Services in Columbus Junction will be Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Columbus City Cemetery with Post 100 Chaplain James Braden as the speaker. Services will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the Conesville Cemetery with Rev. Rick Crooks as the speaker. Services will be held at the Letts Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

### Volunteers needed at Cemetery

Volunteers are needed to put up flags at the Columbus City Cemetery on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. Flags will be taken down on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Virginia Boulton at 319-212-1359.

### Sons of the Legion to place flags

On Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. the Sons of the American Legion will be putting out flags on the veteran's graves at the Columbus City Cemetery and would appreciate the help of Sons, Legion, and Auxiliary members.

### Manor Remembrance Service today

You are invited to attend a Remembrance Service today, Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Manor Activity Room. We will be remembering: Ray and Sadie Coleman, Ralph Cummings, Marie Duncan, Donna Eden, Marilyn Kanellis, Margaret Linville, Earl Martin, Mary Meeker, Margaret Quigley, Norma Schweitzer, Helen Wagner, and Karolee Wirt. Pastor Al Coffin will officiate.

### Relay For Life golf tournament

4-Person Best Shot Tournament to benefit Louisa County Relay for Life - American Cancer Society will be held on Saturday June, 4, 2011 with 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. tee times at the Cedar Crest Country Club, 14547 County Rd X-17, Columbus Junction, Ia. 52738. There will be hole prizes, 50/50 drawing and drawing for prizes. Teams may consist of 4 men - 4 women - or any combination (co-ed). Entry fee is \$100.00 per team, please contact Cedar Crest Country Club to sign up and reserve your cart, phone 319-728-8461.

### Benefit set for Peter Saxon

Peter was in a car accident August 29, 2010. He has a spinal cord injury (C5-C6) leaving him without use of hands or lower body. There is limited movement with his arms. There will be a benefit on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center, Clark Avenue, Winfield, IA. The cost is a \$5.00 cover charge. At 6:30 P.M. food is served. At 8:00 P.M. there will be KUSTOM KARAOKE/DJ - Jolene Norcross. The menu includes: Maid Rites, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Baked Beans and Dessert. All proceeds go to the benefit for medical expenses, assistive equipment and other expenses related to Peter's recovery.

### Alumni Banquet scheduled

The CCHS Alumni Banquet will take place at Roundy Elementary School on June 11, 2011. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., and Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Columbus Junction Presbyterian Women will provide the delicious Banquet meal. Special recognition will be given to the 50-year (1961) class and the 25-year (1986) class. The 40-year and 60-year classes will be recognized also. Tickets are available from Carol Ann Howell at the Community Bank 319-728-2226 and from Sherry Pine at the State Bank 319-728-2436. Tickets are once again the best buy in town at \$10.00. Get your tickets as soon as possible so meal plans can be completed. Contact Temporary Co-Chairman Jerry Bell and Jim Howell with questions.

### Conesville School Reunion set

May 28, 2011, is the date set for the Conesville School Reunion to be held at the Conesville Community Center. The reunion is open to anyone wishing to attend. However, you must have reservations. You may get reservations by calling either Fran Morrison at 319-728-2319 or 319-631-0682 or Rose Wagoner at 319-728-2027 and the cost is \$16.00 per plate. The door will open at 11:30 a.m. and a full meal will be served at 12:30 p.m., catered by Kalona Kountry Katering. See you there.

### Cookies 'n Kids to meet

Members of the University of Iowa Cross Country and Track and Field teams will be guests at the next Cookies n Kids meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be talking about their faith, involvement in athletics and adjusting to college life. Anyone who would like to attend is more than welcome. Cookies n Kids meets at the Columbus Sr. Center.

### Cruise Night on the Square

The Corn Country Cruisers from Washington, Iowa are conducting Cruise Nights On The Square, (Washington, Iowa) on June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. All dates are 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. There will be a 50/50 Drawing at 8:00 p.m. please enter on southwest side of square/no entry fees. For additional information please contact Randy Farrington at 319-694-5603. The American Legion Post 29 will provide food.

### Louisa County Fair dates set

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

### Lions Club Breakfast

The Columbus Junction Lions Club will again be holding their Pancake/Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29, 2011, at the Columbus Junction Community Senior Center, 125 E. Walnut Street. All you can eat sausage/pancakes/eggs/coffee/juice and milk will be served from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. both days. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under age 12. We invite everyone: local residents, visitors, bikers - anyone who likes to enjoy good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go towards our many Lions charitable endeavors.

### Farmers' Market this Friday

Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion parking lot, May 20<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 Nitza or Mallory at 319-728-7971.

### City Council meets tonight

City of Columbus Junction Public Hearing and Regular Meeting will meet tonight Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. location is the New Civic Center / City Hall

## 210 Years of dedication to our young

By John Carpenter  
Gazette Staff

Columbus Community Schools will be losing 210 years of service this spring as six long-time dedicated teachers will enter the world of retirement.

Diane Bohling will retire after twenty-three years of service. Diane has been serving as the School to Career Coordinator. In the past Diane also was an Associate, At Risk Coordinator, Peace by Peace Coordinator, and Before and After School Program Coordinator.

Mary Wilson will retire after forty years of service, thirty-four at Columbus. Mary has served as English instructor in the High School, as well as teaching Literature courses, Dramatic Speech, Business English, and Speech. Mary also coached Drama and helped with Speech Contests.

Cheryl Curtis will be retiring after thirty-one years of service as the High School Secretary. Cheryl also helped over the years with Prom, Homecoming and Graduation ceremonies. In addition, Cheryl was there to help with miscellaneous duties for her husband, Bob, when he coached girls' softball.

Diane Olson will retire after forty years of teaching, twenty-two at Columbus. Diane has taught Reading, Library classes, Computer classes, Science, Language Arts and Health.

Kathy Almelen will retire after



Standing, left to right: Cheryl Curtis, Mary Wilson, Kathy Almelen. Seated, left to right: Diane Olson, Deb Lowe, Diane Bohling.

forty-two years of teaching, thirty-seven at Columbus. Kathy has taught Art at the middle school level, as well as Computer, Math and Science courses. Kathy has organized numerous art shows, organized visiting artists and art programs, and helped with Summer Arts Camps. In 1985 Kathy was selected National Art Teacher of the Year.

Deb Lowe has given thirty-four years to Columbus, serving as an associate, substitute teacher, and full-time teacher. Deb has been an at risk coordinator, as well as a special education, reading, language arts, math, social studies and science teacher.

Although Columbus Community Schools will continue again next school year, it will certainly be hard

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## Area Law Enforcement to participate in "Click It or Ticket" Program

Des Moines, IA - Law enforcement agencies in Iowa will join officers and highway safety advocates across the country again this year for the 2011 National *Click It or Ticket* safety belt enforcement mobilization, May 23-June 5, 2011. During the mobilization, officers will be cracking down on motorists who fail to wear their safety belts - both day and night, as well as all other traffic infractions.

Because nighttime passenger vehicle occupants are among those least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in crashes when unrestrained, nighttime enforcement has become a priority of the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization. In Iowa, of those who died in nighttime crashes in 2010, nearly two-thirds, or 62%, were not wearing safety belts at the time of their fatal crashes. Additionally, 50% of Iowa's traffic fatalities occur during the daytime when 88% of the motoring public is traveling. The remaining 50% occur at night when only 12% of motorists are on the road.

Iowa law enforcement will be out en masse during the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization looking for violators. If an officer finds you on the road unbuckled anytime or anywhere, you can expect to get a \$127 ticket - not a warning. No excuses and no exceptions. High-visibility enforcement like the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization is credited with increasing Iowa's belt usage rate from 75% in 1997 to an observed daytime usage rate of 93% in 2010. Belt use saves thousands of lives each year across America. According to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Life Toll program, 6,458 lives have been saved wearing seat belts since the Iowa's safety belt law took effect in July 1986.

Also, a reminder, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month and with the onset of nice weather, there is an increase in motorcycles on our roadways. Please be aware of their presence during this month and throughout the year.

## Graffiti Barn burns



Last Friday saw the end of a long-time landmark in the community as the Graffiti Barn burned to the ground. The Graffiti Barn has been around for many years, and has served as a canvas for young graffiti artists from Louisa-Muscatine and Columbus Schools. The barn is owned by Robert Estel, who lives in Texas. No injuries were reported in the fire, and a cause is not known at this time. The fire remains under investigation. If anyone has information on the possible cause of the fire, they are encouraged to contact the Louisa County Sheriff.

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday the Gazette's deadline for news and advertising will be at Noon this Friday.