

# Happy Anniversary Roundy Elementary

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Last Friday the students at Roundy Elementary not only celebrated the last day of school, they also gathered to mark the 10th anniversary of Roundy Elementary.

At a program held in the morning, attended by Beryl Roundy and the Smylie Family, the students presented a history of both families, and entertained the crowd with music from Beat for Peace.

In the mid 1990's it became obvious that the school population was growing and a need for a new elementary school was urgent. However, a number of bond issues were unsuccessful. But things changed when Beryl Roundy stated the necessity for a new school, and offered \$1,000,000 towards the construction cost if the community would pass a bond for the balance. At the same time the Smylie Family offered five acres adjacent to the school property to locate the new facility.

With these generous gifts, a bond issue passed, and in 2000 the new school opened to begin a tradition of educating generations of Columbus students. The Gazette, and the community, offers a large THANK YOU to Beryl Roundy and the Smylie Family for their generosity.



Beryl Roundy, Kay Huston, Lucile Smylie, Mr. and Mrs. John Smylie and Columbus Superintendent Rich Bridenstine enjoy Roundy Elementary's 10th birthday celebration last Friday.

## Briefly -

### Relay for Life Golf Tournament

A 4-Person Best Shot Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Cedar Crest Country Club in Columbus Junction to benefit the Louisa County Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Teams may consist of 4 men, 4 women, or any combination (co-ed). Entry fee is \$100.00 per team. There will be hole prizes, a 50/50 drawing, drawing for prizes, and a \$1,000 prize for a hole-in-one on Hole #9. Contact Cedar Crest Country Club at 319-728-8461 to sign up and reserve your cart.

### Legion Auxiliary to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday evening, June 8th for a 6:00 potluck supper at the Lekwa home. Please bring a covered dish, your spouse, and a lawn chair. Meat and drink will be furnished.

### Farmers' Market this Friday

The Columbus Junction Farmers' Market is held Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. through October 8 at the American Legion parking lot, 99 Second St., Columbus Junction. The market features regional vendors selling Iowa-grown produce, plants, baked goods, eggs, snacks, crafts and more. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards, IFMNP/WIC checks, Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition checks and Louisa Bucks are welcome. Buy local and taste the difference! This week we'll have free CJ Farmers' Market refrigerator magnets thanks to the community Foundation of Louisa County and free marigold seeds courtesy of Keep Columbus Beautiful.

### Fish tales from the Bush

You are cordially invited to a free breakfast Saturday, June 5 at 8 a.m. at the Briggs Center, Wapello. The speaker will be Rob Norton a former bush pilot and registered Alaskan fishing guide. Norton has tied a record for fly-fishing by catching Chinook salmon weighing 52 pounds on a fly rod. He will be sharing some of his experiences as a bush pilot, marine and fishing guide. Come join the fun!

### Ice Cream Supper in Conesville

The Conesville United Methodist Church will be having a homemade ice cream supper at the Conesville Community Center on Thursday, June 10, with serving beginning at 5 p.m. The menu includes: Creamed chicken on a bun, loose meat hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, pie, cake, drinks, and homemade ice cream will be served. There will be a free-will offering.

### Amateur Radio Club to meet

The Muscatine Amateur Radio Club will meet Monday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the upper-level meeting room at the Musser Public Library, 304 Iowa Avenue in Muscatine. All amateur radio operators, and those interested in learning more about amateur radio, are invited to attend. For more information, visit muscatinehams.org.

### Embroidery Club to meet

The Embroidery Club will meet June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 pm to work on Brazilian Embroidery. The afternoon Embroidery Club will meet June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 to 4:00 pm. They will be working on their own projects. These meetings will be held at OUR SHOP, 106 Main Street, Suite 100, Columbus Junction. Anyone is welcome, just bring your sewing and come stitch with us. In July we will have instruction on needle tatting on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 - 9:00 and July 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 to 4:00. Please register for these classes by calling Carol at 319-728-5648.

### 2010 County Fair dates set

The dates for the 2010 Louisa County Fair are: July 24 - Parade and Fair Kickoff; and Fair - dates July 26-31. Dates for the Iowa State Fair are August 12-22.

### Pleasant Grove Social scheduled

The Pleasant Grove Church is having a neighborhood ice cream social and potluck supper, Sunday June 6 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring dish to pass, lawn chair, and sunshine. If the weather does not cooperate for being outside we will have it in the church basement. Table service and drink provided. Mark your calendars for an evening of good food and fellowship.

### Notice to Fredonia residents

To Fredonia Residents: We, the City of Fredonia, are informing you that we are holding two information meetings on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon and again at 7:00 p.m. These meetings will be in regard to water damage to homeowners' properties from 1993 to the present date. We, the City of Fredonia City Council members are applying for grant money and need proof of damage and man-hours spent cleaning and fixing the damage. Any documentation, photos, bills and insurance bills that were not reimbursed by FEMA brought to these meetings will help us solve this problem. Contact City Council members or the Mayor if you have questions. Thank you, Mayor Al Sonderberg.

### Blood Drive in Wapello

The University of Iowa DeGowin Blood Center along with UI Health Care Wapello will be conducting a blood drive from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010 at the Wapello Ambulance Barn, 400 US 61 S. To schedule a time to donate, call UI Health Care Wapello at 319-523-8205. Walk-ins welcome! Donors who last gave blood on or before April 30, 2010 are eligible. Donors must be in general good health, be cold and flu symptom free for 5 days, weigh at least 110 lbs and bring a photo ID. Donors must be 17 years of age to donate, 16 with an approved UI DeGowin consent form. Blood donation is a safe and simple and only takes about 1 hour. The need for blood remains high during the summer months and it is especially critical to maintain an adequate blood supply before the long July 4th weekend. Each week the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics uses approximately 600 blood products. Blood collected by the UI DeGowin Blood Center is for use by patients at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. If you have questions concerning your eligibility please call the UI DeGowin Blood Center at 319-356-2058.

## After 36 years he will March to a different beat

By Deb Bean  
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As this school season comes to an end at Columbus Community Schools they will be saying goodbye to their Band Director, Steve Henschler.

After 36 years Mr. Henschler will no longer have to ask a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, "where is your instrument?" or a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, "where is your music?" He devoted his life to showing kids, yes they could do two things at once, playing their instruments and marching! And for many years he and his band students marched in the Columbus Day parade, Marched during the Memorial Day celebrations at the cemetery and various other area parades and activities.

Mr. Henschler grew up in Keota, Iowa in the 50's and 60's with two older brothers. He enjoyed listening to the Beatles and learning to play guitar. His inspiration for music came from his mother who was a musician and a great-great aunt that was a professional singer. After graduating from Keota High School he attended Truman University in Missouri majoring in Music Education.

He began his career at Columbus Community Schools in 1974. During his tenor he taught 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> band and General Music classes to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In 1976 he began 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> band. He taught marching band at the High School and Junior High, High School, jazz band, concert band for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Junior High and High School. He also did small ensembles and solos at the Junior High and High School levels. Shared High School productions of March Winds Blow and Autumn Leaves with Paul Duncan and then Jay Hauenstein.

Mr. Henschler has spent the past 36 years teaching his passion for music to the kids at



Columbus Community, expressing to each child how important music is in their life.

Mr. Henschler also celebrates a 36-year marriage this June to his wife, Barb. They have one son, Joshua his wife Michelle, two Grandkids, Matthew and Kenadee and one daughter, Jillian and her husband, Jeremy Beukema.

Mr. Henschler says he will miss the kids and leaves behind advice to the school and to all the kids of Columbus Community, "I hope the school continues its commitment to the music department. Music and all of the arts are what separate human kind from the rest of the animal kingdom. The ability to express one self through any of the arts, but especially music, is what helps us remain sane and civilized. Without the arts, the world would be a very sterile and boring place to live."

In August as the new school season begins Mr. Henschler will be marching to a different beat at his new place of employment working for West Music in Coralville as an Educational Sales Representative.

## Singing Good-Bye to Mr. H

By Deb Bean  
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As the school season ends Columbus Community School will be saying good-bye to yet another person from their music department, Mr. Hauenstein.

Jay grew up on their family farm in rural Columbus Junction with his sister, Jill and younger brother, Jeff. He is the son of Barb and the late, Roy Hauenstein.

Jay says he has fond memories of attending K through 6 at Cotter. From Little League Baseball on the Cotter diamond, to great lunches (ham sandwiches) and competitive games of foursquare out on the sidewalk at recess.

Jay was very active in high school music under direction of Paul Duncan and Lee Bucholz. He also participated in golf, cross country and basketball.

He graduated from Columbus in 1974. His freshman year 1974-1975 was attending Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa where he majored in music. From 1976-1977 Jay attended Muscatine Community College and received an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice. "During that time period I had changed my major and thought law enforcement was in my future," recalls Jay.

In 1977 Jay married, Lorie Morrison and continued his education at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa as music major with a focus on trombone and voice. Graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor of Music Education. In 1987 Jay received his Master of Arts in Music Education from Northeast Missouri State University.

From 1981 through 1989 Jay taught 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade vocal music and was the marching band assistant at Wapello Community School.

From 1989 through 1996 Jay taught at Muscatine Community College directing the choirs, theory program, private voice, piano and jazz band.

In 1996 Jay began his 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teaching career at Columbus Community Schools.

Jay has been an active trombonist in the Southeast Iowa Band, Southeast Iowa Orchestra and the Southeast Iowa Trombone Quintet. He has



spent over 20 years with community theatre and community choirs on stage singing, performing, acting as well as directing from the podium. He has also performed with the Muscatine and Washington Civic Chorales.

Jay reflects, "It has been a wonderful experience over the last 29 years sharing my love for music with great kids of all ages, with my own children, Eric and Emily, and adults from the communities of Wapello, Muscatine and Columbus Junction. We have put some great shows together and many musical, magical moments have been shared amongst us. I won't forget those moments and will cherish the memories."

Just imagine how differently many lives would have been if Jay would of continued his Career in Criminal Justice. His love for music has been reflected through every student's solo, duet, chorus and his biggest challenge March Winds Blow. He has changed the lives of many young Columbus Students by showing them that believing in themselves is not only rewarding but also gratifying for them.

For the past ten years Jay has worked part time for the Burlington Trailways. So once Jay makes his final walk through the doors of Columbus Community School leaving behind many memories and friends the door opens to a bus and he will be driving full time for Burlington Trailways.

## Correction:

My apologies: I have to say I read and re-read the article I wrote last week. And when it came out in print there were a few errors. My apologies to Susie for misspelling her first name and to Sam, Mike and Pam. Sam is SPC Samuel Braun with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Infantry Division based out of Fort Drum New York and Pam's Special Education class is at the High School. /s/ Deb Bean

### Congregate Menu for June 7-11

Monday, June 7 - (High Sodium Meal) Roast turkey, potato salad, tomato slices, kidney bean salad, banana and mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, June 8 - Beef chili mac casserole, mixed green salad, assorted dressing, bran raisin muffin, blushed peaches.

Wednesday, June 9 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, spinach, pineapple upside-down cake, ice cream.

Thursday, June 10 - Pulled pork, wheat bun, scalloped potatoes, broccoli salad, cantaloupe.

Friday, June 11 - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, Brussels sprouts, apricot halves, crispy rice bar.

## Annual Cancer Awareness Ride

The fourth annual Cancer Awareness Ride and Benefit will be held Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Circle of Pride grounds in Conesville, Iowa. The family oriented events will feature summer activities, Fun Ride (all vehicles welcome), Car Show, Dunk Tank, Bonfire, camping, raffles,

silent auction, games and activities for adults and children, food, Ernie Peniston and lots of food and fellowship for everyone.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and help in making this a success, we would like to thank everyone that donated and helped - it was

greatly appreciated.

Last year's event raised more than \$4,000 that were donated to the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center located at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. With the money donated, the Holden Comprehensive Center purchased two computers for the waiting room to be used

by patients and families. Cancer has touched many lives and we personally know of the many needs that these patients have. It is our hope that this year we will increase our earnings to this worthy cause and be able to donate an even greater amount to make life a little easier for all chemo patients and their families.