



Downtown Business finds Time Capsule

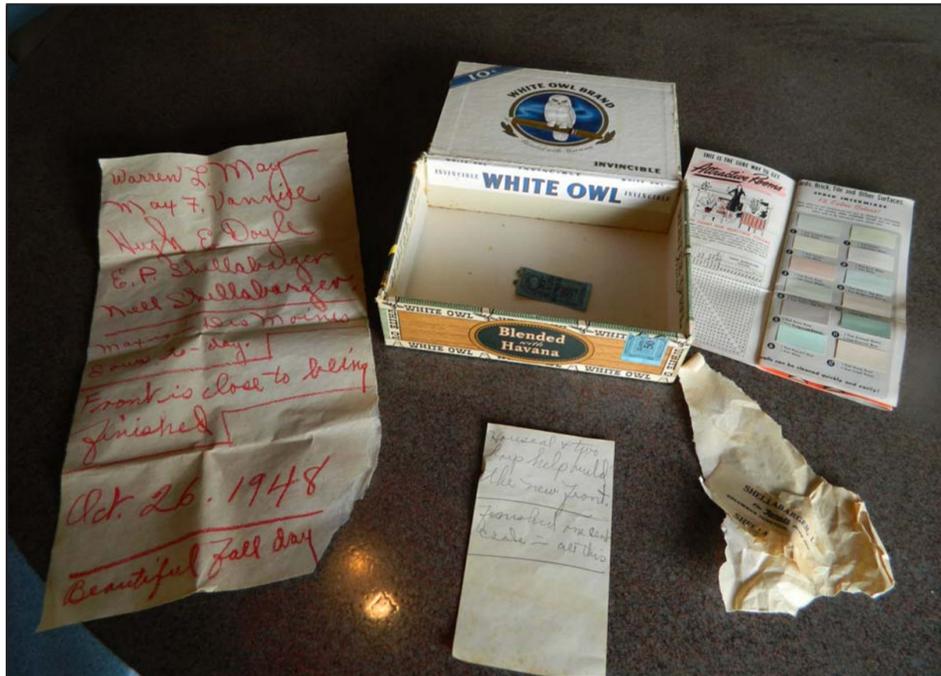
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When Fred and Mary Brune decided to remodel the front of their business, 'Rumor's and Excuses', they discovered a time capsule hidden in the walls surrounding the front north window. As they pulled the brown-paper wrapped box out of the walls, they did not realize at first what it was.

On the outside of the box, which was wrapped in brown paper, was written in red wax pen: "10-26-1948. Open in ten years. See the inside." It was signed by: Warren L. May, Max F. Vannice, Hugh E. Doyle, E.P. Shellabarger, Nell Shellabarger. The Brunos found out that decades ago their business was the former location of Shellabarger Drug and was for years run by Max Vannice. Obviously, it was they who had buried the box in the wall. Mary Brune remembered both Max Vannice and Warren May.

It must be added that the note also said, "Max is in Des Moines, Iowa to-day". Therefore someone else must have signed his name. The note went on to say, "Front is close to being finished. Beautiful fall day."

The box was a White Owl Cigar Box. Inside was the "Stamp tear" 'broken' when the cigar box was opened. Also was a folded pamphlet



on "Time-Tested Spred Washable Water-Mix Paint. Soy Bean 'Alpha' Protein-Paint. Available in 24 colors." (Note: From reading old Gazettes, I believe that this was one of the first latex-type paints. At any rate, this 'new' paint was highly advertised then.) Also in the box was a label: Shellabarger, The Rexall Drug Store, Columbus Junction. Shella. This

appeared to be a labeled type of tape used to hold packages shut that had been purchased at the store.

The final item in the box was another note. It read: "Houseal and two boys help build the new front." Carla Houseal Bruns stated today, "This probably was my Grandfather Houseal, and the two boys would have been my father, Richard

Houseal, and my uncle, Kenny Houseal."

Fred and Mary Brune are still in flux about what to do with this time capsule from 1948. They would like to find some way to display it. Whatever the case, those gentlemen from long ago forgot to open it in ten years, and now a piece of Columbus Junction history has been found.

Briefly -

City Council meets tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold a public hearing and regular meeting today, Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the New Civic Center/City Hall.

Ice Cream Social at Kingston UMC

The Kingston United Methodist Church, 5513 - 205th Street, Mediapolis, IA, will be holding an ice cream social on Sunday, July 1st, from 5-7 pm. Bluegrass and Western music provided by Highway 99 Band. The menu includes: Maidrites, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, pies, beverages and HOMEMADE ICE CREAM. A Free Will Donation will be accepted.

County Fair dates set

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

Morning Sun 5K Fun Run/Walk

The Morning Sun Youth League will be sponsoring the Firecracker 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, July 1. The run will start at the Morning Sun Community Center at 106 N. Main. There will be a 5K run/walk; a mile run for kids 8-12 and a 1/2 mile run/walk for 7 yrs. and under. Registration will start at 7:00 a.m. with the races to start at 8:00 a.m. The fee to enter is \$15 for the 5K if registered before June 15. \$20 after June 15th. Age groups include: 12 and under; 13-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50 and older. There will be T-shirts for all who register early. Medals will be awarded for the top 2 times in Male/Female categories. For more information or to enter contact Mike Crow at 319-868-7699 or email mcrow15@hotmail.com.

School Board to meet

The Board of Education for the Columbus Community School District will hold a special public meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. at the Columbus Administrative Office, 1210 Colton Street, Columbus Junction, IA 52738.

This week at the Farmers' Market

This week, we are happy to have the Columbus Junction United Methodist Church (UMC) as the market sponsor. They will be selling baked goods so make sure you stop by their booth! They will also have information on upcoming events! Reminder, the farmers market is every Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 at the American Legion parking lot. 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 or sponsor, contact Mallory Smith at 319-728-7971.

Variety Show at Victory Christian

Victory Christian Center (VCC) invites the community to a night of praise and worship on Saturday, June 30, 2012. The music will begin at 6:00 p.m. at VCC, 122 Ninth St, Columbus Junction. There will be a variety of music from Contemporary Christian Music to hymns. The music will be woven together to create an environment for Jesus to be lifted high. Join us!

Celebrating 50 years of great recreation

By John Carpenter
Gazette Staff

July 4th of this year will celebrate the 50th year of golf being played in Columbus Junction. Cedarcrest is an institution that has not only provided hours of entertainment for thousands of individuals, but has also been a very important place for me. I bought stock in Cedarcrest when I first moved here in 1973, and have been a dues paying member every year. I also served as Cedarcrest's treasurer for twenty years. Many of the people I know today I met at Cedarcrest, and we have maintained a long-time friendship. I remember going out to Cedarcrest my first year and there was always someone asking me to play. I played many rounds of golf with Lee Huston, Leroy Hughes, Jim Rutt, Harry Duncan and many others who are gone now.

As I stated earlier, this will mark 50 years for Cedarcrest. But it is important to remember that the town of Columbus Junction was undergoing many exciting events in the early 1960's. The swimming pool was built, Rath Packing came to town, the Ross addition was created which provided many homes for the new Rath employees, a new bank, Peoples National Bank, was being organized, and golf was becoming available in town. None of this could have happened if it wasn't for a wonderful sense of community spirit and optimism that existed at the time, and drove our citizens to look beyond the present and see into the future. All of these events were community endeavors, and required countless numbers of individuals to get everything accomplished.

The following is the history of Cedarcrest Country Club as written by W.O. Calloway. It was published many years ago in the Gazette, and is included here in the same wording that Mr. Calloway used. It should be noted that even today, the sense of pride in Cedarcrest still exists with the present members. There have been many projects undertaken at Cedarcrest since 1962, and members have always been there to get things done. As you will see when you read this story,



Cedarcrest was and still is a community treasure.

I retired from the railroad agent in Columbus Junction on 4-16-61. Being used to working 7 days a week when I retired, I was suddenly with nothing to keep myself busy. I roamed the streets, but was still unhappy. So one morning, 7-10-61, I went to the State Bank and started to talk to Lee Huston, and then found Lee very much interested in promoting bigger and better things for his community, having given the coming of Rath Packing Co., much of his time and with much success. I asked him his opinion on the county's readiness for a golf course. Lee was interested and he told me to try selling some stock and we decided to start. We would only ask \$50.00 per share, so I was on my way.

The first week out, 7-12-61, I sold 60 shares. As we progressed Lee asked me to start looking for a location. 7-15-61 Mr. Thurston, at that time a real estate dealer, gave me aid and advice. We looked at several locations, one on Highway 92 of Columbus Junction, at a farm midway between Wapello and Columbus Junction, and others, but we weren't satisfied with any of these. Then on 8-16-61 we looked at the Carpenter Farm, where the course is now located. We went over it several times and to help us we got the pro from Flint Hills in Burlington to come look it over and let us know his opinion and give us some pointers.

The clean up came next week. We spent early Fall in clean up work tearing down many fences and filling gullies. Many farmers donated end loaders, discs, harrows and machinery of all kinds. Days and hours of physical help were also donated. Jr. Stapp, Gerald Ross (later green and fairway pro) and myself planned, laid out and sketched the putting greens. Lee Huston soon formed committees and scheduled regular meetings to discuss and keep

us all informed. What was next, and best, was how to do it. Everybody's ideas kept us all on our toes and kept ambitions high. During our 8-11-61 meeting we decided to set the price for one share of stock at \$140, realizing we had started too low and stock sold better at the \$140 price because everybody could see we meant business and they joined both in money and efforts.

As in any community endeavor, there are always a few individuals one always can recall. They're always on hand and in readiness. For instance, when preparing our grass, it was necessary to cut and shred the grass. Lee Huston, Tom Huston and Leroy Hughes gave us much of the necessary work in doing this job. They also were involved in preparing the sand and black top dirt mixture (this means about 10 truck loads all together (for spreading on the greens covering the prepared stolon for quick growth. They also were ready for all other chores that came up. One is hard to believe office people doing chores like these, eager and enthusiastic. All because we wanted a golf course, and we got it. Tom Huston was ready and willing to run any errand necessary, he made trips to Keokuk and other places for equipment and repairs or whatever was needed. Everyone was filled with fellowship greetings which still goes to make each happy to have had such friends in time of need. There were many others, it's hard to name that did so many just such jobs, I can't remember to name. Bob Hynes and many others.

Kenny Peters installed our entire water system to every green on the course and clubhouse, including showers and kitchen, etc. While I never saw this bill, but knowing Kenny as I do it was bound to have been very reasonable. Rodney Slight, Manager of Rath Packing Co., donated fertilizer for the seeding of the fairways which was no little item and from various farmers, especially from Letts, furnished

grass seeders for the fairways. Lester Orr and others furnished tractors with end loaders for shaping greens. Harry Duncan played handy man just where and what needed to be done from truck work to covering the clubhouse, he was good wherever.

Each director was assigned a specific green to clean all weeds, in turn solicited a crew of men, women and children as his helpers, pulling weeds until the green bent grass took over and could be controlled by mowing.

Latta Brothers from Riverside dug our only well and when pay time came they said the enthusiasm was so great from so many community people and to add to our community spirit his bill for the sell came marked PAID. Bill Dillon, at that time operating the gravel pit, donated the gravel for the road to the course, also the heavy machinery for contouring the road, greens and ditch work that filled the greens which were shaped and seeded. Weeds proved to be a problem but thanks to men, women and children, they were pulled by hand and the grass plus almost tons of stolon were generously donated from our neighbor golf courses at West Liberty and Flint Hills. We showed what work and determination can do to the course, and success was ours.

The time had come for Lee Huston to take over again and organize the officers and help to operate a ready to play golf course. Naturally, his finger in all of it, Lee was made the first President. He then sent Gerald Ross and myself to Ames on January 30, 1962 to Turf Course Schooling which helped us to know and what to use, also cultivating and cutting greens, grass and fertilizers.

On July 4, 1962, we played our first game of golf, a little scanty on grass, but a good six months before anyone expected, and its been going every day since.

Lee Huston was an all out be-

liever in keeping your money in your own town, and this golf course keeps more people and dollars right here than one can realize, plus getting to really know your neighbors and good, clean, healthy fun too. That's why he was so all out for it. Cedarcrest Golf Course was the name chosen.

Cedarcrest is one of a kind golf course, beautifully located having every third hole returning to the clubhouse makes it convenient to run out and play 3, 6, or 9 holes to fit your convenience and end up at the clubhouse. There is a practice putting green located between the clubhouse and storage for some 100 golf carts. This can be helpful while waiting to get on the course if needed, or just simply helping your game. Cedarcrest has a nice two level clubhouse, showers, and a lower floor and counter for any serv-

ing of drinks, etc. Card tables for ones wanting to play cards, a dining room for serving dinners and dancing, a pro shop with all necessary equipment for playing golf, and a large patio in front for sitting and drinks and observing or waiting to take your turn out and also observing those coming in on no. 9 tee.

To dream of a beautiful golf course from a bunch of dead trees, gullies, holes and washouts with a bunch of old dilapidated buildings and fences takes a lot of imagination, especially when one starts from scratch. It was my dream. I worked days and lots of nights until 4 a.m. watering greens, etc., but that God it has come true all because the good people of this community put their shoulders to the wheel and stuck with me giving their help, time, and encouragement. This is what made it all possible. W.O. Callaway

Dormitory Stained Glass Window to be auctioned off

"In the 1870s there was a school in Columbus Jct., Iowa, called the Eastern Iowa Normal School which had been moved from its original location in Grandview, Iowa. Next to the school was a large dormitory which housed the professors who taught there and also the students attending the school. In later years the school became the Columbus Jct. Elementary School. This past April a stained glass window from the old dormitory was removed due to remodeling and was sold to a local antique store. The window has been restored to its original state and is going to be sold at a private auction (date to be determined) at Main St. Gifts & Antiques, 204 Main St, in downtown Columbus Jct. The window is currently in the store for viewing. Interested buyers should contact Melanie DeVore at 319-325-5063 (daytime) and 319-725-6521 (evenings)."



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