

Let's make this the year we win!

By John Carpenter
Gazette Staff

The life of everyone in our County has been touched in some form by Cancer. Whether it was a family member, friend, or a personal battle, this disease continues to be a plague to our way of life.

But we don't have to just lay down and take it, we can fight it. And one of the best ways to continue this fight is to participate in our County Relay For Life. It not only drives another nail into this dreaded disease, but it's also a fun way to come together with our neighbors and friends and enjoy an afternoon and evening together.

The County Relay For Life event has been an ongoing event for many years, rotating between Wapello, Columbus Junction and the L-M School. Over the years hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised by Louisa County citizens, and all of these dollars have been directed to research to finally put an end to this life taker.

This year the event is scheduled for Wapello, next Saturday, so come

LOUISA COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, August 7, 2010 • Noon - Midnight
Wapello Community School Track

Schedule of Events:

12:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremony
3:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Survivor Registration
3:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Silent Auction
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Survivor and Caregiver Dinner
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Team Registration and Money collection
6:00 p.m. - Color Guard and Welcome Speech
6:10 - 6:45 p.m. Entertainment
6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Pie Auction
7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony, Survivor and Caregiver Laps
8:30 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony
9:30 - Midnight - Games and Music
12:00 a.m. - Closing Ceremony

For more information on forming a team, Survivor and Caregiver Dinner, sponsorship, or how to volunteer, please call Melinda Rees at 563-260-7018 or visit our website at: www.RelayForLife.org/LouisaCountyIA

Please join us for this free community wide event! Help us create a world with less cancer and more Birthdays!



on out, bring your walking shoes, join a team, and help make this the year that we finally win our fight against the disease that has affected so many of us.

Every Event had a Crowd

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"A very successful Fair" was the phrase heard last week as the 2010 edition of the Louisa County Fair completed its run.

If one word could describe this year's fair, it would be "Attendance". Despite some difficult weather conditions prior to the fair, the Fair Board brought the grounds and buildings into great shape, and the events and exhibits were the talk of the week.

Every event had large crowds. The fair kicked off with the annual Fair Parade on Saturday afternoon, with supper and kids' games following. As always, large numbers attended the 4-H Family Night.

A special event was held this year as Bill Riley Jr. was on hand for the talent show on Wednesday evening. Cars were parked up and down the fairground's driveway as spectators gathered to view Louisa County's talented young people.

An estimated crowd of nearly 1,000 was on hand for the Corn Belt Late Model car races on Thursday evening. Spectators cheered as the races lasted well into the night.

Along with the evening activities, a number of entertaining events were held throughout the day, as well as the judging of animals and 4-H projects. It was reported that livestock numbers were up, and special accommodations had to be made for the number of small animals shown.



Large crowd watching beef show

Also, many buildings were filled with various crafts and exhibits from 4-H members and local county citizens.

Families electing to spend the week at the fair also increased, as it was estimated that an all-time record number of forty campers were on the grounds.

Not only was 2010 a very successful fair, but it appears that Louisa

County is poised to have successful fairs far into the future. "There are individuals on our Fair Board today that were exhibitors when I first joined the Board," said Fair Board member Mark Huston. Fairs are a way of life in small Iowa communities, and everyone has fond memories of their youth at the fair., and that is evident in the loyal Board mem-

bers we have today. They volunteer their time and energies all year to insure that their children and grandchildren will have the same opportunity to have fun at the Fair just like they had.

Set your plans, mark your calendars and get ready for the 2011 Louisa County Fair. Work has already started for next year.

Local individual helps others succeed

By Trisha Spence

The Daily Iowan (Reprinted with permission from the Daily Iowan)

Danny Schieffer spends his days patting people on the back – literally and figuratively.

"You did a good job," he said to a discouraged client, patting his shoulder. Schieffer, who works with people with intellectual disabilities to help them perform better at their jobs, was visiting a client who is employed at the Waterfront Hy-Vee to offer support and encouragement on Monday.

Schieffer, a 20-year-old and 2008 graduate of Columbus Community High, is a job coach for Goodwill of the Heartland. Once the program has placed someone in a job, Schieffer works to give his clients tips on how to make their work more efficient. He also coaches people who have other employment barriers, such as a physical handicap.

"He's an excellent guy," said Posey, a Goodwill job development specialist. "He always has a smile on

his face and good energy."

Schieffer relates his job to a supervisor position. He starts his day at his office, where he prepares for the day's sites, which vary each day. He has clients at Hy-Vee, Pay Cap, the IMU Iowa House, and the New Pioneer Co-op, among others. Each client can work at numerous places.

Those he works with can range in age from right out of high school to people in their 60s. As long as the person is capable of doing the work, he or she will be accepted, he said. Because he has to deal with many varying aspects, he has learned to be patient.

"He catches onto things very easily," said Carol Carlson, the assistant program director of employment services at Goodwill. "He can step into any situation and do what needs to be done."

Schieffer said his job offers no shortage of rewards. In one memorable month of coaching, a client went from rolling 20 rolls of silverware per three-hour shift to 80.

"It's kind of hard to see someone struggle," Schieffer said. "You really want to do the work for them or give them a white lie, but my job isn't to tell clients they do a good job when they aren't."

Instead, he says, he offers them moral support and teaches different techniques specific to the client, noting what may work for one person will not work with everyone else.

The best part is seeing clients succeed. "It feels amazing," Schieffer said. "You know you're making a difference; it makes it all worth while." He also said it is important for his clients to know their work is important.

Schieffer plans to keep his position as a job coach even while attending Indian Hills in the fall. He will major in aircraft maintenance and work for an airframe and power plant license that will allow him to work on aircraft, a skill he was introduced to while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

It's a challenge to learn more about disabilities or different ways to

teach something as simple as wiping a table down, he said.

"He is one of the greatest working guys I know," Posey said. "What a diamond in the rough."



Danny Schieffer

Briefly -

Don't forget the Birthday Party

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Beryl Roundy's 100th Birthday party Saturday, August 7th. The party will begin at the American Legion from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail party. It will then move to the Roundy Elementary for a program and the serving of cake and cookies. It's a great way to thank Beryl and the late Sime Roundy for all they have given to our community. If you cannot attend, but want to send a card, mail the cards to Beryl Roundy, % Kay Huston, PO Box 271, Columbus Junction, Iowa 52738.

Legion Auxiliary to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday evening, August 10th at 7 p.m. Brenda Wilson will be hostess.

Conesville Reunion and Potluck

Attention Conesville Residents Past and Present: Saturday August 7, 2010 we will be holding a Conesville Reunion Potluck at 11:00 a.m. The gathering will be at Mary Singletons machine shed. Please bring a dish or two to share and your lawn chairs. Also if you have any pictures or memorabilia to share that would be greatly appreciated. Any information contact: Deb Bean at 563-299-6833 or email me at mrsbsy06@yahoo.com or catch me on Facebook.

This week at the Farmers' Market

The Columbus Junction Farmers' Market is held Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm 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. Eat local and taste the difference!

School to hold Garage Sale

Columbus High School Parking Lot. Among the items for sale: Student desks/chairs, teacher desks, athletic equipment, shelving, steel fence posts, basketball backboard, galvanized pipe and much more. Sale times: August 6th - Noon to 8 p.m. and August 7th - 8 a.m. to Noon

Guys and Gals to hold Car Wash

The GUYS AND GALS 4-H CLUB will be having a free will donation car wash at the Grandview Shell Station on the intersection of Hwy 61 and 92. Saturday August 7th 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone come on over.

County Republicans Fundraiser

The Louisa County Republicans will hold their annual summer fundraiser on Saturday, August 28. The fete will be held at the Briggs Civic Center, downtown Wapello. A social time will begin at 6 p.m., with a meal to be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. Featured speakers will be candidate for U.S. Congress Marianne Miller-Meeks, and State Representative Tom Sands. Tickets are \$25 per person (\$15 for students), and are available from Louisa County Republican Central Committee members, and at the door.

Handbell Concert at Historical Society

WAPELLO, Iowa - Guest artist, handbell soloist Kristine Stout of The Joybell Theater and Gift Shop in Nashville, Ind., will provide a special concert titled Joy Un-Speak-a-Bell at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the Louisa County Heritage Center, 609 James L. Hodges Ave. (US Highway 61) in Wapello. Stout plays three octaves (37 bells) of Malmark English handbells. Those attending should be prepared to smile and be amazed at Stout's artistry and grace. Her music creates a one-of-a-kind evening of inspiration and joy. To learn more about Kristine Stout, go to www.joybelltheater.com. Tickets are \$7 at the door. Proceeds from the concert will support the Louisa County Historical Society.

Morning Sun Fire Department Golf Tourney

It's ba-ack! The Morning Sun Volunteer Fire Department is once again hosting a 4-person best-shot golf tournament at the Indian Hills Golf Course on Saturday, August 14th with an 8 A.M. shotgun start. Come out and help us make this year's tournament the best we've ever had. Price to play is \$40 per person, which includes cart, greens fees and lunch (Discount for having your own cart). Lunch this year is grilled pork loin, mashed potatoes, and vegetable. Top three scores will be paid back, and there will be various hole prizes. Please pre-register by August 5th by calling or emailing Shane Hemphill at 319-868-5781, 319-850-0798 or shaneh@louisacomm.net. Please help support your community volunteer fire department! We hope to see you there!

R.S.V.P. Club calls Hawkeye Fans

The R.S.V.P. Club of the Columbus Junction State Bank is taking a road trip to see the Iowa Hawkeyes take on Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois on Saturday, November 13. Tickets go on sale soon and we want to place our order soon so sign up before Monday, August 9. Price is \$100/person and that includes game ticket and deluxe motorcoach transportation. We will be tailgating before and after the game. We will be making this road trip that day- we will not be spending the night. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE R.S.V.P. CLUB TO GO ON THIS TRIP! YOU ONLY NEED TO BE A FAN OF THE IOWA HAWKS! (Note- Tom Huston of CJSB is going- he's a Hawk fan when they're not playing Iowa State!) Come, join our travel team. Sign up before August 9 by calling or emailing Ramona Wink. home- 319-728-7041, cell- 319-212-0366, email wink123@lisco.net

Community Bank Travel Club News

There is still time to sign up for our trip to New York City, cruise up New England to Nova Scotia, ending in Quebec City, Canada. Dates are September 4th to 16th. There are twenty-two signed up to date, we would love to have you join us. Also, our Branson trip is November 11th - 14th. Great shows, food and fun. The price for a double is \$669.00 per person. Please call Carol Ann at Community Bank if you are interested in either trip.

Crooked Creek Car Show and Tractor Pull

Crooked Creek Days Car Show and Tractor Pull, Sunday August 8th, 2010. Registration \$12 for car show, 8am-11am, top twenty participant's choice @ 2pm. Antique & Farm stock tractor pull, beginning @ 11am, 3750, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 6500, 7000, and 7500lb classes. \$10 per hook, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies. Located at Jamison Restoration's, North edge of Winfield. Contact Mike Jamison (319)-931-3998