

Are you ready for another Bash?

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It's almost time for school to start again, and that means it's time for our second annual Back "To School Bash." Last year's Bash was a great way to begin the school year, and this year's event will be even bigger.

Hot dogs are ordered, chips and drinks are on their way, music is scheduled, and this week the tent went up next to the white house, all in preparation for another school-year kick-off.

The Bash is scheduled for next Monday, August 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the lawn next to the white house. Everyone is invited, students, parents, school personnel, and the general public. The schools will be open so students can drop off school supplies, meet their teachers, and see their classrooms that evening.

This is a great chance for the whole community to come together, enjoy a meal, listen to wonderful music, visit with teachers and parents, and help kick off the best school year ever. The school will be the place to be next Monday evening, so don't miss out.



Pictured is a scene from last year's Back to School Bash.

Saying a final Good-Bye to a community friend



The community said a final good-bye last week to its long-time friend, Beryl Roundy. The funeral service for Beryl was held at the Stacy-Lewis Funeral Home on Tuesday, with a luncheon following at the American Legion.

On Thursday seventeen members of the Allen Wright Hanft American Legion Post 100, along with the pall bearers traveled by bus to Woodbine, Iowa to attend the graveside services and offer their condolences to Beryl's family. The Legion provided a color guard, firing squad, and taps was played.

On Friday a birthday party had earlier been scheduled at the Senior Center to celebrate Beryl's 101st birthday. It was decided that Beryl would have enjoyed the party and the opportunity to visit with everyone, so the organizers went ahead with the party. Beryl liked cupcakes, so a variety of flavors of "Beryl's Cupcakes" were served. Columbus Schools Superintendent, Rich Bridenstine, detailed the number of things that Beryl and Sime Roundy gave to the school. These included the donation for the building of the Wilma Sime Roundy Elementary School, as well as the on-going Roundy Scholarship.

Beryl and Sime Roundy were everyone's friend, and they will be deeply missed.



Louisa County Fair Queen travels to State Fair

On Tuesday August 9th, Kolby Keltner, the 2011 Louisa County Fair Queen, departed for five days of fun and competition with over a hundred other young ladies from across the state at the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest. Yes, there are over a hundred contestants, even though Iowa has only 99 counties. The additional numbers come from counties that have Expos in addition to County Fairs that qualify as members of the Association of Iowa Fairs. The ladies will be together until the coronation at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 13th on the Riley Stage. We hope many of you will be there to support Kolby at the coronation!

Kolby is the 17-year-old daughter of Bryon and Sheila Keltner of Wapello and will be a senior this fall at Wapello High School where she is an active member of the Wapello FFA and Wamaco 4-H Club. She won the county title among a strong

field of 8 other contestants competing in 2 interviews, group discussion, casual wear and formal wear. At the state level, Kolby will compete in the same events in addition to several Iowa State Fair appearances including the Iowa State Fair Parade in downtown Des Moines on Wednesday, August 10th. The Iowa State Fair is looking for a young lady with a great personality that represents Iowa and Iowa's youth. The Louisa County Fair Board and Fair Queen Program wishes Kolby the best of luck at the State Fair and know that she will represent Louisa County well.

We would also like to thank the sponsors for this year's contest that make it possible to send a representative from Louisa County - Kevin Schlutz, Louisa County Fair Board, Louisa Publishing, Schlutz Enterprises, State Bank of Wapello, State Farm Insurance.

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Thank you for your support and best wishes to Kolby!

Another great Relay For Life

Preliminary figures indicate that this year's Relay For Life raised over \$40,000 for cancer research. A complete story will be reported as final figures are tabulated.

Briefly -

Amateur Radio Licensing tests

The Muscatine Area Volunteer Examiners will be testing for all classes of amateur radio operator licenses on Sunday, August 14th at 1:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Learning Center, 413 Mulberry Avenue in Muscatine. (Use the 5th Street parking lot and entrance across from Hy-Vee Drugstore) For more information: visit muscatinehams.org.

Carey Reunion planned

The Annual Carey Reunion will be held starting at noon on Sunday, August 14th at the Langwood Education Center and Camp in Louisa County. A potluck lunch will be served. The family is celebrating the 80th Reunion. For questions, please contact reunion secretary Bob O'Donnell at 319-728-3083 or visit the Facebook Event page "80th Carey Reunion".

City Council meets tonight

City of Columbus Junction will meet for their regular meeting tonight Wednesday, August 10th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the New Civic Center / City Hall prior to the meeting Bernabe Rodriguez will be sworn in.

CCHS Class of 1976 plans reunion

Members of the CCHS Class of 1976: Reserve the dates of Friday and Saturday, September 16th and 17th. We will be having our 35th class reunion! Letters will be sent to you and you can get updates at <https://sites.google.com/site/cchswildcat1976>.

Cruise Nights on the Square

The Corn Country Cruisers from Washington, Iowa are conducting Cruise Night On The Square, (Washington, Iowa) on August 13th from 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.

Early Childhood Board to meet

The Des Moines/Louisa Early Childhood Area Board will hold a special meeting at the ISU Extension Office, 317 Van Buren, Wapello, IA, on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

Great Beginnings registration

Great Beginnings Preschool, located at the Methodist Church in Columbus Junction, is accepting registrations for the coming school year. If your child is three or four-years-old and you are looking for a proven preschool program, please stop by the church and pick up an application. Tuition help is available for families that qualify, as well as the Vendor/Voucher program for four-year-olds. Great Beginnings Preschool offers classes taught by a certified teacher of early childhood education and reading. Please call 319-728-3157 or 319-728-2669 if you have any questions.

Louisa County Tractor Ride set

The 7th annual Louisa County Tractor Ride will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2011, sign in at 8 a.m. at the Wapello Elevator. The ride will be a total of 51 miles with a 10 m.p.h. minimum. Roll out is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be at Letts City Park and it will be provided by Elder Implement and served by Louisa County Cattleman's Association. For more information contact Lee Harris at 868-7872, Dan Harris at 850-8188 or Dwight Schaper at 728-8961.

Louisa County Museums open

On Sunday, August 14, 2011 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. several Louisa County museums and other collections will be open for viewing. Choose your own itinerary of the following open sites: In Columbus City visit George Bell's gas station and exhibits; In Columbus Junction visit the Columbus Community Heritage Museum; In Grandview visit Randy and Peg Griffin's collection of old farm equipment and memorabilia on the northeast side of town; In Morning Sun visit the new community center, the Lora Rock Gallery and the Post Office Museum; In Wapello visit the Louisa County Heritage Center where you can see new displays and enjoy refreshments.

L-M Class of 1986 plans reunion

Louisa-Muscatine Class of 1986 will be celebrating our 25th class reunion. Class members are invited to gather for dinner and social time at the Button Factory Restaurant, 215 W Mississippi Drive, Muscatine. A room has been reserved and we will order from the menu. The reunion will take place on Saturday, August 13th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Any questions please contact Tammy Paul at 563-263-5737, or Tim Sprague via Facebook.

Shellbark Club to meet

The Shellbark Club will meet at Johnnie B's in Wapello on Thursday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.

SEIBUS offers new services

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce that SEIBUS will now be offering additional Medical Shuttle service to Iowa City. This service will be on Wednesdays. SEIBUS will also continue to offer their Medical Shuttle service to Iowa City on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fare for the new day will remain the same as the current Iowa City routes \$30.00 round trip. Reservations are required and should be 24 hours in advance. Please call 1-866-753-5107 for additional information.

Sweet Corn Supper at CCUMC

The Columbus City United Methodist Adult Fellowship, Columbus City will be hosting a Sweet Corn Supper Saturday August 20th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, Columbus City, Iowa. Menu: Buttered Sweet Corn, Maidrite Sandwiches, Salads, Chips, Desserts and Drinks. Public is welcome - Free Will Offering. Bagged sweet corn (12 ears) also available for take out.

This week at the Farmers' Market

Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion parking lot, now until October 14th. 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.