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# The East Coast for the 49th State

By Jay Schweitzer

Ben Schweitzer left Des Moines on Friday and met up with me at about 2:00 P.M. that day. We then traveled together and met with Sam Schweitzer in Portage, Indiana. We hit heavy traffic where the freeways go around the Southern tip of Lake Michigan, and saw two accidents. The following day we traveled to Poland, Ohio. We spent a total of \$94.00 on tolls in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Because of a miscue, we ended up spending \$23.00 in tolls to go 10 miles out of our way. There were no wrecks this day, and it was nice to see the wheat harvest proceeding in the East.

We traveled the Pennsylvania Turnpike on Sunday. It was very green and we enjoyed the scenery. We went through Gettysburg and drove through the battlefields. It started to get very hot. Gettysburg is a very historic and beautiful Eastern town.

Monday, we traveled through Maryland, Delaware and into New Jersey, where we took a ferry from Cape May, New Jersey, to Lewes in Delaware. We ended up in Ocean City, which is known as Little Miami. Again, the weather was very hot and it was a short travel day.

On Tuesday, we went across the Chesapeake Bay and traveled down the outer banks of New Jersey to Kill Devil Hill, just past Kitty Hawk. Again, as we had in the past, we had problems with the signage in Norfolk, Virginia.

Wednesday, we traveled through North Carolina and ended up in Mt.



Ben, Jay, and Sam Schweitzer

Airy, which is the home of Andy Griffith. It rained on us, but not enough to slow us down. We saw a lot of tobacco fields, some of which were blooming. The tobacco plant is a very pretty plant.

We ended up Thursday night in Lexington, Kentucky, traveling through Virginia and West Virginia. West Virginia is very scenic, but again

we hit traffic jams, we saw some tobacco, a burning truck, and a minivan traveling with all its doors open.

Friday night we ended up in Naperville, Illinois, with bumper-to-bumper traffic from Indianapolis to Chicago. Some of the corn in Indiana appeared to be burning up. We traveled through Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and Delaware. We went through the Alleghenys and the Appalachian mountains, and traveled 2,800 miles. After we had gone through Delaware and New Jersey, my youngest son, Ben, had then ridden to and through all 49 states. This made myself, Sam, and Ben "49ers."

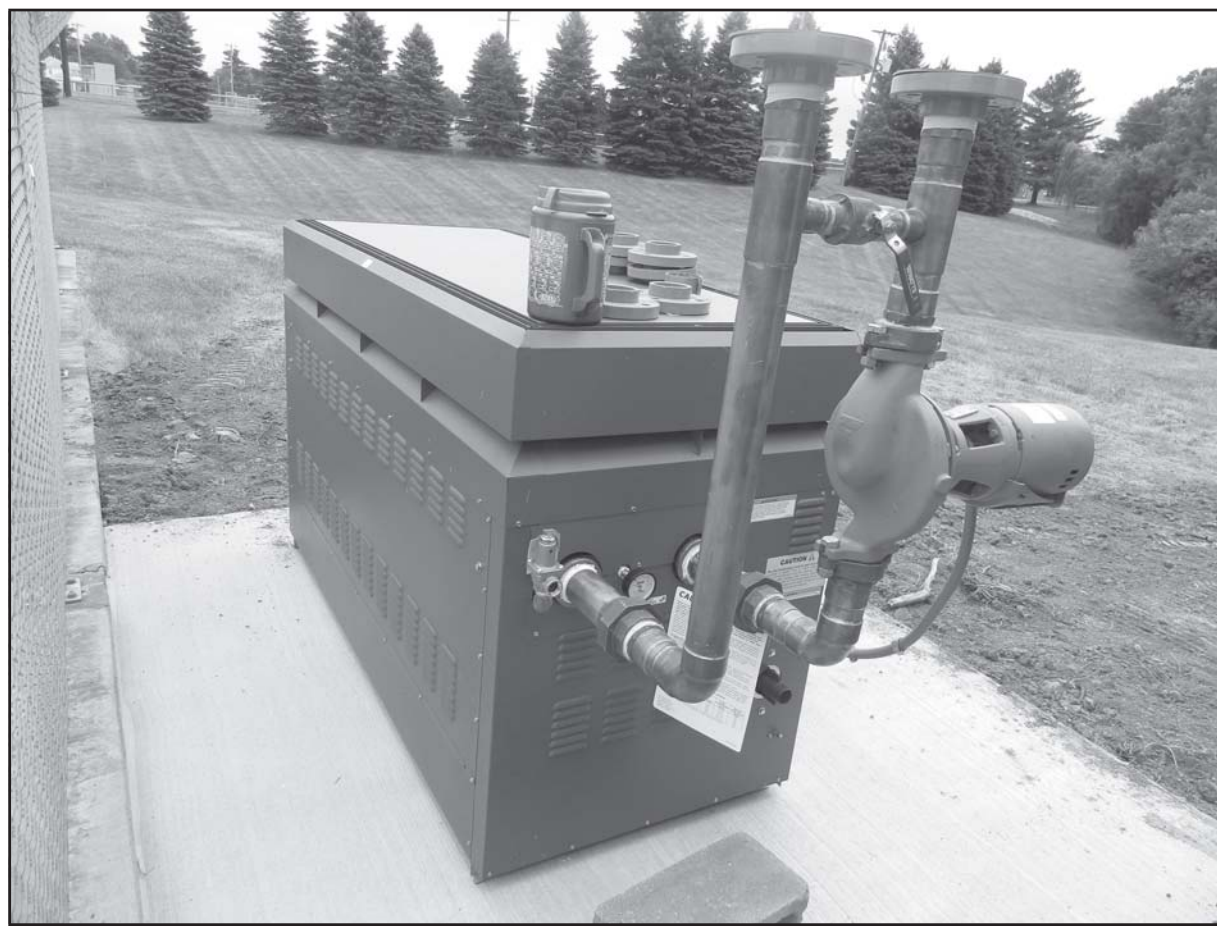
## Columbus Junction Pool in process of installing heater

After many years there will now be a heater for the Columbus Pool. When the pool was constructed in the early 1960's, a heater for the pool was installed underground. But with time, the heater rusted away and the pool became inoperable.

But work is now in process of installing a new heater that will be located on the deck area of the pool so the problems of rust and corrosion will be eliminated. The heater will be a 1.4 million BTU heater which will provide many hours of enjoyment for the youth and adults for the community.

Alliant Energy will soon be installing the gas line for the heater, and the school is hoping that the heater will be tested yet this year. Although the season will soon be over, the heater will be running for next year.

This is another example of the many new improvements that are being made for the Columbus Schools. With the new Community College and administration building, the new gym and wrestling room, and now with a heated pool, C.J. is the place to be.



## Louisa County Fair Floral Hall Winners

Joy Falk of Conesville won the 2013 Judge's Choice Overall in the Pastry Division with her orange/lemon decorated cake at the Louisa County Fair Floral Hall Open Division. The judge was Lois Mincks, Family and Consumer Science teacher at Columbus Community School.

The overall winner of the Genealogy Division was Joyce Gipple of Wapello. The judge was Frank Best of Columbus Junction. Photos submitted by Judy Prior.



## Briefly -

### Back to School Bash scheduled

The Back to School Bash will be held from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15th. There will be an open house for the new Community College, administration offices and gym and wrestling room.

### Legion Auxiliary to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13th. Chris Hedrick will be hostess.

### Class of 1973 to hold reunion

Attention CCHS Class of 1973: We are having our 40-year class reunion at the Thirsty Camel on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Happy hour, supper and a DJ to follow. Please R.S.V.P. to Cindy Clark Skubal at 319-430-0068 or [cindyskubal@gmail.com](mailto:cindyskubal@gmail.com). Please pass the word on to all our classmates.

### Class of 1988 to hold reunion

Attention CCHS Class of 1988: The 25-year reunion for the Class of 1988 is set for the weekend of October 11-12. Friday Night Family Fun at Chinkapin Park. Ride the float in Saturday's parade and supper at the Thirsty Camel. For more information and to R.S.V.P., contact either Nikki McFarland at 314-680-8899 or Theresa Hall at 319-461-9122 by July 31st.

### Class of 1993 to hold reunion

Attention all CCHS Class of 1993 Graduates: Come celebrate our 20th year reunion on Columbus Day; Saturday, October 12, 2013 at Deese's Thirsty Camel. Social hour begins at 5 pm with dinner to follow. Please pass the word and R.S.V.P. on our Facebook page at CCHS Class of '93 -20 Year Reunion.

### Cook's Night Out

The Letts United Methodist Church will host its Cook's Night Out on Wednesday, August 14th, 2013, from 5-7 p.m. Due to the remodel of the kitchen, this month's supper will be held at the Letts Community Center. This month's menu includes maid rites, baked beans, salads, chips and desserts. This is a free meal for all to enjoy.

### Farmers' Market

A Farmer's Market is held every Friday afternoon through October 11 at the Youth Center at the county fairgrounds. Produce, plants, baked good and crafts for sale. WIC coupon, SNAP and senior nutrition coupons accepted. New vendors are always welcome. Please notice the new location.

### Habitat for Humanity in need of workers

Habitat For Humanity needs workers every Saturday starting at 8 am. Please come and help at Philadelphia St., Columbus City. To help with meals for the workers, call Trish Woepking 319-212-0187. To help with the building, please call Jeff Everett 563-554-1864.

### Midwest Cloggers to State Fair

The Midwest Country Cloggers will be performing for the 18th consecutive year at the Iowa State Fair on Wednesday, August 14 at 1:00 PM on the Fairview Stage (formerly the Anderson-Erickson Stage). Performing with the group this year are Phyllis Stineman, Bev Weber, Becky Vose, Teresa Murry, Patty Swafford and Janey Orr. It is Older Iowans Day at the Fair so ticket prices for ages 60+ are discounted. It would be great to have some hometown support in the audience!

### Salsa Making at Farmers' Market

The annual Louisa County salsa making contest will held Friday, August 9 at the Columbus Junction farmers at the Youth Center at the fairgrounds. The five categories are cooked, fresh (pico de gallo), fruit, using poblano peppers and restaurant. More information is available on the city website.

### Career/Tech advisory meeting

Columbus Community Schools has scheduled a Career/Tech Advisory Council Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at 5:30 pm (Dinner at 5:00) in the Family and Consumer Science Room.

### Shellbark Club to meet

Shellbark Club will meet on Thursday, August 8th at 11:30 at Winfield Twin Lakes Golf Course.

### United Methodist Women Social

The Columbus Junction United Methodist Women will entertain the Columbus City United Methodist Women for an afternoon social today, Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the Columbus Junction Church. It is "Show and Tell," so please bring something you treasure with a story.

### Wednesday Walks with CJ Striders

Join fellow community members for weekly walks on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Civic Center parking lot and walk various routes and distances each week. A regular walking schedule can help you lose weight, reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease, type II diabetes and cancer, strengthen your muscles and even improve your mood.

### Wildcats 1st Group to meet

Reminder: The Wildcats 1st Group will meet on Friday, August 9th at 3:30 p.m. at the CJ State Bank to discuss the Back to School Bash/Teacher Tour. The Back to School Bash will be held on Thursday, August 15th.

### Community Club to host Blood Drive

Columbus Junction Community will host a blood drive from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 21 at 99 Second St., inside American Legion Hall. To donate, please contact President of Community Club Kirsten Shellbarger at 319-728-2414 or [kirsten@horakinsurance.com](mailto:kirsten@horakinsurance.com). Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. or MVRBC Donor Card is required to donate. To schedule an appointment for donation, please call the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at 800-747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 6/26/13 are eligible to give at this drive. Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors. Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 87 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. In your area, MVRBC is the exclusive provider to <http://www.bloodcenter.org/about-us/service-hospitals.aspx>.

Get Ready for the "Back to School" Bash on Thursday, August 15th

