

Honor Tour Sendoff Information

Itinerary:

12:00 Noon - Lunch for departing Veterans
1:00 p.m. - Program:

- Colors presented by Wapello VFW
- Invocation by American Legion member James Braden
- Introduction of Guests
- Introduction of Veterans
- Address by American Legion Commander Kenneth Martin
- Twenty- One Gun Salute by American Legion Color Guard
- Music provided by Columbus High School Vocal Group
- Veterans board bus and drive by Columbus, L-M and Muscatine Schools

**Date: Monday,
September 28th
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: American Legion
in Columbus Junction**

Due to the expected numbers attending, North Main Street and the American Legion Parking Lot will be closed. Please find parking wherever possible, as shuttle carts will be available to take you to the American Legion. Also, please bring your lawn chairs as seating will only be available for the departing Veterans.

Make plans now to attend next Monday and help be a part of this stirring ceremony. It is our opportunity to give a fitting THANK YOU to these Veterans who gave so much for us:

Russell Stewart Bell
Harlan Dale Bishop
Arthur Laray Britcher
Herbert Lawrence Britcher
*Merwin Dean Buster
*Dwight Hubert Clark
James Joseph Croker
*Robert H. Evans

Matthew James Fox, Jr.
William Richard Garmon
*Howard Wendell Hobbs
Freeman Harry Kaufmann
*Paul Raymond Leinbach
Willard Eugene Martin
Victor Dick Mensing
Donald Lewis Nicholson

William Oliver Oeter
*Cleo Clinton Orris
*Mike Max Orris
Warren Walter Porter
*Herman Marten Redwine
Robert Reade Ross
Henry Charles Schneider, Jr.
Thomas William Tanner

*Thomas Ervin Thomas
Marion Richard Turnipseed
*Raymond Harold Whittaker
*Robert Lynn Walker
*Raymond Albert Werner
LeRoy Ernest Erosenbury
Arturo Floriez
* denotes Louisa County Veterans

Doctor Wever builds new clinic in Columbus City

By Deb Bean
Gazette Staff

A couple of weeks ago we reported Louisa County's little town of Letts had received a \$400,000 grant to help in the building of their new Library/Community Center/City Hall/Disaster Shelter, bringing progress to their community of approximately 350.

This week we are happy to report Columbus City, also with a population of approximately 350 residents is another little town in Louisa County that is making progress as well.

If you take a drive through Columbus City you'll notice that where the post office used to sit there is now new construction going on. This is the new 2,200 sq. ft. site of Dr. William Wever's dental practice, Integrity Dental.

In 2008, when area businesses were hit by the flood, Dr. Wever's dental office was not spared by the muddy, mucky floodwater. He has temporarily been operating out of the Iowa Telecom Building West of Columbus Junction since. "We're looking forward to serving our patients in our new location," said Dr. Wever, "and as with anything that is new, there is a learning curve that will cause us to slow down a little until we are used to the new facility. We



Dr. Wever's new clinic under construction

are thankful that our patients have been understanding with our operating in the Iowa Telecom temporary location. We are also grateful to Iowa Telecom for allowing us the time to

find the right location for our new office."

The expected finish date of the new Integrity Dental Office is projected to be November 1, 2009.

(Also, soon construction will begin on the new Regional Health Facility in Columbus City. It certainly appears that things are happening in all Louisa County communities.)

Happenings at the Hispanic Heritage Center

By Nina Ortiz

Last week, the Hispanic Heritage Center kicked off its series of events with performances by Las Guitarras de México at the farmers' market and at La Hacienda Restaurant on Friday as well as an exhibition of food titled *Sabor de Columbus Junction* or Taste of Columbus Junction on Sunday. The food was contributed by generous community members and included pollo guisado, chocoflan, pie, arroz con gandules, salsa verde, frijoles, pico de gallo, and tamales. Yum!

This week, Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 pm, you can stop by the Center at the corner of Highway 92 and 3rd Street to see items featuring Mexico and Mexican

culture in the United States as well as posters about some of the other countries whose Independence Days mark the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. On Sunday the Center will be open from noon to 4 pm offering *tiempo de cuentos* or story time from 1 to 3 pm. The event will feature children's stories read in Spanish by community members.

On September 26th to October 1st, the Center's displays will change from a focus on Mexico to displays and items highlighting Central America. If you have items that you would like to lend to the display, would like to participate in any of the Special Sunday Events (story time, games, talent show), or have any questions about the Hispanic Heri-



Las Guitarras de Mexico performing September 18 at the Columbus Junction Farmers Market.

tage Center, please stop by the Hispanic Heritage Center or contact the Development Center at 319-728-

7971 or cdc@columbusjunctioniowa.org.

Briefly -

FCCLA to hold Blood Drive today

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is announcing a blood drive sponsored by Columbus Community High School FCCLA today, Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 1:30-6:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall in Columbus Junction. To donate, call Lois Mincks at 319-728-2231, ext. 3332 or email her at: lois.mincks@columbus.k12.ia.us.

City Council to meet tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold a regular Council meeting today, Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the New Civic Center/City Hall.

CCHS Class of 1974 to hold reunion

The Columbus Community Class of 1974 will hold their 35-year Class Reunion on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Cedarcrest Country Club. Meal served at 6:30 PM. \$15.00 per person. Please contact Jan Wagoner 319-728-2638, or by mail at 623 2nd Street in Columbus Junction, 52738 with your reservation and meat choice (ribeye steak or chicken breast). I would also ask any parents that still live locally to contact their children that no longer live in the area to remind them to respond. We would love to hear from them even if they aren't able to make the trip.

CCHS Class of 1979 to hold reunion

Join us for an informal 30-year reunion on Columbus Day October 10th. Watch the parade, meet for dinner at Thirsty Camel Supper Club at 5 pm, and then enjoy the downtown entertainment at night on Main Street, Columbus Junction. For more information please email columbuscommunityclassof79@hotmail.com.

Greene Family plans reunion

The Greene Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at the cabin in Chautauqua Park in Columbus Junction, IA. Bring a covered dish and table service for your family. Try to attend, as the next reunion will be in 2 years. Lunch will be served at 12:15 PM.

Habitat plans Fall trip

Louisa County Habitat For Humanity is taking a fall trip to the Kane County flea market on Saturday, October 3. We will leave the Wapello Museum at 7:30 A.M., pick up at Grandview if needed, then pick up at Muscatine HyVee parking lot 8:00 A.M. Last day to reserve is September 29. Cost is \$60 per person. Send checks ASAP to get your name on the list to: Ruth Yackle, 110 N. Pine Street, Wapello, IA 52653. If we don't have at least 40 people for the trip, it may have to be canceled. Everyone welcome to go!

County Clean Air Committee to meet

Louisa County CAN is a volunteer group of citizens interested in promoting tobacco-free lifestyles, eliminating youth access to tobacco, and making tobacco cessation opportunities available to residents in Louisa County. The coalition's quarterly meeting will be held at 5:30 on Monday, September 28th, 2009 at the Iowa State University Extension Office. All are welcome. For more information, contact Kaitlyn Wintermeyer at 319-523-2371.

Amateur Radio Club "Hamfest"

The Muscatine Amateur Radio Club and the Washington Area Amateur Radio Club will present the 25 Annual Southeast Iowa Hamfest on Sunday, October 4th at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in West Liberty, Iowa. The hamfest features a huge flea market with communications, computer and electronics equipment, tools and accessories. There will be ham radio license exams, hourly door prizes, food and drink. Gates open at 7:00 am. Tickets are \$5. Children age 14 and under free. For more information, visit www.muscatinehams.org or call Tom Brehmer, at (563) 263-3097.

Model Railroad Show in Washington

The Washington Model Railroad Club will hold its annual Train Show and Swap Meet on Sunday, October 4th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 606 West 3rd Street, Washington, Iowa 52353. All scales represented. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, children 6-12, \$1. Early arrivals \$5.00. Swap tables to rent: \$18 each. A food stand will be available in building. For information, contact Mike Worley at 319-653-3782.

Farmers' Market this Friday

Fridays 4:30 to 6:30 at the American Legion parking lot, through October 9. The market offers fresh produce, baked goods, homemade noodles, jams and jellies, frozen meat, plants, iced tea and lemonade, crafts and even dog treats! Buy fresh and local - taste the difference. Support the local economy. For more information including how to participate as a vendor contact Mallory or Nitza at 319-728-7971.

New Walking Bridge in Cotter



Pictured above is a new walking bridge built in Cotter. It replaces the previous bridge which was built by the late Omri and Bill Peters. They used spare railroad tracks and iron wagon wheels to build the original bridge. \$2,000 of the construction funds came from a State of Iowa Disaster Grant.