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# Thomas Huston honored with 2012 James A. Leach Leadership Award

*Editor's Note: The community is very proud to have learned that Tom Huston has received a prestigious honor from the Iowa Bankers Association. Tom Huston is a community institution, and has been involved in nearly every organization, event, and project during his banking and personal career. No one better exemplifies the values, compassion, and positive outlook than Tom Huston. He is truly a wonderful gift to our community, and is very deserving of this award. The Columbus Community is invited to an Open House Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Columbus Community Senior Center. The open house is to acknowledge/congratulate Mr. Tom Huston as 2012 recipient of the prestigious James A. Leach Leadership Award, from the Iowa Bankers Association. The Iowa Bankers Association presented the award to Mr. Huston, Monday, September 17, 2012 in Des Moines. The Columbus Community Club and the Columbus Senior Center are sponsoring the open house for the community to show recognition for Tom's receiving the award.*

## From the Iowa Bankers Association

Thomas Huston, chairman of Columbus Junction State Bank in Columbus Junction, was honored this week as the 2012 recipient of the Iowa Bankers Association's (IBA) James A. Leach Leadership Award. The IBA presented the award to Huston during the opening ceremonies of its annual convention on Monday, September 17 in Des Moines.

The IBA created the award in 2000 following former Congressman Jim Leach's term as chairman of the U.S. House Banking Committee. The annual award recognizes a distinguished Iowa banker who has made significant, life-long contributions to how Iowa banks serve Iowa communities.

"Tom is deeply committed to helping others, which has been evident throughout his service in the military, his local community and his more than 50 years in banking," said John Sorensen, IBA president and CEO. "He also served as the state superintendent of banking during the extremely challenging farm crisis of the 1980s. With his experience as both a banker and a farmer, he displayed the courage and diplomacy needed during those difficult times. His guidance was critical to helping restructure the way we provide agricultural credit today, which is a critical component of Iowa's economy."

Huston began his career in banking 54 years ago, on January 1, 1958,

at Columbus Junction State Bank, where he still currently works today. Prior to his banking career, Huston served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force on active duty in Illinois and Texas after graduating from Iowa State University in 1951. After completing his military service in 1953, Huston worked on his family's farm in Wyman, Iowa, until joining the bank.

Throughout his banking career, Huston has held numerous leadership roles. He has served on the IBA board of directors and was IBA president in 1971. Governor Robert Ray appointed Huston to serve as the state's superintendent of banking in 1975, a position he held for more than a decade, advising both Gov. Ray and Gov. Terry Branstad on key banking issues.

Huston also has been an active leader in his local community, including serving as a school board member for the Columbus Community School District, president of the Louisa County Red Cross and past chairman of the Cancer Crusade for Louisa County. In addition, he has been a member of the Columbus Community Club, director of the Columbus Community Senior Center, treasurer and board member of Colonial Manor, member of the Louisa County Fair Board, deacon of the United Presbyterian Church and a member of the Industrial Committee for the Columbus Community. He



also supported the development of many firsts in Columbus Junction, including its first retirement housing, nursing and care center and swimming pool.

Huston and his wife, Kay, have seven grown children, 13 grandsons and two granddaughters.

This year's James Leach Leadership Award nominating committee chair, Charlie Funk of MidwestOne Bank in Iowa City presented the award to Huston. Other past recipients include Mick Gutttau of TS Bank in Treynor; Alan Tubbs of Maquoketa State Bank; Oliver Hansen of Liberty Trust and Savings Bank in Durant; Edward Tubbs of Maquoketa State Bank; Arnie Schultz of GNB Bank in Grundy Center; O. Jay Tomson of First Citizens National Bank in Mason City; Don Carmody of Henry County Bank in Mount Pleasant; Jeff

Plagge of Northwest Financial Corp. in Arnolds Park; Paul Johnson of Iowa State Bank in Algona; Dan Krieger of Ames National Corp.; and Holmes Foster of Banks of Iowa, Inc.

About the Iowa Bankers Association: The Iowa Bankers Association represents Iowa's 343 banks and savings institutions. Iowa bankers are committed to the Iowa values of honesty, hard work and community service, and have been a trusted source for Iowans for more than 100 years. Iowa banks offer FDIC insurance and lend more than \$42 billion to help individuals, business owners and agriculture. Nearly 15,000 Iowans work at an Iowa bank, and Iowa banks donate more than \$35 million and 874,000 volunteer hours to support local communities each year. To learn more about Iowa banks, visit MyIowaBank.com.

## Briefly -

### Blood Checks at Senior Center

Tami Nichols, R.N. from Colonial Manor will be at the Columbus Senior Center on September 26, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to perform blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol checks. This is a free community service. We hope to see you there!

### Community Club to meet

Columbus Community Club will meet at the Senior Center this Thursday, September 20, at noon.

### Happenings at Main St. Gifts

New hours at Main Street Gifts and Antiques will be Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. An open house will be held on Saturday, September 22nd called "Ladies Night Out" and will include a wine tasting event. A Thirty-One sales representative will be set up in the store with new fall items. It will be held from 6-8 P.M. Appetizers will be served.

### Benefit for Cody Boyd

A benefit will be held for Cody Boyd (the 20-year-old son of Deb and Dave Boyd of rural Conesville, who was injured in a canning accident on July 29<sup>th</sup>) on Saturday, September 29 at the Circle of Pride Rodeo Grounds. The Silent Auction will be from 1-4 p.m. Food will be served from 5-8 p.m. A \$10 donation will be taken at the door. Throughout the day a bake sale, live auction, raffle and 50/50 drawing will take place. For more information or to donate, contact Becky Johns at 319-725-6612 or Dan Wehmeyer at 319-750-9053.

### Class of 1982 to hold reunion

Attention Columbus Community Class of 1982 (and parents): Some of us have been making plans for our 30<sup>th</sup> year class reunion. We still need some addresses; if you can help - that would be great! We want to find as many classmates as possible. Our plans are: Columbus Day Weekend - Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. meet and greet at Rumors and Excuses; Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> watch parade at Rumors and Excuses, 5-8 p.m. dinner at the Thirsty Camel, then go to an exclusive location for a night of fun. Any questions or addresses please call Deb (Sands) Halstead at 319-750-2636.

### Jack Cecil Columbus Day Car Show

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jack Cecil Columbus Day Car Show will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-noon. Registration ends at 10 with awards at 11:15. Bring your hot rod, custom, muscle or classic car or truck, even motorcycle to join in raising money for a local family impacted by cancer. This is held in conjunction with the Columbus Day Celebration. Come join the festivities, join in the parade after and have fun with the crowd. We are asking a \$20 entry donation to help raise funds. Top 25 awards, Best of Show, special awards also. Door prizes are being sought. For more information contact Curt Larkin 641-990-4436 or [curt.larkin@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:curt.larkin@johnston.k12.ia.us). Special invite to the class of '82 to bring out your special rides and relive some of the "high school" spirit during your reunion!

### Conesville Church 140th anniversary

The Conesville Church of Christ will have a celebration on September 30, 2012 for their 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a 9:30 A.M. worship service, followed by a short program, and then a meal. More details next week.

### Flu shots at Senior Center

Flu shots will be available at the Columbus Community Senior Center today, Wednesday, September 19, 2012, from 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. The vaccine is covered by Medicare and LCPH can bill traditional Medicare coverage Part B. If you have Medicare coverage through an HMO such as United Health Care we are not set up to bill for the vaccinations. The cost of a vaccination is \$30 per person and we are happy to provide you with a receipt to submit to your insurance carrier for reimbursement.

### Volunteers needed at Habitat Home

Volunteers are needed to help build the 12<sup>th</sup> Habitat home in Louisa County. The home is located at 2607 Burlington Street, Columbus City. Weather permitting, work is scheduled for Wednesday and Friday mornings, 8-12, and Saturday 8:00-2:00. If you can lend a hand with the work or with refreshments, please call 319-728-2775 or 319-728-2346 or show up at the work site on a scheduled workday.

### Historical Society Raffle winners

Members of the Louisa County Historical Society would like to thank everyone who supported the Fall Festival. Winners of the Raffle items were: Pie Safe - Brad Ewart; \$50 - Todd Shutt; and 1 year subscription to the Louisa HiStory Magazine - Tessa Pugh.

### Public Health meeting set

The Louisa County Public Health Emergency Planning multidisciplinary planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Wapello Ambulance Barn on Highway 61 in Wapello. The focus of the meeting will be implementing a countywide coalition to coordinate emergency response activities related to public health and safety. Kathy Vance will once again moderate the meeting.

### "Cooks Night Out" at Letts

The first community-wide "Cooks' Night Out" will be held today, Wednesday, September 19, 2012, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Letts Methodist Church, in Letts, IA. Everyone is invited to come and participate. There will be movies, games and crafts for the kids and time to meet and greet your neighbors. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. with no charge for the meal. For additional information contact Fran Thompson at 319-726-4171, Joyce Guldenpfennig at 319-726-3441 or the Church office at 319-726-3641.

### Shellbark Club to meet

The Shellbark Club will meet on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 at Pizza Hut in Mt. Pleasant. We will meet at Spring Run Church at 10:45 a.m. to car pool to Mt. Pleasant.

### CJPM Scheduled

Keep Columbus Beautiful will be hosting a CJPM at Rumors and Excuses Pub on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## Jerry Heater receives "2012" Friends of Conservation Award



On Wednesday, September 12, 2012, Jerry Heater was awarded the 2012 Friends of Conservation award from Louisa County Conservation and Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation at their annual joint picnic. Heater volunteered over 100 hours of service this year sharing his passion for archery with Louisa County youth through hunter education classes, sixth grade field trips and the National Archery in the Schools program.

**New at the Library**  
The *Time Keeper*: A novel - Mitch Albom; *Frozen Heat* - Richard Castle; *The Things They Carried* - Tim O'Brien; *This Body of Death* - Elizabeth George; *Game of Thrones, A Clash of Kings, A Storm of Swords, A Feast for Crows* - George R. R. Martin; also on DVD the complete first season of HBO's *Game of Thrones*. New audio books

include *Where We Belong* - Emily Giffin; *Same Kind of Different as Me* - Ron Hall and *Unbroken* - Laura Hillenbrand. If you love to listen to book - check our website - you might be interested in checking out ebooks through the library.

Neighbors and friends of Dorothy Drinkall have placed three books by Louise Borden in the Library. The titles are *The Last Day of School*, *The Big Test*, *Last Day* - all books telling us stories about third graders. We are pleased to have these books in our collection.

## Briefly - Continued

### Health Fair in Morning Sun

Morning Sun Care Center is sponsoring their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Health, Safety and Wellness Fair on Monday, September 24 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Morning Sun Community Building. A variety of health-related information for all ages will be displayed and many of the vendors will provide screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol, bone density, balance and fall assessment and more. Preschool eye exams by the Lion's Club and flu shots by Louisa County Public Health will be available. Food will be served by the Morning Sun United Methodist Women. There is no charge to attend or participate in screenings. For more information visit [www.abcmcorp.com](http://www.abcmcorp.com) or call Terri at 319-572-3017.

### Muscatine Radio Club to meet

The Muscatine Amateur Radio Club and the Washington Area Amateur Radio Club will present the 28th Annual Southeast Iowa Hamfest on Sunday, October 7th, at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds, in West Liberty, Iowa. The Hamfest features indoor and outdoor electronics flea market, commercial vendors, license testing, food and drink. For more information, visit [www.muscatinehams.org](http://www.muscatinehams.org) or contact Tom Brehmer, N0LOH, at (563) 263-3097 or [n0loh@arrl.org](mailto:n0loh@arrl.org).

### CCHS Music Trip planned

A meeting is planned for parents/guardians of CCHS music students on Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 pm in the CCHS music room. We will be discussing the Spring 2014 music trip and have information about the first fundraising opportunity for students. Please plan on attending!

### U of IA Mobile Clinic in C.J.

The University of Iowa's Mobile Clinic program will be holding upcoming clinics in Columbus Junction to provide physicals, health screenings, health education and other services. The clinics will be on Saturday, September 22nd, Saturday, October 20th and Saturday, November 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Wilma Sime Roundy Elementary School.

### Washington Train Show

The Washington Model Railroad Club will hold its annual train show and swap meet on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 606 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Washington. All scales will be represented. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12. Swap tables are available to rent for \$18 each. There will be a food stand in the building. For more information, contact Mike Worley at 319-653-3782.

