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## Colonial Manor receives a new addition

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A new member has recently joined the staff of Colonial Manor, a brand new 2012 Ford 350 Van. The van can accommodate fourteen passengers, and can transport four wheel chairs. The previous van was donated to the Manor, and although it has served the community well, there were limitations. It was difficult to load and unload, and it was not properly fitted for wheelchairs.

This new van will provide a level of service for the Manor that was not available before. Residents can now travel to outings and events, all in complete comfort. Also, the new van will allow residents to travel to doctor visits. Previously doctors had to make visits to the Manor, or rely on family members to transport residents to these visits. Doctors can now see their regular patients in their offices and, and if necessary, receive tests or exams that may become necessary. Also, there is always the possibility that new residents may wish to come to Colonial Manor because they will now have the opportunity



to use this new van.

Signage will be placed on the van in the near future, and logistics are being worked out. This will be a

wonderful asset for Colonial Manor and the residents, and will serve the community for many years to come. Stop by when you have an opportu-

nity to see the van, you will certainly be impressed and proud of the new service that Colonial Manor can now offer.

## Auditor extends registration dates

The Louisa County Auditor's Office will be open on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is the voter registration deadline. After this day, you will need to register on Election Day at your polling place and follow Election Day registration procedures or vote an absentee ballot in the Auditor's Office and follow Election Day registration procedures.

The Louisa County Auditor's Office will also be open on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for absentee voting. If you are currently registered you can vote an absentee ballot. If you are not currently registered, you can vote an absentee ballot but you will have to follow Election Day registration procedures.

## Community Foundation taking applications for 2013 Grants

The Community Foundation of Louisa County is now accepting applications for the 2013 Grants. Grants are available for non-profit organizations, schools or government agencies operating in Louisa County. This year awards of up to \$5,000 will be granted. Smaller grant applications of \$1,000 or less for equipment, training, and building organizational capacity are also encouraged. Grants are awarded for projects/initiatives that improve the quality of life in Louisa County in the following general areas: Arts, Culture and Museums; Community Improvement and Development; Education and Research; Environment/Animals; Health; Human Services (Family, Children and Youth); and Public/Societal Benefit.

Applications are available online at [communityfoundationlouisacounty.org](http://communityfoundationlouisacounty.org), or can be requested by sending an email to [cflc@louisacomm.net](mailto:cflc@louisacomm.net). Completed applications are due December 1, 2012.

Applications should be emailed to the address above and a signed copy should also be mailed to Community Foundation of Louisa County, PO Box 34, Morning Sun, IA 52640.

This will be the seventh year that the Community Foundation of Louisa County will be awarding grants. Over the prior seven years, more than \$550,000 has been awarded to 98 separate organizations. The grant funds come from the State of Iowa as a share of gambling profits and are made available to Community Foundations that reside in counties that do not have gambling operations. The mission of the Community Foundation is to build endowment funds that will benefit Louisa County now and in the future. The Community Foundation of Louisa County is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Great River Bend. For more information, contact Paula Buckman at 319-868-4240.

## Habitat taking new applications for next Habitat home

Louisa County Habitat for Humanity (LCHH) is taking applications for the next home, which will be built next spring. The floor plan of the house will be determined in conjunction with the selected family. To request an application form, call 319-728-2775 or by sending a request to LCHH, PO BOX 16, Wapello, IA 52653. Application forms are also available at the Columbus Development Center and at libraries in the county.

The Mission of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing. Habitat homes are built by volunteers along with the partner fam-

ily. Once completed, the family is given an interest-free mortgage and will make monthly payments toward the principle, property tax and insurance. Mortgage payments go toward the construction of other homes.

LCHH currently has lots in Morning Sun and Fredonia, and one of these locations will likely be the site of the next home. To be eligible for a Habitat Home, the family must currently have inadequate housing; have income that is no more than 60% of the median income for a family their size in Louisa County; have an income source that enables them to make modest, monthly mortgage payments; have a good credit history, and be able to provide, with family and friends, at least 350 hours in sweat equity toward the construction of their home or other LCHH activities. For more information, contact 319-728-2775 or 319-868-4240.

## Early Voter Registration hours set

New voters in the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election are reminded that the deadline for early voter registration is 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Auditor's Office hours, prior to the deadline are: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

New voters planning to register at the polls on Election Day will be required to show proof of residence and proof of identity. Proof of residency can be accomplished with: Residential lease; Property tax statement; Utility bill (including a cell phone bill); Bank statement; Paycheck; Government check; Other

government document.

Acceptable proofs of identity must contain a photo and include: An Iowa driver's license; Out-of-state driver's license or non-driver's identification card; Iowa non-driver identification card; U.S. passport; U.S. military I.D.; Employer-issued I.D.; Student I.D. from an Iowa high school or college.

All forms of photo I.D. must be current, valid, and contain an expiration date. Voters may also cast absentee ballots during office hours in the Auditor's Office. For further information, contact the Louisa County Auditor's Office at 319-523-3371 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Ainsworth Opera House breakfast

The Ainsworth Community Center/Opera House will hold a breakfast buffet on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 284 Railroad St. Ainsworth, IA. We open at 7 a.m. and serve until 9 a.m. Cost is \$7 per person; 10 and under free with an adult. You can have biscuits and gravy, ham, links, bacon, breakfast casserole, hash browns, scrambled eggs, six salads, fresh fruit, rolls, O.J., milk or coffee. This is a fundraiser for the Opera House. Hope to see you there.

## 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.

## U of Iowa Mobile Clinic to 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, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Wilma Sime Roundy Elementary School.

## Shellbark Club to meet

Shellbark Club will meet Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Mary Wilson's cabin at Lake Odessa for a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. Please meet at Columbus City Masonic Hall to carpool at 10:45 a.m.

## Amateur 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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).

## Morning Sun 5K Fun Run Walk

The Morning Sun PTO is sponsoring a Haunted 5K Fun Run/Walk. This will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> with registration beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the race to start at 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person and if you pre-register before October 5<sup>th</sup> you will be guaranteed a free shirt. We will also be giving each runner a glowstick as it will be dusk when we start. Ages groups will be as follows: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 31-39, 40-49, 50 and over. There will be medals awarded to the top male and female in each age group. There will also be a costume contest. The top 3 runners will win a prize. The run will start at the Morning Sun school and end at the school. The run will be held rain or shine with no refunds. For more information please call Jill Townsley at 563-260-5335 or email [jbcattle@louisacomm.net](mailto:jbcattle@louisacomm.net).

## Letts fire department fish & chicken fry

The Letts Fire Department will hold a fish and chicken fry on Saturday, October 6, 2012, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children.

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### Legion Auxiliary to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Dee Gentzler will be hostess.

### Beat for Peace Fundraiser

The Beat For Peace is trying to fundraise for our trip to St. Louis to perform. Our expenses are busing, hotel and food. We will perform downtown for the Columbus Day celebration at 11:00AM under the viaduct - where we usually perform. We will make an appeal for assistance there at that time. We are also working with the Roundy Parent Night committee and providing a Tostada Dinner Night on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to help raise money for our trip. The Tostada Dinner will be \$5.00 a plate. Many of our BFP parents have donated food and supplies so that any money we raise will go for the group. More donations are always welcome. You may contact Griselda Cuellar if you wish to donate food for the dinner.

### Lions Club Breakfast

The Columbus Junction Lions Club will serve an All-You-Can-Eat Sausage Gravy and Biscuit Breakfast (which includes honey, jam, coffee, milk and juice) on Saturday, October 13, Columbus Day, at the Columbus Community Senior Center from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Cost will be: Adults \$5.00 and Children under 12 years \$2.00. Net proceeds will be donated to the Great Beginnings Pre-School and Colonel's Kids Childcare Center.

### 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 Memorial 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!

### Columbus Day Tractor Show

Columbus Junction's Columbus Day is October 13<sup>th</sup>. The antique tractors and engines show will be at the north end of Main Street. We will start registering them at 8 a.m. and want them all in place by 9 a.m. They will be on display until noon, at which time they will be moving to the high school for the parade line up. Any questions, please call Lee or Carol Foster at 319-728-5648 days and 319-728-2903 in the evenings. Hope you see you there with your tractors and machinery.

### Conesville UMC fall supper

The Conesville United Methodist Church will be having their annual fall supper on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Conesville Community Center. The menu includes: hamballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, chicken and noodles, green beans, salads, rolls, pies and cakes, and beverages. Serving begins at 5 p.m. There will be a free will offering.

### Cook's Night Out

The Second Cooks' Night Out Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Letts Methodist Church, Letts, IA. The menu includes Lasagna, Salad and Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverage. There will be crafts and games for the kids. There is no charge for the supper and everyone is welcome.

### CWO Prince & Princess float

ATTENTION: all past CWO Prince and Princess of Hearts - You are invited to ride on our float in the Columbus Day parade, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Twyla Peters at 319-728-3104 and leave your name and number if interested. Please respond by October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012.

### Grandview Women's Club fall trip

The Grandview Women's Club will have a Fall Day Trip on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please be at the Grandview School Complex at 8 a.m. Contact Judy Heuer regarding your participation.

### Habitat monthly meeting

On Saturday, October 6, the Habitat for Humanity monthly meeting will take place at Columbus City City Hall at noon with a potluck. We will serve the workers then have our monthly meeting. All are welcome.

### Habitat volunteers needed

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.

### Half Hour Club to meet

Half Hour Club will meet Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Weber and Huston's parking lot to carpool to St. Malachy's Church, Ardon, Iowa, and other places. Meeting will be held at the Letts Library following the tour. Roll call: What I Like Most about Fall. Hostesses are Doreen Fuller and Roberta Boulton. Please bring your shoe boxes to the meeting.

### Public Health Planning meeting

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.

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