

Through Cold, Wind or Snow, A Great Columbus Day

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Despite cold, wind and even snow, another great Columbus Day was celebrated in Columbus Junction last weekend. The day began innocently enough, bright sunny skies and light wind greeted early risers, but by the time of the Columbus Day Run small snowflakes turned into large flakes. But despite the snow, a number of participants made the 2009 Columbus Day Run an exciting event. Fortunately the snow was light enough that no accumulation was noted, but it did limit the number of visitors later in the morning to the downtown vendors. Although the participants were limited, a very impressive car and tractor show was held in the downtown area.

However, the snow did stop by the time the distinguished citizens were recognized on the downtown stage. The program began at 11:00 a.m., and was followed by the free ham sandwiches at approximately noon. Around 1,200 of the anticipated 2,000 sandwiches were served.

By parade time the weather had cleared somewhat, however it did remain rather cold. An impressive hour long parade was enjoyed, and at 4:00 p.m. a teen Halloween dance was held in the Columbus Junction State Bank's parking lot to benefit



the school's Booster Clubs. A good crowd of young people enjoyed dancing and listening to the music, and a special thank you goes to everyone who donated to the dance.

The Columbus Community Club would like to thank everyone who

helped make this Columbus Day successful. Although conditions were somewhat difficult, the enthusiasm of everyone made it a great day. The Club would like to give a special thanks to Tyson Foods and the Econ-O-Mart for all of their donations to

the day, and to the staff of the Columbus Junction State Bank and the personnel from the Columbus Schools for their work in organizing and distributing the ham sandwiches. Hopefully next year will be an 80 degree day.

Louisa Bucks now available for Christmas Season

This Christmas, why not give a gift that you know will be used, and that will help Louisa County at the same time? Louisa Bucks are the perfect solution. Available (beginning Monday, October 19) in \$5 increments, Louisa Bucks will be used throughout the county for everything from gas to groceries. Shopping locally makes great sense.

Shopping locally helps by:

- Money re-circulates within the county, helping local businesses employ local people, and improving the tax base for our county, schools and cities.
- Helping local businesses support our community (local businesses support local charities and organizations).
- Allowing more choices and alternatives by encouraging local businesses.
- Reducing the time spent traveling to make purchases that could be made locally.

Louisa Bucks, since they can be used for anything that can be purchased in the county, provides choices to the recipient—everything from gas to groceries. If you're unsure of what those on your gift list want or need, give some Louisa Bucks and let them make the choice.

Louisa Bucks will be available beginning Monday, October 19, at the following locations: Community Bank (Wapello and Columbus Junction locations), Columbus Junction State Bank, Iowa State Bank (Wapello and Morning Sun locations), State Bank of Wapello, Econ-O-Mart, Wapello Jack and Jill, Simply Soothing, J.D.'s Irish Ivy and Plants and Things.

Thank You to Everyone who braved the elements to help and attend this year's Columbus Day Celebration.

Chinkapin Bluff Park suffers vandalism



On October 5, 2009, the Louisa County Sheriff's Office was notified of vandalism at the Chinkapin Bluff County Park, located on R Avenue, south of Columbus Junction. The incident occurred between Friday evening, October 2, 2009, and was discovered on Sunday morning, October 4, 2009. The Louisa County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from the public in identifying the person(s) responsible for the damage. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Louisa County Sheriff's Office at 1-319-523-4371 or 1-319-523-3511.

Congressman Loeb sack presents Capitol Flag to area Veterans



WASHINGTON DC — Congressman Dave Loebsack met with World War II veterans from Louisa County and presented them with flags flown over the Capitol. The WWII veterans were visiting Washington DC on an honor tour, and were visiting the World War II Memorial. "Meeting Iowa members of the "greatest generation" and presenting them with a flag flown over the capitol is a privilege," said Congressman Dave Loebsack. "The brave men and women who fought in World War II changed the course of history, and I was honored to take part in their trip to our nation's capitol."

Briefly -

Legion Auxiliary to host fall conference

The American Legion Auxiliary will host the First District Fall Conference beginning Friday evening, October 23rd. Food will be served from 5-8 p.m. at the American Legion Post Home. We encourage our members to attend. On Saturday morning, October 24th, Auxiliary members and First District guests will meet at the Columbus Junction United Methodist Church. Registration and coffee at 8 a.m. The banquet and program at 12 p.m. Adjournment will be at the end of the afternoon session.

FCCLA to hold can drive

The FCCLA will be having their yearly canned food drive; this year there will be 2 dates. The first day is October 14th and we will be collecting the cans in Columbus Junction. The following week, October 21st we will be collecting the canned foods from Conesville, Columbus City, and Fredonia. Both nights we will start collecting at 6:30 and go until 7:30. The food we collect both nights will be donated to our local CAP (Community Action Program) office. We really appreciate all your support and hope we have a good turn out.

Turkey Supper in Lone Tree

Lone Tree – The United Presbyterian Church in Lone Tree will serve a Turkey Supper Saturday, November 7th from 4 to 7 p.m. Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, home grown sweet corn, salads, rolls, beverages and pies will be served. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5-10 years.

City Council meets tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold its regular Council meeting today, Wednesday, October 14th, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the New Civic Center/City Hall.

Fall Supper in Conesville

The Conesville Methodist Church will be holding their annual fall supper on Thursday, October 22nd. Because of water damage to the church basement, the supper will be at the Conesville Community Center. The menu includes: hamballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, chicken and noodles, green beans, salads, rolls, pies and beverages. Serving begins at 5 p.m. There will be a free will offering.

Embroidery Club to meet

Embroidery Club will meet on November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to finish the temari balls. The afternoon group will meet on November 4th, at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to do Hardanger bookmarks. There will be a \$7.00 charge for the book and material. You will need one ball or two skeins of Pearl Cotton #8. A magnifying glass may also be helpful. Register before October 23rd so supplies may be ordered at Our Shop. Phone 319-728-5648 or stop in at Our Shop, 106 Main Street, Columbus Junction.

FCCLA to hold fundraiser

The Columbus FCCLA will be selling personalized cakepans and Klean Kanteen Bottles, as well as, personalized cutting boards, mugs, and photo frames. If you need something special for a Christmas, wedding or birthday gift this may be just what you need. If interested call Lois Mincks at Columbus Community School 319-728-2231 Ext. 3332 or email her at lois_mincks@columbus.k12.ia.us and she can have a member take your order. Orders will be placed on Oct. 30. Orders will arrive in plenty of time before Christmas.

Fish Fry at Historical Society

WAPELLO – The Louisa County Historical Society will host a fish fry at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Louisa County Heritage Center, 609 James L Hodges Ave. Highway 61, Wapello. The menu includes pollock and catfish, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and butter, and lemonade, tea and coffee. The cost is \$8 for all you can eat.

Retired school personnel to meet

The Louisa County Retired School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, October 20th, for an 11:30 lunch and meeting at the Button Factory in Muscatine. Anyone wishing to drive, or those who need a ride, meet at the United Methodist Church at 10:30.

Ruffled Wings Ladies Banquet

The Ruffled Wings Ladies DU 26th annual banquet and auction will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009, at the Briggs Center in Wapello. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the auction will start at 7 p.m. Any questions, call Niki at 319-759-9179.

Shellbark Club to meet

The Shellbark Club will meet on Thursday, October 15th at Café Old World for lunch in Mediapolis at 11:30 a.m. Meet at Spring Run Church to car pool at 10:45 a.m.

WCCB to meet

The Washington County Conservation Board will meet on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. at the Conservation Education Center.

Community Club to meet

The Columbus Community Club will meet this Thursday at Noon at the Senior Center.

Visual Support Group to meet

The Louisa County Visual Support Group will meet next Thursday, October 15th at the Sub Station in Wapello starting at 1 o'clock. Perry Fletcher will be our guest speaker. He will talk about trapping moles, gophers and other varmints from our yards. He will be bringing some live traps for us to see. You do not have to be a member to come and listen to Perry. This should be very interesting, as we have seen a fox and an opossum in the south side of town. Questions, please call Lois Richers at 1-319-527-2630.

Habitat to host "Taste of Wapello"

Louisa County Habitat for Humanity will again host "Taste of Wapello and Area" in conjunction with *Wapello Walk the Block* the evening of November 6, 4-7 p.m. at the Briggs Center. There will be both commercial and individual exhibits. This event will have a holiday theme but not limited to that. If you like to cook or bake, call to reserve a spot to set up! We do plan to have more seating arrangements but please remember, this is a TASTE; no item is to be a meal. We just want everyone to get a good sample from all of our good cooks! The cost will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Everyone welcome! Join the fun and perhaps get some new ideas for your upcoming holiday meals. Please call Lois Wanfalt at 319-729-2773 or Ruth Yackle at 319-523-2381.