

# The Old, The New, and the Relocated

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Progress continues on the recovery efforts after the recent floods, and along with this recovery two existing businesses have returned home, a new business has sprung up and a long time business has relocated to a new location. Pictured above, top left, is a view of the newly remodeled Medical Facility. The facility returned home last week, and immediately began seeing patients. At the top right is the remodeled lobby of Louisa Veterinary Clinic. The clinic operated out of the west end of the clinic for a number of weeks after the flood, but it is now back to business as usual. In the lower left is the new home of RA-TECH Computer and I-Wireless. The business was formerly located at the south end of Main Street, but owner, Lonnie Harless recently purchased the building at 115 Walnut Street. Although remodeling efforts are underway, the business is open and ready to serve you. At the lower right is a new restaurant in town, Lee's Alley Cafe. The restaurant is located in the former Smithcraft building, and is owned and operated by Lee Garner. The restaurant is open from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and opens again at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday morning for breakfast. Noon specials will be available throughout the week, and the restaurant will always be open for breakfast. The restaurant also offers Fat Boy's Pizza.

A lot of things are happening in the Columbus business district, so stop in any of these new facilities and see what's new in Columbus Junction.

### Trick or Treat night set

Trick or Treat night for Columbus Junction, Columbus City, Conesville, Fredonia and Cotter will be Friday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### C.C.I.C. to meet

C.C.I.C. will meet on Tuesday, October 28, at 6 p.m., at the home of Mike Lowe. There will be a potluck with hot dogs and table service furnished. If you need a ride, call 728-3004.

### City Council to meet tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold its regular Council meeting today, Wednesday, October 22, at 5:30 p.m., in the New Civic Center/City Hall.

### FFA to sell fruit, meat and cheese

The Columbus FFA is currently doing their annual fruit, meat, cheese, and snack fundraiser. The money is used to offset traveling costs and registration costs for leadership conferences. If you wish to purchase and have not been asked, please call Katie Lewis at 728-2231 x 3621.

### FFA to rake leaves for residents

The Columbus FFA will be raking leaves for people in the Columbus Junction area on Saturday, November 1st. If you or someone you know is unable to rake their yard, please call Katie Lewis at 728-2231 x 3621 to schedule a time. This is a free community service activity to assist those in need.

### Habitat in need of volunteers

Volunteers are needed at the Habitat house at 1303 6th Street in Fredonia. Work is scheduled for each Saturday from 8:30 to 3:30, except holidays, until the house is finished. They will be working on insulation and drywall. Volunteers should call Jeff Everett at 319-728-2346 or Warren Woepking 319 728-2775 for more information.

### Historical Society membership dinner meeting set

WAPELLO - The Louisa County Historical Society will hold its annual membership dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Louisa County Heritage Center, 609 N. James L. Hodges Ave., Wapello. Dinner tickets are \$8. Reservations need to be made by Oct. 29 by calling any of the following: Dick or Norma McCormick, 319-728-8818; Marge Heindel, 319-728-2499; Jan Cooley, 319-868-7691; Phyllis Houtz, 319-729-2731; Leota Schaper, 319-728-8961; or Valeen Ziegenhorn, 319-523-5631. There will be a brief meeting with election of officers, followed by a program by Max Churchill about Norman Baker who claimed in 1930 that he had cured cancer at his Baker Institute in Muscatine. Dues will be accepted at \$10 per person and subscriptions for Louisa's History magazine may be purchased.

### Men's Interfaith Chorus to be at Columbus City United Methodist

The Men's Interfaith Chorus from Grundy Center, Iowa, will be presenting a concert on Sunday, November 2nd, at the Columbus City United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. They sing southern gospel music. A free will offering will be taken for the singers. There will be refreshments afterwards. They are sponsored by the Adult Choir of the church. The public is invited to come and enjoy this concert.

### Morning Sun Health Fair

It's Fair time! The Morning Sun Care Center's 7th annual Community health, safety and educational fair is set for Monday, October 27th, from 1-5 p.m., at the Morning Sun Community School gym. Items made available that day include: flu and pneumonia shots, free hearing tests, free blood pressure checks, free blood sugar and total cholesterol checks, free Spo2, free bone density test, free blood typing, free body fat checks, free spinal health checks. 40 different agencies and organizations have come together to provide information and education on health, safety, and a variety of topics. Come join in the fun, great food, music and door prizes.

### St. Joseph's to hold Fall Festival

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will hold its Fall Fiesta on Sunday, November 2 from 11-1 p.m. at the Columbus Community Student Center. They will be serving Pork loin, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, tortillas, rice, assorted salads and desserts, lemonade, tea and coffee. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12. There will be a country store, 50/50 drawing and basket raffle.

### Habitat Bake Sale and Auction

The annual Habitat for Humanity Auction and Bake Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1st at the Briggs Center in Wapello. The Auction will be followed by a spaghetti lunch at noon. There are many gift cards donated by area merchants from the three county area. Also there are donated items including a lift chair, a tree deer stand, a Solo baseball trainer, brush flower arrangements, and gift baskets to name only a few. Please come and pick up a bargain while helping out Habitat for Humanity.

### Trivial Pursuit Night

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, there will be a Trivial Pursuit night at 6 p.m., at the Briggs Civic Center. Pre-registration only - must register by October 17th. There will be a limit of 16 tables. The cost will be \$10 per person to play/teams will be made up of 8 people. Teams of all ages make the best competitors. To register call 523-3001, 523-3170 or 523-3327. Money will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Concessions will be available. The Trivial Night is sponsored by the Wapello Cemetery Association.

Meet the Candidates- A candidate profile appears on Page 6 of this issue

## Here's our chance to help restore the Senior Center

On June 14th, 2008 devastating flood waters rolled into the Eastern business district of Columbus Junction, inundating 28 business and non-profit entities. The Columbus Community Senior Center, a community owned, non-profit facility, suffered almost total destruction, being submerged under 12 feet of water. Now on Saturday, October 25th we would welcome you to join us for a fun afternoon and evening of family entertainment as we start down the road to reconstruction of our much used community asset.

The Circle of Pride Motorcycle Club in coordination with the Columbus Community Senior Center are hosting a community fund raiser at the Circle of Pride M/C rodeo grounds (3 miles N. of Columbus Junction on Highway 70). The event will kickoff at 4 PM with kids activities, games, and a Halloween costume contest. This will be followed by family oriented evening entertainment provided by DJ Bernie/Bernadette Coder, and W-900 Country/Rock band. For your food needs Tyson will be serving free Chicken sandwiches, with other food items also available. A number of other interesting activities are scheduled for the evening with raffles, silent auctions, and other TBD events. The silent auction will feature leather jackets and bags provide by the host, plus various other donated items from the community.

This will be a great opportunity to support your Senior Center in its recovery process while enjoying a fun filled afternoon and evening. The only cost will be a free will donation of your choice at the door. All donated moneys and auction proceeds will be provided to the Senior Center reconstruction fund. Come support your



community rain, shine, or flood!

If you can't participate and would like to donate to the reconstruction fund, please send checks or money orders to the Columbus

Junction State Bank c/o Senior Citizen Center, P.O. Box 271, Columbus Junction, Iowa 52738. In-kind offers of support or materials to the reconstruction may also be

submitted to the Columbus Junction State Bank address. Thanks for your continuing support to the community! Everyone's help is needed and appreciated.

## We Survived, Now we need to move to thrive

A series of small discussion groups focusing on the Columbus Community scheduled

You are invited to participate in small discussion groups focusing on our community, Columbus Junction. These discussion groups, also called study circles, are led by fellow community members trained to keep the conversation engaging, positive, and

respectful. Study circles will meet once a week for 5 weeks and discussions will include the following questions: What type of community would you like to be a part of? What is our community like now? What does poverty look like here? Why is there

poverty in our community? And finally, working together to create a vision and moving to action.

Free meals will be provided as well as child care when needed.

Study circles begin this week! Call today to pre-register either for the Wednesday evening circle from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, the Thursday evening circle from 6 pm to 8 pm, or the Saturday morning circle from 10 am to

noon. To pre-register you may call Tessa Pugh - 728.8566, Freda Sojka - 319.850.0020, or the Louisa County Extension Office - 523.2371.

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