

## Meet the Candidates for County Supervisor

A Supervisor's seat is the only contested race in Louisa County this year. Randy Griffin is vying to unseat incumbent Frank Jamison. Following are the responses of the two candidates to a questionnaire sent by the Gazette.

### Randy Griffin

My name is Randy Griffin. My wife Peg and I live at 13791 County Hwy. 252, Letts, Iowa.

Peg and I have been married for 25 years and I am employed with and have worked for Louisa County Secondary Road Department for 31 years.

I am a 1972 graduate of Columbus Community High School.

I am a member of Louisa County Farm Bureau and Louisa County Historical Society and a past Member of Columbus Junction Volunteer Fire Department and Grandview Community Club.

My general view of our county's situation today is that I feel Louisa County is financially strong enough to weather the current economic downturn without raising taxes or cutting services, but we must use our resources efficiently. My action plans if elected are that I promise the citizens of Louisa County that I will work to control unnecessary spending, promote economic development, and exercise fiscal responsibility in my duties as County Supervisor.



### Frank Jamison

My name is Frank Jamison. I live at 18681 Co. Rd G36 Columbus Junction, Iowa. My family members are my wife, Sandy, Son, Mike and his wife, Marcia and 3 granddaughters, Samantha, Caitlin and Lauren.

My professional career has been working at First Trust and Savings Bank for 4 years. I have farmed in Louisa County since 1965, worked a year at Rath Packing and at People's Bank in Columbus Junction from 1966 to 1970.

My education consists of graduating from Columbus

Schools and attended Iowa State and the University of Iowa.

The organizations that I have been actively involved in are coaching Little League, 13 years as a 4-H leader, Extension Council, Louisa County Cattle-men, Corn Growers, Louisa County Shrine Club, 10 years Board of Directors for LW Farm Service, Louisa County Board of Directors and Voting Delegate.

My general view of our county's situation today: we lost close to \$10 million in assessed valuation from the flood of 2008. Our population remains stagnant and our budget remains very tight. That's the bad news. The good news is we are slowly recovering from the flood. You may not think so, but our county roads are better than neighboring counties and our property tax rates are lower than those same three counties. We will build new bridges on 99 between Wapello and Oakville and the bridge on X17 north of Spring Run Church. The plans are in place for X17 north of Highway 92. Four lanes for Highway 61 is beginning. A good infrastructure is the basis for any growth. Our county may not have a Walmart but we have two Dollar Generals and many small businesses, please use them.

My action plan, if elected, is the main job of Supervisors of protecting the property taxpayer, approve the budget and check on all bills paid by the County from all departments. I would encourage towns to expand for business and residential and update our zoning laws to allow expansion of small businesses and residences in the County.

I will work for better access to the Mississippi River and development of ponds in our watersheds for fishing and recreation. I also haven't given up on getting good water to areas of the county that need it.



## Habitat seeks next family for home

Louisa County Habitat for Humanity (LCHH) is taking applications for their next home. The home will be built in Morning Sun next spring, 2011. The floor plan of the house will be determined in conjunction with the selected family. To request an application form, call 1-800-870-2005 or write to LCHH, PO Box 16, Wapello, IA 52653. Application forms are also available at libraries in the county.

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

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; provide at least 350 hours in sweat equity toward the construction of their home or other LCHH activities. For more information, contact 1-800-850-2005.

## Giving back to the Community

What are they doing? Giving back to the community - A large group of volunteers gathered at Colonial Manor to help pick up rock from large sections of the yard to prepare for seeding. THANK YOU to everyone that helped out with our huge project! A special THANK YOU to Mike Jay for organizing the group - we couldn't have done it without you! Submitted photo.



## Signs of the Season



Mr. and Mrs. Halloweenie in Toddtown is at it again! Halloween seems to have thrown up in their yard another year. Mr. and Mrs. Spook have added some new stuff and enjoy decorating their yard for all to enjoy. They wish everyone a scary but happy and safe halloween.

## New at Your Library

The Earth: A Visitor's Guide to the Human Race - Jon Stewart; The Reversal -

Michael Connelly; Christianity - The First Three Thousand Years - Diarmaid MacCulloch; Roots of Obama's Rage - Dinesh D'Souza; Waiting for Superman: How we can save America's Failing Public Schools - companion book the movie; At Home - Bill Bryson; All the World - Elizabeth Garton Scanlon; The Reversal - Michael Connelly; The Fort - a Novel of the Revolutionary War - Bernard Cornwell; American Assassin - Vince Flynn; Chasing the Night - Iris Johansen; Confessions of An Ugly Step Sister, Mirror Mirror, Son of a Witch - Gregory Maguire.

Mark your calendar: Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup> after school - Story Hour for grades K - 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with stories and crafts.

Stop by the Library and take a look at one of our most recent memorial books, The Oxford Project. Cathy Peters and her family in memory of Margaret Quigley gave this book to the Library. The book is a collection of photos by Peter Feldstein with text by Stephen G. Bloom. In 1984 Peter Feldman informed the residents of Oxford, IA, that he was working on a project to photograph everyone. Feldman repeated this process in 2005! This is a delightful collection of black and white photos and comments offered by Oxford residents.



## Briefly -

### Sons of Legion Soup Supper

Sons of the American Legion will hold their annual soup supper on Saturday, November 6, 2010 with social hour at 5:00 and supper at 6:00 p.m. All Legion, Auxiliary, Sons Members and Spouses are invited.

### City Council to meet tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold a regular Council meeting today, Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., in the New Civic Center/ City Hall.

### Area Trick or Treat hours

Trick or Treat in Columbus Junction, Columbus City, Fredonia and Cotter will be on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and in Conesville on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### County Flu Clinics

Louisa County Public Health Flu Clinics will be held every Thursday through November 18<sup>th</sup> - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Public Health Office - 805 J L Hodges Ave N. - Wapello. Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Just 2 Moms - downtown Wapello 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. BP Screening and Flu clinic, Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - Morning Sun Health Fair - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Morning Sun Community Center

### Spanish invitation to Congregate Meals

Ay reunion de comida de Lunes a Viernes a las 12 p.m. diario. Estan invitados a venir a comer, precios son adultos de 60 abajo \$3.50 y adultos de 59 arriba \$8.45. Se necesita hacer reservacion por lo menos un dia antes de ir, antes de la 1 p.m. Tiene que pagar en la oficina, localizacion en el Senior Center aqui en Columbus Junction.

### Conesville Methodist Fall Supper

The Conesville United Methodist Church will hold its Fall Supper on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in the Conesville Community Center. The menu includes: Ham balls, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, green beans, salads, rolls, pies and cakes, coffee and tea.

### Etude Club to meet

The Etude Club will meet Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Senior Center. Marilyn Rees will be the hostess. Bring CAP donations.

### Firemen Halloween Bash

The C.J. Firemen will be holding a Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the fire station from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. featuring Trent Avery and Buckshot. A \$5 donation will be accepted.

### Free Halloween Party

Free Halloween Party, Saturday October 30 at Stephanie and Julio Briones' Haunted House at 222 Hickory Street, Columbus Junction, during trick or treat time and until 10 pm. Stop in for treats, hot dogs, punch and a scary good time.

### Jordon Gourley fundraiser

PUNT, PASS AND KICK FUNDRAISER FOR JORDON GOURLEY at the Wapello Football Field on Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Open to boys and girls age 3-12. Gates open at 11:00 A.M. A fun filled day for the entire family hayrack rides, face painting, balloons, carnival games, raffles, silent and live auction, field goal competition, cakewalk/bake sale, 50/50 chances, door prize and a few surprises. Raffle and auction items include: Autographed football by the Iowa Hawkeye football coaches and other autographed Hawkeye items, passes to the Iowa Speedway, Quad City Mallards tickets, SnowStar package, Fridley Theater passes, Putnam Museum tickets, Children's Museum Family pass, bicycles, 1 hour airplane ride, Build A Bear, signed Chicago Cubs photo of Kosuke Fukudome, Dream house and furniture, gift certificates to many area businesses and much more. Concession Stand will be open so join us for lunch. Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, grilled chicken breasts and hamburgers. For questions, donations or to participate contact Laurie Salazar 319-850-2204 or Vicki Frank 319-750-9490.

### Health Fair in Morning Sun

The Morning Sun Care Center will hold a Health and Safety Fair on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Morning Sun Community Center, 106 N. Main. Food will be available on site.

### St. Joseph's Harvest Breakfast

You are cordially invited to attend Columbus Junction's St. Joseph's Catholic Church Harvest Breakfast on Sunday, November 7, 2010 from 7-11 a.m. It will be held at the Columbus Junction Senior Center, Walnut Street. Sausage gravy and biscuits, breakfast burritos, egg casseroles, ham, scrambled eggs, fruit cups, milk, juice and coffee and more will be served. The cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 5-12. There will also be a country store and bake sale.

### Trick or Treat at Colonial Manor

Don't forget to stop by for some special treats on Saturday night, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. The residents are looking forward to seeing you in your costumes!

### Trick or Treat for Unicef

Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. location is the CJ Methodist Church. We will trick or treat from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and have a spaghetti supper afterwards. Wear your costume and come for the fun

**Trick or Treaters will be out this Saturday evening. Please drive with Care when in residential neighborhoods.**