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## There's plenty of things happening in C.J.



Two new businesses have opened in Columbus Junction this month. Pictured at left is Kip It Klean Kar Wash, located adjacent to the EconoMart Grocery Store. The car wash will offer full service, and is owned and operated by Kip and Jim Trader. Pictured at right is Two Rivers Market owned and operated by Jerry and Kim Carson. The Market will offer a full range of products will be available, and will offer gas service.

These two new businesses are indicative of the progress in our community, and the Gazette congratulates both of these new businesses, and wish them the best in their new endeavors.

## Antique Car Roadshow

By Mary Masonholder Wilson

If you were not in downtown Columbus Junction on Thursday morning, October 25<sup>th</sup>, you missed a good show—car show that is, and antique cars at that. Twenty-one antique cars with 42 people, both men and women, from the “Cedar Rapids Model A Car Club” drove in to town, parked in their reserved roped-off spaces, and got out to see Columbus Junction.

No, this didn't just happen by chance. About a month ago, Jan Wenger and Don Miller of Cedar Rapids came to Columbus Junction and saw the store Main Street Gifts and Antiques, owned and run by Melanie DeVore. They went in and told DeVore they were planning a two-day car tour from Cedar Rapids to Burlington and wanted to make a



stop in CJ if there was enough to see and do. She gave them some suggestions, told them about some of the history of the town, including the Native American Indians who used to be in this area. The two men left and later called back and said they had decided to visit CJ. They liked to travel the back roads due to the lower speed of their cars, and they would come from the north, going through West Liberty and Conesville. They then would go to Fredonia to see where the Iowa and Cedar Rivers met and then head to CJ.

In town, they would visit DeVore's shop, and she offered to

serve them coffee, cookies, and pastries. While there, she would give the whole group a little bit of the Columbus Junction history, as she had told the men before, and tell about the town today.

The men had decided that their other destinations, in addition to DeVore's shop, would be Plants and Things, the Swinging Bridge, and a trip to Columbus City to the home of George Bell, who also had old cars and lots of memorabilia and pictures of the past. Bell offered to serve the group pulled pork sandwiches for lunch. Needless to say, the offer was accepted.

These cars in downtown CJ were indeed a sight. They were in pristine condition, and all appeared to run quite well. I heard someone say, “That car looks like a Bonnie and Clyde model.” Someone else said, “I would love to have that car!” referring to a Roadster type with tapstry roof.

Columbus Junction has a lot to offer visitors. Melanie DeVore is to be commended for organizing this event and bringing it to town. It would be wonderful to have more such trips in CJ—maybe then the real “Antique Roadshow” would come here!

## Teachers tour our Community

By Mary Masonholder Wilson

On Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, buses were seen around town as usual. However, they were not carrying students, they were carrying teachers. These teachers were not just on a joy ride around the community; instead, they were learning about the community.

What is there to learn in Columbus Junction and the surrounding area towns? Lots! First of all, these tours and there were four of them, were put together by the Wildcats First group and had leaders Polly Prior, Shane Rosenberg, Mark Huston, Jeff Maeder, Diane Bohling, Jeni Laughlin, Mallory Smith, and Marlene Johnson.

The teacher tour paper read: Take a closer look at the Columbus Community and some of the places and organizations that make it vibrant, interesting and unique. A great community rests on many supporting pillars; each tour will focus on four of them: services, history, recreation and commerce. When your

tour is done, you'll have a better understanding of how families here meet their basic needs and what organizations assist them to do so; you'll learn about how various storylines intertwine forming today's Columbus Community; you'll see where we spend our leisure time and what activities we choose to support, and you'll find out more about the economic engines that make living here enticing and rewarding.

The tours started at the Columbus Community Schools and ended at the American Legion where Wildcats First served a luncheon and speakers were heard from various aspects of the community.

Tour 1 and speakers (Fundamentals): Services—Columbus Junction Public Library, Cathy Crawford. History—On the Shores of Lake Calvin, Hal Prior. Recreation—Chinkapin Bluffs, Katie Hammond (director of Louisa County Conservation). Commerce—Kinder Morgan, company representative.

Tour 2 and Speakers (Connec-

tions): Services—St. Joseph's Church, Fr. Sia. First Presbyterian Church, Faye Fedlam. United Methodist Church, Al Coffin. History—Columbus Community Historical Museum, Lisa Hills. Recreation—Louisa County Fairgrounds, Bob Schlutz. Commerce—Suntree Farm, Roger Hunt.

Tour 3 and speakers (Gathering Points): Service—Community Action, Nicki. History—Downtown Columbus Building Tour, Verl Lekwa. Recreation—Chautauqua Park, Jim Gabriel. Commerce—Colonial Manor/Colonial Estates, Molly Bausch.

Tour 4 and speakers (Numbers): Service—Columbus Fire and Rescue, Lynn Mincer. History—Ethnic Groups and Outstanding Individuals, Frank Best. Recreation—Circle of Pride, Steve and Pam Tomfeld. Commerce—Tyson, Sergio Ayala.

Following the tours, some comments were given by: Robin McClanahan, high school commerce teacher, who said, “It was very inter-

esting. I learned a lot about Columbus Junction I didn't know. I appreciate Wildcat's First for this opportunity. I learned that the nursing home, Colonial Manor is locally owned.” Katie Sands, elementary fifth grade teacher said, “The highlight for me was going to the Museum. Since my husband, Jake, is from here, I found pictures of past family members. All of the tour was interesting.”

Following the luncheon at the Legion, some of the speakers were Mark Huston on the Columbus Medical Facility, Mark Shear on the City of Columbus City, Mallory Smith explaining about the Community Development Center and the United Fund, plus many other speakers.

All in all, this tour proved to be very educational for the teachers. They saw how much volunteerism there is in CJ, which is what makes our town vibrant. The teachers saw that it is the people here who make this community work. Finally, the teachers got to be students for a day thanks to the Wildcats First Group and the Columbus Schools.

## Area Vietnam Veterans set to tour Memorial Wall

Representative Dave Loeb sack was in Columbus Junction last week to meet with area Vietnam Veterans who have organized a tour to Washington D.C. to visit the Vietnam Wall and area sights.

Many Vietnam veterans have never seen the wall, as well as many of the other memorials in Washington. The tour was organized by Brian Cummings, and it is designed to not only help many veterans to overcome some of the hardships that they experienced during their tour, but also show their country's appreciation for their service. Representa-

tive Loeb sack was in hand to present every veteran on the tour a flag that

was flown on the nation's capital. Pictured are the veterans and their

families who will participate on the tour.



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### Legion Auxiliary to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Gail Stoller and Judy Swails will be hostesses. Just a reminder: There are still some unpaid dues.

### Sons of Legion soup supper

Sons of the American Legion will hold their annual soup supper for Veterans on Saturday, November 11, 2012, with social hour at 5:00 and supper at 6:00 p.m. All Legion, Auxiliary, Sons Members and spouses are invited.

### Trick or Treat at Colonial Manor

Don't forget to stop by for treats today, Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:00. The residents look forward to seeing your costumes and handing out candy!

### Cookies and Kids food drive

Cookies and Kids will hold a food drive for the local CAP office/Food Bank on Saturday, November 17. This food drive has become the annual service project for the youth group. The local food bank is in need of toiletry items as well as non-perishable food items. The drive will take place from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon on Saturday, November 17 at the Senior Center. You may drop off your donation any day prior to the 17th if you would like, bring it to the Senior Center on the 17th or call Mike Jay at 319-530-6775 to have it picked up at your home on the 17th.

### Etude Club to meet

On Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Etude Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. in the Assisted Living Center of Colonial Estates in Columbus Junction. Hannah Parker, Sara Ramirez and Ericka Ramirez, the 2012 recipients of Etude Scholarships, will be present to share their experiences from music camp. An open invitation to all ladies in the community interested in finding out more about Etude Club, with the thought of becoming club members, are asked to attend. All members, please wear your ETUDE shirts, bring your club music, CAP donations and food for the dessert bar. Marilyn Rees is the hostess.

### Grandview Women's Club to meet

The Grandview Women's Club will meet on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Nancy McGill's. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and a gift for the Stork's Nest mothers.

### Guys and Gals 4-H Food Drive

The Guys and Gals 4-H Club will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Food Drive on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 11 am. The kids will be going door-to-door in Grandview, Letts and Fruitland asking for food donations. Donations may also be dropped at the Letts Library or Fruitland City Hall before Saturday or at the Grandview Shelter that day. Any non-perishable items are accepted please make sure they are not expired. For more information, call Terri at 563-506-0665 or Angie at 563-571-5560.

### Kingston UMC to hold dinner

The Kingston United Methodist Church will hold a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner and Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:30. The cost is \$7.00 – 13 years old and older, children 5 to 12 years old - \$5.00, Free for children under 5 years old. The menu includes chicken and biscuits or maidrite sandwiches with assorted side dishes and homemade pies. The church is located 12 miles north on Hwy 99. Turn east at 205th Street. Visit [www.kingstonumc.org](http://www.kingstonumc.org) for more details.

### Historical Society Littleton Program

The Louisa County Historical Society will present a program titled, “Littleton – Brothers in War”. The six Littleton brothers came to Louisa County, Iowa with their pioneer parents and families from eastern Free-Slave roots. The years between 1850 and 1860 were filled with political turmoil. A storm was building in the nation; a storm that would take the lives of the six Littleton brothers of Toolesboro, Iowa. ALL volunteered and became casualties of the Civil War. This is truly the most tragic and historic war story ever told. From our own Louisa County roots, Tom Woodruff and Ed Bayne will present this long-lost story at the membership meeting on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The membership meal will begin at 5:30. To make reservations for this meal, please call Howard Cooley (868-7691), Valen Ziegenhorn (523-5631) or Phyllis Houtz (729-2731) by October 26. Cost of the meal is \$10 per person. If you would like to attend only the program, there is no cost and the program will start at 7:00 p.m.

### 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.

### L-M to hold Blood Drive

L-M High School will host a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the high school gymnasium. To donate, please contact Debbie Steahr at 319-726-3421 or [dsteahr@louisa-muscataine.k12.ia.us](mailto:dsteahr@louisa-muscataine.k12.ia.us). Walk-ins welcome! Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. or MVRBC Donor Card is required to donate. To schedule an appointment for donation, please call the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 9/12/2012 are eligible to give blood at this drive.

### Turkey Supper in Lone Tree

The United Presbyterian Church in Lone Tree will serve a turkey supper on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, home grown sweet corn, salads, rolls, beverage and pies will be served. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5-10 years.

### St. Joseph's Fall Breakfast

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is sponsoring a Harvest Breakfast at the Columbus Senior Center on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Serving is from 7-10:30 a.m. The menu includes: Sausage gravy and biscuits, breakfast burritos, ham, scrambled eggs, assorted rolls and breads, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. A Country Store and Bake Sale will also be taking place. The cost is \$7.00 for adults (\$6.00 in advance), and \$3.00 for children ages 5-12. Advance tickets available at the Columbus Gazette, Columbus Junction State Bank and Community Bank.

### Area Trick or Treat times

The City of Columbus Junction set Trick or Treat time today, Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The City of Conesville's Trick or Treat time is today from 5-7 p.m.

### Turkey supper in Winfield

The Winfield United Church will host its annual Turkey supper on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at the church.

