

## To All Veterans - You are cordially invited

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"Why are those ladies downtown selling red flowers?" was a question asked of Sue Vogeler at Roundy Elementary by one of her fifth grade students in 2001. From this question began a tradition at Roundy Elementary that has helped give Columbus Community students an understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices that all of our veterans have made to guarantee that we continue to enjoy the freedoms that our country is based on.

"When I was asked that question by the student, I began to think that maybe there was more we could do to help our younger students understand what veterans were, and what they have done for us," said Vogeler. "That first year we organized a small program, and invited some of our veterans to take part. Since then we have tried to arrange the program around certain themes, but this year will be special. We are inviting all of our area veterans to come and be our guests. After the American Legion posts the colors, the students will take over and handle the program." Interestingly, Vogeler said that the fifth grade students will have questions about the veterans and their service for a number of weeks after the program. "This program really makes an impact on these students," said Vogeler.

An outgrowth of this annual Veterans' Day program is a course in flag etiquette that the American Legion holds at the beginning of each school year for fifth grade students. "The fifth grade is responsible for the flag at Roundy Elementary," said Legion Commander Kenny Martin, "so we

### REMEMBERING THESE LOUISA COUNTY VETERANS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

#### WORLD WAR I:

William Bazil, Harold Cochran, Leo Cochran, Gaylord Darrow, Friend L. Glidden, Allen Wright Hanft, Milton Hardman, Fred Hays, Fred Lieberknecht, James O'Toole, Robert W. Salladay, Leland Scott, Carl Stone, Garland Teel, Luther Vollmer, Robert Weber, Clifford White.

#### WORLD WAR II:

John J. Arihood, Phillip W. Bailey, Arthur Bass, Dean Bisher, Robert Alan Blair, Donald T. Blake, Roy E. Bond, Robert Keith Buffington, David W. Cassabaum, John W. Cassabaum, Hugh Carroll Davis, Ted Davis, Royce Dickerson Jr., Thomas Eland, Hershel L. Finke, Ben Finley, Forrest R. French, Kenneth Gerling, Eugene R. Gookin, Raymond Gunnells, Joe Harris, Harold F. Harter, Sam Herr, Lawrence Herrick, Everette C. Holliday, John Isom, Lee Jones, Maurice J. Kerr Jr., James M. Mickey, James Mitchell, Thomas Alan Moore, Jakie P. Moran, Rex Richard Orris, Lawrence L. Owen, Roy E. Pendell, George W. Person, Merle E. Scott, Kenneth Shellabarger, Vernon Shellabarger, Robert Smith, Walter Smoger, Wayne Sutton, John William Swan, John

N. Thompson, Theodore R. Tucker, Charles Baker Venard, Perry D. Venard, Philip M. Walsh, Frank Richard Williams, William Robert Williams, Claude (Billy) Wolford

#### WWII MIA:

Glen Lewis Alan, Cyril Cline, John Tedford Duncan, Charles Thomas Odle, John Henry Springer, Roy S. Swan, John Walker. Glen L. Winder

#### KOREAN WAR:

Raymond Chapman, Gerald Faber, Fred Goss, Merlin McKeeber, Wayne Nicewanner, Lawrence H. Stigge

#### VIETNAM WAR-KIA OR MIA:

James D. Johnson, Craig B. Wolford, Brian D. McConahay, David L. Siverly, Burton E. Small, Dean A. Jackson, Max Lukenbach, Manvell Alan Ford

#### DESERT STORM:

Eloy Angel Rodriguez Jr.

#### IRAQ WAR:

Bruce A. Smith, Trace Dossett

hold a demonstration every year in the proper raising and lowering of the flag, and in the folding and the meaning of each fold of the flag. I always look at it as passing on a tradition from one generation to the next."

It is easy, in our everyday lives, to take for granted the opportunities and freedoms that our country offers, and also forget about the sacrifices of so many which allows us to live in such a great country. But through the success of the Veterans' Day program

at Roundy Elementary, it is doubtful that any teacher will again hear the question: "Why are those ladies sell-

ing red flowers downtown?" So, to every Veteran in the Columbus area:

*You are cordially invited by the students of Roundy Elementary to come and be their special guests at a program honoring your service and dedication to our country on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The students will be deeply honored by your presence, and they are excited to present to you their Veterans' Day program as their way of thanking you for all you have done for them and their families. You are also invited to stay for a special Veterans' Day lunch.*

## Columbus Junction's Got Gas



Casey's General Store reopened to a large crowd this morning as another major step in the town's recovery from the flood was taken. Pictured above is a view of a portion of the newly remodeled interior of the store. Casey's has added many new features to the store in the renovation.

## Regional Health Center moves in new temporary quarters



Pictured above is the new quarters for the Regional Health Center. These quarters will serve the public until plans are finalized for a permanent location.

## Columbus Women's Fitness Center set to open soon

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New You Fitness Center appeared to be a casualty of the flood of 2008 until a group of women stepped forward to restore the facility to the community.

Jenene Clark, owner of New You, felt that the restoration of her former location was too much for her family since they were also involved in restoring L&B Staffing, but she hated to see the center leave the community. She told some of her former patrons that she would be willing to donate the equipment to anyone that would be interested in opening a fitness center.

With this information, a number of area ladies met to discuss a way that they could keep the fitness center open. Their first goal was to find a location that would be affordable, yet large enough to house the equipment. After Dr. Englert was able to return to his former office from the old Columbus City Hall, the ladies visited the building, and after determining that it would be large enough, they approached the Columbus City Council with a proposal to rent the Hall for their center. The Columbus City Council readily agreed to lease

the hall to the ladies at an affordable rent figure.

Once the location was secured, the ladies met and formed a non-profit corporation named *The Columbus Women's Fitness Center*. The Corporation appointed a board of directors, set the fees at \$30 per month, and established the following rules:

1. No children will be allowed in the facility.

2. The facility will be open to members only, guests will be allowed only with permission, and upon signing of a waiver.

3. Only clean shoes will be allowed in the facility. Members are asked to change their shoes in the foyer before entering the exercise area.

4. Fees will begin on the day the facility opens, and this date will be the monthly due date for fees.

5. All members will be responsible to turn off fans and make sure the door is properly shut when they leave.

6. All members will be required to sign a waiver upon joining.

7. The fee structure will be reviewed annually, and if enough members join, it is hoped that the fees could possibly be lowered.



Last weekend clean-up and repainting was completed, and the equipment moved in. A touch pad lock is ordered, and if all goes well, it is hoped that the facility will be opened next week.

The Board of Directors are: Carla Shellabarger, Donna Carpenter, Polly Prior, Paula Pontzius, Paula Shellabarger, Diane Bohling, Sue Schweitzer, Dorothy Morrison and Chris Hedrick. The Board encourages anyone to contact them if they have questions or would like to become a member. Membership is open to any woman in the area.

At the present time twenty-nine individuals have indicated an interest in joining, and they will be contacted as soon as an opening date is determined.

Pictured above is a view of the interior of the new Columbus Women's Fitness Center.

## Briefly -

### 2009 Fair dates set

Dates for the 2009 Louisa County Fair will be Monday, July 20 through Saturday, July 25, 2009.

### Story Hour at the Library

Story Hour for kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade on Tuesday, November 18, after school to 5 p.m. Stories, turkey craft and Bingo is back!

### Turkey Supper at Lone Tree UP Church

Lone Tree- The United Presbyterian Church in Lone Tree will serve a Turkey Supper Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, home grown sweet corn, salads, rolls, beverages and homemade pies will be served. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 5-10 years.

### Community Christmas Cantata rehearsals held on Sundays

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN - Rehearsals for the community Christmas cantata continue Sunday, November 9, 2:00-4:00 at the Columbus Junction United Methodist Church. A Christmas cantata entitled, "The Promise Fulfilled" by Lani Smith, will be presented Sunday, November 30 at the Columbus Junction United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the cantata performance. Rehearsals for the cantata presentation will be held weekly on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 at the CJ United Methodist Church. A Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> evening rehearsal will be held, time to be determined by the group. All area singers are invited to join this ecumenical choir under the direction of Jay Hauenstein, accompanied by Jill Bowen. This seasonal community event is sponsored by Junction Entertainers, LTD. Questions? Contact Jay or Lorie Hauenstein, 728-2793.

### Fall Supper at Conesville Methodist

Conesville Methodist Church will be having their annual fall supper Thursday, November 6. The menu includes: hamballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, chicken and noodles, green beans, peas and carrots, salads, rolls, pies, cake and beverages. Serving begins at 5 p.m. There will be a free will offering.

### FFA selling 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.

### Free coffee at Meal Site

Please join us at the Meal Site in the City Hall in Columbus City, for free coffee and a time to visit, on Thursday, Nov. 6 beginning at 8:00 a.m. This will be our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday coffee that was held at the Senior Center before the flood. Everyone is welcome. See you there.

### Half Hour Club to meet

The Half Hour Club will meet Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., at the Columbus City United Methodist Church. Kay Perkins and Phyllis Utter will serve as co-hostesses. The program will be Mary Boyesen speaking on bulbs, plants, and seeds. You may bring bulbs, plants, or seeds for exchange. Time to turn in your reading list and Christmas box.

### Fall Festival at Island United Methodist Church

The Island United Methodist Church, 2598 Stewart Road, Muscatine, announces their annual fall festival to be held November 8<sup>th</sup>. The bazaar and country store will begin at 10:00 a.m. with luncheon served at 11:00. A live auction with Auctioneer Don Dickey will take place at 3:00 p.m., followed by supper served at 5:30 p.m. The festival is one of the projects of our Hearts for Mission committee. Hearts for Mission is active throughout the year with outreach programs in our community, areas suffering from floods, tornados and hurricanes and sponsorship of worldwide missions. Proceeds from the festival will go to these mission projects.

### Conservation Board to meet

The Louisa County Conservation Board will hold a meeting today, Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in the Louisa County Conservation Board Office.

### Sons of American Legion to hold soup supper

Sons of the American Legion Post #100 members cordially invites all American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members and spouses (or a friend), to our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Soup Supper. The evening of camaraderie and food will start with a social hour at 5 p.m., and dinner from 6-7 p.m., on Saturday, November 8, 2008. Please plan to attend to make our night for you a success.

### Pleasant Grove Church to hold chicken and biscuit supper

Pleasant Grove Community Church is having their annual Chicken n' a Biscuit supper on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 7:00. Please mark your calendar for good food and fellowship, as this is a fundraiser to help the church with winter expenses. See you there! Free Will Donation accepted.

### Chapter R, T.T.T. to meet

Chapter R, T.T.T., will meet on Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Linda Pierce. Mary Beth Carey will serve as co-hostess. Cristina Rotari, a foreign exchange student from Maldiva, will give a presentation about her country. The business meeting will follow.

### Local Banks to close in honor of Veterans' Day

Community Bank and Columbus Junction State Bank will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in honor of Veterans' Day