

## REMEMBERING THOSE LOUISA COUNTY AND AREA VETERANS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR US

### 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, Jackie P. Moran, Rex Richard Oris, 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, Bruce Hankins.

### DESERT STORM:

Eloy Angel Rodriguez Jr.

### IRAQ WAR:

Bruce A. Smith, Trace Dossett



## Honor our Veterans

We need to give our Veterans all the credit they deserve on Veterans' Day. Why? Because they are willing to leave their loved ones, family and friends and risk their life for us. We can't begin to realize what their minds and bodies go through on the battlefields. When we have shelter, food and a bed to sleep in, we should pray for all of our Veterans, our disabled Veterans, and their families. A special thank you goes to God for all of our Veterans, and what they have given us.

Salute all of our Veterans, both former and present, and wave the Red White and Blue. Wear a Poppy. The red poppy stands for the blood that our heroes have given for their country. These poppies are made by disabled Veterans.

Stop and think of what we have because of our Veterans, and let freedom continue to ring. God Bless the USA. - Liz Miller

## Update from the Mayor of Columbus Junction

To the Citizens of Columbus Junction:

This is the time of year when many individuals and businesses set goals for the coming year. One part of this planning involves an assessment of what has been accomplished during this past year. City officials go through this same process and most of 2009 has been dominated by the recovery from the flood. It is not a speedy process, in fact, I recently heard a FEMA representative state that in many flooded cities it takes up to five years for the full recovery.

Our community has come a long way back and in many ways it has been done quickly. Individuals and businesses move much faster than governments!! I am still overwhelmed by the way our businesses have rebuilt, reopened and improved. The most outstanding feature of this community is the spirit and pride that people have and the willingness to volunteer to help in the community. This attitude will continue to serve us well as we move

forward.

One of our goals was not only to recover, but to get better. As I look around the community today I believe you can see many evidences of that taking place. We have a lot of good things happening. For example, we have new construction. Dr. Wever has an impressive new office building nearly completed. We have broken ground on the new Community Health Center. Colonial Manor has started to build a new Assisted Living Facility that will be an excellent addition to our community. These are significant investments in this community.

There are also many evidences around the community of people improving their property and investing in the community. New sidewalks are a good example of this. The city will continue to participate with citizens in the residential sidewalk replacement program and the city council also continues to seek grant funding for major improvements to our downtown sidewalks.

The projects to improve the levees and to move the water treatment plant are very important for our future and these are progressing. We hope to have full approval and funding for these soon and begin construction next year. The city council also continues to work on infrastructure improvements for our sewer system and storm water drainage systems.

Another very significant and exciting project is the affiliation with Keep Iowa Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. These organizations are investing time and money in our community to help us make many community improvements, both functional and visual. Keep Columbus Beautiful is now becoming an affiliate member of these organizations and will be actively working on community beautification projects. You are already starting to see some of these results with the Trees Forever tree planting in the New Heritage Village. There has also been a volunteer effort to keep the downtown cleaner and pick up the

litter. I believe it is working.

We have several committees working on plans for improvement projects in the downtown, our entryways, our signage, our neighborhoods, and our parks and recreational opportunities. There is plenty of room for more people to join in these efforts and to bring ideas to the table. If you have an interest in helping in one of these areas or if you just want to find out more about Keep Columbus Beautiful, just give us a call at city hall or talk to Mallory or Nitza at the Community Development Center.

The national media bombards us with bad news and all that is wrong today. We certainly have plenty of issues with our economy, health care reforms, and others. But locally, I believe we are doing well and there is a lot of positive news. Let's concentrate on the good news and keep working towards improving this community.

Mayor Dan Wilson

## H1N1 Update from the County Public Health Department

Louisa County Public Health will have an expanded H1N1 immunization clinic on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The immunizations are available for the following individuals: Pregnant women; Health care workers providing direct patient care; Anyone living with or caring for an infant under 6 months of age; Children and young adults between 6 months and 25 years of age; Anyone with the following chronic medical conditions: Asthma, COPD, chronic bronchitis, Cancer, Heart Disease, Congestive Heart Failure, MS, epilepsy, Lupus, Kidney or liver failure, Diabetes, autoimmune disorders.

We have received additional vaccine and have opened administration to extended at risk groups. We will open immunization to all residents when we receive authorization to do so from the Iowa Department

of Public Health. We thank everyone in the county for their patience dealing with the delay in vaccine availability and especially to those individuals who have so graciously understood our need to delay giving them the vaccine.

If you are among the "at risk" individuals listed above we urge you to come get your vaccine on Thursday. Your health is at risk. The vaccine, both live and killed, had been approved and we have had no reports of adverse effects from anyone who has received the vaccine in Louisa County. Because of limited availability of types of vaccine we are not able to allow people a choice of route (nasal spray or injectable). The injectable vaccine for infants 6 to 36 months of age is free of all preservatives including Thiomosol.

There is no charge for the H1N1 vaccine.

## Keck Players fall musical

Attention theater fans! The Keck Players are getting ready for their annual fall musical comedy production, "Sunset Trail", and it is one you won't want to miss.

Long before Norman Desmond of Sunset Boulevard, the Old West had Norma Desperate of Lizard Gulch. When her acting career toppled, Norma (played by Kathy Vance) withdrew to a secluded spot where she could live surrounded by her memories and "adoring" fans. Now, 40 years later, she plans a sensational comeback once her version of "Cinderella" is complete. For a living, Norma now owns and runs the Desperate Rooms Hotel. She takes in downhearted actors without a role in life (literally) to stay rent-free. As a rental obligation, however, they must continuously clap and cry "Bravo!" The villainous Sly Vester (Brian Lessenger) convinces Norma he's a playwright with the genius to resuscitate her "Cinderella." Sly and his crafty comrade in crime, Delilah Desdemonda Dilly (Anita Odle),

have it made until another unscrupulous bandit, Billy the Goat (Clint Ryan), shows up and commands a cut of this corrupt operation. It's up to the new sheriff, Johnny Straightshooter (Eric Small), who is in love with Amy Sweet (Sara Miller), the schoolmarm, to restore order. The show is filled with lively songs by Bill Francour that bring Tim Kelly's old west satire to life with a rollicking rhythm.

This production will be held at the Wapello High School Auditorium so you will be sure of a warm comfortable theater experience. Performances are November 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and November 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 3.

Sunset Trail features 19 local actors including many of your favorite Keck regulars and some exciting new talent. The production is chock full of outlandish characters and great fun, certain to bring a smile to your face and set your feet to tapping.

## Briefly -

### Veterans' Day at Roundy Elementary

Today, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Roundy Elementary students will have an assembly in honor of Veterans' Day. All area Veterans, family and friends are invited to attend the assembly with our students. If anyone has memorabilia that they would like to display for the event, please contact Sue Vogeler at 319-728-6218.

### Community Club Blood Drive

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center announces that the Columbus Community Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, from 1:30-6:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 99 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Columbus Junction. To make an appointment to donate call, Kirsten Shellabarger at 319-728-2414. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors who last gave blood on or before September 23, 2009 are eligible.

### Empowerment Board to meet

The Des Moines/Louisa County Caring CommUNITY Empowerment Board will be meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 801 Middle Street, Mediapolis, IA on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

### FCCLA Pringles Project

The FCCLA are collecting empty Pringles cans so they can send cookies to active service people from the Columbus Junction area. They also want addresses for these active duty people. Please drop off empty Pringles cans at the high school office and e-mail addresses to Lois Mincks at Lois.Mincks@columbus.k12.ia.us or call 319-728-2231 ext. 3332. Thank for your help with this Christmas project. We would like to send them by mid-November.

### Island UMC Fall Festival

The Island United Methodist Church, 2598 Stewart Road, Muscatine, announces their annual Fall Festival to be held Saturday, November 14th, 2009. The Bazaar and Country Store will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a new feature added this year. We will feature a 'Bargain Basement' with new and used household items, tools, toys, miscellaneous for sale at great prices (no clothing). Also featured this year will be our new church cookbook, "Cookin' for the Kitchen." Lunch will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., serving hot turkey and gravy sandwiches, Kalona noodles, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and desserts (free-will offering). A live auction with auctioneer Don Dickey will begin at 3:00 p.m., featuring hand sewn quilts, homemade crafts and miscellaneous. Supper will follow, serving at 5:30 p.m. The Fall Festival is one of the many projects of our Hearts for Mission committee. Hearts for Mission is active throughout the year with outreach programs in our community. Proceeds from the festival will go to these mission projects.

### JCAB looking for yard work

The JCAB 4-H club is looking for yard work jobs. It is for donations for our club. Please call 319-657-3054.

### Retired School Personnel to tour downtown Columbus Junction

The next meeting of Louisa County Retired School Personnel will be Tuesday, November 17, 2009, in Columbus Junction. They will meet at 10 a.m., at "Our Shop," 106 Main Street, to start the tour of three Columbus Junction businesses. They will then have lunch at 11:30 a.m., at 92 Roadhouse. The group will tour Our Shop, Plants and Things, and Simply Soothing. Come join us. This will be the group's last meeting until the fall of 2010.

### Medicare Part D Seminar to be held at Senior Center

Every Fall Medicare prescription drug plans (Part D) announce changes to their premium, co-pays and the drugs they cover. Stay on top of these changes. You may be able to save money by choosing a different plan. November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 31, 2009, you can change your Medicare Part D plan for 2010 or enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) if you haven't done so. The Columbus Junction Senior Center is hosting a Medicare Part D Check Up Event Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 319-728-3148 for an appointment with a SHIIP counselor. Appointments are required. You will need to bring your Medicare card, current Part D plan card and a list of your medications from your pharmacy, which includes drug name, quantity and dosage.

### PEO Chapter CX to meet

The next meeting of PEO Chapter CX will be held at the home of Marlys Austin on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be co-hosted by Shannon Abbott. The program will be "Ceremony of Initiation." All members are encouraged to attend.

### Pleasant Grove Church Supper

Pleasant Grove Community Church will be having their annual Chicken n' Biscuit Supper today, Wednesday, November 11th from 4:30 to 7:00. This promises to be another delicious meal of Creamed Chicken on a Biscuit (or Mairdrites for the kids) a large assortment salad bar, lots of pie to choose from for dessert, and coffee, tea, lemonade to drink. Free Will offering. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

### Shellbark Club to meet

The Shellbark Club will meet on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at the Frontier Family Restaurant in Washington, at 11:30 a.m.

### Visual Support Group to meet

The Louisa County Visual Support Group will meet a week from Thurs. (Nov.19th) at 1 o'clock. We will meet in the East room of the Corner Market, located at 340 North 2nd. Susan Howard from the Dept for the Blind will lead our group. Refreshments will be served. We welcome new members or anyone just starting to have vision problems. Lois Richers 527-2630