

Briefly -

Autumn Leaves this weekend

The annual High School Autumn Leaves Concert will be held this Friday and Saturday beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Memorial Service for Jeff Carney

A memorial Service for Jeffrey Michael Carney will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12th at the CJ Fire Station.

Sons of Legion Soup Supper

The Sons of the American Legion will hold their annual soup supper on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the American Legion with social hour at 5:00 p.m. and supper at 6:00 p.m. All Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, Members and Spouses are invited.

City Council meets tonight

The City of Columbus Junction will hold its regular Council meeting today, Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the New Civic Center/City Hall.

Grandview Women's Club meeting

The Grandview Women's Club will combine the November and December months at the home of Betty Jo Rowe on Thursday, November 10 at 5:30 p.m. Christmas at the White House and candle lighting. Gifts are to be brought for the Stork's Nest.

Retired School Personnel to meet

The Louisa County Retired School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, November 15th in Morning Sun. We will have lunch at the Dairy Bar at 11:30. This will be the last meeting of 2011.

L-M School Veterans' Program

The Louisa-Muscatine 4th, 5th and 6th Grade students would like to invite all area veterans (and their spouses) to a concert of patriotic music and essays in honor of Veterans Day on Friday, November 11. The concert, which will be held in the gym, will be from 2:30-3:00 PM. The best parking spaces and the best seats will be reserved for our guests, so we hope you can come!

L-M Youth League Trivia Night

The L-M Youth League will hold a Trivia Night HOSTED BY TONY TONE FROM B100 on Friday, NOVEMBER 18th. The event is being held at the new Letts Community Building. Online registration is open at www.L-Myouthleague.com. The cost is \$65/table with a maximum of eight players per team. Players must be at least 16 years old. Concessions will be available. Prizes awarded to winning team. Doors open at 6 pm with trivia starting at 7 pm. Register today!

Marr Park Center closed on Friday

In observance of Veteran's Day, the Conservation Education Center at Marr Park will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2011.

Master Gardeners to meet

Alex Galt, Wildlife Biologist with the Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge will present a program entitled "Backyard Birds of Louisa County" at the Louisa County Master Gardeners meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at the ISU Extension office, 317 Van Buren St., in Wapello. The one-hour presentation will include identification of native birds in our area, feeding specifics, types of feeders, bird houses, etc. The public is invited to attend this program.

Pleasant Grove Christmas Program

Mark your Calendars: The Pleasant Grove Community Church is having a special Christmas program, Sunday evening, December 4th. The high school kids of the First Baptist Church of Silvis, Illinois will be here to present to us "Christ-myths". It is a puppet program about all the different myths that are out there in the "world" about Christmas and concludes with the Christian message. It is appropriate for young and old. The church will have a potluck meal at 5:00 p.m. and the program at 6:00. Please bring a dish to pass, we look forward to seeing neighbors and friends.

Veterans' Day at Roundy

Roundy Elementary will host a Veteran's Day Assembly at 10 am on Thursday, November 10. All Veterans and their families are invited to attend. During the assembly the second graders will present several Patriotic songs. Veterans and spouses are encouraged to come a few minutes early to the library so that you can enter the gymnasium together. If anyone has something they would like to display, please bring it to the school the day before.

Turkey Supper at Winfield UMC

Grab your appetite and come to the Winfield United Methodist Church today, Wednesday, November 9th for their fabulous turkey supper with all the trimmings. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberries, assorted salads, pies, desserts, rolls and drink plus their famous buttered turnips. Located at 204 E. Pine in Winfield, serving starts at 5:00 and carry-outs are available. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$3.00 for 5-10 year olds and 4 years and under free. Good food and good fellowship, everyone welcome.

Turkey Supper at Lone Tree UP Church

The United Presbyterian Church in Lone Tree will serve a turkey supper on Saturday, November 12th from 4:30-7 p.m. Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, home grown sweet corn, salads, rolls, beverage and pies will be served. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-10 years.

Chicken & Biscuits at Kingston UMC

The Kingston United Methodist Church annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner and Bazaar includes crafts and bake sale items on November 12th from 11 to 1:30. The cost is \$7.00 - adult, 12 and under - \$5.00. The church is located 12 miles north on Hwy 99. Turn east at 205th Street.

Vision Support Group to meet

The Louisa County Vision Support Group will meet on the second Thursday of November. We will meet on the 10th at 2 p.m. at the Corner Market. Donna Williams, recently retired from the Great River Medical Center in Burlington, will be our guest speaker.

Amateur Radio Club to meet

The Muscatine Amateur Radio Club will meet Monday, November 14, at 7:00 pm in the upper-level conference room at the Musser Public Library, 304 Iowa Avenue in Muscatine. All amateur radio operators, and those interested in learning more about amateur radio, are invited to attend. For more information, visit muscatinehams.org.

**Remembering those
Louisa County Veterans
who made the Ultimate Sacrifice**

CIVIL WAR:

George B. Livingston, Columbus City; Theodore Pallett, Port Louisa; Joshua B. Sullivan, Grandview; William Butler, Fredonia; Alexander E. McConnell, Morning Sun; Alexander Britt, Fredonia; Levi M. Roberts, Columbus City; Franklin A. Royer, Columbus City; Joseph Neal, Columbus City; George Easton, Columbus City; William W. Edmondson, Columbus City; Leslie Gambell, Columbus City; Cicero H. Shephard, Columbus City; Justis L. Stauber, Columbus City; John J. Ellis, Fredonia; John A. Matthews, Columbus City; Aaron M. Ashford, Columbus City; Wesley Smice, Fredonia; James M. Duncan, Columbus City; Thomas Littleton, William Littleton, George Littleton, Noah Littleton, Kendall Littleton, John Littleton, Toolesboro.

WORLD WAR I:

William Basil, Harold Cochran, Leo Cochran, Franklin Gaylord Darrow, Friend L. Glidden, Allen Wright Hanft, Milton Hardman, Fred Hays, Fred Lieberknecht, Joseph McAvoy, 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 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, Walter Wyss.

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, Manzelle Alan Ford, Bruce Hankins.

DESERT STORM:

Eloy Angel Rodriguez Jr.

IRAQ WAR:

Bruce A. Smith, Trace Dossett

The following poem was written by Harley Hamilton in 1944 or 1945 and was printed at that time in the Gazette. Harley was on the invasion at Iwo Jima.

*When this war is over and we once cross the sea
There's a little town in Iowa that's home sweet home to me
And a church with a shining dome
And a mother who is waiting to welcome me back home.
Give me the sound of the rooster crow
Or the cheery song of the wren
Instead of the bullets' viscious whine
Or the crying of dying men
I want to go home to that home someday
Someday when the world is free
When the tired sons go home to rest
It's Iowa for me!*

A Special Thank You to all of our area Veterans

Proud to be American

By Elizabeth Miller

What do we have to be thankful for? Stop!
We can salute our flag, sing the Star Spangled Banner, and sing God Bless America.
Observe and thank our veterans of all wars on Veterans Day.
We have freedom of speech and religion.
Observe Thanksgiving – give thanks to pilgrims who came on Mayflower who landed on Plymouth Rock.
Pray for our food, shelter and families.
Proud to be American from Land of America the Beautiful.

Shellbark Club celebrates 100 Years

By Mary Masonholder Wilson

"Happy Birthday to Shellbark" was sung by the guests at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the formation of Shellbark Club, as Majorie Massey and Shirley Finke blew out the candles on the cake. On November 3rd, members of the Shellbark Club, anyone who had gone to Shellbark School, or those who had lived (or were relatives of those) in the Shellbark neighborhood gathered at the home of Mary Wilson to celebrate this occasion.

The Shellbark Club was originally started in 1911 by a group of women who wanted to get together and visit while they did their mending and embroidery work. These women were located in the neighborhood of the Shellbark School (which is still standing), southwest of Columbus City. Originally the club was named the Shellbark Embroidery Club.

Memorabilia and pictures were brought to the recent celebration and everyone reminisced, as they looked at them and talked about who was related to whom in the pictures. There were original books on display that had been used in the Shellbark School. There were pictures of the school and people, which were now over a hundred years old. One picture was of the 1898 flag raising ceremony outside the school. Mary Holmes, who currently is at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home, was a teacher at Shellbark School, and she still had her teaching contracts and other documents that were also on display. The 1937 contract for "salary and janitorial fees commencing August 30th" was for \$57.50. The minutes of the club for the last several years were there for people to read and see what their parents, grandparents, and so on had done.

Mary Wilson had a surprise for the group. Her grandmother, the late Mrs. James D. (Anna) Helmick, who was a member of the Shellbark Club, had been sick in 1933. The members decided to make her a quilt to cheer her up, and they made what is

called a signature quilt. Each member wrote her name on a quilt block and then embroidered it. Once again, guests found the names of many of their ancestors. The names on the quilt were Grace Williams, Eva Fullerton, Mary Williams, Dorothy Boyd, Helen Morgan, Nellie Marsden, Rosina Hawkins, Jennie Kerr, Jennie Gipple, Henrietta Wilson, Corrine Peters, Mildred Lewis, J.G. Ruth Gabriel, Catherine Wilson, Velma Cutkomp, Jennie Hanft, Julia Peters, Martha Heitmeier, Grace Hughes, Margaret Davis, Alice Prior, Veda Gipple, Mary Burge, Edith Pierce, Mae Fortune, Ella Baker, Sibyl Lewis, Grace M., Alice Pierce, Mae Hedger, Marie Rutt, and Mother (Sarah Barnes). Wilson received this quilt from her mother, Jeannette Masonholder, who was Anna Helmick's daughter. It is interesting that Mary married Dan Wilson whose family was also from the Shellbark neighborhood and several of the names on the quilt are of his family, thus joining two Shellbark families.

Most of the celebration afternoon was spent in visiting; however there was a short program. Janet Gipple, president of the club, read the beginning history. Mary Wilson read some of the events and projects of the club over the years and also read a poem "Dedicated to the Women of the Shellbark Embroidery Club" written by her great-great grandfather, James K. Helmick.

Other guests told of Shellbark memories. Mrs. Dick (Anna) Fullerton of New London brought a recipe often served at the Shellbark Club meetings, which consisted of cream cheese, pickles, pimento, etc. It cost then only pennies to make. Anna had purchased all the ingredients, labeled the prices, and showed how much more expensive it would be to make it today. She also said she had made it with plans to bring some to the celebration; however, she said, "It was not good!" and she decided against her plan. She also told humorous stories about how she knew pressed chicken was often served at gather-



ings, so she went to the cleaners to buy "pressed chicken", and they said they did not "know that chicken wrinkled", and they didn't have any! Mary Wilson knew from her mother who had gone to Shellbark, that when Henrietta Howell was the school teacher, red jello was always served on Valentine's Day, and the students were really excited about it and couldn't wait. Games such as kittenball were played at recess or a favorite activity was sliding down the hills in the winter. The outhouse always had a Sears catalog for toilet paper, and Jeannette had told Mary, "We were usually to the harness by Christmas time."

Larry Prior told of farmers in the neighborhood who worked together, often sharing one combine. They then went from farm to farm, harvesting each other's crops. Also some guests remembered going to Shellbark School after its closing when the club meetings were still held in the school. Often the children would write on the old blackboards while their parents and grandparents talked, ate, and drank coffee.

At the conclusion of the program, questions were asked. It was found that Marjorie Fullerton, now of Washington, formerly from Columbus Junction, was the oldest person there at age 96. The youngest was William Lewis McWhirter, who was five weeks old. His mother, Katie



Marjorie Fullerton and William McWhirter, the oldest and youngest Shellbark Club members present.

McWhirter; grandfather, Don Lewis; and aunt, Rae Lee Lewis Whaack were also there. There were two people present who had attended Shellbark School and they were Larry Prior of CJ and Carol Coon of Washington.

The original members of the Shellbark Club would be happy to see that their little embroidery group is still going strong after 100 years. It is easy to say, "a good time was had by all" at this centennial celebration.