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# City of Colo Newsletter

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November/December 2008

## A Note From Mayor Milleson

On the councils agenda for Nov. 3, will be the options on the Quiet Zone. Several meetings have already taken place with the railroad personnel and others, concerning the Quiet Zone rules and options offered to communities pursuing the Quiet Zone ruling. Safety is always the main concern by all parties involved. If a community wishes to silence the train whistles, then the crossings need to meet strict regulations, on safety. This is where the council needs your input!! The options are far too many to put on this flyer. The options will be from very little cost to the town to \$700,000. The Council needs to know what the CITIZENS and TAX PAYERS wish to do. All options will be open to discussion on Monday NOV. 3, 7:00 P.M., City Hall  
Your input is very important on this matter!

## Colo City Open Burning

Just a reminder that Open Burning of lawn and garden waste in the city of Colo is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 Noon—8:00 p.m. and ends on November 15th. Residents may still burn on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon any Saturday of the year.

**To report an illegal burn**, contact the Story County Sheriff's Office at 911 (Emergency) or 515-382-6566 (Non-Emergency)



## FLU CLINIC November 18

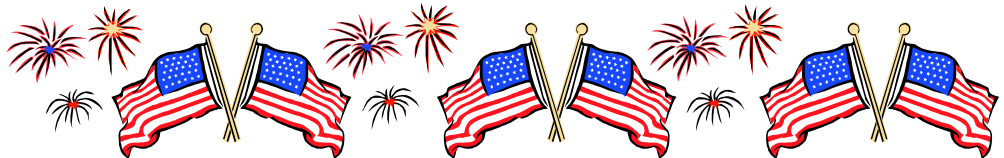
**There will be a Flu Clinic on Tuesday, November 18th from 9:00 am – 10:30 am at the Colo Community Center.**

**This clinic is open to everyone, no appointment is necessary. For more information you can call Homeward at (515) 239-6730 or 1-800-529-4610.**

**NOTE: You MUST present your Medicare Card to receive your shots at No Charge.**

## You Are Invited!

On Sunday, November 16, 2008, we are planning a recognition dinner for all Veterans; Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and all who have served our country in peace and in war. This includes both men and women. There will be a social hour at 5:00 for getting acquainted, with dinner following at 5:30. This all takes place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Colo. To honor our Veterans just one day a year is hardly adequate for all they have done and are doing for our freedom and peace. Please plan to attend, bring your family, friends, and all who are supporting our Veterans and troops. It is a wonderful time to share memories and visit with fellow Veterans.



## Blood Drive

**November 10th from 3:00—7:00 p.m. at the Colo United Methodist Church  
Save A Life, Donate!**

## Volunteer of the Month

The Colo Public Library and Colo Cares would like to congratulate Michael Starling, Volunteer of the Month for October. Michael is a 5th grader at Colo-Nesco. This summer during the Colo Cross-roads Festival, Michael took time out of the many fun activities and had a lemonade/candy stand at the park. All the proceeds were given to the Parkersburg tornado victims. Michael thought of this idea himself and even recruited friends and classmates to help at the stand. Thank you Michael for showing that anyone at any age can make a difference.

**VOTE  
November  
4th!**

Articles for the  
Jan.—Feb.  
Newsletter are due  
before  
December 20th

Colo Library will be open  
**TUESDAY**, Nov. 4 from 2:00  
p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Stop by the library before or  
after you vote. Also, if you  
don't want to watch election  
results, stop by the library  
for a DVD. Three new re-  
leases for \$2.00 and return



## Winter Festival In Colo - December 6th

Put Saturday, December 6 from 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. on your calendar for an important date in Colo!  
We will be having our first Winter Festival. Below is a schedule of events:

5:10 p.m.—Lighting of new Christmas Lights by Mayor Larry Milleson. Be sure to be here, the new lights are very pretty!

5:00—8:00 p.m.—Free Will Offering Soup Supper at the Catholic Church.

5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Festival of Trees in the Colo Library sponsored by the F.C. & A. Club. There will be 10 trees to view. Also, there will be coloring for the children as the parents look at the trees.

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Hayrack rides drawn by horses by Mark Sparrow. Doesn't that sound like fun? Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—In the Community Center, there will be "White Elephant" Bingo games by the Lions Club, where everyone who wins will get a prize. Bring your own White Elephant in order to play. (A "White Elephant" is something that you no longer want, and it may be wrapped or unwrapped, but will be used as a gift for the winners.)

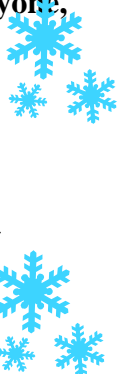
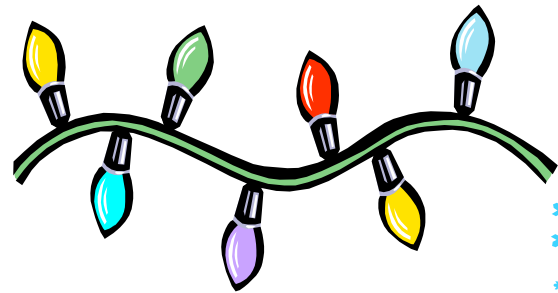
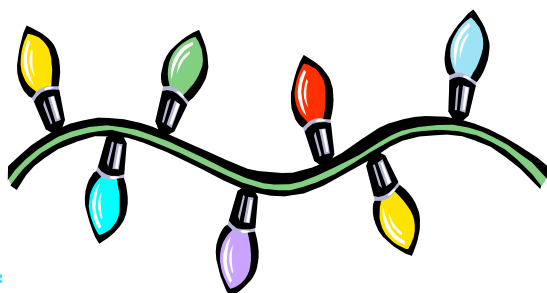
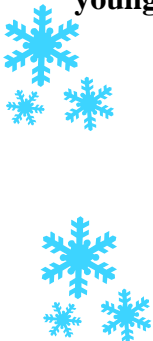
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Piñatas for ages 3-10, divided into different age groups, to be held in Mark Farren's building on the north side of Main Street. The piñatas are being made by Nancy Sartori's 4th grade class.

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Cookies and refreshments in the Community Center—free to all. A place to go in and warm up—meet and fellowship with old and new friends.

There will be Christmas caroling by the Methodist Church choir, feel free to join them at any time. Mrs. Santa Claus and her elves, will be going among the crowd, visiting with children, and will read a story to the children in the Library at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn will be furnished by the Colo Telephone Company. These things will all be on Main Street, under our beautiful new Christmas Lights. All of these things will be free, with the exception of the Soup Supper, which will be Free Will Offering to pay for the soup.

This is planned to be a fun evening for all with the Main Street being festive and all to be showing Pride in Colo. Let's all decorate our homes or businesses in some way, so we can start our Holiday season in a Joyous mood.

Remember, Saturday night, December 6 from 5:00 p.m. —8:00 p.m. together doing these free activities that have been planned to furnish free entertainment to all on our Main Street meeting old and new friends and beginning the Season in Colo, together. We welcome everyone, young and old to our WINTER FESTIVAL.





## Interested In Joining Scouts?

Girl Scouts have been in Iowa for many years. The Moingoina Council served Colo and Eastern Story county until recently when it merged with five other councils. It now includes 71 Iowa counties, also three counties from Nebraska and South Dakota. The new council is called Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa. Girl Scouting has undergone many changes in the last year. Girl Scouts have been active in the

United States since 1912. They recently celebrated their 95th birthday. The tradition of Girl Scouting is alive and well across the United States with many exciting changes in the next few years. Girl Scouts are not only a national group, but are also part of a worldwide movement that has members in more than 100 nations belonging to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The Girl Scouting Organization recently made several changes in the Girl Scouts age levels

The new levels of Girl Scouting include Daisy Scouts for girls in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Brownie Scouts which include 2nd and 3rd graders. Junior Girl Scouts for girls in 4th and 5th grade. Cadette Scouts for 6th through 8th grade. Senior Scouts for 9th and 10th grade and Ambassador Scouts for 11th and 12th graders. There are wide varieties of activities for the girls. There are many badges and leadership awards that can be earned as a Girl Scout. Some of the highest honors earned are the Bronze Award, Silver Award and Gold Award. The girls have many opportunities to learn and explore new ideas at their troop meetings. There are also many camps to choose from in the new council. There are also Council Events the girls can attend.

There are several groups of scouts in Colo and we continue to sell Girl Scout Cookies in January and we also have a Fall Product Sale which will begin soon. We currently have several active leaders and troops in the Colo area. Scouts are always looking for ways to help and improve the community, if you have any suggestions please let us know. Girl Scouts have a strong history of community service. If there are any girls who wish to participate in scouting and who need more information please contact Vicki Messina at 377-3777. You can also contact the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa at the Des Moines office, their toll free number is 800-342-8389.



The Country Pioneers 4-H club invites any student in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above to join 4-H this year. We meet the second Tuesday of each month and usually begin our meetings at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Colo. Our goal is to make our meetings and activities fun and to give our members the opportunity to learn new things and get involved in our community. The motto of 4-H is "To Make the Best Better" which is what we try to do! The Club works on several citizenship projects for the community. Our favorite project is delivering fruit baskets with holiday goodies and caroling to seniors in the area in December. We also have a float in the Colo Crossroads Festival parade. We won first place in the youth division this past summer. We hosted a food stand at the truck pull this year as our club fundraiser, and all our members helped with the stand. Our club does many fun activities during the year including a Halloween Party, Caroling, Bowling and a Pool Party.

There are also many 4-H activities that we are involved in such as the achievement show, Leadership Team, 4-H camp, Story County Fair and the Iowa State Fair. Our club members take turns giving presentations and hosting club meetings. We helped host the Community Building and Christy Hall during the Story County Fair plus we worked in the booster stand. Our members are involved in many projects such as sheep, cattle, swine, horses, rabbits, small pets, cooking, clothing, photography, visual arts, woodworking, archery, shooting sports, and gardening. There is a 4-H project for everyone! The November meeting is the perfect time to join because it is the Family Potluck and Registration.

We register new members and have officer installation. The potluck is on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

If you would like to join please call one of the leaders -  
Bob Jamison - 641-377-2657,  
Rodney Geisinger 641-377-2651,  
Craig McEnany 515-382-6898  
or Alissa McKinney 515-710-7794.



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## Colo Library News

Crop Night is November 10 from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Get a jump start on making holiday cards. Bring your own card stock. Bring your own tools to share. Sign up by November 6 by calling the Colo Public Library at 641-377-2900.

Book, Magazine, Video and Dvd Sale November 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nothing is over \$1.00!!

Thanksgiving Dvd Special November 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. -- checkout 3 new release dvds for \$2.00 and return December 1. The library is closed November 27th for Thanksgiving, December 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Year's Eve.

The library will be open December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. -- come to the library from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and enjoy the Festival of Tree displays.

Christmas Dvd Special Wednesday December 24 -- checkout 3 new release dvds for \$2.00 and return December 29.



## Project Angel 2008



Project Angel 2008 is in process. If you would like to participate by helping families less fortunate in our school district, angels will be available **after November 19th** at the churches in Colo, Zearing and McCallsburg, state Bank & Trust in Colo, Colo Telephone, Security State Bank in Zearing. The unwrapped item you purchased for the angel you took will need to be returned **no later than December 10th**. Food baskets will also be put together for the families. You can donate canned vegetables and Jello or if you are unable to purchase a gift, cash donations are accepted and volunteers will do the shopping. Food donations or cash donations can be given at any of the above locations or mailed to: **Project Angel, P.O. Box 69, Zearing, IA 50078**. If you know of a family in need that does not have school age children, forms can be picked up at Colo Telephone or Security Bank in Zearing. If you have any questions, contact Shelly Gibbons at 515-231-7009.

***HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS A GOOD ONE!***