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# City of Colo Newsletter

[www.colo-iowa.org](http://www.colo-iowa.org)

March/April 2009

Colo City Wide Garage Sale is May 1st from 4:00—7:00 p.m. and May 2nd from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. If you would like to be listed on the city map, please contact the library at 641-377-2900 by April 17th. As of now, over 10 families are interested in participating. The Colo Public Library will have a garage sale at the Colo Community Center during this time as a fundraiser. If you wish to donate items to the library for their garage sale, please drop them off at the library between April 20-25. Please make sure items are laundered and in good working condition.



## Colo Library News

### Children's Programs

K-4 After School Program is Mondays from 3:45 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Preschool Story Time is Friday from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Toddler Time is March 10 & 24 and April 14 & 28 at 6:30 p.m. Toddlers must be accompanied by an adult.

Story County Toddler Fest is Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the Bertha Bartlett Public Library in Story City. This free event is sponsored by Story County Youth Librarians. Toddlers and their parents, caregivers, daycare providers and educators are invited to a special event featuring early literacy information, resources and activities for toddlers. Each toddler will receive a free book. Our own children's librarian, Carla Smith, will be presenting during Toddler Fest!

Worlds connect @ your library: Celebrate National Library Week at the Colo Public Library, April 12-18. Many activities are being planned for this week, closer to the date check the library's website at [www.colo.lib.ia.us](http://www.colo.lib.ia.us) or call the library for information and activities.

### Upcoming Events:

March 7th—PTSA Carnival  
5:00 -8:00 p.m.

March 13th & 14th  
High School Play

April 4th—Mother-Daughter  
Banquet

## Pancake Breakfast & Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11

7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

at the Colo Fire Station—  
Freewill Offering

All Proceeds raised from this project will be matched by the home office of Modern Woodmen of America up to \$2,500.00

The money will be donated to the Colo Fire Department and will be used to purchase needed equipment. Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Colo Fire & Rescue and Colo Public Library

## Colo Cares Clothing Share

Thursday & Friday

March 26th & 27th

From 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 28th

From 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Catholic Church Basement  
Items may be dropped off

Monday, March 23rd from 5:00p.m.—7:00 p.m. and

Tuesday, March 24th from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Please no coats, sweaters or toys  
Volunteers are needed to set up on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24th and 25th, from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and to tear down on Saturday,

March 28th from 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Men would be greatly appreciated to assist on Saturday with tables and chairs!

### City Council Meetings

Monday, Mar. 2—7:00 p.m.  
at City Hall

Monday, Apr. 6—7:00 p.m.  
At City Hall

Open to the Public



The City of Colo has partnered in community policing efforts with the Story County Sheriff's Office for several years. This year Deputy Gary Backous will replace retired Deputy Paul Toot as the Sheriff's Office's representative for the City of Colo. Backous was a long time resident of Colo as he attended Colo-Nesco from elementary through graduation in 1998. Deputy Backous joined the Sheriff's Office in 2003 and has been a coach in the Colo-Nesco School District since 2004. He states that he is excited to work directly with his hometown to continue building a bond between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

Since beginning his work with the community in January, Backous has begun working with the high school and elementary to develop relationships with the students and staff as well as aid in improving emergency management planning. The Sheriff's Office has also partnered with the City and Fire Department to increase amount of houses in Colo with visible house numbers in order to improve police and fire response times. Currently just fewer than 85% houses have visible numbers and the goal to increase that to over 95% this year. With that in mind, the City, Sheriff's Office, and Fire Department is asking you to make sure your house number is visible from the road.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to help improve your community feel free to e-mail Deputy Backous at [gbackous@storycounty.com](mailto:gbackous@storycounty.com).



### City of Colo Open Burning

Residents may still burn on Saturdays from 7 a. m. until 12 noon, any Saturday of the year. In addition, from April 1—May 15, residents may burn on Tuesday and Thursday from Noon—8 p. m. You may only burn yard & garden waste. All other burning regulations will stay the same, including "burning must occur at least 40 ft. from any structure and as long as such burning is attended at all times by a person of 18 years or older with a garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment.

**Free Garbage Day**  
**Sponsored by City of Ames**  
**April 25, 2009**  
**8:00 a.m. —3:30 p.m.**  
**Resource Recovery Plant**

Residents of Story County are eligible to use the Plant on this day to dispose of regular, household waste. Furniture, carpet and lawn mowers will be accepted but not processed in the Plant; these items will be land filled/ recycled. Separating these items from other regular household waste before bringing them to the Plant will prevent delays in service. Please access the plant from the west on 2nd Street, not from Lincolnway. Expect a wait, so please be patient!

**There will be a limit of two (2 in total) televisions or computers from each household. NO COMPUTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES.** Regular charges will still be in effect for certain items. Check [www.city.ames.ia.us](http://www.city.ames.ia.us) or call 515-239-5137 or toll free 877-639-5661 with any and all questions.

Yard waste such as lawn clippings, branches, shrubs, trees will NOT be accepted, these items must be disposed of at All Seasons Contracting Services, 407 Freel Drive in Ames.

## Cemetery *Spring* Clean Up

The 3rd week of April is Spring clean up at the Colo Cemetery. Please remove any flowers, plants, etc.. Before this time. All decorations will be disposed of that are not removed. They may be placed out again after the clean up week. A reminder regarding gravesite decorating—during the grass growing season, decorations & urns MUST be placed directly next to the monu-

The Colo Lions Club will be serving a special breakfast of pancakes and sausage, as well as biscuits and gravy, on Saturday, April 25 in the shelter house at Central Park



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## **The 2010 Census is coming to your community!**

Every 10 years, we conduct a census of our population. The census count not only determines your community's representation in Congress, State Legislatures and Local Government—it's also used in distributing about \$300 billion annually in federal funding of public programs in:

Education, Community Healthcare, Public Transportation, Housing and Community Development

### **Thousands are needed for temporary jobs**

Conducting the census is a huge undertaking. Thousands of census takers are needed to update address lists and conduct interviews with community residents. We want to hire census takers from your community.

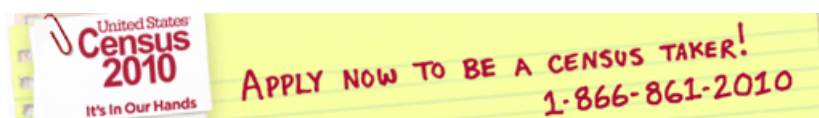
### **Earn Good Pay**

Census takers receive competitive pay on a weekly basis. In addition, they will be reimbursed for authorized mileage and related expenses.

The 2010 Census offers excellent opportunities for people in many walks of life:

Retirees, Full-Time Workers, Job Seekers, Students and Grads, Community Leaders

Being a census taker is an exceptional opportunity to earn good pay in a temporary, part-time job and at the same time help your community and nation. For more information about Census jobs, please visit our website at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or contact us at 1-866-861-2010



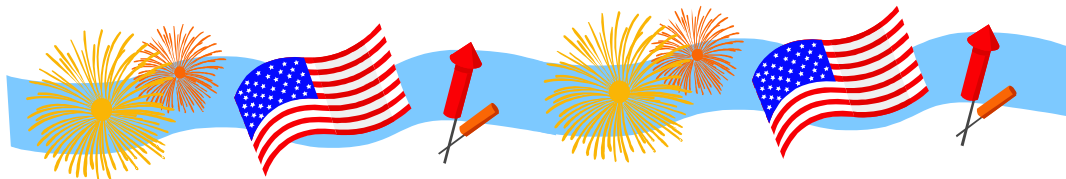
Larry J. Clatt, Jr. will be deploying to Iraq with the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Band this Spring to serve our country for one year.

Larry is the son of Larry and Sandra Clatt.

We would like to invite you to join us on Saturday, March 7th, 2009 from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. at the Colo Community Center for a surprise open house and to say good-bye and wish him and his family well.

If you can't make it and would like to send Larry a note, please send it to Patty Robinson, 803 Michaels Drive, Colo, Iowa 50056 or send an email to [kurtpaty@netins.net](mailto:kurtpaty@netins.net)

To keep up to date with the 34th Infantry Division visit: [www.TheRedBulls.org](http://www.TheRedBulls.org)



### City of Colo Resident Satisfaction Survey

With the help of Alliant Energy, the Colo Planning and Zoning Commission recently completed the Colo Resident Satisfaction Survey. The Commission makes recommendations to the Colo City Council regarding long-term capital improvements. The survey is one of the resources used to determine priorities for improvements. Here are the results of question 6 in the survey.

Colo has a \$1.00 per bag garbage pick-up program with a current base charge of \$9.25 per month. Should that program be continued or do you prefer a flat-rate service? Assume the flat-rate service would be approximately \$20.00 per household per month.

<u>Answer Options</u>	<u>Response Percent</u>	<u>Response Count</u>
Prefer current per bag charge	73.8%	166
Prefer flat-rate service	26.2%	59

Articles for the  
May—June  
Newsletter are due  
by  
April 20th



*Daylight Savings Time be-  
gins  
March 8th.  
Don't forget to Spring  
Ahead!*