

Special points of interest:

- Open Burning on Tues & Thurs ENDS November 15th
- General Election November 7th
- Flu Clinic, Thursday, November 9th
- **SEE DETAILS ABOUT THE ABOVE IN THIS ISSUE!**

Volume 3 Issue 6

Nov/Dec 2006



City of COLO Newsletter

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - NOON

AVOID IDENTITY THEFT

The best way to avoid identity theft is to be extremely cautious with your personal and financial information. By taking preventative measures, you can minimize the risk that your information may be stolen and misused. Simple tips to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim include:

Social Security Number and PIN Numbers – Do not carry your social security card or personal identification numbers with you, and do not print your social security number on your checks. Always use caution when using your social security number for identification. You should only provide your social security number to trusted sources, such as banks and the IRS.

Credit Reports – Periodically obtain a copy of your credit report and make sure it includes only those activities you have authorized. You can order a free copy of your credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com.

Secure Your Computer - Use firewall software, download the latest operating system updates, and never open suspicious attachments.

Email / Phone Inquiries - Never provide your personal or

financial information in response to an email inquiry, and never send that information by email. If you do receive an email asking for information and it appears to be legitimate, **do not** follow the link in the email, instead type the URL into the browser yourself and go to your account on the website to provide the information. Do not give your personal information out over the phone unless you initiated the contact or know exactly who you are dealing with.

Credit/Debit Cards - Activate and sign your credit cards as soon as you receive them. Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately. If possible, minimize the number of credit cards you carry.

U.S. Mail – Do not leave mail in your mailbox overnight and make sure to deposit outgoing mail in U.S. Postal Service collection boxes. If you are going away, place a hold on your mail or have someone pick it up for you.

Website Inquiries – Do not provide financial or personal information online except through a “secure transaction”. Secure URL’s usually start with “https://” (the s stands for secure) as opposed to simply

“http://”. It is also a good idea to make sure the website has a privacy policy.

Personal Information - Shred and destroy any documents containing personal or financial information.

Credit Card and Bank Statements – Watch your statements for unusual or unauthorized activity. If your monthly statement does not arrive when expected, check with the institution to make sure there has not been an address change on the account.

Retain Your Receipts - Take all debit and credit card receipts with you.

Keep a List of Accounts – Keep a list of all financial accounts, such as account numbers, expiration dates, and customer help phone numbers. If your wallet is stolen, it is important you have a record of the contents.

Credit Card Applications – Tear up or shred any unwanted credit card applications. If you have applied for a new card and it does not arrive within a reasonable period, contact the issuer.

For more tips and information on identity theft, go to www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

FLU CLINIC

**Thursday, November 9th
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Colo Community Center
Main Street – Colo**

No appointments necessary. For further information, call Homeward at 239-6730 or 1-800-529-4610. ***NOTE: Must present Medicare Card to receive shots at ‘no charge’.*** Otherwise the cost is \$20.00 Flu Shot or \$25.00 Pneumonia Shot.

PROJECT ANGEL 2006

Project Angel 2006 is in process. If you would like to participate by helping families less fortunate in our school district, angels will be available after Nov 19 at the churches in Colo, Zearing or McCallsburg, State Bank & Colo Telephone in Colo and Security State Bank in Zearing. The unwrapped item you purchased for the angel you took will need to be returned no later than Dec 11

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; PO Box 265; Colo, IA 50056.** If you know of a family in need that does not have school age children, forms can be picked up at Colo Tel or Security Bank. If you have questions, contact Linda Gibbs at 377-2605.

Yard Waste Free Days

Information taken from Resource Recovery Newsletter

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location:

407 Freel Drive, Ames

- ◆ **Saturday, Oct 21 (includes brush)**
- ◆ **Saturday, Oct 28**
- ◆ **Saturday, Nov 4**
- ◆ **Saturday, Nov 11**

Residents may bring their yard waste such as leaves, grass, and lawn clippings. **Branches, shrubs or trees are only free on October 21.** These yard waste items are **NOT** accepted at the Resource Recovery Plant.

The City of Ames contracts with *All Seasons Contracting Services* to accept yard waste at no cost to Story County

residents on free days. **Participants must abide by All Seasons guidelines for yard waste disposal.** For questions, call All Seasons Contracting Services at (515) 233-8508.



CITY OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Residents may burn on **Tuesday and Thursday from Noon – 8:00 pm Oct 1st through Nov 15th.** Residents may still burn on Saturdays 7:00 am – Noon any Saturday of the year.

“Burning **MUST** occur at least 40 ft from any structure such as a house, garage, or outbuilding and as long as such burning is attended at all times by a competent person of 18 yrs or older with a garden

hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use”



IOWA ENERGY CENTER'S HOME SERIES BOOK 3 RELEASED

Taken from IAMU Newsletter

The Iowa Energy Center has released the third installment of their “Home Series” of publications, titled “Water Heating”.

The first two publications are “Home Tightening, Insulation and Ventilation” and “Home Heating and Cooling”. All three publications are available at no charge for distribution to your utility customers. Utility cus-

tomers may download PDF copies of the publications directly from the Iowa Energy Center website, www.energy.iastate.edu. If your utility or any of your customers desire hard copies, contact the Iowa Energy Center at 515-294-8819 or www.energy.iastate.edu and

copies will be sent free of charge.



Iowa Energy Center
“Home Series”

The “Home Series” publications are filled with everyday energy-saving tips designed to make a positive impact on family budgets.

COLO CARES NEWS Submitted by Brenda McGuire

**"Stories Around
The
Christmas Tree"**

Tues, Dec 12
7:00 pm

Preschool age
through
4th Grade

Stories, Songs
Crafts, Games
Snacks
Come & Join
The FUN!!



Colo
Public
Library

After a summer slow-down, *Colo Cares* is back in business! We continue to support families in various ways.

Our new effort is a medical equipment lending service. We have received a number of pieces of medical equipment that is in excellent condition, including a hospital bed. They are free on loan to anyone in our community, a huge savings to families. We are very grateful to Larry "Willard" Mille-son for storage. We are also looking for a person to coordinate this service. It would involve keeping track of the equipment, and fielding requests for use, perhaps an hour or two a month by phone. (There would be no

hauling involved, since other volunteers would handle that part.) If you are interested in volunteering, please call Brenda at 377-2422.

We continue to support families in crisis, network with other agencies, provide adult education, and support new projects for our community, like the after school program. We are working on a project to support local businesses and to facilitate networking for them. If you would like to join any of our efforts or have ideas for new projects, please come the second Thursday of the month at the Community Center. All meetings last about an hour and begin at 7pm, and

are open to the public. Check out our website for the latest news: <http://colocares.org-index.htm> Let's show Story County that *Colo Cares!*

~~~~~  
*Thank you to all who donated or helped with the Colo Clothing Share. We asked for infant clothing and blankets, and you delivered! We also had a fabulous group of volunteers to organize and display the many donations. The Clothing Share has become a community wide effort, and we are so grateful. Thanks to Country Pioneers 4-H Club, Colo-Nesco FCS classes, Boy Scouts, BF&T club members, and many other volunteers. This was the best yet! God bless you all!*

**Colo PUBLIC LIBRARY News**

Submitted by Joanie Jamison, Librarian

The annual library **BOOK, MAGAZINE & VIDEO SALE** is Friday, Nov 17 from 9-6 and Sat, Nov 18 from 9-4. **THANKSGIVING VIDEO**

**SPECIAL** is Wed Nov 22 from 11-6 with return on Mon, Nov 27. Our **CHRISTMAS VIDEO SPECIAL** is Dec 20, 21 & 22 with return on Wed, Dec

27. Our **NEW YEARS VIDEO SPECIAL** is Dec 27, 28, 29 with return Wed Jan 3.

*The library will be CLOSED Nov 23, Dec 25 & 26 and Jan 1 & 2.*



**CAKE  
DECORATING  
CLASS**

Nov 2nd  
7:00 pm  
Colo Public  
Library

For Registration  
Call the Library  
377-2900

*This class will cover basics, next class will date will be set that night.*

**CHRISTMAS  
PHOTOS**

1st Annual Winter Scene  
Photo Shoot

Featuring

**Photography by Lesli**  
at the

Colo Public Library

Fri, Nov 17 (1pm-6pm)

Sat, Nov 18 (10am-2pm)

Your kids will love our Frosty & Friends and your keepsake photo will be a holiday favorite.



To schedule your appointment to have your kids holiday picture taken, call Alicia

Smith at 377-2839.

Packages starting at \$12.00. Price Sheet will be available w/ appointment.



City Hall Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - Noon

City of Colo  
P. O. Box 294  
Colo, Iowa 50056-0294

Phone: 641-377-2238  
Email: colocity@netins.net

Presort Standard  
ECRW335  
US Postage Paid  
Colo IA 50056  
PERMIT 14

POSTAL PATRON

COLO, IOWA 50056

**City Council Meeting:**

Nov 6th - 7:00 pm

Dec 4th - 7:00 pm

**City Hall will be Closed:**

November 10th

November 23rd & 24th

December 25th

**Have you heard?  
COLO TELEPHONE  
and  
CCM WIRELESS  
are having their  
ANNUAL OPEN  
HOUSE**

**Friday, Nov 17th  
9am - 4pm  
303 Main St - Colo**

**\*FREE** cookies & coffee

**\*FREE** gift for attending

**\*FREE** drawings for great prizes

**\*1/2 OFF** DSL Internet  
Installation \$25 savings

**\*1/2 OFF** wireless activation

Nov 13-Dec 31 (\$15 savings/phone)

**\*10% OFF** all wireless accessories  
(check out our new wireless store)



**GENERAL ELECTION**

Information from Story County Iowa Website



GENERAL  
ELECTION

General Election Day is  
**Tuesday, November 7th.**  
Polls will be open from **7:00  
am until 9:00 pm.**

FYI:

Nov 3rd - Last day to re-  
quest a written application  
for an absentee ballot to be  
received in the Commis-  
sioner's Office no later than  
5:00 pm

Nov 4th - The Auditor's of-  
fice will be open from 9:00  
am to 5:00 pm for early vot-  
ing and other election busi-  
ness

Election Polling Places:

**New Albany Twp/Colo** -  
Colo Library/Community  
Center - 309 Main St

**Sherman Twp** - Sherman  
Township Community Hall -  
18990 710th Ave

**Richland Twp** - Dennis  
Wilkening's Shed - 66460  
Richland St

**Nevada Twp** - Ray Loun-  
sberry's Shed - 64923 Lincoln  
Hwy

Or checkout

[www.storycounty.com](http://www.storycounty.com)