



City of Colo Newsletter



City Hall Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – Noon
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May/June 2014

Colo Library News

The Library will be closed Monday May 26 for Memorial Day.

The Library now has Blu Ray!!



Summer Reading at the Colo Public Library. The theme this year is Fizz Boom Read. We will have speakers, snacks, games, crafts and we will even blow up a few things!! Preschool Storytime is Friday's at 10:00, K-4 program is on Mondays at 2:00 and the Middle School Program 5-8 is on Fridays at 2:00.



Family Fun Night at the Library!! The library is open until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The first Wednesday of every month the library will be having a Family Fun Night. June 4, July 2 and August 6. Watch the newspaper for more details.

Colo Cemetery News



Just a reminder when setting flowers out for the Memorial Day holiday, we ask that you put your flowers and containers as close to the base of the stone as possible to help with the mowing and trimming of the cemetery. Also, note that planting of flowers or shrubs is not allowed in the cemetery without cemetery board approval and we do not allow you to use glass containers for flowers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the cemetery board members.

-Ron Phares, Jim Riese, Tyler Norgart or DeAnne Luke

Get your cameras ready!

This year's photo contest will have a special category "Get Fired Up" in honor of the 100th anniversary of our fire department. This will include anything pertaining to fires or fire departments. As usual, we will have the regular categories of Patriotic, People, and Miscellaneous. Any questions, contact Linda Peakin (377-2960)



2014 Alumni Banquet

The 2014 Colo/Colo NESCO Alumni Banquet will be held on **Saturday, May 24th @ 6:00 pm** at the Colo NESCO High School in Colo. Tickets are **\$14.00** and can be purchased at Colo Telephone Company, State Bank & Trust or Weirs Insurance. Or you can reserve your tickets by contacting Sue McKinney at 377-2786. It is suggested that tickets be purchased or reserved before May 16th so an attendance count can be provided to the caterer. New alumni directories are also available and can be purchased for \$10.00. This year the banquet is being hosted by the Class of 1964 who will also be celebrating their 50 year class reunion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School
At Colo United Methodist Church
Join the Fun! Mark your calendars!
Sunday, July 27-Thursday, July 31st, 2014
Light supper served at 5:30 p.m.
Activities for children ages 4 through completion of Grade 6.
Stop by the Colo UMC for registration forms and more information!
Please register by June 20, 2014

COLO MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Monday, May 26, 2014

St. James Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

Colo Public Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.

Pat Peakin, Colo American Legion
Commander



Thank you to all of our Colo Crossroads Festival Sponsors!

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“Get Fired Up” - July 11, 12 & 13



Colo Crossroads Festival is going to be amazing this year. The Fire Department is in full swing as they gear up to celebrate 100 years of service to Colo and the surrounding area.

Thursday evening, July 10th, chalk art will be happening at Niland's café. Friday evening dinner will be served at the Methodist Church and then the activities will move to the City Park. The Tractor Ride starts at Niland's Café on Saturday morning and after that all activities will be at the Fire Station or on Main Street. Sunday morning events will be at the City Park and then the Truck Pull will begin at 1 PM Sunday.

We do need help! We have several new inflatable events this year. To keep the costs down we need to supply our own volunteers to monitor each inflatable location. We need 16 adults who are willing to watch the kids at each station. The shifts will be assigned for intervals of two and a half hours each. Every adult volunteer will be given a free Crossroads t-shirt and four “all day” wristbands. Please come out and help make the event possible. Contact Katie Harrington <katieNharrington@yahoo.com> for more information. We also need help the day of the events with set-up and sales. Please volunteer!!

Our meetings are the first Saturdays of the month at Niland's café. The next two dates will be May 3rd at 4:00 p.m. and June 7th at 8:00 a.m.

The Crossroads Festival would not be possible without the generous donations of our sponsors. Please let them know you appreciate their support!



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.

COLO FARMERS MARKET

Colo Farmer's Market will open for the season May 15th and run Thursdays from 5-7PM through September 25th. Market includes produce, home baked goods, farm fresh eggs, jams and jellies, and handmade items (great gifts!) from vendors around the area.

Interested in becoming a vendor?

Contact 2014 market directors Judy and Dan Handsaker (email handsaker1020@yahoo.com or phone (515) 460-5187. Market guidelines and applications are available at Niland's Café at the Reed-Niland Corner where the market is held. Plans for the 2014 season include live entertainment (bring a lawnchair or blanket!), free lemonade from Niland's Café, and drawings for free items from vendors. Reed Gas Station will be open during market hours each week thanks to willing volunteers.

Visit the Colo Farmer's Market Facebook page (and LIKE it!) as well as other Colo area pages: Reed-Niland Corner, Colo Motel, Colo Crossroads Festival, Colo Telephone Company and Niland's Café.



Colo Farmer's Market Live Music at Reed-Niland Corner 24 Lincoln Way - Colo, IA

THURSDAYS 5-7PM

May 15 David Gray

May 22 BAHfun

May 29 Steve Clark

June 5 David Gray

June 12 Rick Exner

June 19 Robert Blair

June 26 Steve Clark

July 3 NO MARKET

July 10 Robert Blair

July 17 David Gray

July 24 Steve Clark

July 31 Rick Ennis

Aug. 7 Rick Exner

Aug 14 Robert Blair

Aug 21 Dennis Kain

Aug 28 David Gray

Sept 4 -Lily DeTaeye

Sept 11 David Gray

Sept 18 Ryan Sheeler

Sept 25 - Dennis Kain

Colo Clothing Share/St. Mary's Closet

Thank you to all who donated, volunteered and shopped with us at the spring Clothing Share. We continue to see new faces thanks to social media and word of mouth. We typically serve around 130 families, and this time was no exception. We are grateful for the new volunteers who stepped into the places left by those we have lost or who are in frail health. Special thanks to the Grover, McKinney and Starling families for setup and tear down help, Colo Telephone for publicity, and St. Mary's for hosting us and for protecting our storage area after a burst pipe this winter.

Special recognition goes to Lucas Markey, who will start college in the fall. Lucas' mother Kathy, and Brenda McGuire started the first Clothing Share in 2003, when he was only seven years old. Our storage tubs were bigger than Lucas, but he has been a faithful volunteer for set up and tear down ever since. He can quickly load and organize the storage and make it look easy, skills he put to use at his job at Fareway. Thank you, Lucas!

NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A SUMMER CLOTHING SHARE THIS YEAR. THE NEXT CLOTHING SHARE WILL BE IN OCTOBER. WE WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS AT THAT TIME.

St. Mary's Closet

Colo Cares

Colo Cares would like to recognize all of you who have gone over and above to be good neighbors this winter. You know who you are. We have heard stories that warm our hearts and make us so glad to live in Colo. Thank you for bringing our motto, *Neighbor Helping Neighbor* to life.

Colo Cares has provided quite a bit of medical equipment to people this winter. We have a wheelchair (and could use another one with leg supports), walkers, commode, shower chair, risers, crutches, and some braces. Please return any equipment you are finished with, cleaned and ready to lend again. There is no charge for the equipment.

Contacts: Rose Hess 377-2733 or Pat and Linda Peakin 377-377-2960

Colo Prayer Group

Although the Colo Prayer Group does not meet weekly during the day, we are still around! We accept prayer requests online at bm McGuire25@hotmail.com, and will pray for them. We will not use names unless you give permission, and will keep sensitive requests general enough to maintain your privacy. If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the email above and use *prayer request* in the subject line. Often we pray right on the email, so you can join us at your convenience. For urgent requests, please call or text 515-450-8456.

A group of us have begun meeting in the evening once a month or so. If you would like to join us, please contact that email above. We'd love to have you join us in praying for Colo and beyond. It is come as you are and when you can. Very informal, non-denominational, Bible based, and encouraging.



Are you up for the challenge?



Friday, July 11th at the Colo Crossroads Festival.

Register your team today!

Space is limited to **the first 10 teams** who get their registration turned in at the Colo Telephone office.

*Team members **MUST** be related and one team member **MUST** be 18 years old or older. (*related: spouse, daughter, son, aunt, uncle, in-law, etc*) This race will involve a lot of running to different locations around town – no riding of any type of vehicle, ATV, bicycle, golf cart, etc will be allowed. Race **MUST** be completed on foot. So find a family member that will make a great team mate and get signed up – and get the rest of your family to come out and cheer you on.

(*No registration fee*) Race will begin and end at the Colo City Park.

CASH PRIZES to the first 3 teams to complete the race.

To register, stop and pick up a registration form at Colo Telephone, Colo Library or State Bank. Or request one at colo@netins.net to have one emailed to you.

Only 10 teams so don't wait to register!

From the Superintendent's Desk ... so you may better know your schools...

I am happy to report more good news. As you may already know Colo-Nesco Community Schools was just one of 39 from throughout the state who was awarded a grant to improve the quality of instruction and ultimately boost students' academic skills. As a district we will receive an additional \$309 per student for roughly a total of \$163,000 for each of the next three years. We all know that teachers make a significant difference in the success of our students. Our teachers will have the opportunity to mentor their peers, serve as instructional models, lead professional development and assist in the development and implementation of curriculum all designed to impact student learning and growth while being compensated for their efforts. While it might be hard for you to grasp the significance of this opportunity I want to assure you that this is an outstanding accomplishment for our district. I have faith that our teaching staff will embrace the challenges and opportunities that this funding provides the district and that their efforts will result in higher achievement.

This is yet another example of how our district is being viewed from the outside looking in. Educators from around the state now view us as a progressive district focused on student growth and achievement. As you might remember this wasn't always our story. I am very proud of the efforts that many are making to ensure that your children and the children of the district are prepared to be contributing members of society. I encourage you when asked by others outside of our district how CN is doing, chose to share the good news. Tell our story of hard work and commitment and encourage them to visit or contact us.

You may reach me at anytime by calling 641-377-2282 ext. 204 or by emailing at jverlengia@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us

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Lions Club Eye Recycling

There is a box at State Bank & Trust in Colo for eye glasses you no longer need or use. Please don't throw them away, put them in the recycling box at the bank!

**City Council
Meetings**
Monday, May 5 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall
Monday, June 2 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall
Open to the Public

Articles for the
July - August
Newsletter are due
by
June 20th