

City of Colo Newsletter



City Hall Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - Noon

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May/June 2015



Colo Library News

May the 4th Be With You! Star Wars Days at the library May 4th from 11 to 6. Star Wars movies, crafts, trivia and refreshments. Lots of fun for Star Wars fans of all ages.

Memorial Day DVD Special. Checkout any three new releases for \$2.00 on May 22 and 23.

This summer let the library be your hero headquarters! Join us for the Summer Reading Program "Every Hero Has a Story" K-4 will meet at 2:00 on Mondays June 8-July 27. Preschool Storytime Friday mornings at 10:00 June 12-July 1.

Dan Wardell is visiting the library Thursday July 2 at 1:30. Dan Wardell is the host of IPTV Kids Clubhouse.

Please help us welcome Dan to Colo! Colo City Wide Garage Sale is June 12 & 13. If you are interested in participating call the library at 641-377-2900 no later than May 30. This year the FC&A Club will be sponsoring a garage sale at the McKinney Seed Shed, 1203 West Street. Any rural residents interested in renting a spot contact Katy McKinney at 641-485-3149.

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.

The mowing has again been contracted to Jeff Fritz of Colo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the cemetery board members.

- Ron Phares, Blake Sorem, Rod Geisinger or DeAnne Luke

Quilt Raffle

A group of Colo Quilters have made a small quilt (approx. 4 1/2 by 5 feet) to be raffled off with the proceeds to help with the cost of the Colo Crossroads Festival. The quilt will soon be on display at State Bank & Trust and raffle tickets and Crossroads shirts will be for sale at the bank as well as these locations: State Bank, Colo Telephone Co., Colo Library, Niland's Cafe and City Hall. Shirts will be \$10 and available in assorted sizes and two colors. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Look for the quilt depicting "Magic at the Crossroads" the 2015 theme. The quilt includes a rabbit with hat, a magic wand with stars, doves from the magician's hat, the dog "Colo" jumping through a hoop and highways 30 and 65 representing our festival and Colo's position as the crossroads of the historic Lincoln and Jefferson Highways. Keeping with the "Magic at the Crossroads" theme, the outer border is comprised of the quilt block named "Magic Circle" enhanced by the word COLO across the top. The color theme represents the Colo-Nesco Royals. The cards in the corner carry out the magic!



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Sponsored by Colo American Legion

Monday May 25th

10:00 AM at St. James Cemetery

10:30 AM at Colo Public Cemetery

If raining, services will be held at 10:30 AM at the Community building





OPEN BURNING

The open burning season is here. During the time period of April 1st through May 15th residents may burn yard and garden waste generated on their own property on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. The Saturday burn times of 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon are in effect all year. If fires are still burning at the designated end time they must be extinguished. Burning is not to take place on the City streets.

To report an illegal burn contact the Story County Sheriff's Office at 911 (emergency) or 515-382-6566 (non-emergency).



Fire Hydrant Flushing



Colo residents could experience brief discolored water or low water pressure as public works crews work to flush the city's fire hydrants for about a month. The spring flushing will be starting the week of April 27th and continue for a few weeks. Hydrants are flushed to maintain water quality in the fire protection system.



City of Colo: Tree City USA Recipient

The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources - Forestry Bureau are proud to announce that the City of Colo has received the 2014 Tree City USA award 25th Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon, held at the Stoney Creek Inn on April 10, 2015.

State Forester Paul Tauke commented, "The Tree City USA award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of **public trees.**" The City of Colo has provided an outstanding example for other Iowa communities, by enhancing our forest resources and demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations.

Colo was one of 83 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA status. To receive the award a city must meet four minimum requirements: 1) The city must possess either a city forester or an active city tree board, 2) The city must have a tree ordinance, 3) The city must annually spend at least \$2 per capita for its community forestry program.

2015 Alumni Banquet

The 2015 Colo/Colo NESCO Alumni Banquet will be held **on Saturday, May 23rd @ 6:00 pm** at the Colo NESCO High School in Colo. **Tickets are \$16.00** and can be purchased at Colo Telephone Company or State Bank & Trust in Colo.

Or you can reserve your tickets by contacting Susan Schlueter at (515)385-2517. It is suggested that tickets be purchased or reserved before May 16th so an attendance count can be provided to the caterer.

This year the banquet is being hosted by the Class of 1965 who will also be celebrating their 50 years.

Please join us for the third annual UMW Tea on Saturday, May 30th, 2015!



This year the theme will be "Wedding In a Garden"



The tea will take place in the Colo United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.



The Table Walk will be at 11:30 AM.
The Tea starts at 12:00 PM.



Please gather in the Sanctuary prior to the table walk.

Twelve beautifully decorated tables will be on display. Seating is limited.

Please make reservations early by calling Nancy Tucker at 377-3737.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person. The cost for young ladies age 6 and under are \$6.00.

Colo-NESCO Rec Swimming Lessons will be June 22 - July 1. Cost will be \$35.00. Forms will be going out soon.



Volunteers need to help man the concession stands at Carmody Park and Casey's Field during home softball and baseball games. Contact: Kohlwes@netins.net



Magic At the Crossroads: July (9)-10-11-12, 2015

Crossroads shirts have been ordered and will be for sale soon. The logo was designed by Stephanie Fairweather Kelly and depicts the Magic you will find at the Crossroads of the Lincoln and Jefferson Highways this year. The generous donations and support of the community groups and individuals make our celebration possible.



There are still opportunities to help and get involved. There will be various tasks that need some volunteer help the weekend of Crossroads 2015. Consider volunteering – some of you may think of it as a Silver Cord Opportunity!

We had hoped our final schedule would be ready for this newsletter but there are still some items awaiting final confirmation. We can tell you that this year, the Festival will kick-off at the Colo Farmer's Market (at Reed-Niland Corner) Thursday, July 9th. The Prince and Princess contest will be Thursday night. A fun kid's magic contest will be held so get your tricks ready. Prizes will be awarded and top winners will be invited to assist with the Magic Shows we have booked with Keith West Magic Shows! Two shows will be presented Saturday afternoon July 11th. The inflatables will include a bounce house and a water slide so come prepared to get a little wet. The popular Scavenger Hunt (1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50) will take place the week before Crossroads with winners announced during the festival. The photo contest will also award cash prizes in three categories: "Iowa" Alphabet Art, "Barns" and "Colorful" (1st place \$20, 2nd place \$10). We will be selling wristbands, shirts and quilt raffle tickets at our Crossroads Information booth both Friday and Saturday this year. Updates and details will be available on the Colo Crossroads Festival facebook page. Special entertainment will be provided by Ray Wierson following the Saturday morning parade. Look for "Totally Twisted" balloon artist meandering about the park Saturday afternoon. Enjoy Sand volleyball, Bag toss game, Fish pond, and we hope beautiful weather, for all the weekend activities. We're happy to report that the street dance with band "After Shock" sponsored by Boot Heel Saloon will have NO COVER CHARGE! Once the final schedule is, well, final we will have them available at locations around the area as well as posted on facebook.

We appreciate the generous support of donors who make the festival happen! It's not too late to donate, donations may be sent to Colo Crossroads Festival, PO Box 191, Colo, IOWA 50056. We would like to acknowledge additional donations received from Burke, Dorothy Cerka (Avon), Colo Development Group, The Colo Quilters and Dan's Auto to date.



Colo Cares News

COLO CLOTHING SHARE

Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, and shopped with us at the last Clothing Share. We would especially like to thank the Colo Telephone Company for the excellent publicity by email, on the marquee at their office and on the Colo Channel. Wow!!!

We would like to apologize for the mix up with publicity that kept the announcement out of the last newsletter. (It is floating around in cyberspace somewhere, but it was sent.) We know that many of you are regular shoppers or look forward to donating so we are very sorry for the inconvenience. The next Clothing Share will be in October. Please hold donations until then. As always, if there is an emergency, the Closet can be opened by appointment. St. Mary's Closet Contacts: Pat and Linda Peakin 377-2960 or Brenda McGuire at 377-2422

COLO CARES

Colo Cares has been taking inventory of our medical equipment that is available for loan to community residents. If you have borrowed equipment and are finished with it, please return it to us. We could use another commode and some new catheters. We have walkers, a wheelchair, shower chairs, canes and crutches as well as a few other items that are ready for loan. At this time we do not have furniture or appliances to offer. If you would be interested in volunteering with Colo Cares, please let us know.

Colo Cares is working on a welcome packet to offer new residents. If you are a business or organization that would be interested in including coupons or promotional materials, please let us know.

Colo Cares encourages the community to check on elderly or infirm residents who may need help this spring with changing light bulbs, especially outside, urgent repairs or flooding issues. We have a list of agencies that can assist, but neighbors and families are our best resource. Thank you to all who have generously given of yourselves to help your neighbors. You are what makes Colo special. God bless you!

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Colo Lions Club

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!



BINGO!

Twin Anchors on May 24, July 3, and September 6 at 7:00 p.m.



City Hall will be closed on May 25th to observe Memorial Day



City Council Meetings

Monday, May 4 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall
Monday, June 1 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall

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July - August
Newsletter are due
by
June 20th