



KAABA SHRINERS

SPORTSMAN GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, October 25, 2025

American Legion • Columbus Junction, IA

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. • Supper and Drawings to Follow

All Proceeds to benefit the Kaaba Shriners

For information call Bill Juhl @ (319)728-3338

Kenan Todd presented "Shine the Light" award by IAEC

The Shine the Light contest, sponsored by the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives (IAEC), celebrates local volunteers who are making a positive impact on their communities here in Iowa. This year 88 Iowans from across the state were nominated and the IAEC selected three grand prize winners.

Eastern Iowa REC members nominated two individuals, and while none were selected for the grand prize, Eastern Iowa REC and our power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, each made \$250 donations to the nominee's charities.

The 2025 Cooperative nominees included Kenan Todd of Columbus Junction and Terri Becker of Wilton.

Todd was nominated by Doris Mouglin of Columbus Jct. for his work with the United Fund of Columbus Jct. and many volunteer efforts on behalf of the town of Columbus Jct.



Eastern Iowa REC Board President Ken Purdy presented the Cooperative's donation to Kenan Todd of Columbus Jct. The donation was made to the United Fund of Columbus Jct.

Becker was nominated by Nathan Sawvell of Wilton for Becker's work with the

Wilton American Legion Auxiliary, as well as her volunteer work with the Junior Achievement

program in the Wilton schools and her work as treasurer of the Oakdale Cemetery Board.



Congratulations to the Columbus Junior High Football team on their outstanding season. They finished 5-1 on the year with victories over Wapello (35-0), LM (52-30), Central Lee (40-0), Van Buren (40-0) and Pekin (20-16). Thanks to the parents and fans for providing food and support throughout the season. The 5-1 Wildcats were coached by Mike Gronewold, Kasey Keltner and Scott Dennler.

First row--- Braxtyn Salazar, Jake Milder, Amoz Ceu, Andres Fernandez, Marvin Williams, Gio Lopez.

Second row—Hector Valdez, Jeremiah Davis, Joel Totemeier, Owen Reed-Sands, Emmanuel Lopez.

Third row-- Chayanne Jaques Guerrero, Clay Clark, Jackson Heindel, Diego Linares Santiago, Gio Jasso Salazar, Erick Nunez, Armando Castellanos. Not pictured Djeams Veillard.

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CJ LIONS CLUB

After dessert provided by Lion Linda at 6:00 PM, the regular meeting of the Columbus Junction Lions Club was called to order October 6, 2025 by President Bill Hingst Jr. The meeting was held at the Columbus Community Senior Center. 10 members attended. Lion Nancy gave the prayer prior to the meal.

President Bill called the meeting to order and Lion Cassie led the pledge of allegiance.

President Bill thanked Lion Linda for providing the delicious dessert for this meeting.

Secretaries Report

Secretary Lamoyne read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cassie reported the current balances in the Administrative and Activity Funds. Her Report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Lion Jim Howell reported that the proceeds from the September 22nd Pizza Ranch fundraiser totaled \$175.97 (\$83.97

tips plus \$92.00 from 10 percent of sales) He thanked all members who helped plus those members that came for dinner that evening. Jim has reserved the next fundraiser with Pizza Ranch for a date in March 2026.

M e m b e r s volunteered to fill out the remainder of the dates for picking up trash at Chautauqua Park through the end of October. Lions Bill and Cassie will cover the final 2 weeks of October.

Old Business

Lion Lamoyne reported that the Discoveries Thrift Store graciously donated \$500 to our Club Project to help provide eye exams and glasses for Columbus Schools Elementary and Junior High students with financial needs as identified by the School Nurse.

Lamoyne provided an update on the status of finding a suitable means to publicize the availability of a Video Magnifier for a needy individual with diminished eyesight.

President Bill updated the members on arrangements he

was working on to collect mittens, hats, and scarves for Roundy Elementary students in need. With approval of City Hall and the Library, a collection box will be located at City Hall and the effort will be publicized in the local paper. The goal is to deliver the items collected by November 15th. Members were also reminded that their donations can be brought to our October and November monthly Club meetings.

Lamoyne also reminded members to bring donations for the local Food Pantry to our next meeting. It was suggested that a picture be taken when the Food Pantry items are delivered.

New Business

President Bill reported that our Club had received a Banner Patch from LCIF for our Club's donations to LCIF that averaged over \$100.00 per person during Program Year 2024-2025. Bill read the thank you that accompanied the patch. Lion Linda volunteered to place the patch on our banner.

Lion Lamoyne read a thank you from Lion Nancy on behalf of LCIF for our Club's donation of \$1,000 to the Empowering Service Fund.

Lion Cassie reported that the Club had recently received donations totaling \$900 in memory of her recently deceased

brother Joe Galloway from individuals at the University Hospitals. Joe had known and/or worked with. Lion Cassie then moved to add this sum to our Club's Scholarship Fund. The motion was seconded by Lions Dorothy and passed unanimously.

Lion Lamoyne reviewed plans for the Columbus Day breakfast and all helper duties were assigned.

President Bill reviewed plans for Club's Columbus Day parade entry asking members who wished to ride to be at the School by 12 noon.

Lion Nancy asked members to think about purchasing new decals for the Lions signs at the entrances of town.

Members sang Happy Birthday to President Bill.

The speaker for our next meeting will Cori Milan from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach operating out of the Louisa County Extension Office.

Tail Twister

Lion Verl entertained the members with what kids from 7 to 12 had to say in answer to questions about love and marriage.

There being no further business, President Bill adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Lamoyne Buser,
Club Secretary

COMMUNITY CLUB

Members' Present: 24

Invocation: Mike Roeder

Treasurers Report: Ron sent the treasurer's report from August 15, 2025 – September 15, 2025. Expenses totaled \$331.50. Income totaled \$60.80. Columbus Day fund balance = \$5,691.67. Community Club fund balance: \$7,455.13. Total account balance = \$13,146.80. Treasurer's report approved as read.

Minutes: Minutes approved as read.

Community Reports:

City of CJ: Will work on getting some road issues through town fixed prior to winter. DOT has covered some costs related to fixes along Hwy. 92 that would normally be covered by homeowners or the city. Park cleanup begins in the next couple of weeks. New ambulance has been ordered, hopefully delivered in the Fall of 2026. A full-time ambulance employee has been hired working mostly weekends.

C o l u m b u s Community School: Dr. Volk reported homecoming is approaching – slightly altered schedule compartmented to normal to accommodate other events. Bonfire event is being held after the football game on Friday. Decision on whether game can be held on the football field will be made no later than next

Tuesday. November 4th election approaching; 4 open school board seats. 10 candidates have turned in papers so far. Paul Kissell, HS principal and Activities Director, Michael Aragon, joined Dr. Volk at the meeting.

Colonial Manor: Assisted Living Facility has vacancies. Lions Club: thanked the community for supporting the pancake breakfast. Club will be having biscuits and gravy breakfast on Columbus Day.

Tyson: Mike reported some equipment upgrades are occurring. The plant is currently fully staffed. Columbus Day: Parade will go on as normally scheduled. Road in front of Bard/WSB to Legion will be closed all day. Tractor show will be in Legion parking lot & car show in the Weber & Huston parking lot. Some vendors will be in City Hall parking lot. Two bands will play in the afternoon/evening.

C o l u m b u s Foundation of Louisa County: Will work with people waiting to open an endowment. Grant applications are being accepted currently.

Meeting adjourned.
Kasey K. Heindel

