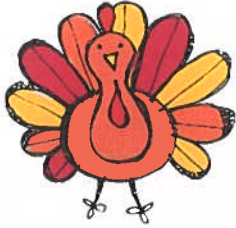


CITY OF COLO NEWS LETTER

November- December

CITY NEWS



PARKING PROHIBITED - SNOW EMERGENCY

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on Main Street between its intersection with West Street and its intersection with Second Street and on Fourth Street from one hundred fifty feet (150') South of Main Street during any snow emergency proclaimed by the Mayor unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the forty-eight (48) hour period after cessation of such storm except as provided above upon streets which have been fully opened.

1. No vehicle shall be parked on either side of the above described streets between the hours of 2:00 A.M. through 6:00 A.M. during such snow emergency.
2. The proclamation of a snow emergency shall be publicized by the notification of the news media, stating that a snow emergency is in effect and that the regulations set out in this section shall be enforced.
3. A sign stating these regulations shall be posted in each block within the affected area.
4. Any vehicle found parked in violation of this Section shall be impounded and towed away. The towing and storage bill shall be assessed against the owner of said vehicle.
5. This Section and the posting thereof shall not be construed as suspending parking limitations or restrictions imposed by any other Section of this Code.

Christmas in Colo's Festival of Trees

There are still trees available to sponsor for the Festival of Trees held at the library during Christmas in Colo. Any individual, club or business is invited to decorate a tree to be displayed in the library and voted on by the community. Cash prizes are awarded for 1st Place and Mayor's Choice. Please contact Katy McKinney at 641-485-3149 to reserve your tree!

Community Coffee

Fridays at 9:30

Enjoy great conversations and coffee with friends at the Colo Public Library.

You are invited to attend a "Friendsgiving" meal on November 20th from 5-6:30pm at the Colo Community Center. This meal is **free and will be served by members of the Colo Community. Come join us!**

COLO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Noon Year's Eve Party!! Colo Public Library December 31 at 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Balloon Drop at Noon Open to all ages Crafts, snacks, games, and more!!

Book Club for Adults

Colo Public Library

Friday December 2 at 2:00

Discussing the book The 13th Gift by Joanne Huist Smith

If you are interested in participating stop by the Library for a copy of the book

HUGE FALL BOOK SALE

Friday November 4 9:00-6:00

Sat. November 5 10:00-4:00

Hardcover books 50 cents

Paperback books 25 cents

Dvds & Blu Rays \$1.00

Puzzles \$1.00

Magazines 10 cents each

CDs – 50 cents each

Nothing priced over \$1.00

BOOK SALE



Colo Community Food Pantry

The Colo Community Food Pantry will be making exciting changes in 2023!

We are currently in the planning stages so stay tuned for details.

The food pantry is located in the basement of the Colo United Methodist Church and open to anyone that would be in need of our services. Everything is kept confidential. Hours are Tuesdays 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm and Fridays 9:30 am – 10:30 am.

Closed on the 5th Tuesday and Friday Use South Doors.



There is also a Pantry Cabinet located outside of the library and available for anyone to use during library hours. *'Take what you need – Give what you can'.*

NEW UNOPENED, NON-EXPIRED donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the church during office hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am – Noon. Monetary donations also welcome. Those can be mailed to the Colo Food Pantry; PO Box 266; Colo IA 50056 or through the EasyTithe app (*under Colo Methodist Church – pick Colo Food Pantry Fund*)

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC

Colo Community Center,
Third Tuesday each month 10:30–11:45 a.m.



Senior Health Clinics are for ages 60 and over.



These clinics provide blood pressure and foot care screenings.

Foot care consists of toe nail trimmings, callus removal and corn reduction, foot soak, assessment of skin integrity and lotion.

***Call ahead if interested in receiving Flu Shot or Pfizer Booster**

Contact Home Health Services
515-239-6730 or 800-529-4610

Christmas in Colo December 11

4:30-7:30 Vendor Market Colo Community Center

4:30-7:30 Visit Red Table Antiques & More with their extended hours and enjoy hot chocolate, cider and other treats

4:30-7:30 Watch out for some of your favorite Christmas Characters strolling along Main Street

4:30-7:30 Royal Nutrition will be open with great specials & activities



4:30-7:30 Festival of Trees, Sponsored by FC&A Club
Colo Public Library

4:30-7:30 Gingerbread Contest & Coloring Contest
Colo Public Library

5:00 to 7:00 Plume Hill Carriage Rides Around
Main Street

4:45 Live Christmas Music being preformed

before Santa arrives

5:00 Santa lighting the Main Street Christmas Tree

5:00-7:00 Soup Supper St. Mary's Catholic Church

5:30-6:30 Santa at the Station Colo Fire Station (this is an early printing so activities and times may change)





Christian Patrick Oswalt, 16 of Ames, died Monday, October 10, 2022, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Christian was born September 16, 2006, in Marshalltown, the son of Bradley G. Oswalt and Mindy S. Speake. Christian was a sophomore at Colo-NESCO High School. He excelled in football, basketball, and track. Christian was a member of the Cornerstone Church of Ames and was a member of the "Escape" Youth Group. While in school, he was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He loved being with his family and friends, enjoyed all sports and spending time with his nieces and nephews. Christian had a strong love for the Lord, and a desire for those he knew to come to know the Lord.

Christian is survived by his father Brad (fiancée Roanna Weldon) Oswalt of Colo, his mother Mindy (Casey) Speake of Ames; his siblings Caitlin (Nick) Durst and their children Landon Chance and Emory Durst of Huxley; Chase (Tiffany Blunk) Oswalt and their children Jayce and Riley of Ames; Cade Oswalt and Crimson Oswalt, both of Ames; his grandparents: Bill and Pam Hamilton of Hot Springs Village, AR, Linda Speake of Benton, AR, Wanda Oswalt of Zearing, and Sharon Weldon of Knoxville; step siblings, Harley Weldon, Trenton Weldon, Josef (Tiffany) Speake and their children Steven, Maverick and Trice, Amanda Speake and her child Jalynn Speake, Alyssa Speake, David Speake and Ella Speake and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother, Cory Oswalt on July 24, 2005; his grandfathers: Ed Carver in 2018 and Russell Oswalt in 2012 and his uncle Chris Carver in 2003.

Memorial contributions may be made via Venmo @ChristianOswalt2Memorial or to the Christian Oswalt Memorial Fund at Community Choice Credit Union of Ames in memory of Christian. On gofundme.com an account is set up under Cristian Oswalt.




 Annual
 Colo United Methodist
 Women of Faith (Formerly UMW)

**CHICKEN & BISCUIT
DINNER**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH


5:00 - 7:00

Adults \$8 & Children (under 6) \$4

at the Colo United Methodist Church
 602 - 4th Street

Dine In - Carry Out - Delivery
 delivery to COLO town/rural

**Reserve your Carry Out or Delivery order
 No Later than November 1st!**

- email: klheidemann@gmail.com
- call or text: 515-215-0118
- Call church office 641-377-2534
leave message

Payment not due until November 5th

COLO FIRE & RESCUE

Are you looking for a challenging but rewarding volunteer opportunity to give back to your community?



Have you considered joining the Colo Fire Department, but didn't know how to become a member? The Colo Fire Department is looking for people willing to do this job. Yes, it's a job because it's a full-time commitment to drop whatever you are doing and come to the aid of someone in need. You would do this for the gratitude and respect you get by helping people in your community that are having an emergency.



How DO YOU become a part of this team?

Must be over 18

Must live in or work full time in the response area of the Colo Fire Department. The work exception must be approved by your employer, and they must be willing to let you leave to respond.

A valid driver's license

Clean background check

A high school diploma or GED is required

Must be able and willing to physically do the job

Must be willing to respond when available, at all times of the day and night and in any weather

How to get the process started?

Applications can be picked up at the fire station during any regular Thursday night meeting, or ask any of our current members and they can get you in touch with someone to get you one.

Complete the application and return it on a meeting night. You are invited to stay and talk with our members so we can meet you and answer any questions that you have.

Our membership committee will review the application. Then at our next regular business meeting the application will be reviewed by all members present and you may or may not be recommended for membership.

If recommended, you will be placed on a 1-year probation period.

What is required of our members?

Commitment! This is a demanding job that is not for the faint of heart. You will be asked to leave your family or job at inconvenient times as emergencies can happen at any time. We are on call 24/7. We understand people cannot make every call, but we do have minimums we must maintain to spread the load out to all members.

Attendance at 3 meetings a month

2nd Thursday is a business meeting and truck check

3rd Thursday is fire training

4th Thursday is EMS training

Other trainings and public events are added occasionally

For EMS you must obtain an EMT state certification. This is a 6 month class and 24 hours of continuing education every 2 years to maintain. Certain medical certifications (ex. RN) can be bridged to EMT with minimal class time.

For structural firefighting you must be trained to a FireFighter1 level. NFPA, our governing body for the fire service, requires everyone to have 24 hours of training per year.

Professionalism. We must always be professional; you are who the public relies on in their time of need. Be the person you would want to respond to your family's emergency.

Be willing to do all this for the respect and the "Thank you" that the Community gives back to you.

We are not looking for someone who just wants a t-shirt and drive the big red truck with flashing lights in a parade. We need individuals that have the dedication and the willingness to learn. If this is appealing to you drop by our next meeting and be part of a team that we call family.

Colo Fire Rescue

302 Bailey St

Colo IA 50056

ColoFD@colofirerescue.co



COLO-NESCO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 13, 2022

A Special School Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Colo Middle/High School Media Center. Marc Snavelly, Superintendent/Elementary Principal, presented two bids from Marlin Beard and Porter and Atwood Construction to repair the baseball dugout and concession stand roof in Zearing. The Board approved the lower of the two bids which was Marlin Beard in the amount of \$13,898.

On the Consent Agenda, Jessica Watson was approved as an associate at Colo-NESCO Elementary in Zearing.

The rest of the meeting was spent with PPEL Planning. The Board and Administration used a projection model and discussed items on the model that are reoccurring every year and also mapped out projects to be done in the next several years. Some immediate needs were discussed and will be placed on upcoming board agendas once bids are collected. This will be fine-tuned once we get the construction project done.

The September Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Colo Middle/High School Media Center.

This "Board Highlights" is noting some key happenings at this month's school board meeting. Please share your thoughts about this communication with a Board Member or with Mr. Snavelly, Superintendent/Elementary Principal. (msnavelly@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us or at 641-377-2282 in Colo or 641-487-7411 in Zearing)

COLO-NESCO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 19th, 2022

The Regular September School Board Meeting was held on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Colo Middle/High School Media Center. After the meeting was called to order and the agenda was approved, three parents/community members were in attendance for the public comments part of the school board meeting. Kelly and Anna Sheets discussed wanting to raise funds for a new all-weather track in Colo. Mr. Snavelly mentioned that they would look into getting a track company to come and give some cost options. Once this information is collected, there will be further discussions. Angie Dunlap was also in attendance representing the Class of 2021. Due to COVID, the class was not able to have prom during their junior year. They have money available and would like to put a memorial picnic table in Zearing in honor of Mrs. Pillman who was a former teacher at Colo-NESCO.

Mr. Snavelly gave a construction update and also a storm damage update from the storm that ripped through Zearing this summer. Then the Board moved to go into closed session in pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 21-5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor, Mr. Frohwein, was in attendance with students, Callie Kohlwes and Kaleb Gray to request to go on an out-of-state trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis at the end of October. That trip was approved by the Board. Seven Colo-NESCO students are planning to attend. Dean of Students, Mr. Boeve, also updated the Board on the New 5-12 Cell Phone Policy that was implemented on the first day of school. He also mentioned that dress code violations have been addressed. He discussed how the Dean of Students position is going and elaborated on what his days look like being split between Colo and Zearing.

In other board action, a request to get a staff member licensed as a bus driver was approved. This staff member will be sent to Mason City for the training. An early graduation request was approved and two open enrollments into Colo-NESCO were also approved. Several fundraising requests were also approved. These include FCCLA-Coffee, Smoothies, Baked Goods, and the Haunted High School; Band-Free Will Donations and Butterbraids; FFA-BBQ Cook-Off; and Junior High/High School Baseball and Softball-Cookie Dough.

Mr. Snavelly also discussed the School Safety Grants that have come down from the state level. We will receive \$50,000 per building if we put in for these grants. The first step is to have a vulnerability assessment done on our facilities to determine where needs are. Mr. Snavelly will fill out the forms to get this process started and bring information back to the Board once the vulnerability assessment has been completed. This process will take a couple of years at least.

Mr. Snavelly also discussed a railing system in Zearing that he has been working on with Sam Cady with Cady Machine Inc. This will run along the piano seating area in the Zearing Entrance. There are concerns with there being a drop off so the railing will be installed as a safety measure. The plans were shared with the Board. The cost is \$6,500, and it was approved. The Board was also presented with two quotes to put up a new softball batting cage in McCallsburg. This was approved at a cost of \$27,350.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion and first reading of the 800 Series of Board Policy. John Fuller mentioned increasing Mr. Snavelly's spending authority from the current \$5,000 without Board Approval. Fuller also questioned the time frame for storing video from our bus cameras to help select the option for policy 804.6R(1) that is a new policy this year. Mr. Snavelly will check with transportation and report back to the Board next month.

On the Consent Agenda, the Minutes, Personnel, Bills, and Financials were approved as presented. Sherri Ruzek, School Business Official, presented the financials and reported that the auditors will be attending the October Board Meeting and will present the audit report.

Under Board Comments, John Fuller reported on a special delegate assembly that was held to amend the bylaws. The bylaws were changed so that IASB is not required to be a member of the national boards. Justin Jedlicka also commented that he would like to see the track project keep rolling while there is enthusiasm.

The October Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Zearing Elementary School Media Center.

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COLO-NESCO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 17th, 2022

The October Regular School Board Meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Colo-NESCO Middle/High School Library. It was originally scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Zearing Elementary Library, but the change in meeting time and location was made so administration and school board members could attend the District Volleyball Match held at 7:00 p.m. in Colo vs. Collins-Maxwell.

After the approval of the agenda, there were two members of the public in attendance for public comments. First, Lisa Obrecht spoke to the Board on bullying that she mentioned is becoming a problem nationwide. She asked the Board to establish a disciplinary plan in the high school for bullying behavior. Second, Andrew Short

expressed his appreciation to the school for everything that was done involving the death of Christian Oswalt last week.

Next, Paul Beetner, with Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Report. A brief discussion was held on how the findings will be addressed in the future. The Board later approved the Audit Report. In other action, the Board approved to join the North Central Iowa Consortium which is part of the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District. We currently have a special education student attending this school. The Colo-NESCO Community School District has to be a part of this consortium in order for a student to attend. The Board also approved the allowable growth and supplemental aid for the special education deficit in the amount of \$74,513.14. Districts are able to run a special education deficit and request additional spending authority through the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC).

As far as construction goes, Superintendent Snavelly presented a change order for the Board to approve. This change order is in the amount of \$1,924.00. The reason for this change is because there are some pipes that are exposed in one of the new storage rooms in Zearing. The State Fire Marshal asked that a bulkhead be built to cover up these pipes. This was approved by the Board during the Action Agenda.

Several PPEL items were also listed on the agenda for discussion and then approval. First, a 2022 Chevrolet Malibu was approved in the amount of \$21,633.00 from George White Chevrolet in Ames. This vehicle will get much better gas mileage than our vans, and will be used for a variety of purposes where we just need to transport one or two people. A tree maintenance plan was also approved by the Board in the amount of \$38,970.00. We have several trees on our campuses that have the Emerald Ash Borer. These trees need to be taken down. We also have several trees that were damaged during recent storms that need to be trimmed. A plan is also being put in place to replace some of these trees once they are taken down. The Board also approved starting the first step to build a bus garage in Zearing. The bid from Wick Builders out of Treynor, Iowa, in the amount of \$132,483.00 was approved. This is just for the shell of the building. Other items will need to be approved as this project progresses. The last item on the agenda included carpeting the Zearing Entrance Area. The flooring on the ramp area was put in before construction was done and is damaged. Colo-NESCO Administration is working through the process to get this replaced at the contractor's expense. The plan outlined is to put regular carpet in the ramp and seating area and then put walk off carpet in the rest of the entrance area. The total cost is \$37,303.00. We will be requesting that the contractor to pay \$17,144.00 to replace the existing flooring that is damage.

Under the consent agenda, the minutes from the September 19th Regular School Board Meeting were approved. The personnel sheet was also approved. This included a resignation from Jessica Watson. Breanna Quade was also hired as a special education associate for preschool to replace her. Candace Sutton was also hired as the Junior High Girl's Head and Assistant Basketball Coach. The bills were approved and School Business Official, Sherri Ruzak, presented the financials.

At the end of the meeting, Superintendent Snavelly told the Board that the cost for a new track would be 1.2 million dollars. There is an interest from some community members to fundraise for this. This will be an item of discussion at the November Board Meeting. Interviews will be held on Friday to hire a technology director to be shared with Collins-Maxwell. Another position was mentioned as a possible sharing opportunity next year with Collins-Maxwell. Snavelly reminded the Board that the IASB Convention will be held on November 16-18 in Des Moines. Board members were encouraged to let Snavelly know if they would like to attend. Certified Enrollment was also discussed.

Under Board Comments, Joel Niemeyer gave kudos to the staff and administration for how everyone handled the tragedy last week. Jon Cutler



mentioned that this is not over, and the students and staff will continue to grieve. If resources are needed to help, please let the Board know. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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COLO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED



ENTRY DEADLINE DECEMBER 11

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE

JUDGING WILL BE THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 18

CONTEST IS FOR ALL COLO RESIDENTS! BOTH CITY & RURAL

(2) Winners
**\$50 CASH
EACH**



**Anyone who has won the past 2 years is not eligible to enter.*

REGISTRATION FORM

Name_____

Address_____

Contact #_____

Return Registration Form to Colo Telephone or Colo Public Library



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Garbage Day	3	4 Book Sale!	5 Book Sale! Methodist Church, Chicken Biscuit Dinner 5pm-7pm
6 Day Light Savings	7	8 Election Day Recycling Day	9 Garbage Day	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15 Senior Health Clinic	16 Garbage Day	17	18	19
20 5pm Friends-giving at Community Center	21	22 Recycling Day	23 Garbage Day	24 Thanksgiving City Hall Closed	25 City Hall Closed	26
27	28	29	30 Garbage Day			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11 Christmas in Colo	12	13 National Hot Choc. Day Colo Library is serving FREE hot cocoa and treats!!	14 Garbage Day	15	16	17 Christmas Craft with Carla at Library! Open to all ages!
18	19	20 Recycling Day Senior Health Clinic	21 Garbage Day	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 City Hall Closed	27 City Hall Closed	28 Garbage Day	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party @ Library

WANTED

"COLO AND COLO NESCO ALUMNI"

We need your information or any changes:

- Address
- Email
- Spouse Name
Status: Married/
Divorced/Deceased)
- Employment or Retired
- Children's First Names
(indicate before name: S(son)
D(daughter) SS(StepSon)
SD(StepDaughter)

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for you,
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or classmates**

**2023
Colo
Colo NESCO
Alumni
Directory**

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Please send ASAP/before Jan 1st

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COLO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY, 7 @ 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, 5 @ 7:00 P.M.

COLO COMMUNITY CENTER

ARTICLES FOR THE

JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2023

NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY

DECEMBER 20TH

