

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“He’s the only one of the judges I voted for, Republican or Democratic, that I’m sorry I voted for. So I wasn’t going to make the same mistake twice.”

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, on retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter, in explaining his vote against high court nominee Sonia Sotomayor.

IT'S YOUR GOVERNMENT

Monday, Aug. 3

■ **Waterloo City Council**, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

■ **Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors**, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
 ■ **Waterloo Planning, Programming and Zoning Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

■ **Black Hawk County Veterans Affairs Commission**, 4:30 p.m., 1407 Independence Ave., Room 220.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley announces the following volunteer opportunities:

■ **The Aspire TRP Camp Hope** is a day camp being offered August 4 - 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Buddies are matched with individuals with disabilities to assist them with activities. Activity Leaders lead activities, Group Leaders assist with keeping the group engaged in activities and are responsible for keeping the group together. Volunteers age 16 and over are welcome.

■ **The Friends of Hartman Reserve Nature Center** are putting on their 3rd annual Hartman Eco-Triathlon, which is a kayak, mountain bike and trail run race. This event acts as a fundraiser for the Nature Center. There are a variety of jobs that need to be filled on Aug. 8 (race day set-up) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 9 (race day) from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Times are flexible. Volunteers age 16 and over are welcome.

■ **Iowa Green AmeriCorps** would like to invite the public to a full-scale weatherization of the Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum from 2 to 6 p.m. Aug. 4. The project will include sealing duct work, cracks around doors and windows, and minor insulation to make the historical society more energy efficient. Participants are asked to wear old clothes, and bring a spare caulk gun if possible. Participants will help lower the historical society's energy bills and environmental impact, and will learn how to do the same in their own home. Volunteers age 18 and over are welcome.

■ **The Cedar Falls Radio Emergency Club** needs volunteers to help sell goodies at Watermelon Days in Dike. Opportunities exist Aug. 15 throughout the day. Volunteers age 16 and over are welcome.

Call or visit the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley at 272-2087 or access www.vccv.org for a complete listing of volunteer opportunities in the Cedar Valley.

BLOOD DRIVES

Blood Center of Iowa

The Blood Center of Iowa mobile unit will be collecting blood at the following locations.

The Blood Center of Iowa's Waterloo Donor Center at 3254 Kimball Ave. (entrance behind Bank Iowa) is open for blood donations from 1 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays; and 7 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of the month. Walk-ins are welcome, or call (800) 287-4903 to schedule an appointment to donate blood or platelets, or to get more information. Blood



Gabe Drewelow, left, a 2009 graduate of Columbus, holds the high school's most recent yearbook, while 1960 graduate Michalle Geisler holds one of the school newspapers she edited as a student.

Columbus marks 50 years

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WATERLOO — Michalle Geisler can still recall her first day at Columbus High School, almost 50 years later.

“I remember we had to park way down on West Ninth Street, because there wasn’t even a street up there yet,” she said. Once inside the new building, “it was almost overwhelming, because you had so many kids there.”

That was Aug. 31, 1959, the first day of classes at the new school. Geisler was a senior and had attended St. Mary’s High School, one of three area Catholic schools that Columbus replaced.

The school is celebrating 50 years Friday and Saturday with a gathering at Friday’loo in downtown’s Lincoln Park, an open house at Columbus, and a dinner and dance at the Elk’s Club. A total of 9,089 students have graduated from Columbus since it opened.

Enrollment initially grew in the school’s early years and then shrunk, following the area’s population trends and the phenomenon of smaller families. It opened with 837 students and had grown to 1,241 by 1965. Last fall, Columbus enrolled 292 students.

Geisler said she is grateful for all the memories from her year at Columbus, and so much more.

“The thing that held the most in my heart are the friends that I made,” she said, including classmates that came from Our Lady of Victory Academy and Sacred Heart high schools. “In past years, we were rivals. But when we went to Columbus, we joined as one. To this date, they’re some of my very closest friends.”

The friendships formed at Columbus made an impact on Linda Watkins, as well.

“Mostly, I remember just all the friends and getting to know all the people,” said Watkins, who

graduated in 1974. “We all came from different grade schools.” The Rev. Walter Brunkan, who was assistant principal and later principal of Columbus, was a favorite staff member for her and other alumni.

“Within a day or two he knew every student there by name,” said Steve Sink, who graduated in 1987. “He just set such a great example for everybody. He worked constantly at the school, he gave everything to the students.”

“The teaching was instilled in us in Catholic education,” Geisler said. “It was just a different type of upbringing, so to speak. Those Christian values remain in you through the years.”

Watkins, now a kindergarten teacher at Lou Henry Elementary School, said religion teacher Sister Nancy Schreck made a big impact on her.

“I just believed in the way she taught and lived, and it was a big influence on my life at that time,” she said. “Because of her, after I graduated from Columbus I spent the summer doing service. I actually lived in a convent and worked at Woodward State Hospital School” near Des Moines. Service activities always were an important part of Watkins’ experience at Columbus.

“I think we were one of the first to really do that, and the teachers were really caring,” Watkins said. “I think I’ve kind of taken that from Columbus. I try to continue being a very caring individual and I think that really developed there.”

Gabe Drewelow, who graduated this spring, said service activities still are an important part of the school’s education, and one of the things that really affected him.

“I know it makes a big impact on people who need our help,” he said. Among the service activities he’s been involved with are helping out at the food bank, the

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Alumni participating in the 50th anniversary celebration are invited to attend the 4 p.m. Saturday mass at Queen of Peace Church, 320 Mulberry St. It’s across the street from the Elk’s Club where the dinner and dance begin at 6:30 p.m. (reservations required). Other local Catholic churches with Saturday masses include Blessed Sacrament, 4:30 p.m.; Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.; St. Edward, 5:15 p.m.; and St. Patrick, 5:00 p.m. Alumni not attending the dinner may still come to the dance from 8 to 11 p.m., which costs \$10.

Catholic Worker House and Toys for Tots.

“I really enjoyed Columbus High School; here’s so much tradition and pride here,” he added, recalling his involvement in football and other sports. “Putting on that jersey, it’s such an honor.”

Cedar Valley Catholic Schools created a strategic plan to help maintain Columbus’ traditions. It focuses on both the spiritual and curricular aspects of the education, along with remodeling and other facility upgrades. Boosters are in the midst of a \$10.5 million capital campaign to implement the plan at Columbus and the system’s three grade schools.

“We’re still in the silent phase of our campaign” in terms of fundraising, CVCS Education Director Cathy Walz said. “We are well over \$2 million.”

The centerpiece of the campaign is an \$8.1 million middle school, to be built next to Columbus. That would bring students in grades 6-8 at three Waterloo Catholic elementarys into a single building. It’s the same type of change the area’s Catholic schools made 50 years ago at the high school level, when Columbus opened its doors.

“It comes down to collaboration and quality of education, that we can do more together than we can separately,” Walz said



THIS WEEK IN COURIER HISTORY

■ **AUGUST 2, 1876:** “The Reporter of last week called the attention of the people to the needs of water works. This subject is one which demands the attention of all our citizens who are alive to the improvement of the city. . . . The saving in the matter of insurance rates, greater security from fires, together with the convenience of such works must surely commend them to our people. The water rates need not be high, and the benefit to certain of our business interests would be incalculable.”

■ **AUGUST 9, 1902:** “The establishment of savings departments to banking institutions has become very popular of late years, especially during the past year. The Commercial National bank of this city is one of the latest to arrange for such a department. . . . Deposits of \$1 and upwards will be received and interest at the rate of four per cent, paid on the same. Arrangements will also be made to keep this department open an hour and a half on Illinois Central pay day evenings and Saturday evenings for the accommodation of working men.”

■ **AUGUST 17, 1923:** “Mrs. Mayme Dewey, salesclerk in the ready-to-wear department of the Paul Davis Dry Goods company, was adjudged the most popular of Waterloo shoppirls as a result of the voting conducted by the Waterloo Evening Courier. . . . Mrs. Dewey was accorded 4,593 votes, leading her nearest competitors by more than 1,000. . . . The presentation was made following the first show of “Only a Shoppirl” at the [Plaza] theatre.”

■ **AUGUST 23, 1962:** “CEDAR FALLS — The latter part of August will see the removal of parking meters from all downtown parking lots here under an agreement between the merchants and the city. Gene Lehman, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Parking Committee, said Thursday noon enough merchants and professional men have signed agreements pledging financial support to retire bonded indebtedness of the meters.”

■ **AUGUST 30, 1984:** “Iowa’s leading economic indicators dropped in July, the first decline in five months as officials cited pressure from continued high interest rates. State officials insisted the decline “is not necessarily the first sign of another slowdown.” . . . Meanwhile, Job Service of Iowa officials said the state’s unemployment rate in July was 4.4 percent.”

This week in...

Local:

■ **1926:** Narrowly escaping drowning in the swift current caused by the high water in the Cedar River between the dam and Fourth Street, Burton and Wayne Waterstradt, 13 and 9 years old, were rescued by Robert Larsch, employee of Colford-Hall Co. and lone Miller, attendant at a Standard Oil service station. The boys had been fishing when Wayne slipped and fell in the water. Burton jumped in to help his brother.

■ **1950:** Notices were sent out to about 20 Black Hawk County draft board registrants to undergo pre-induction physical and mental examinations in Des Moines.

National/International:

■ **1876:** Frontier lawman Wild Bill Hickok is shot from behind while playing poker in a Deadwood, S.D., saloon. Hickok’s final hand, pairs of aces and eights, becomes known as the “dead man’s hand.”

■ **1936:** Sprinter Jesse Owens wins the first of his four gold medals in the Olympic Games in Berlin, tying the Olympic record of 10.3 seconds in the 100-meter dash.

■ **1943:** A Japanese destroyer rams a U.S. Navy PT boat commanded by John F. Kennedy. Kennedy and the other survivors swim for hours to a nearby island and are rescued four days later.

Sweet corn featured at downtown market

WATERLOO — The Farmers Market in downtown Waterloo will be open from 8 a.m. to noon next Saturday in the Regions Bank parking lot, 100 E. Park Ave.

This Saturday, Kiefer Farms will be furnishing samples of fresh cooked corn on the cob, free to the public. There also is plenty of sweet corn available for purchase.

Vendors accept Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition, credit/debit card machines are available and some vendors accept food stamps.

The market continues from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday morning until the last weekend in October in downtown Waterloo. The market is accessible via East Park Avenue and East Fourth Street.

MARRIAGES & DISSOLUTIONS

Marriage licenses

Randall R. Robeson, 45, and Debra J. Hottle, 45, both of Waterloo.
 Norman L. DeVore, 47, Wilton, and Pamela K. Niebergall, 51, Evansdale.
 Ryan P. Fischels, 20, and Cassandra M. Tindall, 21, both of Cedar Falls.
 Nathan B. Beresford, 31, and Hope M. Bradley, 22, both of Waterloo.
 Robert J. Fowler Ortiz, 23, and Tabatha A. Miller, 22, both of Waterloo.
 Robert R. Schuety, 42, and Nicole D. Zanders, 27, both of Dunkerton.
 David J. Boege, 31, and Melinda M. Spangler, 25, both of Cedar Falls.
 Rodney A. Wessely, 39, and Janet M. Fox, 41, both of Waterloo.
 Rodney S. Stillwell, 41, and Traci A. Spear, 45, both of Hampton.
 Christopher J. Fleming, 42, and Shannon L. Brodigan, 32, both of Waterloo.
 Cole A. Odneal, 23, and Ashley N. Schoonover, 24, both of Readlyn.

Jesse L. Scott, 35, and Brenda R. Rieck, 38, both of Caledonia, Mich.
 Christopher T. Clyde, 24, Reno, Nev., and Carrie R. Blair, 36, of Cedar Falls.
 Dustin M. Chase, 21, and Tiffany M. Marshall, 19, both of La Porte City.
 Albert G. Ford, 45, and Rozmarie R. Nelson, 37, both of Waterloo.
 Jayson T. Treloar, 36, and Billie J. Johnson, 28, both of Evansdale.
 Brandt A. Allio, 21, and Tiffany N. Brown, 24, both of Olathe, Kan.
 Lee S. Potter, 47, and Karen S. Armentrout, 42, both of Cedar Falls.
 Myron D. Meador, 40, and Niki J. G. Larson, 34, both of Oelwein.
 Andrew H. Ackerman, 26, Jill L. Humston, 29, both of Waterloo.
 Steven E. Johnson Jr., 25, and Brei A. Aspenson, 24, both of Waterloo.
 Jason J. Wegter, 27, and Holly L. Kuhn, 29, both of Waterloo.
 Lucas A. Cook, 23, and Emily M. Jansen, 21, both of Cedar Falls.

Kaleb L. Shimp, 22, and Amber L. Hines, 21, both of Waterloo.
 John R. Shultz, 26, and Christine G. Abbott, 27, both of Waterloo.
 Brandon L. Herrmann, 27, and Rebecca J. Hall, 31, both of Evansdale.
 Curtis M. Bovy, 31, Gilbertville, and Rebecca J. Hall, 31, of Waterloo.
 Ronald L. Gilson, 47, Elk Run Heights, and Teresa R. Phillips-Marvins, 39, Waterloo.
 Linda D. Bennett, 52, and Dean A. DeVries, 48, both of Waterloo.

Dissolutions

DAVIS, Theresa and JANEAU, Kevin P., married Jan. 1, 2006, in Louisiana.
 BEDARD, Lisa L. and James L., married July 7, 1990, in Waterloo.
 DIAZ, Rosa J. and Suan I., married Sept. 27, 1999, in Iowa.
 HERSH, Patty A. and Shannon A.S., married Nov. 4, 1991, in Black Hawk County.
 HOSKINS, Stephany D. and Carlas, mar-

ried Sept. 3, 1994, in Black Hawk County.
 METCALF, Gary F. and Allison A.F., married Oct. 17, 1998, in Black Hawk County.
 WILLIAMS, Johnny P. and Barbara J., married Dec. 6, 1994, in Rockville, Md.
 JOHNSON, Janice M. and George F., married Sept. 18, 1976, in Shelley, Idaho.
 MORGAN, Leslie A. and HAGEN, John D., married Dec. 19, 1997, in Cedar Falls.
 EDSILL, Adriana M.E. and Lucas T., married June 14, 2003, in Indianola.
 ABBEN, Dirk D. and Karen A., married May 14, 2006 in Lake Keoma.
 SULENTIC, Matthew J. and Angela M., married May 13, 2007, in Iowa.
 GRAHAM, Jackie K. and Jeffrey A., married Dec. 18, 1982, in Waterloo.
 BROWNE, Michael R. and HAUBER, Rachel M., married Feb. 7, 2007, in Black Hawk County.
 SHADLOW, Catherine E. and Gregory W., married May 14, 2008, in Waterloo.