

# The Strawberry Vine

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## Letter from the Mayor

### *Things to See & Do:*

- Backbone State Park
- Wilder Museum
- The Big Strawberry
- [www.strawberrypoint.com](http://www.strawberrypoint.com)

April is here so warm weather can't be that far off. Soon we will have green grass, the trees will show their leaves, and colorful flowers will spring up. A fresh start!

Have you returned your 2010 Census form? We really need everyone to be counted to get our share of representation and funding for the next 10 years.

Are you keeping up on Strawberry Point news? You can by reading here, in the Press Journal, checking out the city website, being a friend of Strawberry Point on Facebook, and listening to KMCH-FM around 9 am each Monday.

There have been questions wondering if the Strawberry Motel and Aunt B's Inn are open for business. Yes they are! The new manager is Pam Steger. For the Strawberry Motel, call 933-2277 and for Aunt B's, call 933-4485.

When will Elkader Street be fixed is a popular question. Iowa DOT has it scheduled for the summer of 2012. The street will remain open during the construction process. There will be a meeting in April with the DOT. Since it is a State highway, the city has little control over any part of the construction. At construction time, we will be updating water, sewer and electric services.

The Strawberry Point SAFE Committee will be presenting to our stu-

dents on April 16th. The SAFE Committee invites all community members, not just citizens of Strawberry Point, to be a part of this group. SAFE will also be sponsoring alcohol-free graduations this year.

Ridiculous Day and Community Garage Sales are about a month away on May 1st. I'm sure there will be many good buys around town.

Plan to take advantage of our May 8th Spring Clean Up Day. It is your chance to easily get rid of Winter's clutter.

The City of Strawberry Point recently renewed a 3 year contract with Bi County Disposal. As a thank you for our continued business, Bi County will be planting a tree at Campbell Park near the swimming pool in April.

Let's enjoy spring!!!

Dale Fox  
Mayor  
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**Mayor &  
City Council**

*Dale Fox*

*Jackie Opperman*

*Jan Parkin*

*Jacci Meyers*

*Troy Stover*

*Rich Newman*

# City Hall News

Meeting dates for April: April 7th and 21st.

## Reminders:

Brush pickup is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. Please brush and twigs at the curb by 7:00 am. Branches must be bundled and be no more than 48 inches long or weigh more than 50 lbs. Grass clippings, leaves and garden waste must be bagged in nothing bigger than a 33 gallon bag. If brush is not bundled or in anything larger than 33 gallon bags, they will NOT be picked up, no exceptions!!

**2010 Census:** Have you completed and mailed your Census form? If not, complete the form and

bring your completed Census form to City Hall to be mailed and receive a free “Thank You” gift, including a chip clip, seat cushion, or a reusable bag. First come, first serve! Please complete your census form to ensure Strawberry Point receives funding for the next 10 years. Information contained in the Census form is kept confidential!

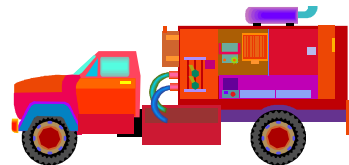
No open burning is being permitted in Strawberry Point city limits this spring. The city will pick up leaves and grass every Monday throughout the month of April. Please have leaves and grass on curb by 7 am.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk/Administrator

## Fire Department

The Fire Department received a \$1000 grant from Pioneer Hi-Bred, a Du Point business. These funds will be used towards purchases for the new rescue van.

Thank you Pioneer Seeds and Larry Gaul, Sales Representative!!



## Library

Check out the Strawberry Point Library’s updated website!! Staff has been through two rounds of training and has improved the website. Members of the community will now be able to find lists of new books each month, recent donations, upcoming events, links to other resources and more. After you look at that, visit us on Facebook and let us know what you think!

Stop in and see the airplanes we have hanging in

the library. There are about half a dozen airplanes hanging and books on aviation to check out.

Story hour continues each Thursday at 10:00 am for kids age 3-5. Join us!!

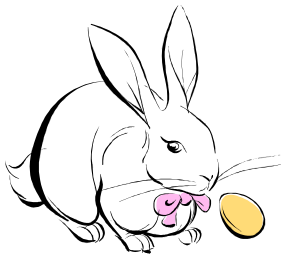
Beth Brase, Library Director

## Economic Development & Tourism

McKenzie will be attending the WK Kellogg Foundation Conference on behalf of Northeast Iowa Food & Fitness this April. The conference will be held in Chandler, AZ April 25-29 at the Wild Horse Pass Resort. Ten adults and five youth will be attending from the Northeast Iowa Branch of Food and Fitness, nine other teams from across the nation will also be attending the conference focused on youth, local food production and active living.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness or are interested in attending a meeting please contact McKenzie Johnson at 563-933-4417 or visit [www.iowafoodandfitness.org](http://www.iowafoodandfitness.org). The Clayton County team meets the second Wednesday of the month in Elkader at the ISU Extension office at 6 pm.

McKenzie Johnson  
Director of Economic Development & Tourism



## Ambulance

Great time to get out and enjoy the weather. Be mindful of children out playing and riding their bikes.

If your group or organization is in need of CPR classes, give us a call.

Being a member of the Ambulance Service is a great service to your community. If you are interested in taking the EMT class, give us a call.

Classes will be starting in the fall but this is

*Spring is  
here!!!*

A great time to get thinking about it!  
We look forward to hearing from you.

Have a Happy Easter!

Theresa Callahan  
Duane Johnson  
Service Directors

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- \*Jeff Robinson—April 1st
- \*Elizabeth Van Hauen—April 2nd
- \*Aaron Opperman—April 3rd
- \*Deanna Dement—April 4th
- \*Ellen Meyer—April 12th
- \*Dale Fox—April 15th
- \*Rich Newman—April 23rd
- \*Roland Evans—April 25th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/  
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*Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk*

*McKenzie Johnson—Economic  
Development Director*

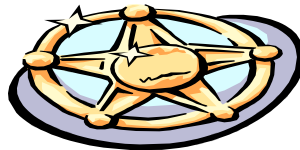
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## Police



Police Chief Bob Pope

Officer Joshua Johns has completed the 232nd Basic Level I Training School conducted at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Congratulations Officer Johns!!

Reminder that the next Special Traffic Enforcement Program will be conducted May 24th through June 6th. The Police Department will be stepping up enforcement for seatbelt usage and other moving violations.

Please use your seatbelts!!!

