



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



Mayor & City Council

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Rich Newman

A little good news for people who had water damage. Clayton County received a Presidential Declaration for the storm damage that occurred this past summer. If you live in Strawberry Point and received water damage with the storms in July, please call 800-621-3362 or visit <http://www.fema.gov> to register for Federal assistance. This is in addition to the public assistance offered through the State of Iowa and Clayton County. If there are questions, please call City Hall at 563-933-4482. Questions about qualifying for flood insurance should also be directed to City Hall.

At the time of the flooding, a number of comments were made about the city needing to fix the sewer to reduce water damage in homes. Most of the sewer has been taken care of, but the water meters tell us there is a lot of extra water getting into our system. The major source of this water seems to be the part of the sewer system not owned/controlled by the city. The city will keep working on this challenge, but until everyone in town has top-grade sewer connections from their house to the city system, there will be a water challenge when we get heavy rains.

You may have noticed the town council is starting to talk about a new pool. This is the start of a plan that normally takes about 3 years to complete. I am told our current pool was built almost 40 years ago. If we want a pool, the time has come to start working on a plan. The council has had a presentation by one

company and plan to have another one or two firms present, then establish a starting plan and get community input before reaching a final plan. We all know funding will be a challenge, but if we want a pool we need to work together and find a way.

The DOT has informed us that it is not legal to have banners on our light poles that have a business name on them. Any banner that has the name of a business on it needs to be adjusted or replaced. The Chamber is working on this one.

Some people have been asking when the next Elkader Street meeting will be with the DOT. The plan DOT has is to meet sometime this Winter. At that time we should learn about what will need to be done with the trees, light poles, etc. The plan is for the work to be done next Summer so all is ready for construction in 2012. The DOT and Clayton County are working at cleaning up the mess on the curve South of town where Hwy 3 and Hwy 410 come together. It is not a place to dump construction materials or anything else. They are working with the city to clean up the area and are considering improving the corner. Clean up will get finished next Summer along with the decision on what will happen to the area after things are cleaned. Again, it is not a dump site.

Dale Fox
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City Hall News

Meeting dates for September: 1st and 15th.

Need help with your heating bill? Contact City Hall for more information.

Green Energy Tips:

- *Turn off all lights, appliances and computers when not in use.
- *Install a programmable thermostat.
- *Buy new Energy Star appliances
- *Use CF light bulbs

Green Water Tips:

- *Watch for dripping faucet and/or leaking toilets.
- *Install more efficient appliances

- *Turn water off while brushing teeth, washing dishes, and laundry only on full loads
- *Harvest rainwater

The City has an energy rebate program in place. The forms are available at City Hall and at www.strawberryp.com.

The staff at City Hall also welcomes any comments and suggestions. Please feel free to stop in or call us at 563-933-4482.

Deanna Dement
City Clerk/Administrator

Fire Department

Firemen 6th Annual Steak Fry was a great success! Thank you to all who came out and supported us!!!



Library

The library will be hosting a book discussion group beginning September 16th at 7 pm. The first book to be discussed is Moon White by Melody Carlson. Copies of the book are available at the library. Please call the library at 933-4340 to sign up to join the discussion.

With school back in session the Accelerated Reader list is being updated. Stop in and grab a book for school!!

The 2010-2011 Iowa Children's Choice books are here! Stop in and see which titles are winners!

Beth Brase, Library Director

Economic Development & Tourism

We would like to highlight two activities this month. If you have not already heard, we are in the process of collecting recipes for a Strawberry Point Cookbook. Funds raised through sales will help fund economic development and tourism in our community. We ask Strawberry Pointers and their friends and family to submit recipes either online or through paper forms.

Paper forms are located at Strawberry Foods & Deli, Strawberry Point Drug, Backhome Country Cookin', Franklin Hotel, and at the Economic Development and Tourism office. Paper forms may be dropped off at the Economic Development and Tourism office or Strawberry Point Drug. Forms may also be mailed to P.O. Box 85, Strawberry Point, IA, 52076. To submit recipes online, visit gandrpublishing.com and login using the username "strawberry" and password "52076." The due date to submit recipes is Friday, September 17. We hope to have the cookbooks ready in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. To reserve books ahead of time, call the office at 933-4417.

We are also hosting a seminar called "Grow your Business with Facebook." This seminar will be held on Monday, September 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Library. The seminar will give an overview of the benefits of Facebook and attendees will get an opportunity to set up their own profile and a page for their business. All you will need is a valid e-mail address and a laptop if you have one. To sign-up call 933-4417.

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Ambulance

Hopefully we will be enjoying some more comfortable weather in the coming weeks. With the kids back to school and enjoying more group activities, the thought of preventing illnesses comes to mind. Remember good hand washing practices will protect you from contracting and spreading common ailments.

Everyone 6 months of age or older should get a flu vaccine as soon as it is available this fall. While flu is unpredictable, it's likely that 2009 H1N1 viruses and regular seasonal viruses will cause illness in the US this flu season. For more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>

Our troops have been at Camp Shelby for about a month now. They have been training hard and many days in unbearable heat. Please keep them in your thoughts. They will be traveling to Ft Irwin in California during the month of September. Stay Safe!

Theresa Callahan & Duane Johnson—Service Directors

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September Birthdays

Aulden Adams	Erling Lohmann
Emogene Kauffman	Jesse Jarman
Olivia Harford	Darwin Ryan
Kathy Nurre	Christine Lenaers
Leanna Stewart	Kylean Steger
Robert Maker	Gene Rima
Liz Jaster	Kay Sheckles
Ron Peake	Phyllis Fenchel
Marjorie Irving	Kevin Bowers
Vernon Otterbeck	
Judy Robbins	
Darren West	
Betty Hawkins	



Police

The Police Department would like everyone to slow down and buckle up this Labor Day weekend. This is one of the most deadly holidays during the year. Most fatalities occur from impaired drivers at night.

We would like you to also recognize that school is in session and that the kids are getting on and off the buses both the morning and afternoon. Although we have not had any accidents, school bus related, in our community for quite some time we all need a reminder to stop when flashing lights are on. This means that children are about to be loaded or unloaded. This is a \$330.00 citation if convicted.

Chief Bob Pope