

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

The arrival of August tells us the end of “summer” is near. August has a lot of activity for our community. Star-mont students can celebrate getting to return to classes by going to the circus on Friday, August 14 in Campbell Park. Everyone is invited to watch the circus set up on Friday morning. Performances are at 5:00 and 7:30. Get your tickets at either one of our banks, Nadings, or Strawberry Point Drug.

Work is being done on Westwood Drive and on the road in Industrial Park. If the weather cooperates, both locations should be finished near the end of August.

Have you purchased your raffle ticket for the Chamber Vacation? The winner will be drawn at the August 30th Chamber Golf Outing. Get your ticket from any Chamber Member.

Strawberry Point will be taking advantage of the opportunity to have a 3 minute news broadcast on KMCH radio (94.7 FM). Listen around 9 am each Monday! We will have a variety of people discussing various happenings around Strawberry Point. If you have something that is worthy of being a part of the 3 minute broadcast, if you would consider reading the news, or want more details please email me.

Have you visited the Farmers Market? Lots of good things on Wednesdays in Inger Park from 4-6 pm. Get Iowa grown products and support our local growers!

The Iowa DOT is planning for the reconstruction of Elkader Street in the summer of 2012. Initial discussions with the city will be started soon. At least one community meeting will be held before construction plans are finalized. No specific dates are set at this time, but you will be kept informed.

Looking for a way to contribute to your community? Consider running for town council. The terms of 2 council people and the mayor will be up for election. For more information contact City Hall.

Have a great August!

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**Mayor &
City Council**

Dale Fox

Jackie Opperman

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City Hall News

Greetings from City Hall.

School will be starting August 19th. Please drive carefully!!!

Volunteers will be coming to your homes for a city survey during the first few weeks of August. We are aiming for 100% compliance. It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey. Your personal information will remain anonymous, as results are sent directly to Upper Explorerland for tabulation.

Meeting dates for August: August 19. There will be only one meeting due to lack of quorum for the first meeting.

2010 Census: Census forms will be mailed in April 2010. Please complete your census form and mail since we all benefit from the information obtained.

Reminder: Lawns must be maintained and grass clippings are not allowed in City Streets.

Remember to support your local merchants this summer!

Deanna Dement
City Clerk/
Administrator



Fire Department

August 29, 2009 is the date set for the Firemen's Annual Steak Fry. This is the 5th year of this fundraising event! \$15 per person, serving 5-7 pm, ribeye with all the trimmings!



Library

The Strawberry Point Public Library held an open house for the 75th year of library service to the community on Tuesday July 28th. Around 50 people came to visit, look at pictures and displays from the past and enjoy refreshments.

The Summer Reading Program was a success!! Around 30 kids signed up for the program. This year's theme was Be Creative @ Your Library! Some of the programs included a magic show by

Chad Surom, a day of playing musical instruments, a program put on by the Clayton County Library Association and a performance by All-State Speech students from Starmont.

Economic Development & Tourism

With summer coming to an end and school right around the corner its time to squeeze in a few last minute summer activities! There are several low cost (or even free) family friendly activities in and around Strawberry Point!

Strawberry Point is home to the Wilder Memorial Museum. Visit the Museum May-October to enjoy local Strawberry Point and Iowa history. Displays range from arrowheads to sport memorabilia and from paintings to Victorian furniture. Whether its been one or fifteen years since your last visit, you will find something new to enjoy in the Museum. A visit to the City Swimming Pool is a great way to cool off on a hot summer day! While at the pool in Campbell Park enjoy the picnic and playground areas, the Arboretum, walking trail, and tennis courts. Inger Park is another great spot for a picnic. Be sure to check out the Farmer's Market in Inger Park Wednesdays from 4-6 pm for some delicious and fresh goodies.

Feeling a little sporty? Then head to the civic center to play sand volleyball, a game of softball, catch football, soccer, shoot some hoops or an old-school game of tag! Before heading home be sure to visit the Public Library to check out a book, magazine or movie!

If adventure is more your style, journey out to Backbone State Park! Backbone is home to many great hiking and walking trails, fishing, golfing, swimming, playgrounds, picnic areas, Backbone Beach with water activities like canoeing and paddle boating, cabins, camping and much more. While at Backbone, take a break from the sun and head to the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum. It's a great piece of Iowa History right in our backyard! Osborne Nature Center is another place to unleash your adventurous side. Take a walk through the nature trails, visit the animals, and exhibits. Osborne also offers a variety of community education programs throughout the year. Many programs are geared to young children offering them a chance to explore nature.

Clayton County boasts several historical agricultural sites. Celebrate our rich agricultural history by visiting Eagles Landing Winery in Marquette, Froelich Foundation near McGregor, George Maier Rural Heritage Center in Elkader, and the Motor Mill Historic Site outside Elkader.

Day trips are a great low cost alternative for a budget conscious family. Visit EWALU for a picnic and take one of their classes ranging from Wildlife Studies to adventure on the Ropes Course. Be sure to visit Joy Springs on your way to EWALU. Head to Spook Cave and Campground for a day of exploring suited for all ages. Spend the day at Pike's Peak State Park and Effigy Mounds along the Mississippi. For a scenic, leisurely day take the Car Ferry near Millville to Cassville, WI and back.

Don't forget the Clayton County Fair coming up August 5th-9th and the CM Circus coming to Strawberry Point August 14th. For more details on these events please visit www.strawberrypoint.com or call 563-933-4417.

These are just a few of the endless summer activities offered in our backyard! Living in this area we often take such activities for granted, so why not save a few bucks this summer and vacation right here in Clayton County. Many people travel for miles to enjoy these locations...we should too! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

McKenzie Johnson
Director of Economic Development & Tourism

Ambulance

EMS classes are starting to form for the fall. Elkader Ambulance will be putting on an EMT-B class through NICC-Calmar beginning in September. Manchester Hospital typically hosts a class beginning in late October.

If you are interested in taking one of these classes and would like more information, please contact me.

*Have a
Great
August!!*

Strawberry Point EMS will be at the Clayton County Fair on Thursday, August 6th all day providing EMS coverage. If you are at the Fair that day, stop by and say hi!

Roland Evans
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Strawberry Point EMS

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Teresa Callahan—Aug 6th

*Dennis & Deanna Dement Anniversary—Aug 11th

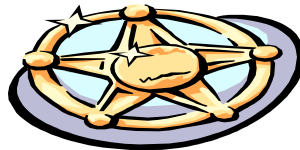
*Amanda Dement—Aug 13th

*Kalie Jaster—Aug 19th

*Joan Werner—Aug 27th



Police



Police Chief Bob Pope

Report any suspicious activity that you may see.

Due to the increase in burglaries and thefts in our area, the Strawberry Point Police Department recommends that you lock your doors when you are away from your home.

Reminder: School starts August 19th.

Have a safe rest of the summer!!!!

Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle for an extended period of time.

Chief Bob Pope