



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

Before long we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for in your life? As a community, how about being thankful for not having to suffer through spring tornadoes and floods? Being thankful for the businesses we have in town and that new businesses have move to our town? We have medical service and fire protection. We have numerous civic minded citizens and organizations working to make our community the best it can be. I am sure I have missed some things so I encourage you to continue this “Thankful” list!

On October 24th I had the opportunity to chat with our US Congressman, Bruce Braley, at the Press-Journal office. We talked about the challenges of rural towns such as ours. We also discussed some Strawberry Point specifics. When you have comments or suggestions for our politicians, I want to encourage you to communicate your concerns by email, regular mail, phone, or whatever method you prefer. Your communication is how political leaders learn the concerns of the citizens they represent.

The Vision 2020 Plan is nearing completion. Refinements are being made. The next step is to have discussions with the groups we hope will take the

lead toward completing the goals. Once that is complete, an open house type activity will be help to present the Vision 2020 Plan to the community. Copies of the Plan will be available in print and on the city website. After the plan is presented to the community, the lead groups will be looking for people to be a part of the work necessary to achieve the goals. Please be a volunteer to help make the Strawberry Point community even better than it is now.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

Dale Fox
Strawberry Point Mayor

Thanksgiving



**Mayor &
City Council**

Dale Fox

Jackie Opperman

Jan Parkin

Norm Rizer

Troy Stover

Al Friederich

City Hall News

Reminder: No parking on city streets between November 1 and March 30.

Budget billing available for utility accounts. Stop by City Hall for more details.

Fall open burning dates: October 11 through November 14

City Hall will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Deanna Dement
City Clerk/Administrator

November meeting dates for city council

Fire Department

No news to report.

Library

Book group is resuming on Thursday November 6th at 7 pm. Book group will meet the first Thursday of every month. All are welcome to attend and may pick up a book at the library.

AR books have been moved to their own section and shelved by level. It is now easier for students and parents to come in and find an AR book. The NEIBORS program



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allows anyone with a library card to download books to be listened to on an MP3 player, from a computer and in some cases are burnable to a CD. Anyone over 18 with a library card may check out an MP3 player from the library for use with the NEIBORS program. Please call the library with any questions.

Police

It is time to get ready for winter! These are a few things that need to be done:

- *Have your antifreeze tested with your next oil change.
- *If your battery is weak, replace it.
- *Make sure to carry jumper cables.
- *Have all weather tires, studded tires may be used until April 1st.
- *Have a blanket, snow suit, and flashlight in the trunk of your vehicle in case of trouble.

When you are driving, here are a few things to remember:

- *Let someone know where you are going if you leave town.
- *Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination.
- *If you have a cell phone, remember to charge it and take it with you.
- *Have a car cell phone charger.
- *Don't veer for animals in the roadway.
- *Only drive at speeds that you can operate your vehicle safely.
- *Keep your fuel tank on full!!!

HAVE A SAFE WINTER!!!

Please Drive Safely!



Police Chief Bob Pope

Ambulance

EMT-B classes are starting for the fall. The classes will be held at Regional Medical Center in Manchester. They will meet two evenings during the week. If you have any interest in taking the class, please give me a call for registration information.

Our cold weather will be setting in on us very soon. Please be sure to drink plenty of water during the day. You may not think so,

**EMT
Classes
Starting!**

but dehydration is a problem even in the colder months and plays a key role in hypothermia and other cold weather injuries.

Also time to review your cold weather driving techniques. Be careful out there!

Roland Evans
Ambulance Service Director

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Taylor Dement—Nov 4th

*Dean Courtnage—Nov 24th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/
Administrator*

Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.STRAWBERRYPT.COM

Other Area Information

*1888 Dinner November 15th

*Veterans Day Parade—Held in Guttenberg
1:30 pm November 11th

*Point Women's Club Election Day Bake
Sale—November 4th at Civic Center

*Book Discussion Group to resume Novem-
ber 6th at Library

*Election Day Soup Supper—November 4th
4:30—7 pm Methodist Church, Strawberry
Point

*Womens Club "Coats for Christmas" project
underway for the Christmas season



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