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# Hiawatha Insights

## Hiawatha Places Third Ambulance in Service

Hiawatha Fire Department placed a third fully stocked, advanced life support ambulance in service in late March. The unit was built in Sumner, Iowa by Lifeline Emergency Vehicles. The department paid \$149,645 for the unit and an additional \$55,000 to fully equip the unit. All three units are now identically equipped with state of the art emergency medical equipment and stocked with emergency medicines for everything from diabetic emergencies to cardiac arrest.

Since the ambulance service started in June 2005, the Fire Department has responded to over 4000 medical calls. During that time there have been at least 362 instances of multiple calls occurring at the same time. In addition to Hiawatha, HFD provides ambulance service to southern portions of Monroe Township, Palo, Fayette Township including the Duane Arnold Energy Center and Pleasant Creek State Park, and Shellsburg and Canton Township in Benton County. The department currently has 50 members including 22 EMT's and 17 Paramedics, with several of the other members in EMT class.



## My Four Legged Partner "Mod"

Officer Mod served on the Hiawatha Police Department from March 2005 until his retirement on March 21, 2012. Not the usual partner you would see in a squad car. To me, he has definitely defined the word "partner". Mod has been loyal, intelligent, devoted and fearless. These are a few of the words that I use to describe his service to me and the citizens of Hiawatha.



Mod was a true companion to me and the entire Police Department. Mod has worked without expecting much in return. After completing his job, a tennis ball was all he wanted. He assisted other Linn County agencies when called upon. He has visited numerous preschools, grade schools and nursing homes. While working, Mod indicated on numerous vehicles, homes and apartments. When he indicated, various drugs were found. These amounts vary from personal use to larger quantities. Mod was responsible for finding cocaine, methamphetamines, marijuana, and cash. Mod has also tracked a fleeing suspect in a wooded area. The suspect eventually surrendered.

Mod was an integral part of the Police Department, as well as the community. He will be greatly missed by the department and community. - Officer Sara Melsa-Whited

## Cedar Rapids Toyota

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department received a 2011 Toyota Tacoma 2WD Access Cab for summer use provided by Cedar Rapids Toyota for a lease cost of \$1.00 to the City. The agreement began in April and the truck will be returned in October with the City being responsible for insurance, fuel and maintenance. This very generous offer from Cedar Rapids Toyota is greatly appreciated and of vital importance to Parks Department's summer operation. The City of Hiawatha would like to thank Cedar Rapids Toyota for this opportunity along with several other donations providing support of all departments. Thank you Cedar Rapids Toyota!



## Hiawatha Staff Receives Certifications and Degrees

Deputy City Clerk, Kelly Kornegor has obtained her Iowa designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk. Through her hard work and dedication to her profession and to the City, she has demonstrated the qualities that we want to see in a Hiawatha Deputy City Clerk and clerks throughout the state. Kelly has the desire to learn, stay informed and serve our community.

We are proud of her accomplishment and congratulate her in completing her Iowa certification. Each year Kelly will need to earn 15 hours of continuing education to qualify for recertification as well as attend at least one IMFOA conference.

Kelly is additionally working towards her Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Business Administration and Human Resource Management with a completion date of August 2012. Along with her Iowa certification, Kelly works toward her National City Clerk Certification and Master of Municipal Clerk Certification.

"Obtaining this degree is a major accomplishment for me. The college education I'm receiving not only expands my knowledge and enhances my job skills, but increases my self confidence and determination to never give up until I reach my goals."



In October of 2008, Stacy began a journey to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Network and Communication Management. Through dedication and hard work, Stacy completed her schooling and graduated with her degree in March of this year. Previous to beginning her bachelor's endeavor, Stacy obtained her Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician certification.

This degree has put Stacy in a position to enhance the City with an in-house IT specialist, providing the City with an employee that has the ability to support desktop environments, provide network and communication support, and aid in reducing expenses to the City for outside IT support. Her knowledge provided assistance in the acquisition of the City's new virtual server environment that will further maximize staff efficiency and her next goal for the City is the implementation of a VoIP communication system that will continue to maximize staff efficiency and aid in additional reduction of expenses of phone lines and long distance charges.

"I'm thrilled to be working for the City of Hiawatha in this capacity, gaining additional knowledge and experience that allows me to provide the City with support of an efficient, enhanced and robust network."

We are proud of Stacy's accomplishment and congratulate her in completing her bachelor's degree.



## Gearing Up for Construction Season

Three construction projects that began in 2011 will be completed this spring. These include street improvements to North Center Point Road and Stamy Road as well as water and sewer improvements along Loggerhead and Hunt Roads. At this time, final grading is underway, followed by seeding. Some minor pavement and sidewalk repairs will also be completed by the contractors before the projects are officially complete.

New projects in 2012 include installing LED street lights and trees on North Center Point Road, north of Boyson Road, and water and utility relocations at the intersection of Boyson Road and Robins Road (this intersection will be reconstructed in 2013). The City is also televising and cleaning sanitary sewers. If leaky or broken sewer lines are found, they will be repaired to reduce the City's wastewater treatment costs. Plans to connect the street gap in Hawkeye Drive between Boyson Road and Tower Terrace Road were also approved by the City. This project will be completed by a private developer.

## 2012 Mosquito Reduction Program

The City of Hiawatha is pleased to announce the acceptance of the 2012 Mosquito Reduction Program. Mosquito Control of Iowa will provide the City with ground and aerial applications in the evenings throughout the summer.

The mild winter has been great for those of us who don't look forward to being cooped up inside all winter. But with the lack of a deep freeze this winter and the warm temperatures this spring, this has set the stage for more mosquitoes this summer.

Matt Welter of Mosquito Control of Iowa says, "A female mosquito can lay as many as 400 eggs in just a teaspoon of water." Because of that, Mosquito Control of Iowa will monitor and survey to locate areas that have the potential of holding water for 7 to 10 days, where larva can mature and areas of harborage where the adult mosquitoes will rest. These areas will be mapped and updated as new locations become apparent.

The City will receive a combination of treatments from the Integrated Pest Management (i.e. larvaciding, barrier, adultciding) treatments based on NEPDES permit throughout the program season. Depending on the weather and species of mosquitoes that they encounter, the treatments will be selected from the control methods to provide the City with the best results available.



For more information or to have your name added to the list of those to call before spraying, contact Mosquito Control of Iowa at (712) 848-3295, email [mosquito@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mosquito@iowatelecom.net) or visit their website at [www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com](http://www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com). Mosquito Spraying MSDS sheet information can be found on our City website at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com) or [www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com](http://www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com).

## Cook's Old Barn by Edith Wheeler

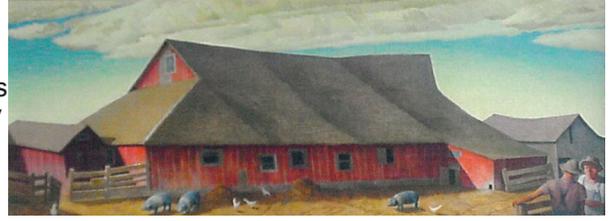
The J.P. Morgan Chase Bank holds a piece of Hiawatha history on its wall. Several years ago, artist Marvin Cone brought to life a painting of Harley and Mary Cook's farm with their red barn as the focus. The name of the painting is "Cook's Old Barn". This farm was half mile east of Shiloh Cemetery along Blairs Ferry Road and where St. Andrews Golf Course is today. The barn was built by the Hunter family, which was my grandmother's maiden name. The land was purchased from the U.S. Government at that time.

Several years later, businesses were built on that land along the north side of Blairs Ferry Road. Harley Cook sold bottled milk to individual customers in the Cedar Rapids area.

In 1943 a chimney fire destroyed most of their home, but a portion was saved and an addition was built on to accommodate the family. Harley died in 1944 and my grandma lived by herself in the house for fifteen more years. The house and a portion of the land were later purchased for the St. Andrews Golf Course. The house was used as their first clubhouse.

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank wasn't the first to own such a painting, On May 11, 1986, the painting was sold at auction and bid on by Ken Kercheval (the actor from the TV series Dallas). The other bidder was The First National Bank of Chicago, Il., who outbid Mr. Kercheval. The painting sold for \$24,000.

My grandma had many interesting stories to share growing up as a young girl in what is now Hiawatha. In the 1880's a group of Meskwaki Indians would travel from many miles west of Cook's Farm and camp out by Dry Creek in back of their property. When the weather was terrible, they would invite them in to spend the night in the house, by the fireplace, where they slept wrapped in their blankets.



## Accounting Today Named Local Business as a Top 100 Firm

Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C., the largest independent CPA and business consulting firm in the State of Iowa, has been named one of the **Top 100 CPA firms in the United States** by *Accounting Today* (March 2011). In addition to being in the Top 100, Honkamp Krueger was honored as the **seventh fastest growing CPA firm** in the nation and **the fastest growing firm in the Midwest**.



Gregory C. Burbach, CPA, CFP, the firm's managing partner, states:

*"It is very exciting to be one of the Top 100 and the seventh fastest growing CPA firms in the nation plus the fastest growing CPA firm in the Midwest. It shows our clients that we are dedicated to forward-thinking, effective ideas that grow a business. We also have a phenomenally talented staff who are dedicated to exceeding our clients' needs."*

As Honkamp Krueger is honored to be named a Top 100 Firm, the City of Hiawatha is honored to be called their home. Along with this local CPA Firm, four other Hiawatha businesses were named 2011 Fastest Growing Firms in the Midwest: Health Solutions, L.L.C.; Mobile Demand; Crystal Group, Inc.; HH Ventures L.L.C. (Ready Mobile). We congratulate these local businesses in their commitment to thrive in Iowa's economy and this drive to be one of the Top 100 Firms.

## New York Life Ribbon Cutting

You may have noticed the new signs adorning the Hiawatha skyline. New York Life relocated its office to 1625 Boyson Road on April 1. The 167 year-old insurance and financial services company employs nine management and staff in Hiawatha, providing support to more than 50 professional agents of New York Life throughout eastern Iowa. Clients of the Cedar Rapids office have more than \$2.8 billion of life insurance in force. Drop by for a visit or contact Agency Assistant Kebbi Wedeking at 743-2921 for more information or career opportunities. (*Life insurance in-force and agents as of 2/2012*).



## Dancer's Edge Grand Opening

The Dancer's EDGE, a dance studio founded in Hiawatha in 2008 unveiled its brand new facility to the public at an open house on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The new building is located at 1550 Hawkeye Drive and is the first to be completed at the new Tower Commerce Center in north Hiawatha. The event kicked off with a warm welcome from Mayor Tom Theis and a ribbon cutting with studio owners Stephanie and Charlie Vogl. "We are thrilled to be able to share this fabulous new space with everyone," said Charlie, "And very happy to be planting our roots in Hiawatha. Our developers Jon Dusek, Ace Aosse, and the City of Hiawatha helped to make the build process, which is usually a very stressful time, an enjoyable experience for us". The Dancer's EDGE started with 5 employees and 75 students in 2008 and now serves over 430 students with a staff of 15 teachers and assistants. More information about the studio and class offerings is available at the Dancer's EDGE website [www.dancersedgeonline.com](http://www.dancersedgeonline.com).



## Council Action

April 4, 2012

**Ordinance 725 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations §63.12 Special 35 MPH Speed Zones and amending §63.13 Special 45 MPH Speed Zones.**

**Resolution 12-083 - Adopt plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost for North Center Point Road LED Street Lighting Improvements Project.**

**Resolution 12-084 - Fix date (April 18, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.) for meeting on proposal to enter into a five (5) year Development Agreement with Hawkeye Electrical Contractors of Cedar Rapids, LTD., and Woodview Properties, L.L.C.**

**Resolution 12-085 - Authorize City Staff to sign agreement for purchase of vehicle for use of Parks Department in amount of \$1.00 from Cedar Rapids Toyota of Hiawatha.**

**Resolution 12-086 - Support an Arbor Day Proclamation on April 27, 2012.**

**Resolution 12-087 - Approve payment for additional installation of miscellaneous equipment and lettering, graphics and striping for 2012 Chevrolet G4500 Type 3 Ambulance.**

**Resolution 12-088 - Award contract for Mosquito Control 2012 to Mosquito Control of Iowa from Rolfe, IA., for a full program, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.**

**Resolution 12-089 - Approve Agricultural Deferment for Sherman Properties, LLC and Trustee, Kathryn A. Sherman Family Trust in connection with Stamy Road from North of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Pavement Reconstruction Project.**

**Resolution 12-090 - Award contract for purchase and installation of Trees for Phase B of North Center Point Road Streetscape Project to Hughes Nursery and Landscaping of Cedar Rapids, IA., for an amount not to exceed \$13,845.00.**

**Resolution 12-091 - Authorize City Staff to proceed with sanitary plans and specs and RFP for water valve installation on Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Water Valve Installation Project.**

**Resolution 12-092 - Approve one (1) permanent sidewalk and trail easement on Linn County property at the Cedar Valley Trail parking lot across from Hawkeye Drive.**

**Resolution 12-093 - Designate standard rates for City operated equipment.**

**Resolution 12-094 - Authorize City Clerk to record Agreement with Linn County Recorder's Office and place on file for the property located at 216 Willowood Drive, Lot 14 of Heritage Green 11th Addition.**

April 18, 2012

**Resolution 12-097A - Approve Sewer Waiver on second water meter for 3519 Fitzroy Road.**

**Resolution 12-098 - Approve and Authorize execution of Development Agreement by City of Hiawatha, Hawkeye Electrical Contractors of Cedar Rapids, LTD., and Woodview Properties, L.L.C.**

**Resolution 12-099 - Award contract for purchase of Community Development Department new pickup truck, to McGrath Automotive of Cedar Rapids, IA., for an amount not to exceed \$22,965.45, to replace Unit 620.**

**Resolution 12-100 - Award contract to Voltmer Inc., of Decorah, IA., for North Center Point Road LED Street Lighting Improvements Project for an amount not to exceed \$225,240.00.**

**Resolution 12-101 - Approve Plan of Improvements for Pines at Turtle Creek Third Addition.**

**Resolution 12-102 - Approve Revised Plan of Improvements for Croell's First Addition subject to Linn County Conservation Board approval of off-site grading and pipe work.**

## Hiawatha Farmer's Market

Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park.

**Contact: Sandy Barnard at (319) 393-1515 X 570 - email [sandybarnard01@aol.com](mailto:sandybarnard01@aol.com).**

The Hiawatha Farmer's Market is geared up for another exciting season starting April 22, 2012. Vendor participation is at a record high with contributions from a diverse list of Iowa products. Make sure you stop down to Guthridge Park and take part in this amazing market. You'll find the summer's best fresh fruits and vegetables, just-picked flowers, fresh from the oven breads, pastries, jams, and honey as well as unique arts and crafts by local artisans.

Knowing how your food was grown can help you make more health conscious decisions and buying fresher, tastier, locally raised food supports our farmers and the local economy. Shopping the farmer's market is part of an entirely different way of looking at your food, one that allows you to become part of the process rather than simply being the end-consumer.

Develop relationships with the vendors: If you visit a market regularly, you'll see the same local growers and craftsmen each week. Many farmers love to accommodate regular customer's requests by changing their planting plans for their loyal clientele! If you'd love to be able to find a certain item at the farmer's market, tell a farmer! You'll be much more likely to see it in their stall next year if you've developed a relationship this year.

Please remember safety and courtesy -

- Watch for pedestrians when attending market.
- Park in the open parking lot spaces and watch for traffic.
- Be respectful of our neighbors: don't walk through yards or park on their grass.
- Please walk your bicycles through the market.
- Please make sure animals are on a leash in the market and park area.
- Wagons provided by Darrah's are available for your use.



 **MAY 2012** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 City Wide Garage Sale
6 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	7 Amnesty Pickup Begins	8 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	9 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	10 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	11	12
13 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	14 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	15 Water 6:30 pm	16 Council 7pm	17	18	19
20 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	21 P&Z 6 pm	22	23 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	24 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	25 Concert In Park, Bike Rodeo & Parade Guthridge Park	26
27 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	28 Holiday City Hall Closed	29	30	31	Visit our website: <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>	

**JUNE 2012**

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## Source Water Development and Water Storage Maintenance Program

A proposed rate schedule has been discussed by the Water Board to help cover the cost of repairs and maintenance of the water towers. The new service code pertaining to this charge will appear as MP on your water bill. These charges are based on meter size and will be as follows:

Residential Water rider rate includes every residence, apartment dwelling unit, and dwelling unit in a mobile home park.

\$1.75 per residential unit

Business, Commercial & Industrial rider rate per meter size:

\$2.25 5/8 x 3/4 inch

\$3.25 1 inch

\$4.25 1 1/2 inch

\$5.25 2 inch

\$6.25 3 inch

\$7.25 4 inch

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Water Department during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 393-5556 option #4.



## Lions Club Presents FREE Events at Hog Wild Days!

The Lions Club of Hiawatha presents FREE events at Hog Wild Days this June 21-24, 2012.

**June 21, Thursday** - 6:00 pm - JR. MR. & MISS HIAWATHA CONTEST. All boys and girls, ages 6 - 12 years old, are welcome to apply. Write a 50 word essay "My Favorite Way to Spend a Day in Hiawatha is:" with your name, age and phone number by June 15, 2012 and mail to Lions club, PO Box 262, Hiawatha, IA 52233. Again this year, we are having the HIAWATH'S MOST FAVORITE GRANDMOTHER CONTEST. Write a 50 word essay on why your grandmother is the best, include her name and phone number, your name and phone number by June 15, 2012 and mail to the above address. Prizes will be awarded to all and the winners will ride in the 10:30 am Hog Wild Day Parade on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

Also each evening, we are having FREE music in the park.

**June 23, Saturday** - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm - AFTER PARADE PARTY. Everyone is invited, young and young at heart, for FREE popcorn, frozen treats, face painting, tattoos, balloons and music in the park.

**June 23, Saturday** - 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm - IOWA KIDSIGHT. Lions Club FREE vision screening for children ages 6 months to 4 yrs old. See website for details. [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com)

**June 24, Sunday** - 2:30 pm - PING PONG DROP. FREE for all children 12 years old and younger. Every child wins a prize. Fireworks donations can be sent to LIONS CLUB, POBOX 262, HIAWATHA, IA 52233. Website: [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com)

## Parks Are Open!

Whether it's a party, a family reunion, or simply an outing to the park on a sunny summer afternoon, we are ready! Hiawatha picnic tables are down, restrooms are open, volleyball and tennis nets are up, and you are invited to come share in the excitement of spring. You can now reserve a pavilion or the community center online by going to our website at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com). Look forward to the splash pads opening as the weather gets warmer.

- Guthridge Park is located on 10th Avenue; two pavilions available for rental.
- Tucker Park is located on B Avenue; two pavilions available for rental.
- Fay M. Clark Memorial Park is located on N. 18th Avenue; one pavilion available for rental.

An additional primitive pavilion located on Kainz Drive, next to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail is also available for rental.

