



# City of Calmar Newsletter

Spring 2011

We are still seeking donations toward our flower baskets for 2011. You can leave your donation at the Clerk's office or drop off with your water bill. We sincerely appreciate your support.

### Elected Officials:

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Mayor Pro-tem</b>
Joe McCasland	Larry Huinker
P.O. Box 21	702 W. Clark St.
562-3403	562-3963

### Council Members

Luther Anderson	Corey Meyer
P.O. Box 125	P.O. Box 101
562-3625	562-3254

Isaac Phillips	Dennis Kleve
P.O. Box 591	P.O. Box 94
562-4857	562-3841

## CALMAR

## FIREMANS DANCE

INWOOD BALLROOM - SPILLVILLE

Saturday, May 7 2011

8:00 - 12:00



## CALMAR CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES



**Saturday  
May 7, 2011**

Call the Calmar Courier  
to get your garage sale on  
the map

Calmar Firemen's  
Texas Holdum  
Tournament Fundraiser



March 26, 2011

1:00 P.M. Registration

1:30 P.M. Start

\$ 40.00 entry fee, for more  
information call Tom at  
563-419-2585 BYOB

## The spring "to do & not to do's"

You can burn leaves from April 1st.—May 15th, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. No burning on the blacktop or hard surface of any street or alley or in curb & gutters.

**When you mow, DO NOT blow the clippings into the street!**

Now as the weather improves and you start walking and biking, PLEASE BE VISIBLE. Wear your reflective clothing or clip-on lights for YOUR SAFETY! If you walk with your dog, remember to clean up behind the dog!

If your sidewalk is in need of replacement or repair, SPRING is the time to get the project going. Remember to apply for a permit. Questions call the clerk's office and we'll get an answer for you.



1-800-292-8989  
www.iowaonecall.com





The City of Calmar has hired Matt Bullerman to replace Bob Penrod as the water/wastewater operator. Matt began work on January 10, 2011.

Matt is married and lives in Calmar. He and his wife Heather have a young son Isaac and are expecting an addition to their family in June.

Matt is the son of Joe and Marcia Bullerman of Calmar, he was working for Marv Smith Electric prior to becoming employed by the City of Calmar.

Matt is currently working with Junior Boyer and Brian Zweibohmer .

Brian is currently the licensed operator for the City of Calmar. Junior and Matt are working under Brian's direction until they can take the tests necessary to become licensed by the State of Iowa to operate our water and wastewater facilities.

REMINDER...if your dog is lost, call the clerk's office or the police department to report him/her missing. The dog may have been found and could be in our kennel. Our employees have become very efficient "dog catchers"!!



## LIGHTING OUR LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD

The City has installed the poles and lights that were donated to us by the South Winneshiek School District. One problem remains, the underground wiring and conduit up the poles has not been completed. The estimate for this came in around \$ 17,000.00. **THE CITY IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS TOWARD THIS PROJECT.** Help us get this project completed. Donations can be left at the clerk's office.

## Recipe Corner

### Monkey Bread

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 Cans (16.3 oz each) Pillsbury Grands Homestyle refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, if desired
- 1/2 cup raisins, if desired
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter or margarine, melted



Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease 12 cup fluted tube pan with shortening or cooking spray. In large-storage plastic food bag, mix granulated sugar and cinnamon. Separate dough into 16 biscuits; cut each into quar-

ters. Shake in bag to coat. Arrange in pan, adding walnuts and raisins among the biscuit pieces. In small bowl, mix brown sugar and butter; pour over biscuit pieces. Bake 28 to 32 minutes or until golden brown and no longer doughy in the center. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn upside down onto serving plate; pull apart to serve. Serve Warm.

# Project AWARE

## Volunteer River Cleanup Turkey River Watershed July 9-16, 2011

- Weeklong, 90-mile river cleanup on the Little Turkey, Turkey, and Volga Rivers
- Paddle up to 15 river miles per day, loading your boat with trash as you go
- Limited number of canoes available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Daily educational programs and water quality monitoring
- Catered meals (registration fee=cost of meals)
- Tent camping areas provided each night

**Volunteer for a day, a week, or anytime in between!**

Registrations must be postmarked by June 24, 2011 to avoid a \$10 late fee and to guarantee meals. For more information, contact Brian Soenen at 515-205-8587 or [brian.soenen@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:brian.soenen@dnr.iowa.gov). [www.iowaprojectaware.com](http://www.iowaprojectaware.com)

**TRY THIS TODAY**

Burn natural beeswax or soy candles. Paraffin—the most common candle ingredient—is a petroleum byproduct that can be nasty for our health and the environment. Plus, scented paraffin candles often contain synthetic fragrances and throw soot and toxins into the air. Buy natural options such as beeswax or soy instead!

Remove dryer lint. Improve your dryer performance and minimize the risk of fire by cleaning your lint filter after every load—doing so can save you as much as \$ 34 a year on energy costs.

Use the automatic car wash. Commercial car washes control water output, using 60 percent less water than washing your car at home.

Fill your freezer for maximum efficiency. Don't have enough food? Place stacks of newspaper, bags of shipping peanuts, or plastic bags full of water at the back to eat up space.

Switch to nonelectric appliances when possible. Try a windup alarm clock, a hand beater, hand-cranked ice cream maker and a clothesline instead of their energy-hogging equivalents.

Power down your computer when you're not using it. Turning a computer on and off uses less energy than leaving it on for an extended period—and it won't hurt your computer a bit.

When boiling water or heating food on the stove, use a lid to decrease time on the burner. A saucepan with a well-fitting lid uses a quarter less energy when boiling than a saucepan without a lid.

When you open your oven door to peek at tasty treats, the oven temperature drops 25 to 30 degrees. Use the oven light to check on food instead.

Using the smallest burner that fits your pot helps reduce the amount of energy used too.

Take reusable shopping bags to the store to tote your groceries home rather than using disposable bags. Both paper and plastic require major resources for production—and most end up in landfills or litter the sides of the road after they're used. With reusable shopping bags, such as canvas tote bags, you're doing your part to reduce that waste

Close off infrequently used rooms by shutting doors and closing vents and usher the hot and cool air into occupied spaces.



**2011 Calmar Municipal Swimming Pool Season**

The 2011 pool staff is looking forward to a busy and safe swimming season. You will see new faces on staff, as well as the familiar friendly faces of guards and instructors that you know. We are eager to serve Calmar and the surrounding communities by offering a full range of summer swimming programs and events for all ages. Our projected opening date is Monday, May 30, 2011. Watch for more information about prices and schedules. Annie Rude, Calmar Pool Manager.

# SPRING CLEAN UP 2011

**Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 8:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.**

Let us help you cleanup your property! The City of Calmar will sponsor a City-Wide Spring-Clean Up Day. This year we will have a large roll off dumpster at the City Shop site. The site will be monitored by city personnel. Only items from residential homes in Calmar will be accepted.

**During Spring Cleanup the following items can be brought to the dumpster with no cost to the homeowner:**

- 1) Furniture and household items without limit. **(Excludes, TV's, computer equipment, and major appliances)**
- 2) Minor home remodeling debris, provided it is bagged, boxed or bundled, is no longer than 4 feet in length and that each bag, box or bundle does not weigh more than 50 pounds
- 3) Paint cans containing **dry paint** with the lid removed.

**The following items can be brought to the city shop site for disposal for a fee of \$ 20.00.** Washing machines,

clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, trash compactors, stoves, microwave ovens, freezers, humidifiers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, televisions, computer monitors, computers, printers (questions about other items call)

The city will also pick up items for people unable to haul these items to the city shop site, we will pick them up at the curb of your residence. To have these items picked up call the city clerk at 562-3154 to make arrangements. **The following items will not be accepted:**

vehicle tires, hazardous waste materials such as liquid paint, solvents, pesticides or herbicides. The City of Calmar reserves the right to reject any items brought to the site for disposal.

***To make "SPRING CLEANUP 2011" a successful community-wide program, everyone must cooperate and follow the simple guidelines listed above. If you have any questions please feel free to contact City Hall at 562-3154.***