

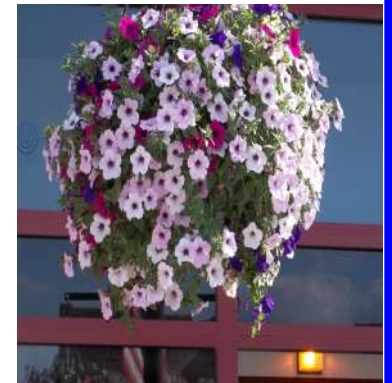
Newsletter June 2012



Thanks

**to the following for their donations toward
our flower baskets.**

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Ken & Shirley Kirby in memory of Ken's mother



We are still accepting donations!

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entryway signage on major highways, wellness center, and even a campground. Please stay tuned and there will be more meetings to come to so if you have not had a chance to participate please take the time to do so. See what has been gathered so far @ <http://www.communityvisioning.org>.

The visioning committee also had the chance to sit down and talk to Iowa DOT representatives about local highway upgrades going on this summer and into the next. Quite a bit of emphasis was given that we need to become ADA compliant within the city limits to allow the completion of paving to proceed thru town. We are hopeful with direction from the Iowa DOT we can accommodate necessary changes and come up with a plan for the future. We also have Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission sitting in on these discussions as they will be instrumental in the future guidance and capturing of funds

Also, for the theme of June, June is Dairy month, we should acknowledge all the branches of the Ag industry that helped our community from its inception to present day. Our Ag roots continue to be a large part of the life blood of our daily life in rural Iowa so enjoy an extra ice cream cone and add another slice of cheese to your burger (beef or pork) for the month!

Remember the pool is open for the summer so take some time for a refreshing dip and enjoy our wonderful facility which we are fortunate to have. Also, take an afternoon or evening to enjoy a ball game in town as our little leaguers swing for the fence and our local Warriors continue to be a threat for the conference. The support is surely appreciated by all!

Again, thanks to everyone that has invested into the sweat equity of Calmar; your pride is contagious and noticed! Finally, check us out on the World Wide Web @ <http://www.calmaria.com> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/cityofcalmar> .



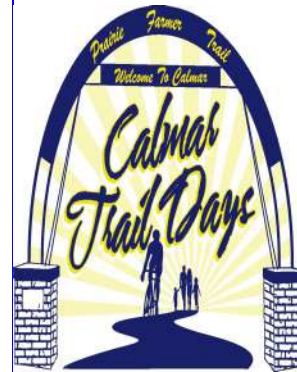
FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Calmarites are amazing people! I had the privilege to ride along with the local American Legion honor guard this past Memorial Day as they volleyed their 21 gun salute with taps echoing for their fallen comrades that had paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free today on top of the hill where four highways come together in the old prairie. Being the son of a quiet veteran I have seen many memorial days celebrated by individuals that came home from their service asking for nothing from their community, working hard at their profession, raising their families and giving back 100% to the community and for that I must say thank you.

Exciting times are happening in town for the month of June. Please take the time to check out the fun activities that have been slated for this year's Trail Days. For a couple of days our town will be brought together to go for stroll down the trail, dance your cares away, have breakfast on the farm @ NICC, pedal for the best poker hand, see the gala of the crowning of Little Miss and Mr., enjoy the crooning of our neighbors, dance till we drop (again) for the Fire Department and finally eat till our heart is content with BBQ. Sounds like a fun packed weekend, mark your calendars.

The Calmar Visioning process has been ramping up and it is astounding the creativity and ideas that have been brought forth to the betterment of the community. Currently we are going through the progression of the process by having landscape architects markup renditions of possible changes that could be in store for the community. As a sneak peak of what has been evolving there seems to be common themes of changes that would like to be seen such as: beautification of the downtown that could feature (signage, green space, navigable sidewalks/curbs, lighting, etc.), safe connectivity to public entities (schools, intersections, pool, athletic fields, trails, parks, etc.), connection of to Lake Meyer and Trout Run trail,

Friday, June 22nd.— Sunday, June 24th .



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7:00 P.M. - Trail Days 5 K Fun Run/Walk with registration @ the Depot from 6:00—7:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. - Bruce Bearer Band appearing @ Whiskey Grove parking lot

Saturday, June 23rd.

8:30 A.M.—Noon - NICC Breakfast On The Farm at the Dairy Center

1:00 P.M. - Calmar Trail Days Bicycle Poker Run with registration @ the Depot from 12-1:00 P.M.

Town Square Activities—Saturday, June 23rd.

3:00 P.M. - Little Miss and Mr. Calmar

4:00 P.M. - Entertainment by Mike McAbee

7:00 P.M. - Calmar's American Idol

8:00 P.M. - Calmar Firemans Dance featuring the El Camino Band

at the Whiskey Grove parking lot

Sunday, June 24th.

10:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M. Calmar Lion's Drive Through Chicken BBQ at the Depot

**CALMAR TRAIL DAYS ARE SPONSORED
BY THE CALMAR COMMERCIAL CLUB**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the integrity of the City of Calmar, Iowa depends upon the individual citizen with passion and desire to increase the quality of life for all community members, and


WHEREAS, the long-term health of our community depends upon citizens abilities to strive to convey positive change to our community through tireless dedication, and

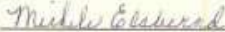
WHEREAS, Richard Havel has enthusiastically marketed our community in his selfless actions, has shown immense volunteerism, diligence to help our fellow neighbors and with known personal sacrifices, through Richard's actions to serve Calmar, and

WHEREAS, Richard has been a resident of Calmar, were he has served as a fireman, Fire Chief, worked tirelessly for the South Winneshiek School District, served his country in the US Navy, a business owner, has been very active in his church/functions, a gentleman with a cheery disposition, willing to utilize his handyman skills for anyone in distress, and for his support all Calmarites are grateful, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Calmar awards the **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD** to Richard Havel as a pillar member of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, on this day, June 7, 2012 the City of Calmar and its citizens congratulate Richard and declare this day as Richard Havel Day, for his determined effort to safeguard the quality of life in our town, thus adding to the assurance our community continues to thrive.


 Corey K. Meyer
 Mayor, Calmar, Iowa

Attest: 
 Michele Elsbernd
 City Clerk, Calmar, Iowa

CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Calling all readers! Join us for the Calmar Public Library's Summer Reading Program beginning August 6th. The program will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the 17th. The Pre-K thru kindergarten program will be from 9-10:00 AM and the 1st-5th grade program will be from 10:30—12:00 Noon.

We are also trying something very exciting this year. The library is pleased to announce our 6th-8th grade Book Club. We will be diving into the fictional world of Panem as we read the Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. The program will start August 2nd and will be every Tuesday and Thursday morning until the 16th.



MURAL UPDATE

By the time you receive this newsletter you will see "happenings" at our mural site south of the railroad tracks. The surface has been prepared and the artist Carl Homstad will begin the work of re-creating the mural on Monday, June 11th. This mural depicts Calmar's deep railroad heritage. This mural, the trail, the flower baskets and barrels do much to make our town more inviting and welcoming!

Federal DO NOT CALL List



The National Do Not Call Registry give you an opportunity to limit the telemarketing calls you receive. Once you register you phone number, telemarketers have up to 31 days from the date you register to stop calling you. To register, visit <https://www.donotcall.gov/register/Reg.aspx> or call toll free to 1-888-382-1222. You must call from the phone number you wish to register. The federal list does contain exemptions that ALLOW political and survey calls. In addition, charitable organizations, long distance phone, airline, and insurance companies all have the "right" to place telemarketing calls. One final exception will allow any company you have received shipment from, made a purchase from, or have made a payment to in the last 18 months, to call and solicit you.

CITIZEN APPRECIATION AWARD

The City is establishing a program to recognize "Outstanding Citizens" in our community. This would be accomplished thru a nomination and selection process. An application will be developed. The selected citizen would receive a certificate and appropriate proclamation and would be featured in the cities quarterly newsletter. If you feel you know of someone deserving this award stop in at the clerk's office for an application.

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Tom & Mary Welch

Craig & Sara Neuzil

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to the following for their donations toward the new picnic tables.

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You will notice that the city has replaced some of the redwood flower planters that have been around for many years. They were literally falling apart. New 1/2 barrels have been purchased and filled with annuals and per-annuals. We have the pots filled for this year. NEXT SPRING, when you thin out your per-annuals at home think about donating them to the city for these barrels. We will be able to keep these and they will be beautiful year after year and cut down on cost of blooming "annual" flowers.

Thanks to Sam Sabelka, Calmar Fire Department, Bev Lutkenhaus and the City Employees for making Calmar "BLOOM"!

Your Fire Department



The Calmar Fire Department is a VOLUNTEER Department with no paid members.

In 2011 the department answered a total of 26 calls. Nine were fire calls, six were rescue calls, five were for weather spotting, five calls for service and one gas leak.

The Members of the department have a meeting night the second Monday of each month and meet for training night the fourth Monday of the month.

The officers of the Calmar Fire Department are as follows: Chief—Pete Meyer; Assistant Chief's—Bill Klimesh and Mike Wilder; Captains—Mike Euans and Chad Schissel; Training Officer—Isaac Phillips and Secretary-Treasurer- Linus Sabelka.

PLEASE APPRECIATE THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY AND AREA AND SUPPORT THEIR ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISERS.

The City is in the process of updating our Local Access Television Equipment. You will see some changes in the month or so to come. After the changes go into effect anyone that does not have Mediacom as your source for television, WILL be able to access the local announcements broadcast on this station if you have an internet connection. There will be a link on the City website: calmaria.com



SEWER AND WATER BACK-UP'S



Do you have insurance coverage for sewer or water back-up? Many household insurance policies charge an additional cost for this coverage and it is NOT part of the coverage you might think you have. Many of you may have heard that there was a mop head down the sewer in an Iowa town, this caused the sewer to back up into many homes. Things like this, rocks, roots and other items that may find themselves in the sewer lines are something we CAN'T control. We do have a sewer cleaning maintenance program to detect problems before they arise and the city insurance WILL NOT cover the back up if they determine we are NOT NEGLIGENT. This is why you need to make sure your home owners insurance covers these items.



CALMAR POOL FITNESS PROGRAMS

All are invited—All ages welcome!

Monday-Wednesday-Friday @ 8:00 A.M.	Exercise class
Monday—Friday @ 7:00 A.M.	Lap Swim
Monday & Wednesday @ 8:00 P.M.	Evening Exercise

Evening laps by appointment

contact annierude@aol.com or 319-361-8532

Pamphlet outlining all other lessons and pool information available at the clerk's office or online on the cities web site in the news section. It is a PDF document