



**A Big
THANK YOU**
to all listed below
that made dona-
tions since the last
newsletter to our
**Calmar Beautifica-
tion Flower Fund**



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Emily Hoffert in memory of Jim Hoffert	35.00
Ken & Shirley Kirby in memory of Ken's mother	100.00
Kevin & Kris Kulish in memory of Walter & Genevieve Kulish and the Kulish family	35.00
Schluter-Balik Funeral Home (Karen Schluter) in memory of Dale Schluter	100.00
Dennis & Karen Kleve	35.00
Wayne & Corrine Wiest	35.00
Calmar Mfg. Co. Inc.	35.00
Darlene Elsbernd	15.00
Earl & Judy Knutson	35.00
Rod Flaskerud	100.00
Corey & Cristy Meyer	Black dirt
Wiltgen Const.	Black dirt
ALA Unit 266 in memory of deceased members	35.00
Alan & Linda Crossland in memory of the parents of Alan & Lina and Grandparents of Alysso	35.00
Chad Schissel	35.00
Calmar Corvette Club in memory of Lee Lensing	35.00
Economy Ag	60.00
Kuhn Trucking	75.00
John & Louise Heying	25.00
Daren & Kristi Holien in memory of Arletta Holien	50.00
Reid & Missy Elsbernd	30.00
Alicia Elsbernd in memory of Georgina Elsbernd	50.00
LuVern Anderson in memory of Ervin Wangsness	40.00
Luther & Karen Anderson in memory of Ervin Wangsness	60.00
In memory of Ellen Wiest	35.00

Calmar Area Items of Interest and Announcements can be found on the

City FACEBOOK page <http://www.facebook.com/cityofcalmar>



OR

If you subscribe to Mediacom all announcements are posted on the local access station.

These same announcements are available on the City web site home page as a youtube video.

(www.calmaria.com)

TO POST AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR ITEM OF INTEREST CALL, FAX OR EMAIL THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Police

Joe Ward, Police Chief

Lance Peters, Patrol Officer

101 S. Washington St.

563-562-3224 (non -emergency)

Public Works

Junior Boyer, Superintendent

101 S. Washington St.

Water/Wastewater

Matt Bullerman, Superintendent

101 S. Washington St.

Public Library

Linda Crossland, Library Director

101 S. Washington St.

563-562-3010

Open 12-6 Mon.—Fri.

Calmar Swimming Pool

Annie Rude, Manager

Hwy 24

562-563-3148 (Pool)



The City of Calmar is considering submitting an application for a Community Development Block Grant to assist income eligible homeowners with funds to fix up their homes. Eligible homeowners in a city that gets awarded a grant can apply for up to \$ 24,999 in assistance (certain qualifications apply) to make necessary repairs and upgrades to make their home more safe, affordable and energy efficient. The assistance is in the form of a five year receding forgivable loan.

To express interest in this program and receive a free pre-application contact the City Clerk at 563-562-3154. Applications can be picked up at City Hall. This information will be used to determine whether there is a need for this housing program. The pre-application is due on or before October 3, 2013.



CITY ELECTION

Will be Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Mayor and two council positions on the ballot.

Calmar residents vote at the Calmar Lutheran Church

Be sure to VOTE!





Calmar Fire Department Soup Supper Fundraiser

October 6, 2013

3:30—6:30 P.M.

Calmar Fire Station

Serving: Chicken Noodle Soup & Chili

Free will donation

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!!

FIRE TRUCK PARADE OF LIGHTS

October 6, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

FOLLOWING THE SOUP SUPPER

Main Street—Calmar



**The City of Calmar will be doing their
FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING SOON**



**Watch for notices at the post office
and other various locations through-
out town**

**You may experience variable water pressure
and/or discolored water during this time.**

“DOLLAR\$ ON YOUR DOOR\$STEP” for WINNESHIEK COUNTY”

WANT SOME FUND\$ TO FIX UP YOUR HOME?

You may be eligible for funding assistance for repairs!

The Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund is accepting applications for housing rehabilitation/improvement projects. Applicants can be low-moderate income homeowners, non-profit organizations or for-profit organizations to promote and create affordable housing activities.

For more information contact Upper Explorer land at 563-864-7551 and ask for Cyndi at ext. 120, or Sarah at ext. 101, or you can get an application online at www.uerpc.org, Housing programs, Regional Housing Trust Fund. The City of Calmar contributes to this fund and our contribution has to be used IN CALMAR.....apply NOW!

Recipe Corner Pumpkin Crunch Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin puree
- 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans (the original recipe called for 1/2 cup)
- 1 cup butter, melted

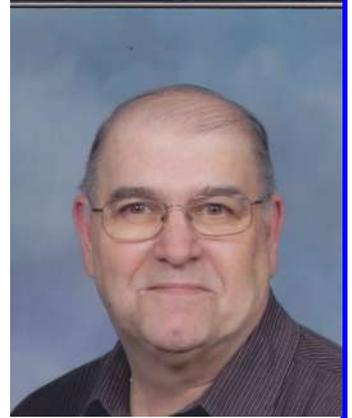


Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease bottom of 9 x 13" pan. Mix pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Pour mixture into greased pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over pumpkin mixture and top with pecans. Drizzle melted butter over pecans. Bake 50-55 minutes.

Our Own “Sam” our flower man

As many of you are aware Linus “Sam” Sabelka was recently recognized as “Someone You Should Know” by KWWL. Danielle Wagner was here and interviewed Sam. This video was aired on September 1st. If you missed it and would like to watch, you can go to the KWWL web site and search for “someone you should know” or click on community and page down to “someone you should know” and you will see it listed there. Click on it and then you can play the video.

Sam certainly deserves this honor. What he mentioned to them though and wasn't in the video was his THANKS to Wayne Wiest for watering plants when he can't and on the really hot days and to Matt and Junior for their help.



This is the link to the video, copy and past to your browser.

<http://www.kwwl.com/story/23312024/2013/09/01/linus-sam-sabelka-keeps-the-flowers-blooming-all-summer-in-calmar>



Fall/Winter Energy Saving Tips



The following tips will save you energy and help your budget as the weather cools down.

- Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees when you are home and lower the temperature when you go to bed or when you are not at home. This will ensure optimal home heating and save energy.
- For every degree you lower your thermostat you save about 2 percent off your heating bill.
- Cut annual heating bills by as much as 10 percent a year by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours a day.
- Weatherize your home by caulking and weather-stripping all doors and windows. Also use locks on your windows to make them tighter and draft resistant.
- Insulate or increase the amount of insulation in your attic, basement and outside walls. Also cover through-the-wall air conditioners to prevent cold air from leaking into your home.
- Reducing air leaks could cut 10 percent from an average household's monthly energy bill. The most common places where air escapes homes are: floors, walls, ceilings, ducts, fireplaces, plumbing penetrations, doors, windows, fans, vents and electrical outlets.
- Keep shades and curtains open during the day on the south side of your home to allow solar heating. Close them at night to retain heat.
- Don't block your radiators or heating vents with furniture or draperies. Keep your radiators, registers and baseboard heaters dirt and dust free. Close vents and doors in unused rooms.
- Have your heating system serviced once a year and regularly replace furnace filters. During the heating season, change or clean furnace filters once a month.
- Close the fireplace damper when not in use.
- Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to save money on your energy bill. If you have children in the house, this is also a safety measure
- Install water-flow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.
- Place a sheet of aluminum foil between the radiator and the wall to reflect heat back into the room.



REMEMBER...DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013 AT 2:00 A.M.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

In Calmar

Will be on the traditional
night of

October 31, 2013 from

5-8 P.M.



CITY WIDE

FALL GARAGE SALES

September 27-29, 2013



The Calmar Information Center and our Mini Museum is now OPEN when Whistlestop Antiques is open for business. It is still a WORK IN PROGRESS but stop in and check it out. If you have items to donate or lend to "our" museum related to the railroad or Calmar history contact the Welch's at 562-4237 or 562-4077.

A MESSAGE FROM ANNIE RUDE CALMAR POOL MANAGER



A big thank you goes out to area patrons who participated and helped with programs at the pool this summer. It was a successful season in that we met and exceeded our goals for:



- 1) **Safety** - Any major accidents were prevented through the practice of professional and proactive lifeguarding. Scheduled training was conducted to recreate and discuss solutions to all kinds of potential problems.
- 2) Patron numbers and program participation were up, in spite of many unusually cold nights.
- 3) The aging facility functioned well with careful handling. Filters, pumps, lines, and the even the big old boiler made it through another season.

As Pool Manager and Operator, I am tickled with the way the 10 week season flew by. We received many positive comments about our well maintained and attractive facility, as well as the professional conduct of staff members. I am already thinking about the 2014 pool season, and ways to make improvements.

Home Fall Hazard Checklist:

- Both sides of stairways have sturdy rails (inside and out).
- Handrails are installed to extend the full length on both sides of stairways.
- Throw rugs are secured with carpet tape or non-skid rug pads.
- Stairs and walking areas are free of clutter.
- Edges of steps are even and of same size and height.
- Loose carpet edges are tacked down with double-sided carpet tape.
- Sturdy grab bars are attached to the tub or shower.
- Tubs/showers have non-skid mats or non-slip surfaces.
- Furniture is arranged so it is not an obstacle.
- Lamp, extension and telephone cords are placed out of traffic flow.
- Step stools are sturdy and stable (handrails preferred).
- Small pets are kept from under foot.
- Spills are wiped up as soon as they occur.
- Ice and snow are removed from steps and walkways.
- All stairways, halls and walkways are well lit.
- Night lights or bedside remote control light switches are used.
- Ensure that adequate lighting is provided throughout your home.
- A light is located in the bathroom nearest your bedroom.
- Grab bars near the toilet for east of use.
- Sturdy, non-slip shoes are worn at all times.

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FALL CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 8:00 A.M.— Noon

Let us help you cleanup your property! The City of Calmar will sponsor a City-Wide Fall-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. The dumpster will be removed at 1:00 P.M.

During Fall 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 each. 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 "FALL CLEANUP 2013" 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.