

Future Winneshiek County Freedom Rock

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The City will have minimal flower baskets this year due to the upcoming street and sidewalk project. We are still accepting donations toward our flower baskets as we will locate some around town so they won't interfere with construction. We are also building new wooden flower benches to replace our current benches that are in poor condition. We would appreciate any donations toward materials for these benches.

Donations may be dropped off at the clerk's office or mailed to P.O. Box 268 Calmar.

Freedom Rock Project.

We have started on the concrete, flags, landscaping at the Winneshiek County Freedom Rock Site. We do not anticipate the actual rock to be painted until 2017 but everything else will be completed this spring. We have a resident come forward that wants to donate a granite/limestone bench for the site. We need three such benches, The City will be putting a matching bench in memory of Jerry Balik but we need **ONE MORE** ...if you are thinking of donating to this project it would be wonderful if you could step forward and sponsor this bench. (can be engraved with family name etc.) These benches are under \$ 1,000 and maintenance free. They would be grey granite/limestone. **Any donation toward the project is appreciated and any donation over \$ 500.00 will be listed on a plaque at the Freedom Rock site and published in this Newsletter!**



The Winneshiek County Freedom Rock is intended to be a tribute to Winneshiek County veterans (past, present & future). Winneshiek County Law Enforcement, Fire and EMT.

You can check it out at:
www.thefreedomrock.com

Police
 Joe Ward, Police Chief
 Andrew Hageman, Patrol Officer
 101 S. Washington St.
 563-562-3224 (non -emergency)
 911 (emergency)

Public Works
 Junior Boyer, Superintendent
 101 S. Washington ST.
 319-361-2506 (cell)

Water/Wastewater
 Matt Bullerman, Superintendent
 101 S. Washington St
 319-361-2505 (cell)

Public Library
 Linda Crossland, Library Director
 101 S. Washington St.
 563-562-3010
 Open 12-6 Mon.—Fri.
 Saturday 10 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Calmar Swimming Pool
 Jenny Johnson, Manager
 Hwy 24
 562-380-0240 (Pool) (cell)
 319-361-8532 (cell)



**Calmar
 City Wide Garage
 Sales**

April 21, 22 & 23, 2016

Call the Calmar Courier to get your garage sale advertised . We will list your sale on our Facebook page if you let us know.

City of Calmar
 101 S. Washington St., P.O. Box 268
 Calmar, IA 52132

City Clerk: Michele Elsbernd

Phone: 563-562-3154 Fax: 563-562-3903 Cell: 319-361-2507

2016 CALMAR STREET PROJECT

The 2016 Calmar Street/sidewalk project is soon to begin. The IDOT put the project out to bids at the March letting and successful bidders were Wick's Construction and Skyline Construction (as the general contractor) with other contractors hired by the general contractor doing some of the project. The late start date for the project is May 2, 2016 with 100 working days to complete. This project will include resurfacing of Highway 150, 52 and 24 within the Calmar City Limits. Replacement of sidewalks along these highways to ADA specifications where possible, new solar stop signs, and installation of new underground conduit for the street lighting system. Many properties along this route will also be replacing curb stops, water and sewer lines as needed. The goal is to inconvenience the public as little as possible. There will be use of detour and pilot cars for some phases of the project and there may be some limited access to businesses along the route. The DOT construction engineer from New Hampton will be in charge of the project. They have not yet held their preconstruction meeting to discuss details, when they do we will have contact information for the DOT and contractors involved. If you have questions let us know and we will attempt to find you an answer.

CALMAR COMMUNITY CLUB

The Calmar Community Club (formerly Calmar Commercial Club) wants you to know there will NOT be a Calmar Trail Days this year.

They ARE planning on having the CIRCUS back in town in August on a date yet to be determined.

Spring Yard Clean Up

Burning of leaves is allowed from April 1st.—May 15th., between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Do NOT burn on the blacktop or hard surface of any street. Do NOT burn in the alley or in the curb & gutters.

Branches, leaves and other yard waste is ALWAYS welcome at our yard waste site adjacent to the Calmar Sewer Plant on East South Street.

MOWING SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING



Calmar Code prohibits the discharge of your grass into the street.

Grass clippings can block storm sewer intakes. Calmar storm-intakes discharge to the west for the most part, and end up in the Lake Meyer watershed. This causes water quality problems at the lake. You can take your clippings to the compost site near the WW treatment plant but do NOT put them in plastic bags.

If we see grass clippings in the street you will receive a "friendly" reminder from our local law enforcement to correct the issue.

CALMAR LION'S, POOL PARK AND LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITIES SCHEDULE 2016

The schedule is posted online on the city web page calmaria.com. On the left side toward the bottom click on calendar to see what is scheduled

To add an item to the calendar call 563-3154

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**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

**DOLLAR
GENERAL**

There are exciting things happening in Calmar. Work has started on the site of the future Dollar General Store. This is scheduled to open mid-summer.

You will also see construction started for the new Subway restaurant scheduled to open by early fall.

SUBWAY
eat fresh.

Police Chief Joe Ward says....

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NEWS FROM THE CALMAR FIRE & RESCUE



The Department will have their **RAFFLE FUND RAISER** again this year.

Tickets, a stamped return envelope along with a letter of explanation will be sent to community members. They need continued community support. They are volunteers and contribute time and efforts in an emergency—it could be your emergency! Funds help maintain equipment and train volunteers.

Also regarding Calmar Fire & Rescue

Chad Schissel the current Fire Chief is not seeking re-election. Therefore, the department will be lead by a NEW CHIEF after elections in April. Currently Aaron Brincks and Isaac Phillips are seeking the position.

REMINDER FROM POLICE CHIEF

JOE WARD



It is unlawful to pass a school bus with the stop arm out and lights flashing. The busses have cameras and you will be reported to law enforcement. This is not a simple citation it is a MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE. The fine is in the \$ 300.00 range for the first offense and your license is automatically suspended for 30 days.

**The City of Calmar will be
FLUSHING HYDRANTS
(weather permitting)**

The week of April 11-15th.

**You may experience variable water pressure
and/or discolored water**

Recipe Corner

Spring Trifle

Ingredients

- 1 (12)oz. container frozen whipped topping (thawed)
- 1 (8) oz. container sour cream
- 1 (9) inch angel food cake
- 1 (3.4 oz) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 kiwis, peeled and sliced
- 1 pint fresh strawberries sliced
- 3 bananas, peeled and sliced
- 1 (15) oz. can crushed pineapple (drained)
- Fresh mint spring if desired



Directions

In a medium bowl, fold sour ceam and dry pudding mix into the whipped topping. Cut the cake into thirds, horizontally and line a large trifle or other glass bowl with the kiwi and strawberry slices, reserving a few for the top. Place one layer of cake in bottom of bowl, top with 1/3 of bananas and pineapple and 1/3 of whipped topping mixture. Repeat layering until ingredients are used. Garnish and refrigerate until served

POOL SEASON 2016

The pool season is almost upon us. There will be many changes this year. The pool manager this year is Jenny Johnson. We will be offering less candy items and will have corn dogs and pizza available along with our popcorn. These items will be sold from the window to eliminate any issues with the candy machine.

The city web site will be updated shortly with all the new information for this season. There will be a link on the home page to take you to the pool information page.

The Phone Number at the pool is: 563-380-0240

The Manager's City cell phone # is: 319-361-8532

If you have any questions or concerns you can always contact the city clerk's office 562-3154

See page 5 of this newsletter for MORE pool information.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW.....WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF CALMAR

We try to do this in several ways, we have information on our city web site. If you haven't visited please do so at www.calmaria.com.

All our local access announcements are available as a video on the home page of our web site. These are the same announcements that are on the local access station so if you do not have Mediacom as a TV provider you can check the web site. Mediacom local access is 81 or 79.2 depending if you have a HD or digital signal.

The City of Calmar has many items of interest on their web site. There is a calendar feature that is listed as a menu item on the left side of the home page. We will be updating this calendar with all activities that we KNOW are happening in Calmar, this includes the reservations for the Calmar Lions and Pool Parks and the Calmar Little League Field To find out more about the activity click on the item to tell you more. To add something call or email us.

We also have added a Rental Property listing to the web site, also in the menu listing on the left side of the home page. Almost daily we have requests for rental property available in the City of Calmar. Now we can tell them to go to our web site to view the listing. This information is only as good as the information we receive from the landlords. Please call or email to keep the listing current.

Our Calmar Swimming Pool 2016 pool pamphlet is available on the City Web page, also Swimming Pool Group and Private lessons are scheduled online thru the City web page. There will be a link on the Home Page.

We also post notices at the Post Office, Bank, Kwik Star, Train Station and use the local radio station KVIK when necessary. (this is for items such as flushing fire hydrants)

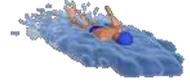
Also if there is something you don't know and want to know CALL US, if we can't answer your questions we will find someone that can!



2016 Calmar Pool Updates Meet the Head Guards



Mac Faldet. Mac is a 2015 graduate of South Winneshiek and has just completed his first year at Loras College. Mac has been a member of the Calmar Area Swim Team since he was 5 years old. He holds many team records and also conference records. During high school he swam for the Decorah Vikings, qualifying for the state meet two consecutive years, reaching the podium and bettering his brother's breaststroke record. The record breaking didn't stop there. During his first year at Loras he broke two individual records and two team relay records. He was also named team MVP. Mac begins his second year as head guard and his fifth, overall, as a lifeguard. The pool welcomes his leadership and experience.



Rae Ann Klimesh. Rae Ann will graduate in May 2016 from South Winneshiek High School. This will be her first year as head guard and third as a lifeguard. Rae Ann began her swimming career at the age of 6. She currently holds several pool records. In addition to swimming, Rae Ann has also participated on the high school student government, cheer-leading, choir, drama, band, large group and individual speech. This past winter Rae Ann was a member of the speech group that won the state banner for Readers Theatre. Rae Ann was a three-time state qualifier in cross country and a member of the South Winneshiek state qualifying 4X800 meter relay teams the past two years. Rae Ann currently ranks first in her class. She was recently awarded the E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship. She is currently undecided where she will further her education.



Spring has Sprung, which means summer is right around the corner. The pool is looking forward to a great season. Be sure to check the City of Calmar website for all new information pertaining to the pool. You can also find us on facebook under the City of Calmar or Calmar Pool. The plan is to open May 26 at 1pm. That is the last day of school for South Winneshiek and we would love to kick off the summer with a splash!

We welcome back several guards who bring with them many years of experience. Familiar faces that you will recognize are Nathan Ward, Monica Schwartzhoff, Noah Faldet, Melissa Warrd, Lexi Bohr, and Alex Nasset. Our new staff will include Tiana Bullerman, Jerrett Euans, Josie Lennon and Hunter Todd.

We are currently working on revamping our programming and pricing. The new fee schedule will be posted on the website in the upcoming weeks. Most importantly, we want to get the word out on the changes to the schedule for group lessons. There will be three sessions of group lessons this year.

Session 1: June 6 – June 17

Session 2: June 20 – July 1

Session 3: July 11 - July 22

Classes will be 30 minutes in length. You should register early as all classes are a first come first serve basis. Class sizes will be limited to allow for a safe instructor/participant ratio. Payment will be accepted at time of registration. Group lessons will be conducted during the hours of 11 am and 1 pm.

The staff is working diligently on developing “regular” events, such as gutterball tournaments and night swims. Information regarding all special events will be posted at the pool and on the Calmar Pool facebook page.

Looking forward to an enjoyable swimming season!



The NOON siren will return in Calmar! The siren will ALSO continue to sound at 6:00 p.m. daily.

City of Calmar

P.O. Box 268

Calmar, IA 52132

Saturday, APRIL 30, 2016 from 8:00 A.M.— Noon



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. The dumpster will be removed at 1:00 P.M.

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 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 "SPRING CLEANUP 2016" 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.