Feb 2016 - City of Hawley Newsletter

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Community Center walking: 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Open Mon through Fri - no walking Feb. 15th

City Hall & the Recycling Center will be closed on February 15th in observance of President's day!

Thank you for keeping your sidewalks clear—it is appreciated!
Please remember this winter that if you have a sidewalk in front of your home, you are responsible for keeping it clear of snow and ice during the winter months. **We appreciate your cooperation!**

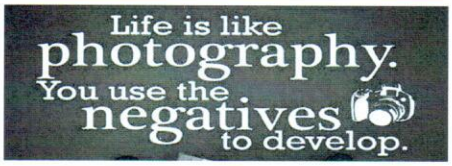
Upcoming council meetings
Broadcast Live on Channel 14
February 1st
and
February 16th
@ 5:30 p.m.

City ATV, Snowmobile & Golf Cart License
2016 City licenses are FREE and are now available for these units operating in the City limits. Please remember to bring current insurance information, vehicle serial Number, and registration information.
Thank you!

PLEASE RECYCLE!
It could mean the world to our children and grandchildren.
Each year, Americans throw out enough soda pop cans & bottles to reach to the moon & back—twenty times.
Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours.

Recycling Center OPEN
Mon & Thurs 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please license your pets.
$6.00 per year for a City of Hawley tag.
You will need Up-to-date rabies Vaccination information.



The Minnesota Health Department advises: Always wash hands well before preparing food, and do not prepare food for others at all if you have been sick with vomiting or diarrhea in the last three days. Those who are sick with vomiting or diarrhea should wash hands very carefully after using the bathroom. Thorough hand-washing includes washing with soap for at least 20 seconds, rinsing under running water and drying with a towel. Overall, wash your hands as frequently as you can; it is **essential** to wash your hands at these special times:

- Before touching any food or eating
- After using the bathroom
- After handling animals or animal waste

Get the latest updates from the City of Hawley on our Facebook page.
Please *like* our page by searching for City of Hawley Minnesota Government.

Upcoming events at the Community Center:
Lions Bingo Feb. 20th

Congratulations Hawley Motor Vehicle on their 40th ANNVERSARY!

Please Join us at City Hall for Hawley Motor Vehicles' Anniversary Open House on:
Wednesday, February 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
We will have Coffee, Treats, and Door Prizes

First 200 people receive a vehicle escape Tool.

In 1976 the Hawley Public Utilities Commission established The Motor Vehicle Office in Hawley, which began serving customers on Feb 17th. The Commissioners at the time were Hart Johnard, Tom Burns, and A.C. Hanson. Larry Quam was appointed Deputy Registrar, and with Betty McDonald and Dagmar Anderson they ran the Deputy Registrar office. In the past 40 years there have been 6 appointed Deputy Registrars:

Larry Quam	Feb 1976-April 1988
Jim Brekke	April 1988-Aug 1993
Betty McDonald	Nov 1993-May 2000
Lori Hagen	June 2000-Jan 2005
Sue Bement	Feb 2005-Sept 2013
Erica Polley	Oct 2013-Current

Hawley MV works as an agent for the State of Minnesota. We receive an annual review from the State. In our 2013 Review we received an Excellent Office rating and had a higher volume of work than some of the larger offices in our region such as Breckenridge, Ada and Mahnomen. In our 2014 Review we had an increase in work of 3.9% which was the second highest increase in our regions' 17 offices.

Hawley Motor Vehicle Transactions & Revenue:

	2005	2010	2015
Trans.	8,419	9,989	11,608
Rev.	$50,180	$62,417	$87,000

This money helps pay for Salaries, Utilities, the City Website, maintenance and up keep of the City Hall building. This additional revenue source helps lessen the cost of these items for the Hawley tax payers.

The Motor Vehicle office was established to serve our local residents and dealers but has grown to serve a much larger area. We serve customers from Hawley, Dilworth, Glyndon, Moorhead, Hitterdal, Ulen, Barnesville, Pelican Rapids, Lake Park, Audubon, Sabin, and more.

We also serve Multiple Dealers from Hawley, Hitterdal, Lake Park, Barnesville, Glyndon, Moorhead and West Fargo.

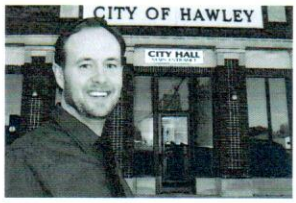
Our staff: Erica Polley, Charlene Meyeraan, Mary Aakre, Cindy Schenck, and Lisa Jetvig work very hard to maintain an efficient and helpful MV office for our customers.
Thank you for your patronage!

City of Hawley Elected Officials

2016 Committee & Board Appointments.

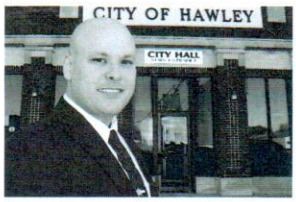
The Councilmembers each focus on their committee and board assignments to do research, monitor, and to make recommendations to the Council for changes. Feel free to discuss thoughts and concerns or to ask questions with your elected officials or stop in to City Hall to talk to department heads.

Gary E. Johnson, Mayor
Liquor Committee
Personnel Committee
Public Works
Development/Water Committee
Economic Development Authority/Advisors
Public Utilities Commission(ex-officio)
FM Metro COG Policy Board

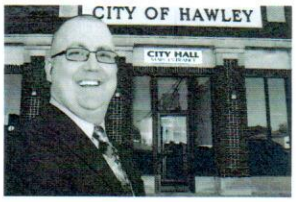


Ben Gunkelman, Vice Mayor
Public Safety Committee
Public Works Committee
Planning Commission
Economic Development Authority/Advisors

John Young, Jr, City Councilmember
Public Safety Committee
Liquor Committee
Development/Water Committee
Economic Development Authority/Advisor
Community Club Representative
Heartland Trail Extension
FM Metro COG Transportation
Airport Commission



Sean Mork, City Councilmember
Government Services Committee
Public Safety
Personnel Committee
Economic Development Authority
Friends of the Pool



James Joy, City Councilmember
Liquor Committee
Government Services Committee
Park Board
Economic Development Authority

A city is not gauged by its length and width,
but by the broadness of
Its vision and the height of its dreams.
Herb Caen

Walking safety in slippery conditions-Walking Over Ice:

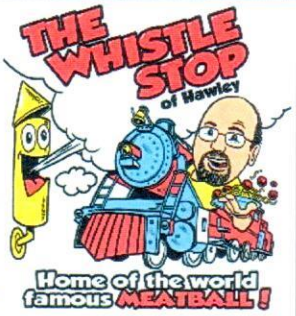
- In cold temperatures, approach with caution and assume that all wet, dark areas on pavements are slippery and icy
- Walk in designated walkways as much as possible
- Taking shortcuts through areas where snow and ice removal is not feasible can be hazardous
- Bend slightly and walk flat-footed with your center of gravity directly over the feet as much as possible
- Extend your arms out to your sides to maintain balance. Beware if you are carrying a heavy backpack or other load-your center of balance will be off
- Keep your hands out of your pockets. Hands out of your pockets while walking lowers your center of gravity and increases balance. You can help break your fall with your hands free if you do start to slip
- Watch where you are stepping and GO S-L-O-W-L-Y!! This will help your reaction time to changes in traction.

Business Highlight

Who: **Whistle Stop**

Where: 413 6th Street, Hawley

When: Mon-Sat 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
& Sun 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

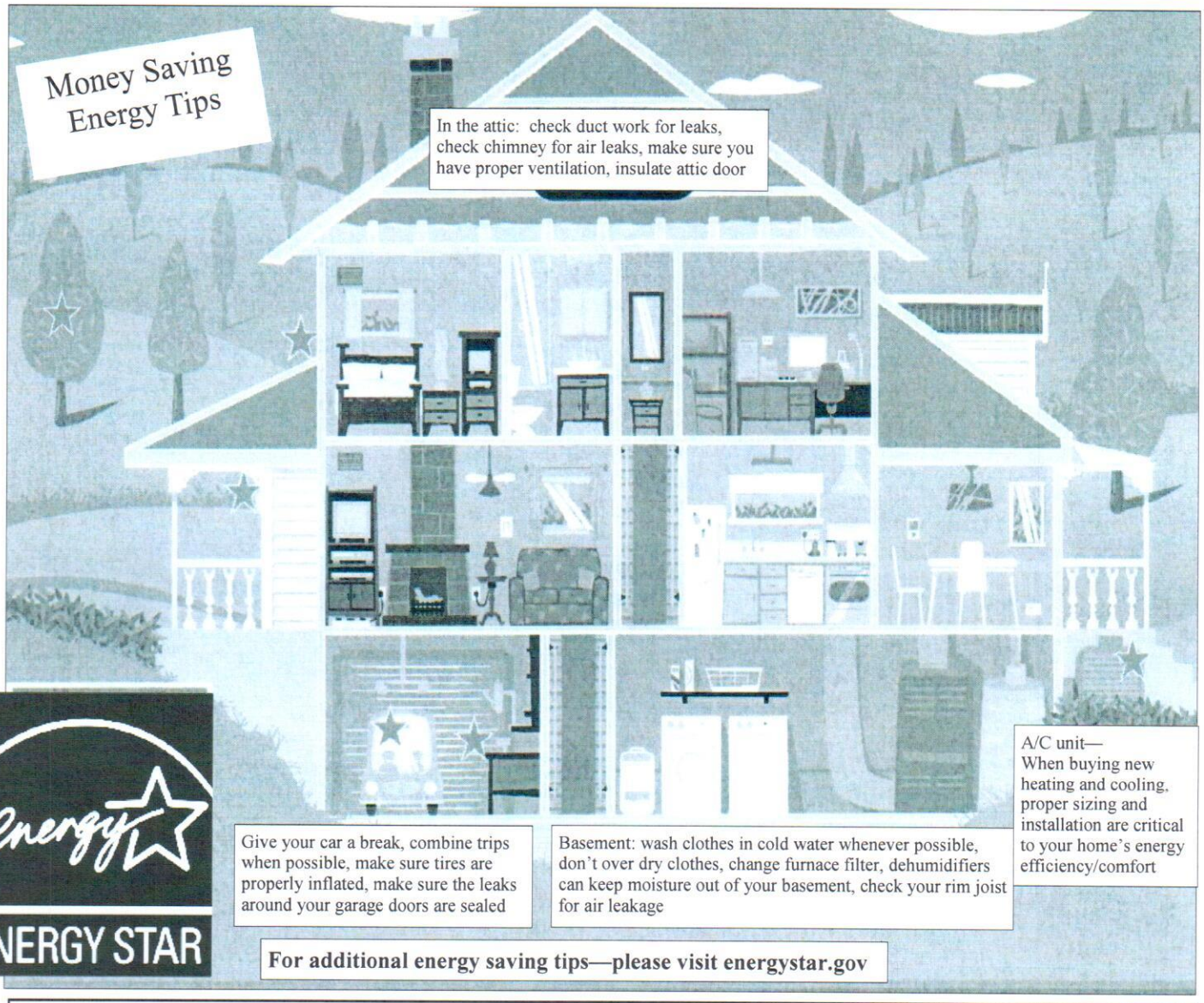


With a blink of an eye, it's been seven years since I took over the Whistle stop café. I wondered if I could make it work and people asked, you think he can cook? Well I hope some of your questions have been answered. There are not too many places that can serve breakfast all day. It is a very hard thing to do and train for, that's why the long hours. We were also very blessed with employees that are open to change and not afraid of hard work. I would like to thank all of our customers that come to our restaurant and put up with my great voice, my good looks and you know it. This February we will have a celebration for being open for 7 years with a guest appreciation day to be announced. I would like to thank those who I couldn't do this without: Deb Lass, Cher Nelson, Deb Swenson, Vincent Wiita, all the kids that worked for me over the last seven years, my wife Darla and my kids DJ, Kayla, and especially Sarra who went through some hard times with me. We look forward to serving people of Hawley for a few more years.

Rules to Remember for Railroad Tracks and Trains...

- Trains have the right of way. Legally, trains have the right of way. Trains are very heavy and can't stop quickly.
- Never trespass or cross tracks illegally. Railroad tracks are private property, not public trails.
- Always expect a train. While you may think you know the schedules of trains that run through your neighborhood, a train can travel on the tracks at any time.

www.**seetracksthinktrain**.org



ENERGY STAR

HAWLEY PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATIONS:

DATES:

-1st day of each month - Utility bills are out.
-10th of each month - Bills are due and payable on or before this date.
-18th of each month - Late payment fee of 2% on all outstanding charges applied on accounts not paid by this date & notice will be sent.
-18 through 21 - Electric, gas, water meters are read by City personnel.
-35 days past due following notice - account may be shut off or limited.

UTILITY SERVICE APPLICATION:

All Utility Accounts are required to fill out a Utility Service Application with a valid mailing address. This form must be filled out if moving within city limits or if you are new to Hawley. All applicants listed on the application are responsible to pay the bill and will be earning a credit history that can be carried forward when applying to other utility companies.

SERVICE DEPOSITS:

Service Deposits are required from all rental properties (commercial & residential) in an amount equal to the highest billing month (Feb) or a lump sum per type - whichever is the larger amount. A recent letter of good credit from prior utility company may also be used. Interest is paid on the service deposits annually at the rate set by the State of Minnesota. A renter may request a refund of their deposit once they show financial responsibility by prompt payment of utility bills for a period of one year.

ENDING SERVICE NOTICE:

Written notice must be given to City Hall prior to moving. This will allow meters to be read and a final bill to be generated. You are responsible for the utility bill until written notice is given. Call or Stop By City Hall if you have any questions. 218-483-3331

From the desk of Chief Joe Backlund-

Introducing, **Officer Tyler O'Brien**, the newest full time officer at the Hawley Police Department.

Officer O'Brien was hired last summer as part time officer. In September, the Hawley City Council approved to add a new full time officer position to the roster. Officer O'Brien applied and proceeded through the hiring process. Officer O'Brien grew up in the Staples, MN. He played football, baseball and wrestled. He attended college at Central Lakes College, in Brainerd, MN for law enforcement and played on the Central Lakes Raiders football team. Officer O'Brien has a Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice & completion of law enforcement skills certificate from Central Lakes College. Officer O'Brien has already moved to Hawley. On his off-time, he enjoys outdoor activities hunting and fishing. Officer O'Brien has two older brothers and parents are in the Staples area.

Officer O'Brien was sworn in 1-4-16

Winter Survival in Your Vehicle—As we forge into winter, it is important to be cautious when traveling in extreme winter weather. Here are some few simple survival tips:

Have a plan and stick to it - Plan your route and let family & friends know. Allow yourself plenty of time and don't rush.

Prepare yourself & your vehicle – Be well rested, make sure your vehicle is in good working condition, keep your gas tank at least ½ full. Pack a winter survival kit, make it accessible if needed. Keep extra warm clothing in your vehicle.

Know the weather – Listen to forecasts, road reports, and storm warnings.

Make Yourself Easy to Find – Tie a bright colored flag or banner to your antenna if you leave the roadway. Make yourself visible to emergency crews. Stay with your vehicle. Your vehicle should be considered as shelter from the elements.

Keep Cool - Remain calm, think. The storm will end and you will be found. Don't over exert yourself which could cause you to become hot and sweaty. Wet clothing loses its insulation value, making you susceptible to hypothermia.

Fresh Air- Try to circulate fresh air into your vehicle, make sure that vehicle exhaust remains unplugged and avoid the possibility of carbon monoxide entering your vehicle.

Stay warm – Find ways not to depend on your vehicle heating system to keep you warm. Stay moving, loosening clothing to keep blood circulating.

Don't expect to be Comfortable – The goal is to survive until you are found.

Make your own winter survival kit – Use some type of water proof plastic container with a sealable lid. Put in items that you will be beneficial to you. Such as small candles & waterproof matches. Sharp knife, bright colored bandana or cloth, pencil & paper, plastic garbage bag, whistle, snacks-hard candy, granola bars, energy bars, beef jerky; road flares or glow sticks, flashlight & extra batteries.

Emergency Phone Calls – You can dial 911 from any cell phone in Minnesota for help. Provide the dispatcher with information such as location, landmarks, condition of vehicle, condition of yourself and occupants. Follow instructions and remain on the phone until you know what the plan of action will be.

The Hawley Police Department is working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office to provide a PRESCRIPTION DROP-OFF BOX at the Hawley Police Department 818 Front Street, Hawley.

All citizens of Clay County can dispose of unused prescription medications anonymously. Household generated pharmaceutical waste includes: all expired, unwanted, or unusable prescriptions or over-the-counter medications used by family members or pets. Medications should be in their standard containers or in plastic bags. Please ring the Police Department door bell, or call ahead to make certain an officer is there to get you inside to the drop off box. Please never leave medications unattended. (218)483-4666 or call dispatch at 701-451-7660 and ask for the Hawley officer. Thank you!