Thursday, March 17th

Sunday, March 27th

March 2016 - City of Hawley Newsletter

City of Hawley 305 6th St 218-483-3331 www.hawley.govoffice.com
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motor Vehicle 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City council meetings - 5:30 p.m. on Channel 14
March 8th and March 21st

LIKE us on FACEBOOK to get City updates.

The best people in this world are the ones that can *Give* without ***remembering*** and *Receive* without ***forgetting.***

Community Center Walking
6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Open Monday through Friday
NOTE: If there is a new snowfall of 1 " or more, it will not be open for walking that day.

Snow Removal Reminder

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.

The City has updated sidewalks to provide students and residents that walk a safe way to get to and from the school.

We appreciate your cooperation!

Minnesota travel information
exploreminnesota.com
888-847-4866
800-627-3529

Minnesota Highway Information
511mn.org or dial 800-542-0220
511 (from within Minnesota)

Upcoming M State Event — Friday, March 4th - FREE

Meet with mentor, Tony Parker, Entrepreneur Instructor at M State. Tony will discuss any questions you may have for **business start-up**.
Date: Friday, March 4, 2016
Time: 8AM - 12Noon - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
(please call to schedule a 1- hour time slot)
Location: BES Conference Room, Campus of M State, Detroit Lakes
For more information or to register: Nicole.Ballard@minnesota.edu or call 218.846.3733. Check us out online: www.MStatebes.com and LIKE us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/besmstate

Upcoming Events Community Center

March 14th - Lifescreen
8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
(there will be no walking)

March 19th - Clay-Wilkin Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Banquet

Hawley Off-Peak Electric Heating Customers will soon be receiving the benefit of up-front lower heating costs.

The Hawley Public Utilities Commission recently decided to invest in new Electric Meters for all customers participating in the Off-Peak (Ripple) program. These new meters will be remote "radio" read meters that will allow us to read your general usage meter and your off-peak electric meter monthly. You will begin to be billed the lower, Off-Peak rate, on all heating usage monthly.

Off Peak Rate		Residential Electric Rate
Facility Charge	$4.00	$17.75
Per kWh	$0.063	$0.1118

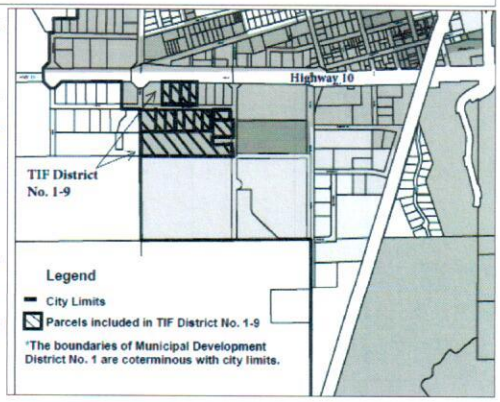
Historically, Off-Peak heating customers have been charged the full rate electric amount on all electric usage. In December the utility staff read the Off-Peak meters and customers have been issued a refund check for the Off-Peak usage.

In February & March Hawley Public Utilities staff will be contacting Electric Off-Peak Heating customers to arrange a time for us to install the new meters. The ripple receiver equipment will be tested during the installation of the meters. The PUC determined that it would be most efficient to upgrade all the utility meters at the same time so you will also be getting new radio read natural gas and water meters installed.

The Hawley Public Utilities Commission wishes to thank our customers that participate in our Off-Peak Electric Heating program. It is an efficient, clean and affordable way to save on your electric heating costs.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-9

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hawley, Clay County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hawley City Hall in the City of Hawley, Minnesota, relating to the (a) the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No.1-9 within Municipal Development District No. 1, and (b) the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, inclusive, as amended (the "Act"). Copies of the Tax Increment Financing Plan as proposed to be adopted will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall. The property included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-9 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Clerk. A map of the proposed Tax Increment Financing District is below. **All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their view orally or in writing.**



FALLING DOWN
IS PART OF LIFE.

GETTING BACK UP
IS LIVING.

-JESSE H. MARKS-

2016 Hawley Commission & Board Appointments

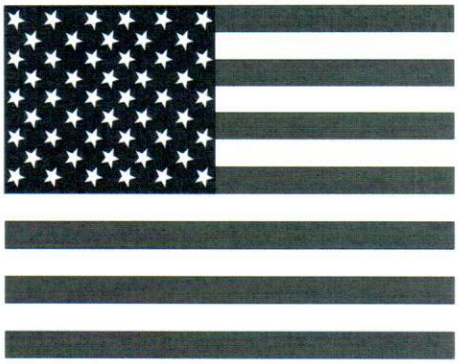
Public UtilitiesCommission
Jerald Pederson
Justin Martin
Donald Martodam
Gary E. Johnson - ex-officio

Airport Commission
John Young, Jr.
Bryan S. Reep
Mike Sprenger
Dennis Martin
Todd Sparrow

Park Board
Brad Christensen
Mike Olson
James Joy
Marc Ness
Deanna Ulven

Planning Commission
Gregg Pekas
Mike Cain
Craig Fenske
Ben Gunkelman
Philip Stahl
Jay Swanson
Stacey Riedberger

NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY
March 3



Written by Francis Scott Key, the Star Spangled Banner is the national anthem of the United States of America. On National Anthem Day, we celebrate and honor this song.

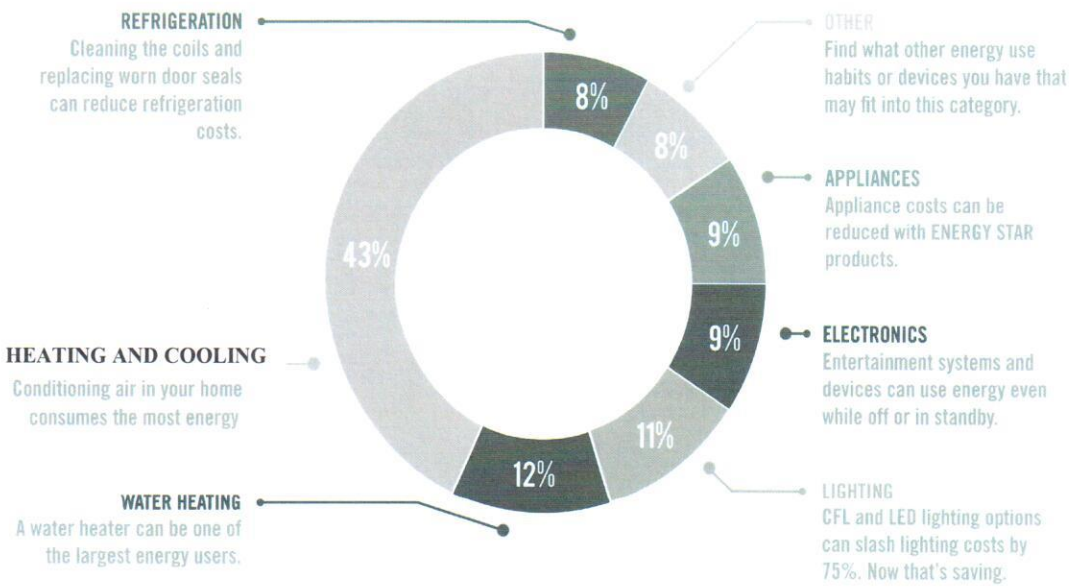
By a congressional resolution, signed by President Herbert Hoover, The Star Spangled Banner officially became the national anthem of the United States of America on March 3rd, 1931.

The Star Spangled Banner was written during the War of 1812. In September of 1914, during the Battle of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812, while being held on a ship, Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry . The following morning, upon seeing the American flag still flying over the Fort, he was inspired to write a poem, which was titled, "Defence of Fort M'Henry".

This poem was later set to music and renamed "The Star Spangled Banner".

Home Electric Energy Use

See where energy conservation improvements can give you the most savings.



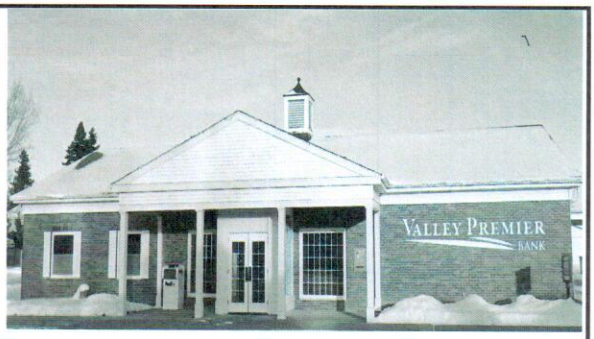
Business Highlight

Who: Valley Premier Bank

Where: 416 6th Street, Hawley, MN

When: Hawley Lobby/Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm

Hawley Drive-Up/Monday-Friday 7:30am - 6pm
Saturday 8am - 12 noon



Valley Premier Bank received its first deposit on August 1st, 1892. The bank has always been locally owned and operated, currently the Employee Stock Ownership Plan is a majority owner.

Both offices offer traditional bank products, which include commercial, agricultural, real estate and consumer loans, checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, safe deposit boxes and IRA's as well as leading edge technology with online banking, mobile banking and bill pay. Stop in to see us or visit us online at www.valleypremierbank.com. We are proud supporters of the Hawley community!

HAWLEY RECYCLING CENTER

Hours of Operation: Monday & Thursday 4:00 to 7:00 pm Winter hours with summer hours until 8 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 1 pm winter hours with summer hours until 2 pm

Going green is more than just a new buzzword- it is a new way of living. Recycling is one of the easiest ways to reduce waste. The Hawley Recycling Center operates a SOURCE SEPARATED recycling program. This means we ask for cooperation from residents in sorting recyclables.

Plastic:Rinse the container. Take the covers off. We save covers in another container. Recycle bottles/jugs with a number 1, 2, 4, or 5 on them. Ice cream pails, yogurt, and whipped topping containers are acceptable. Oil and grease bottles are not acceptable.
Glass :Accepted: Jars, bottles (Green, Brown, or Clear). Clear and Colored glass in separate bins.
Not Accepted: Window glass, drinking glasses, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramic, automotive glass, porcelain.
Aluminum and Tin Cans :Clean aluminum beverage cans for one bin and rinsed out steel and tin cans are accepted in another bin. There is no need to remove paper labels from the cans. Tin paint cans (if empty and dry) can be recycled.
Please be sure to properly rinse your recyclables.
Newsprint and Phone Books Please keep these items dry:Telephone books are accepted. Magazines and Catalogs place in boxes along back wall.
Corrugated Cardboard and Paper Bags :Remove packaging materials and flatten boxes Corrugated along with paper board (cereal boxes, etc.) are accepted.
Office Paper:Computer paper, white ledger, envelopes, fax paper, carbon-less paper. Not accepted: no color or junk mail – put into another box by phone books on back wall.
Junk mail Paper: Slick or glossy paper, manila and bleached file folders, and direct mailings are accepted.
Fluorescent Bulbs:Residential fluorescent bulbs are accepted. Please place bulb in corresponding box.
Appliances:Household appliances are accepted with a fee during recycling hours.

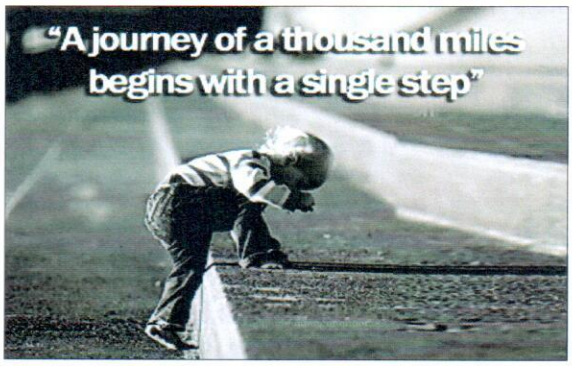
Clay County Household Hazardous Waste
Winter Hours -Monday and Wednesday 8 am – 4 pm
2729 Highway 10 E. Moorhead, MN 56560

Clay County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open all year round. The Winter hours begin in November and end in March. The facility is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 am – 4 pm. Not only will the facility take in material, but the Product Exchange will still be open and free to Clay County residents. The materials offered to Clay County residents are paints, automotive supplies, cleaners and more. For more information please see our website http://claycountymn.gov/403/Household-Hazardous-Waste or contact our facility at 218–299-5077.

HOT TOPIC

Frost levels and water lines.

The PUC has asked approximately 30 customers, who have experienced frozen water service lines in the past, to run their water.
We are monitoring the frost depths. At this time these are the only customers we are asking to run their water. Thank you !



See Tracks? THINK TRAIN

Everyday people are injured or killed trying to beat a train.
Please think train.

Just for the fun of it!

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l	k	q	p	i	c	e	s	k	a	t	i	n	g	a	hawley
e	t	a	d	a	d	g	b	q	n	m	f	l	r	q	police
d	q	w	t	k	p	q	e	w	u	e	g	b	t	r	river
d	b	g	e	i	o	t	i	h	o	c	k	e	y	t	skating rink
i	l	i	c	e	n	s	e	z	t	i	h	d	q	u	library
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g	q	e	d	a	q	w	r	e	i	o	k	w	o	p	hockey
h	a	w	l	e	y	e	i	i	k	p	o	m	d	a	rodeo
i	v	f	d	e	s	u	v	p	n	q	d	k	e	b	fire protection
l	c	x	s	m	l	t	e	q	j	k	f	p	o	i	license
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ESCAPE PLANNING—Keep your family aware of Fire Safety

Did you know?

- **More than 80 percent of families have not practiced home fire drills.**
- **Experts estimate you have as little as two minutes to safely escape your home once the smoke alarm sounds.**
- **Working smoke alarms provide the valuable seconds needed to escape a burning residence.**

ESCAPE PLANNING

- **Designate a safe meeting place outside your home everyone can get to after a fire.**
- **Use graph paper to draw a floor plan of your home and show two ways out of each room.**
- **Make sure each family member is aware of escape options from each room.**
- **Practice your family escape plan twice each year.**
- **Walk through your home periodically and inspect all exits and escape routes.**

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

March 13th
Time to Spring ahead. Turn your clocks ahead one hour & don't forget to change your smoke alarm batteries!

SAFETY TIPS for location of smoke alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

City ATV, Snowmobile, & Golf Cart License

2016 City licenses 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!

Addressing Driving with Older Family Members

Most older drivers self-regulate fairly well — they voluntarily stop driving at night, in urban areas, or far from home.

- Pay attention to older family members' driving.
- Start the discussion of when to stop driving, and determine other transportation options

This can be a sensitive issue for many older drivers; driving cessation is difficult at best. Older drivers forced to stop driving will likely feel a lack of freedom and may suffer from depression. Take the time to talk to them and assist them with the transition.

From the desk of Chief Joe Backlund & the Hawley Police Department - Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

In Minnesota there is a law in place that allows citizens to protect themselves from identity theft from new account fraud. The law allows a person to freeze his or her credit report by simply contacting a consumer reporting agency. By freezing your credit report, this will prevent identity thieves from accessing your credit history and prevent them from opening new credit cards or loans under a potential victim's name. The law is open to any citizen and can be done for any reason. If you are a victim the cost of freeze is free. If you are a non-victim and choose to be proactive there is a $5 fee. The credit reporting agency must place the freeze within 3 days of the request. After the request has been made they will issue you a unique PIN within 10 days of the request. The PIN can be used to lift or thaw the freeze for specific period of time or for specific creditor. Here is list of the major credit report agencies:

Experian Security Freeze

PO Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

(972) 390-4172

www.experian.com/freeze

Equifax Security Freeze

PO Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348

(800) 685-1111

www.freeze.equifax.com

TransUnion Security Freeze

PO Box 2000

Chester, PA 19022

888-909-8872

www.transunion.com/credit-freeze/place-credit-freeze

For more complete and additional info: http://www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer/publications/identitytheft.asp