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HEDCO ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY



Mayor Theis welcomed slightly over 200 attendees to our fourth Annual State of the City on July 16 hosted by our Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) and held at our regional Kirkwood Community Center on Boyson Road. HEDCO chair, Scott Gasway introduced Mayor Theis as Mr. Hiawatha describing his love for the community and his successes in economic development. "There's a reason why Hiawatha has the most companies on the Corridor Business Journal's list of Fastest Growing Companies because it's a great place to work and live. HEDCO works to support Hiawatha efforts and to create a positive climate for business here in "Hiawatha", said Mr. Gasway.

Mayor Theis spoke of the past years successes of voluntary annexations on the west side of I-380 on both sides of County Home Road and today the City is working on the design plans for installation of both water and sewer to over 133 acres. Mayor Theis spoke briefly about Center Point Road Zoning providing a floor plan for Hiawatha's future. "Zoning is an important element in economic development," said Theis.

2014 and 2015 has brought exciting new development up and down Boyson Road. Dave Wright Nissan/Subaru and the newly announced three story medical facility at 1195 Boyson Road (Duffy's) operated by Mercy Medical Center and further west near 18th Avenue two more office buildings are being constructed. Together these alone will bring over 200 new employees to the Hiawatha area. Mayor Theis said, "we are anticipating that it will encourage related development throughout our community."

Mayor Theis shared the Boyson Road/I-380 improvements plan is officially funded. The City will collaborate with the Iowa Department of Transportation to begin design work this fall. The City continues to keep the Tower Terrace/I-380 Interchange on its forefront as the Interchange Justification Report is again for the third time in the hands of the Federal Department of Transportation with the support from our local Department of Transportation.

Mayor Theis also listed three new residential developments one that is in its last phase and two other developments that have recently opened with streets in place. Theis said, "full build outs of these areas will give Hiawatha 300 plus new homes. None of this would have happened if the City Council had decided not to provide water and sewer to this area. It's great to see the City grow again!"

To continue with Hiawatha's efforts in making it easy to do business with the City, Mayor Theis introduces an online permitting system that will allow contractors and homeowners to submit plans, applications and payments without making a trip to city hall. The portal will be accessible through the city website, which will expand in other services with an estimated startup date of January 2016.

Mayor Theis spoke of his excitement for RAGBRAI's overnight stay in Hiawatha on July 23. "We have an opportunity to showcase the City for about 24 hours. There are still people today that speak very highly of the 2004 RAGBRAI stay in Hiawatha. Let's hope this year's stay is even better!" Mayor Theis thanked the sponsorship businesses and those that are volunteering for the day. "We couldn't do this without you!"

Mayor Theis talked about expansion needs of a satellite fire station on the east side of I-380 and the library's overcrowded facility. The customer base continues to grow and because of that our facilities are filled to their capacity. The City has purchased land for a proposed satellite fire station along with committed Local Option Sales tax dollars to assist with funding needs.

In November, he anticipates taking this project to the voters. If such a referendum would pass, it would provide faster response times for the north and west sides of town, overnight sleeping quarters for firefighters and medical personnel and a training area. Also received was a petition to expand the Library's board members from five to seven members to help fulfill their needs as they move forward with future projects.



"Hiawatha's economy is strong, we have seen this through our growth to the north, direction of development in the heart of our community, residential and commercial growth, streamlining our processes for doing business, welcoming 1,000's of people to the community for RAGBRAI's overnight stay, community partnerships and lastly the need for city facility expansions," said Mayor Theis.

Joining Mayor Theis were keynote speakers: Speaker of the House Kraig Paulsen and Senator Liz Mathis. Together they spoke of legislative updates and their effects on doing business in Iowa. Paulsen and Mathis both spoke

of a balanced budget, revenue growth and the ability to refill the state reserves to a healthy number and provide economic development funding to support and stimulate business activity. The State's economy exceeded its goals this year and forecasted a strong economic future. They continue to fund job training along with supporting apprenticeships and internships to expand the employee field working through partnerships with community colleges like Kirkwood Community College. They both see the value of providing funding for high quality jobs and Innovation and Angel tax credits. "Focusing on innovation will help Iowa move forward and aid in Iowa's future," said Senator Liz Mathis.

Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC) Applications



Hiawatha wishes to develop an advisory committee to provide both feedback and input to City staff and consultants carrying out the interpretation of the site development, grading, and erosion control ordinances regulating stormwater runoff in the current City codes. The first step is to take applications for a stormwater advisory committee whose members represent the interests of a cross-section of the City's key business, residential, educational, and institutional leadership. The proposal is to establish a three member committee that may have responsibility for the following storm water related tasks:

- review policies and ordinances
- review service charges and adjustments
- evaluate capital and operational programs and budgets
- make recommendations or comments to elected officials



This committee provides guidance, oversight, and recommendations to city council and staff in the implementation of a Stormwater Management Program which includes compliance with the Municipal Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4) general permit requirements set forth by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The stormwater committee is to provide a public forum for residents' questions, suggestions, or comments about stormwater issues. The committee also may discuss development or construction applications with significant stormwater impacts.

Interested persons contact the city engineer at 319-393-1515 ext. 511.

May Surge In Construction Permits

Driving through Hiawatha you may have noticed an increase in construction activity. Along Boyson Road there are three new buildings and major remodeling on two other sites. These projects are part of a surge in construction permits in May which also includes a major remodel of the Hiawatha Elementary School for energy upgrades and installation of a geothermal heating system. The value of the projects issued permits in May exceeded last year's May valuations by 10 million dollars.

The surge included an upswing in residential construction. Permits were issued for six new homes in May alone. The total number of new home permits issued in the first six months of 2015 is equal to that of all



last year. The City has issued 12 new home permits with three more in the review process. With the final platting of Dell Ridge; another housing development, the preliminary platting of an addition to Pines at Turtle Creek and the recent completion of the final plat of Rolling Prairie, the housing increase is likely to continue.

A Few Things to Know About the 2015 City Election

- **Candidates for office must complete a Nomination Petition with no less than 25 signatures and an Affidavit of Candidacy form.**
- **Nomination Petitions and Affidavit of Candidacy paperwork must be filed with the Linn County Auditor // Elections Services Department.**

Resources for Candidates:

- Nomination Petitions and Affidavit of Candidacy Paperwork - available at city clerks office or Secretary of State website at sos.iowa.gov under the elections tab.
- 2015 Candidate's Guide - educates candidates on election laws and responsibilities of elected officials. Available at city clerk's office, Linn County Election Services Department or online at sos.iowa.gov under elections tab.

Important Dates: First Day to file nomination papers **August 24, 2015**

Deadline to file nomination papers **September 17, 2015**



Polls open 7:00 am-8:00 pm **November 3, 2015**

July 1, 2015

RESOLUTION 15-131 approving disposal of vacated right-of-way described as Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 1995. Resolution 15-132 authorizing sale of right-of-way described as Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 1995. **ORDINANCE #841 approving the rezoning request from L.R. Real Estate Solutions, LLC be changed from A (Agriculture Zone District) to C-4 (Central Service District) for the property legally described as Lots 10 & 11, Auditor's Plat No. 367, Linn County, Iowa.** RESOLUTION #15-133 approving the design of a new commercial development to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines for the property located 1200 N Center Point Road, as submitted by L.R. Real Estate Solutions, LLC. **MOTION approving a special event request to hold a Ragbrai Party on 7/23/15 as submitted by El Kahir Shrine located at 905 Tower Terrace Road.** **MOTION approving a temporary extension to the existing Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage Service Area for a Ragbrai Party on 7/23/15 as submitted by El Kahir Shrine located at 905 Tower Terrace Road.** **MOTION approving the appointment of Board of Appeals Member:**

Rob Archibald, effective 7/1/15-12/31/15. RESOLUTION 15-134 approving a 28E Agreement between the City of Hiawatha, City of Cedar Rapids & Linn County to allow Hiawatha Law Enforcement to respond to & handle calls for service along I-380 from Blairs Ferry Road north to Midway Road & authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. RESOLUTION 15-135 approving a contract with Hawkeye Electric for the installation of three street lights on Ketelsen Drive. RESOLUTION 15-136 approving payment on Invoice #4 in the amount of \$31,773.67, submitted by the City of Cedar Rapids for Hiawatha's portion of the project expenses for the Indian Creek & Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Project as established in the 28E Agreement. RESOLUTION 15-137 authorizing City Staff to move forward with acquiring a paid intern to input necessary data required to update & maintain the City's GIS mapping program. RESOLUTION 15-138 approving the change of one existing part-time City Engineer position to a full-time 32-hour position at an hourly rate of \$41.85 or \$69,642.00 annual salary, with full benefits & prorated vacation of two weeks;

effective 7/1/15. **MOTION to go into closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5(j) to discuss the possible purchase of particular real estate at 5:40 pm.** **MOTION to go out of closed session & enter into regular session at 6:00 pm.** **MOTION to go into closed session as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure 6:02 pm.** **MOTION to go out of closed session & enter into regular session at 6:41 pm.**

July 15, 2015

RESOLUTION 15-139 setting a public hearing date (8/5/15 @ 5:30 pm) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 Charter by adding §2.06 Eligibility establishing requirements for filling the offices of mayor & city council & renumbering the subsequent section. RESOLUTION 15-140 setting a public hearing date (8/5/15 @ 5:30 pm) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions in the Rolling Prairie Estates subdivision. RESOLUTION 15-141 setting a public hearing date (8/5/15 @ 5:30 pm) to consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, & estimate of cost on file & direct publication of the notice to bidders for the 2015 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project. RESOLUTION 15-142 approving the Final Plat of Hiawatha North Fiftieth Addition. RESOLUTION 15-143 granting council consent to hire a full-time Fire Medic position in the Hiawatha Fire Department, with an hourly starting rate of \$20.21, or \$42,028 annually, Group & Grade C 2-1 & full benefits. RESOLUTION 15-144 awarding contract for purchase of a 2016 GM 4500 Lifeline Type III Modular Ambulance from Life Line Emergency Vehicles of Sumner, Iowa in an amount not to exceed \$153,468 including the trade in of Unit M5, utilizing available funding in the FY15 CIP. RESOLUTION 15-145 approving a 28E Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & the City of Marion to provide law enforcement coverage during RAGBRAI. RESOLUTION 15-146 authorizing an agreement between the City of Hiawatha & ImOn Communications, LLC to allow ImOn to lease 952 lineal feet of space in Hiawatha owned fiber conduit along Sherman Road & North Center Point Road at a cost not to exceed \$3.50 per lineal foot payable to the City in the amount of \$3,332, providing connectivity to homes & business in the City of Hiawatha.

MOTION approving a special event request submitted by Farmer's Daughter's Market located at 495 Miller Road to hold a RAGBRAI Party on 7/23/15. **MOTION entering into a closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5(j) to discuss the possible purchase of particular real estate at 5:38 pm.** **MOTION to go out of closed session & entering into regular session at 5:54 pm.** **MOTION entering into a closed session as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 5:56 pm.** **MOTION to go out of closed session & entering into regular session at 7:08 pm.**

August Calendar

- 02 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 07 Music in Guthridge Park 6-9 pm, Shock Doktor
- 09 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 10 History Committee Meeting 1:30 pm
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 Council meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 14 Music in Guthridge Park 6-9 pm, Betty Calling
- 16 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 21 Music in Guthridge Park 6-9 pm, Past Masters
- 23 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 26 Council meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 28 Music in Guthridge Park 6-9 pm, Nashbillies
- 30 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 31 P&Z Meeting 5:30 pm

September Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 06 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 07 Holiday - City Offices Closed
- 08 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 09 Council meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 13 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 14 History Committee Meeting 1:30 pm
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 20 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 23 Council meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 27 Farmers Market 11-2 pm Guthridge Park
- 28 P&Z Meeting 5:30 pm

Library Hires New Staff

The Hiawatha Public Library is excited to welcome two new staff members. Marta Petermann and Kat Swank as library pages.



Stop in and say hello to both of them!



Marta is the former director of the Oxford Junction Public Library. In addition to her work at the Hiawatha Library she is also a customer service associate with the Cedar Rapids Public Library. A lover of the outdoors, Marta also volunteers at the Indian Creek Nature Center. She currently resides in Cedar Rapids with her husband and their cat Truman and dog Trevi.

Kat, a recent Kennedy High School graduate, is a self-proclaimed Harry Potter, Star Wars and Lord of the Rings geek. Kat enjoys ice cream without nuts (unless they are finely chopped) and hopes to someday travel. She has three younger siblings and is thinking of getting a pet snake someday.

Hiawatha would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to all board and commission members both past and present for your service to the community. Board and commission members are an important part of city process and Hiawatha appreciates your devotion, energy, time and expertise spent making Hiawatha a wonderful community for everyone to enjoy.

New board appointments and re-appointments:

		Expires
Planning & Zoning Member	Mark Powers	12/31/16
Library Board Members	Anna Ronnebaum	6/30/19
	Karlene Nesslage	6/30/20
	Matt Dunbar	6/30/20
Board of Appeals Member	Rob Archibald	12/31/15

Music in the Park 2015 - Bring your coolers, lawn chairs & enjoy the music with family & friends at Hiawatha's Concerts in the Park! Concerts are from 6 - 9 pm & held at the Brown Pavilion in Guthridge Park.

- Friday, August 7 - Shock Doktor** 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵
Shock Doktor covers a wide variety of your favorite tunes from the 80's, 90's & today, including Florida Georgia Line, Matchbox Twenty, Luke Bryan, Theory of a Deadman, Poison, Blake Shelton, Bon Jovi, Buckcherry & many more! They'll put some dance in your pants!
- Friday, August 14 - Betty Calling** 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵
Betty Calling is a dynamic six piece specializing in a eclectic mix of music from the 60's to the present. Playing a variety of songs from a range of genres, these veteran musicians hammer out everything from dance-your-socks off rock & country tunes to cry-in-your-beer blues. Their talent & professionalism provide top notch entertainment for all to enjoy!
- Friday, August 21 - Past Masters** 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵
The Past Masters are a heck of a good time. If you like to dance, this is your show! Playing 60's & 70's Pop Dance Music. "They play what others won't!" 100% Dance Music, 100% of the time!
- Friday, August 28 - Nashbillies** 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵
The Nashbillies are Midwest's best kept secret, until now. They combine the best of all genres of music & comedic stage banter & outfits, imagine if the Opry met Spinal Tap, you get the picture. All of the members are seasoned studio musicians & live performers with hundreds of credits in their resumes. You won't want to miss this classic rock meets classic country band!

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY



School is beginning



soon, all drivers are urged to "drive safe" and student pedestrians are urged to "be smart" and make safety a priority. Here are some general safety tips:

- Obey all traffic signals, signs & markings whether walking, bicycling or driving.
- The speed limit in Residential & School Zones is 25 mph. You should drive with added caution where children are present.
- Do not park or stop to unload children in no parking zones or on the roadway.
- Have your children enter & exit vehicles on the passenger side of the car.
- Remind your children to look in all directions before crossing the street.
- Cross the street only in a marked crosswalk or at a corner, not mid-block.



The 3rd Annual Splash a Smile 5K took place on July 11 by the Community Health Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids. They had 100 race participants in attendance & had a successful event. All of the proceeds from the race participants go to support the dental program & Health Free Clinic. Thank you to all that helped support this great cause!

The Hiawatha Public Library is looking for a few good Friends!

The Friends of the Hiawatha Public Library is a volunteer organization dedicated to the support of the library. The Friends support the library by donating their time and talents to help library staff carry out their long-range goals as decided by the Community.



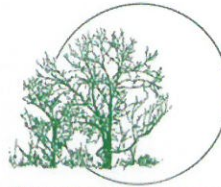
The Friends raise funds to be used by the library for activities not ordinarily covered under the library's operating budget. Some examples of programs supported by the Friends of the Library: Library Summer Picnic, Recycled Book Cover Art program for adults, and the Summer Reading Programs for all ages. Friends volunteers also provide staff appreciation luncheons, and refreshments for various library programs.

Phyllis Jones, who manages the Friends of the Library Book Sales, urges people to consider volunteering with the Friends. Phyllis states that being a Friend of the Hiawatha Public Library is truly a rewarding experience. The Friends meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Glenn Sheminke Community Room at the Hiawatha Public Library. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Hiawatha Public Library please call the library, or visit the library's website for more information.

HISTORY COMMITTEE CORNER

Did you know there is a labyrinth in Hiawatha?

Well..... there is an outdoor labyrinth located right here at:



PRAIRIEWOODS

**PRAIRIEWOODS
120 BOYSON ROAD**

You can find the labyrinth at the edge of the woods. Just follow the road on the north side of the guest house, pass the hermitages and enter the woods. Turn left and follow the short trail that winds down the hill to the labyrinth.



On a Sunday afternoon July 12, members of the community joined Hiawatha Fire Department members in celebrating 10 years of ambulance service to Hiawatha and the surrounding community with an open house at the fire station.

In the fall of 2004, the city council voted to establish an ambulance service, operated by the Fire Department. The first ambulance was purchased shortly after, and responded to its first call in June of 2005. The Fire Department now has a total of three ambulances, all equipped with advanced life support equipment and medications. At the July 15, 2015 council meeting, council approved the purchase of a new ambulance for \$153,468 to replace the original unit that was purchased in 2005.



The ambulance service has been increasingly busy in the last ten years. In 2006, the Fire Department responded to 528 calls, with 363 of those calls being medical. In 2014, the Fire Department responded to 1,176 calls, and 916 of them were medical. Many factors have contributed to the increase in calls and the growth of the ambulance service. As baby boomers age, their need for health care, including ambulance service increases. Following the 2008 flood in Palo, the Linn Benton (Palo) ambulance service closed, and Hiawatha Ambulance picked up a large portion of their response area, including Palo, Pleasant Creek State park, Duane Arnold Energy Center, and Shellsburg. With the increase of the number of doctor's offices and medical clinics in Hiawatha, there has been an increase in calls for ambulance transport. The increase in calls for service allows the paramedics and EMTs to maintain a high skill level. In 2005, the Fire Department had 35 volunteer members. Today there are three full time staff and approximately 50 volunteers. The ambulance service has also brought a fiscal benefit to Hiawatha. In fiscal year 2015, the ambulance service generated over \$418,000 in revenue, mitigating the financial impact of the growth of the Fire Department and ambulance service. This financial picture doesn't include the thousands of hours donated by volunteer firefighters, EMT's and paramedics to care for Hiawatha.



Having the ambulance service operate under the Fire Department within the City's Public Safety System, allows the EMTs, paramedics, firefighters, and police officers all to operate as one team, working closely to make Hiawatha a safe place to live, work and play. During the last decade, firefighters, EMT's, paramedics, and police officers have helped deliver babies, treat auto accidents, gunshot, stabbing, and fire victims, saved lives with our defibrillators, and provided advanced care to stroke and heart attack victims, saving countless lives. The Fire Department is proud of its accomplishments and looks forward to many more years of caring for the community.

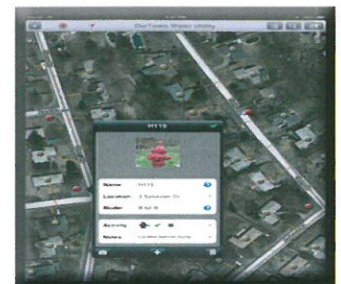
Hiawatha Water Department Purchases an Asset Management Tool

Here at the Hiawatha Water Department, we like to keep up with today's technology to better serve our customers. Recently we have purchased two iPads with the WaterPoint network application from the company 64seconds. 64seconds specializes in mobile asset tools for municipal needs. This application allows the Water Department to enter information pertaining to the Water Department's infrastructure.

The Water Department uses the application as follows:

- Tracking of yearly hydrant flushing information.
- Pictures of each hydrant with specific hydrant information. **The WaterPoint application links a parts list for the hydrant brand to troubleshoot any problems with the hydrant. This allows water operators to quickly diagnosis and fix any hydrant issues.
- Keep measurements and pictures of water main valves and curb stops.
- Assist in our Meter Change Out Program. **water operators take pictures of each meter installed and document corresponding meter numbers for specific addresses. This is to verify field information and office information are correct.

If you see one of our water operators clicking away on an iPad, you will know they are working on the WaterPoint Network to keep Hiawatha Water Department's infrastructure up to date.



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ImOn Communications Makes Hiawatha a Gigabit Community

In May, ImOn Communications announced that it has begun offering residents in Hiawatha, who have fiber-to-the-home, Internet speeds up to one Gigabit Internet service. Hiawatha is now one of the very few communities in Iowa who have access to gigabit residential speeds.

"Gigabit Internet will quickly become an essential service for families," said Patrice Carroll, ImOn President and CEO. "Residents are demanding maximum download speeds, high upload speeds and reliability of service from their broadband provider. Our gigabit fiber-to-the-home service delivers on all fronts."



Gigabit (1,000 mbps) residential service is delivered by ImOn's fiber-to-the-home technology and provides many benefits to residents including: Super fast internet download speeds (1,000 megabits per second, 500 megabits per second, or 150 megabits per second).

Amazing upload speeds equal to half of the respective download speed.



Internet service that is not shared with your neighbors - no more bottlenecking or buffering.

Connect the whole family at once - no matter the size of family or number of devices connected.

Superior cable TV picture quality.

Highest reliability of service on ImOn's redundant private fiber optic network.



"The arrival of ImOn's one gigabit fiber-to-the-home residential service is a huge win for the Hiawatha community," said Hiawatha Mayor Tom Theis. "Our residents are consuming more Internet bandwidth than ever, and having gigabit connectivity is critical to being able to embrace the connected home of the future."

Additionally, Hiawatha businesses now have access to ImOn's dedicated and redundant 10 gigabit fiber network. ImOn also offers businesses point-to-point or ringed data transport, access to two local data centers, cable TV, and phone services including Hosted PBX and SIP Trunking. To see if ImOn fiber-to-the-home service is available in your home or business, visit www.ImOn.net and enter your address in the availability checker. You can also call ImOn Communications at 319-298-6484.

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