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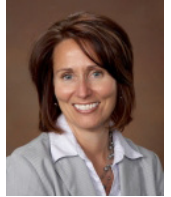
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# Hiawatha Insights

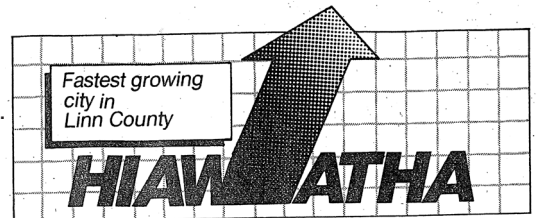
## Hiawatha Grows from 'Vision' to Mature Community

City Clerk, Kim Downs stumbled on a Gazette news article - "Hiawatha grows from 'vision' to mature community", dated Sunday February 19, 1984. In the article was a conversation with a former Hiawatha Mayor, Steve West.



The article reads as follows "Hiawatha has always been the "kid" on the Linn County block, taking its hits from neighboring communities that are older and bigger.

The town that stubbornly grew from one man's 'vision' in the late 1940's is still primarily a bedroom town, one that doesn't have a main street to speak of or much of a business district.



But it's stirring with new ambitions, many of them fired up by the opening of Interstate 380 through town in 1982.

Some leaders see the super highway as Hiawatha's ticket to business development and continued growth."



*"Whether Marion likes it or not, we have got the advantage, because we've got the interstate."*

*—Steve West  
Former Hiawatha mayor*

Boy, were they right! "Former Mayor, Steve West said, "all we have to do, is attract developers to the I-380 interchange at Blairs Ferry Road and Boyson Road as well as a proposed interchange at Tower Terrace."

It is obvious Hiawatha has changed over the last 29 years, we've gone from a few homes, a small mobile home court and a quonset building along Highway 150 to a developed community. I credit Hiawatha's success and continued growth to its leaders who have stuck to its basic values with direction remaining the same. We continue to hold steady and focus on our core; a Town Center Plan, economic development, welcomed annexations to promote new residential and commercial area development, quality infrastructure and a safe environment. I found it to be remarkable that 29 years ago our leaders were talking about a proposed Tower Terrace Interchange and today we are striving to make this 'vision' a reality. Mayor Theis continues to lead the charge on its development, with the Tower Terrace Interchange Justification Report complete, the City will present our interchange proposal to the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission in April.

Twenty nine years ago, we were what they called an aspiring community and today, we are a contender. We continue to stay focused on a 29 year 'vision' with confidence, foresight and our citizen's best interest in mind.

### Mission Statement

The City of Hiawatha will be a cohesive community of family neighborhoods that is aesthetically pleasing and responsibly governed to sustain and promote balanced growth for the benefit of all individual and corporate citizens.

## Recognize This Location?



1947 Aerial Photo courtesy of Brian Fanton.

North Center Point Road and Robins Road. Quonset hut on Hwy 150.

## Safelite Solutions to Relocate Alliance Claims to Hiawatha

In November of 2012, Alliance Claims Solutions, a provider of property, auto physical damage and auto glass claims management for small to mid-sized insurance companies, announced plans to more than double its Cedar Rapids, Iowa-based contact center by the end of 2013.

Currently located at 1620 East Avenue, the move to the new 21,220 square foot facility at 1125 Dina Court in Hiawatha, will allow Alliance Claims Solutions to add up to 200 new full-time and part-time jobs to the community on top of Alliance's existing 75 associates. Their move in date is scheduled for April 1, 2013.

"As we prepare to grow our claims management services, the Cedar Rapids community has proven to be a good home with access to a highly qualified, customer-thinking workforce," said Jerry Beigel, senior vice president of Safelite Solutions. "Being able to grow our business in tough economic times is a testament to the people who make Alliance Claims Solutions the success it is. We thank the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance and the community for its continued partnership."

Hiawatha Mayor Tom Theis said he is "very excited" Alliance Claims Solutions/Safelite has decided to stay and expand in the Cedar Rapids area.

"We look forward to supporting their needs to attract a workforce, recognizing it will provide employment opportunities not only for the citizens of Hiawatha but those throughout the region," Theis said.

Alliance Claims Solutions is an employer of choice in the community and ranked No. 14 in 2012 Top Places to Work in Iowa program from the Des Moines Register.

Hiawatha welcomes Alliance Claims Solutions!



## Linn County Solid Waste Schedule

The Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency will be closed on the following days:

May 27, 2013 (Monday)  
July 04, 2013 (Thursday)  
September 02, 2013 (Monday)  
November 28, 2013 (Thursday)  
December 25, 2013 (Wednesday)  
January 01, 2014 (Wednesday)

Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Day

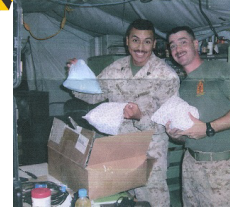


## American Legion Women's Article

The Hiawatha Legion Auxiliary Chapter 735 was founded in July of 2012. This group of 13 women join nearly 1 million members from all walks of life. The Auxiliary supports volunteer programs, giving several hours to our community and to our veterans, and raises dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to Americans. Our Auxiliary has participated in making ditty bags for our soldiers overseas as they serve our Country. The "ditty bags" are stuffed with candy, batteries and game cards. In October, they provided 100 pounds of shoe boxes that held small gifts, toothpaste and tooth brushes to our soldiers. This program is called Operation Shoe Box.

While originally organized to assist The American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to the American Legion. Often you will see these women support their American Legion Post by providing concessions and working the stands, along with working the Hog Wild Days Bingo tent and planning events that bring our community and veterans together. The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with the American Legion Post 735, it solidly stands behind America and her ideas.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post located at 207 Robins Road. Individuals looking for an opportunity to assist our Hiawatha Legion Post in their efforts to support our soldiers that are fighting for our Country's freedom and for those veterans who gave their lives and continue to support our community with their volunteer disposition should contact Pat Kaiser at 393-1127, Jean Church at 294-8952, or Lynn Schroth at 360-3113 for more information.



## HiCREW Kiwanis Dictionary Project

**Hiawatha, IA (Jan. 23, 2013)** - The HiCREW Kiwanis Club (Hiawatha Cedar Rapids EdgeWood Rd) recently made their annual distribution of dictionaries to third graders in the metro area. The Dictionary Project is a program to benefit youth and promote literacy. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade. Kiwanis clubs throughout the world participate in this annual event. Those receiving dictionaries included: Viola Gibson, Penn in North Liberty, Hiawatha, Nixon, St. Pius, All Saints, St. Joes, Arthur, Isaac Newton, Francis Marion, Wright, Garfield, Madison, Trinity, Coolidge, Erskine, Wapsi Valley District and Independence elementary schools. The club raised money for these dictionaries through pancake breakfasts and a golf outing. Over \$1806 was spent to purchase the 1098 dictionaries. Each student received a dictionary, plus a brief tutorial reviewing the content. The books are taken home by the students at the end of the year and often passed along to younger siblings and other family members.

Civic Organization - HiCREW Kiwanis Club  
Books donated overall: 1,098

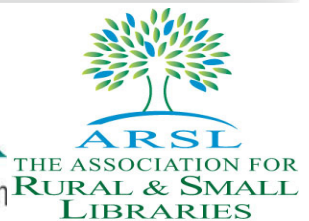
Schools donated to in this project: 18

Since its implementation in 1995, over 18 million children have received dictionaries because thousands of people saw the same need in communities all over the United States. For more information on the project, visit [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org).

## Congratulations Molly Rach!!

The Hiawatha Public Library is pleased to recognize Molly Rach for bringing a bit of national and statewide attention to the City of Hiawatha. Molly presented the program "Adult Programming on a Limited Budget" first to the national convention of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference, September 27-29th in Raleigh, North Carolina. This conference was attended by nearly 400 participants from as far away as Alaska. She was one of 32 presenters. She then offered the same program to Iowa librarians at the Iowa Library Association Conference in Dubuque in October. Both programs were very successful, and Molly was asked to present the same information in webinars for the Nicolet Library System in Wisconsin in March and for the Central Kansas Library System in May.

Molly is very enthusiastic about library programming for adults. Libraries have long been known for children's programming, but adult programming is gaining in popularity with the library functioning as a community gathering place. The Hiawatha Public Library offers many programs for all ages. If you'd like to learn more about the library's programs, please visit [www.hiawathalibrary.com](http://www.hiawathalibrary.com).



## Council Action

February 6, 2013

**Ordinance 738 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones adding parking restrictions to West side of Stamy Road from Tower Terrace to Kacena and both sides of the street along Hawkeye Drive, from Tower Terrace Road to Boyson Road.**

**Ordinance 739 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.09 Truck, Camper, Motor Home and Boat Parking Limited adding Unattached Trailer.**

**Resolution 13-030 - Adopt plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost for RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road.**

**Resolution 13-031 - Set dates of consultation (February 20, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) and public hearing date (March 6, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.) on proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Hiawatha, State of Iowa.**

**Resolution 13-032 - Authorize staff to proceed with Requests for Proposals for Phase D of the North Center Point Road Streetscape Project.**

**Resolution 13-033 - Award contract for the Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project to Ricklefs Excavating Ltd., of Anamosa, Iowa in the amount of \$725,505.40.**

**Resolution 13-034 - Award contract for Diesel Fuel Requirements to Linn Coop Oil Company of Marion.**

**Resolution 13-035 - Authorize Fire Department Purchase of Thirty (30) sets of Firefighter Turnout Protective Gear to Heiman Fire Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$53,376.30.**

**Resolution 13-036 - Authorize purchase of four (4) wall beds for the Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$6,731 from Commercial Wall Bed Systems/More Space Place of Clear Water, Florida.**

**Resolution 13-037 - Authorize Fire Department to provide EMS stand by services at no charge for the Kennedy High School Raise the Roof Show Choir Invitational on February 23, 2013.**

**Resolution 13-038 - Authorize payment of expenses for the Fire Department to hold an annual volunteer appreciation banquet on March 2, 2013.**

**Resolution 13-039 - Authorize staff to move forward with the addition of indemnification provisions to the Landscape and Utility Easement Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Igram Family, LLC in connection with the North Center Point Road Improvements from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road Project.**

**Resolution 13-040 - Approve Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Illinois and Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company for improvements to North Center Point Road and the Railroad Crossing.**

**Resolution 13-041 - Approve the License for Multi-use Pathway/Sidewalk between the City of Hiawatha and Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company.**

February 20, 2013

**Resolution 13-043 - Approve the FY 2013 Budget Amendment.**

**Resolution 13-044 - Amend Site Plan Checklist for One and Two Family Dwelling Units removing reference to 10% driveway slope.**

**Resolution 13-045 - Award Contract for RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road Project to Ricklefs Excavating Ltd., of Anamosa, Iowa for an amount not to exceed \$1,919,497.80.**

**Resolution 13-046 - Approve Encroachment Agreement for parking lot encroachment in the right-of-way on North Center Point Road on property located at 506 North Center Point Rd, William F. Bennett, Jr.**

**Resolution 13-047 - Approve Permanent Storm Sewer and Storm Water Drainage Easement for property located at 406 North Center Point Road, William F. Bennett, Jr.**

**Resolution 13-048 - Approve Temporary Construction Easement for properties located at 406, 408, 502 and 506 North Center Point Road, William F. Bennett, Jr.**

**Resolution 13-049 - Approve Permanent Landscape and Utility Easement for property legally described as Lot "1" Hi-Tech Second Addition to the City of Hiawatha, Igram Family LLC/Cedar Graphics.**

**Resolution 13-050 - Approve Permanent Landscape and Utility Easement for property legally described as Parcel "A" Revised Plat of Survey #1041, Igram Family LLC/Cedar Graphics.**

**Resolution 13-051 - Approve Temporary Construction Easement for property legally described as Parcel "A" Revised Plat of Survey #1041 and Lot "1" Hi-Tech Second Addition to the City of Hiawatha, Igram Family LLC/Cedar Graphics.**

**Resolution 13-052 - Authorize payment for sign relocation to Sandra McVicker d/b/a SD Waves and Company (45 Boyson Road).**

**Resolution 13-053 - Authorize payment for sign relocation to Marshall Petersen d/b/a Inland Transport Company (975 Robins Road).**

**Resolution 13-054 - Approve and authorize execution of Agreement between City of Hiawatha and Alliant Energy for underground electric utility relocation and removal of utility poles in connection with North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road Project.**

**Resolution 13-055 - Authorize execution of agreement between City of Hiawatha and Alliant Energy and a local licensed electrician to extend the current underground electric utility relocation and removal of utility poles project onto various properties on North Center Point Road.**

**Resolution 13-056 - Approve CGI Communication's proposal to provide a Community Video Program at no cost to the City.**

**Resolution 13-057 - Approve letter of support to Federal Legislators on behalf of Neighborhood Transportation Service (NTS) for program funding.**

**Resolution 13-058 - Approve Electronic Recycling Event with Midwest Electronic Recovery on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**

**Resolution 13-059 - Approve Community Collection Event for Household Hazardous Waste on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. and authorize Mayor to sign Memo of Understanding with Cedar Rapids/Linn Co. Solid Waste Agency.**

**Resolution 13-060 - Update staff authority for the destruction of records as per Iowa League of Cities Records Retention Manual by removing City Administrator.**

**Resolution 13-061 - Amend Disposal of Fixed Assets Policies & Procedures updating staff authority by removing City Administrator and adding Mayor and City Clerk.**



# MARCH 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Council 7pm			
10 Women's Street Smart Self De- fense 10-Noon	11 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	12 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	13 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	14 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	15 Kids Movie Night 6pm	16
17 	18	19 Water 5:30 pm	20 Council 7pm	21	22	23
24	25 P&Z 6 pm	26	27 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	28 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	29 Holiday City Hall Closed	30 Easter Egg Hunt Guthridge Park 9am
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# APRIL 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Live Healthy Linn 5K Run/ Walk Guthridge Park 8:00 am
			Council 7pm			
7	8 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	9 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	10 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	11 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	12	13 Disc Golf Tournament Fay Clark Park 8:00 a.m.
14 Youth Basket- ball Camp 9-1pm	15	16 Water 5:30 pm	17 Council 7pm	18	19	20 Earth Day Guthridge Park 9-11:00 am
21	22	23	24 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	25 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	26	27
28 Farmers Market Begins 11-2pm Guthridge Park	29 P&Z 6 pm	30				
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## Upcoming Construction Projects

### Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection

The Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection project will begin in April 2013 and is expected to be completed in October or November 2013. The intersection will be reconstructed with left turn lanes at all approaches and traffic signals will be installed. Other improvements will include sidewalk extensions, curb ramps and replacement of sewer and water mains. The construction contract was recently awarded to Ricklefs Excavating in the amount of \$725,505.40 and this project is partially funded by a Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant.

This project will be constructed in three stages beginning with: 1. Boyson Road east of Robins Road; 2. The intersection and; 3. Boyson Road west of Robins Road. Road closures will occur throughout the spring and summer of 2013.



### North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street

The North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street Improvements project will extend the four lane section ending just north of the railroad tracks to connect with the existing four lanes at Fisher Street. It will include railroad crossing gates, decorative lighting, undergrounding of the utilities and landscaping. The construction contract was recently awarded to Ricklefs Excavating in the amount of \$1,919,497.80 and this project is partially funded by a State RISE grant. Construction is anticipated to start in March 2013 and continue throughout the summer and fall.

During construction the goal is to keep traffic flowing at all times except for when the railroad crossing improvements are being completed, at which time there will be a full road closure for approximately two weeks.



## Lions Club of Hiawatha Presents Hog Wild Days June 20-23, 2013

**June 20 - 23, 2013**

**June 21, Friday 6:00 pm: MR. & MISS HOG WILD DAYS CONTEST.** All boys and girls ages 6 to 12 yrs old are welcome to apply. Write a 50 word essay on {Who did you help this year}, a family member, friend or total stranger, with your name, age, and phone by June 14, 2013 and mail to Lions Club, PO Box 262 Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. Also this year, we are having the HIAWATHA'S MOST FAVORITE GRANDMOTHER CONTEST. Write a 50 word essay on why your grandmother is the best, include her name and phone number with your name and phone number by June 14, 2013 and mail to the above address. Prizes will be awarded to all and the winners will ride in the 10:30 am Hog Wild Day Parade on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**June 21, 2013** Gabe Brown with his band HELFORSTOUT. Gabe was an AMERICAN IDOL participant.

**June 22, 2013** NASHVILLE recording artist Casey Muessignann and band will perform.

**June 22, 2013** Saturday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm AFTER PARADE PARTY. Everyone is invited, young or young at heart. FREE popcorn, frozen treats, face painting, tattoos, balloons, and music in the park.

**June 22, 2013** Saturday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm IOWA KIDSIGHT. Lions Club FREE vision screening for children ages 6 months to 4 years. See website for details. [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com)

**June 23, 2013** Sunday 2:30pm PING PONG DROP. FREE for all children 12 years and younger. Every child wins a prize.

Fireworks donations can be sent to LIONS CLUB PO BOX 262 HIAWATHA IOWA 52233. [www.hogwilddays.com](http://www.hogwilddays.com)

