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Courthouse under construction in 1868.

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An Insight into the Workings of County Government—Summer/Fall 2015

Clayton County, Iowa

Memorial and Clock Restoration Progress

Come visit the courthouse grounds to see the changes

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial on the Clayton County Courthouse grounds now has all three statues back from restoration. The memorial was originally commissioned by the Clayton County Board of Supervisors in 1918 and was completed the following year at a cost of \$5,000.

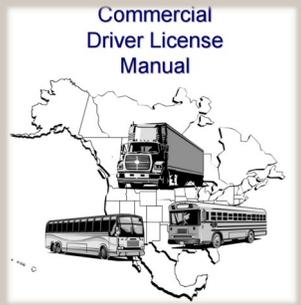
Sculptor Ricky L. Stewart, of Newton, Iowa, restored the statues. The statues were restored through a partnership between Clayton County officials and Company A/49th Regiment Veteran Volunteer Infantry, the honor guard of the Iowa Military Heritage Society. The organization helped transport the statues to Stewart's studio in Newton. The statues were restored to their original brown color. Stewart had to remove black paint that had been added sometime after the figures were dedicated.

Over time, the sailor statue had lost a hand that was holding a telescope. Stewart made a new hand and telescope by hammering out small pieces of metal and forming them by hand. The soldier statue on the opposite side of the memorial received a new trigger guard, rifle sling, and a bayonet.

Restoring the war memorial is one of the many projects at the courthouse which started to be built in the summer of 1867 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Shortly after the clock was restored, the clock tower has received a facelift with new paint, woodwork, and repairs. The clock is hand wound twice a week and chimes on the hour after being silent for years. The next step in restoration for the clock is to have new faces installed.



Commercial Driver's License



New federal regulations require you to bring proof of citizenship or lawful presence to renew your Commercial Driver License. We encourage you to take the extra measures to obtain a REAL ID when you come to renew your Commercial Drivers License. Use the following guides to make sure you have the proper information when you come to renew your CDL.

Document your Social Security Number. The entire number must be printed on one of the following.

- Social Security Card
- W-2 Form
- Social Security Administration 1099 Form
- Paystub with your Social Security Number printed on it

You must bring one of the following documents to renew your CDL

- Certified copy of US Birth Certificate (not a hospital or church copy)
- Valid US Passport
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA)
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Permanent Resident Card (lawful permanent residents)

CDL holders also need to present their current Medical Card upon renewal.

If you have any questions about what is required you may visit the website at www.iowadot.gov.

You are required to prove your Iowa residency. Any two of these documents are required and must include a physical address - no PO box.

- Utility Bill
- Pay Stub
- Voter Registration Card
- Motor Vehicle Registration
- Valid Insurance Card
- Bank Statement
- Current Real Estate Tax Statement
- Current School Registration Documents
- Credit, Debit or Charge Card statement
- Current Iowa Driver License with correct address

Your license expires on the expiration date printed on the license. The license is valid for driving for an additional 60 days after the expiration date. After 60 days from the expiration date, you may be ticketed for driving with an expired license.

Not all states may honor Iowa's 60 day grace period – you could be ticketed or fined for an expired license. Renew your license early to avoid problems!



Osborne Heritage Days

Heritage Days began in 1975 as a way to bring life back to the tiny community of Osborne. The once thriving town lost many of its inhabitants to neighboring towns back in the 1930s. Osborne is tucked in among the rolling wooded hills between Elkader and Strawberry Point. Heritage Days was planned to take visitors back in time to this community and all other Iowa towns of the pioneer era through living history demonstrations, contests, and other activities.



Heritage Days has grown to become one of Northeast Iowa's most popular fall festivals. Held on the second weekend of October each year, Heritage Days usually falls during the peak of the fall leaf season. Thousands of visitors to the area stop at Osborne to take a brief journey back in time.

Demonstrations include: basketry, candle making, quilting, spinning, storytelling and beekeeping. Contests include: buffalo chip throwing, chili cooking, and pumpkin decorating. Tasty foods include: caramel apples, pie, buffalo stew, fry bread, and lefse. Dr. Dusty will be back too!

Visit Osborne Pioneer Village October 10th & 11th between 10 AM & 4 PM.

Road Projects

The road department has been very busy this year. We have six projects we hired contractors for and two other major projects we are doing with our own crew.

The projects we contracted are the rehab of the bridge over the Turkey River at Osterdock, the repave of the road to Pikes Peak Park and three locations where we replaced small bridges with railroad tank cars.

The railroad tank car projects came about because of the train derailment north of Dubuque earlier this year. One of the Secondary Roads employees informed me that Clayton County Recycling was cleaning up the derailment site. We called Clayton County Recycling and ended up purchasing eight tanks to use as culverts.

Two of the tanks were installed on 172nd St east of Gunder, one on Glider Rd south of Hwy 18 and the other in Littleport on 322nd St. We have two more tanks on Johles Hollow Rd just outside of Guttenberg still waiting to be installed and two more in our shop yard in Farmersburg that we plan on using on a joint project with Delaware County on 400th St south of Strawberry Point. Since then we have bought three more tanks from Clayton County Recycling that they have acquired from other train derailments.



Railroad tank car on Glider Rd

The two major projects we are doing with our own crews are the reshaping of 145th St south of Monona and Dogwood Ave south of Luana. These are two roads that have a lot of traffic and require more regular maintenance than most other roads. With these projects, we are working to restore the shape of the road and ditch. This will create proper drainage, more snow capacity, and will require less regular maintenance.

All of these projects are great improvements to our roads. I am very pleased with the how they turned out and am looking forward to next construction season so we can do more.

CCVNA Offers Flu Shots

Clayton County Visiting Nurse Association will be offering the influenza vaccine to persons age 6 months and older beginning October 1. Private pay flu shots are \$30 or paid by Medicare Part B. Children without insurance coverage or on Medicaid are eligible to receive the state provided vaccine at CCVNA. The Clayton County VNA is located at 600 Gunder Rd., Elkader, and is handicap accessible.

Flu Shot clinics will be held Monday and Wednesday from 2:00-4:00pm by appointment starting October 5. Clinics will also be held in Clayton County communities with dates being announced at a later time.

To schedule an appointment call the CCVNA at 245-1145 or toll free 1-888-836-7867.

Monthly News Columns

Available in local newspapers and on our county website, the Clayton County Attorney and Sheriff write monthly columns.

In *Justice For All*, you can learn about individual topics that the Attorney's Office encounters or read up on specific terminology and how it relates to you.

In *What's New in County 22?*, you can learn of recent events and news that occurs in the Sheriff's Office. In addition to the column, the Sheriff's Office also maintains a Facebook page. The page contains alerts and news releases.



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Hunting Information

Iowa Hunting and Trapping Regulations

The 2015-16 Iowa Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide is now available.



Deer licenses are also on sale in the Recorder's Office.

Recreational Vehicles

Beginning September 1, 2015, it is renewal time for ATV's, snowmobiles, and UTV's. The renewal fee for currently registered vehicles is \$17.75. These registrations all expire on December 31, 2015 and a \$5.00 penalty will apply on January 1, 2016. Trail passes for snowmobilers will be required again at the same fee of \$17.75 per pass. Remember, you need to carry proof of insurance with you when riding. If you would like to renew by mail, please contact the Recorder's Office at (563) 245-2710 for further information.



Property Tax Timeline

Have you ever wondered when different parts of the tax process occur? The following table outlines the abbreviated property tax timeline. There may be unexpected delays that causes some of the dates to be postponed.

DATE	STEP
Jan. 1	Assessment date. Value set from prior year data.
Apr. 1	Assessors notify taxpayers of assessments.
May 1-31	Local Board of Review considers assessment appeals.
July 1	Submit abstracts of assessments to State Director.
Nov. 1	Director certifies rollback percentages to Auditors.
Dec. 1-Feb. 28	Taxing districts adopt budgets.
Mar. 1	The county levies the taxes.
July 1	Treasurer receives authorization to collect taxes.
Sept. 30	First half of taxes are due.
Mar. 31	Second half of taxes are due.

Changes to a property that occur during the year 2013 such as new construction, deconstruction, or revaluation are reflected in the January 1, 2014, assessment. The values are totaled by the county, verified by the state, and used to calculate the levy rates for the approved budgets. The taxes are then collected by the county on these values in September of 2015 and March of 2016. The process from start to finish will take three years.

Property taxes are certified and statements have been mailed out. The staff in the Treasurer's Office is able to process payments in the office or you may choose to pay your property taxes online at: www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov. First half payment is due by September 30th.



If you have any questions about the process from the beginning to the end, the employees at the courthouse are ready to help you answer them.



You can also look over information on your property on the Beacon website: beacon.schneidercorp.com. You can even view aerial photography.

COUNTY HOLIDAYS

(SEPTEMBER 2015—AUGUST 2016)

- Labor Day - September 7
- Veterans Day - November 11
- Thanksgiving - November 26 & 27
- Christmas - December 24 & 25
- New Years Day - January 1
- President's Day - February 15
- Good Friday - March 25
- Memorial Day - May 30
- Independence Day - July 4

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Final thoughts...

Are you wanting additional information not found in this newsletter? Please feel free to visit the Clayton County website located at www.claytoncountyia.gov. If you are still unable to find what you need or would like to make a suggestion for the next newsletter, please e-mail Jennifer Garms at jmgarms@claytoncountyia.gov.

