



# IOWA WINNIE HAWKS NEWSLETTER



Busy Bee Winnies • Iowa Cornbelt Campers • North Iowa Travelers • We-Wan-to-Go • Winnie Kornes • Winnebago Wheels

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## Upcoming events ....

- July 8 – 10, State Rally, North Iowa Fairgrounds, Mason City, IA, “*Summer at the Beach*”
- July 17 – 22, Grand National Rally, WIT Rally Grounds, Forest City, IA, “*Hillbilly Jamboree*”
- September 16 – 18, Fall Meeting, Walnut Acres, Monticello, IA, “*Hillbilly Farmers Market*”
- May 18 – 20, 2012, Spring Meeting, SE Iowa Fairgrounds, Oskaloosa
- July 6 – 8, 2012, State Rally, Humboldt Fairgrounds, Humboldt
- September 28 – 30, 2012, Fall Meeting, Antique Acres, Cedar Falls

## Officers ....

President: Louie Walderbach

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Tom Bailey

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mike Isebrand

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Co-Secretary: Donna Graham

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Immediate Past President: Craig Winn

Directors: Shirley Little, Marrlee Airey, Lois Low

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<http://www.iowawinniehawks.com>

## State Rally

North Iowa Fairgrounds  
Mason City, IA  
July 8-10, 2011



The registration form is posted on the [Iowa Winnie Hawks website](http://www.iowawinniehawks.com) and included with mailed copies of this newsletter.

## Summer at the Beach

### Rally Activities:

Arts & Crafts competition  
Book Exchange  
Contests, games & prizes

Judging for:

**Best beach shirt**  
**Theme decorated flip flops**



Seminar by Lichtsinn Motors  
Silent Auction  
Vendor tables

### Tours:

Cerro Gordo County Wind Farm  
Music Man Square & Meredith Willson Boyhood Home  
Central Gardens of North Iowa

### Entertainment:

Historical Presentation of the Civil War Era  
One Woman Show, Marilyn Patterson

### Camping Arrangements:

Two nights of camping are included with your registration fee. Additional days are at \$20/day. The campground has 30amp electrical hookup, water hydrants, bathhouse and dump station.

### ***From I-35 going South***

Exit 194, turn east on Hwy 122. Go 5 miles to stop light on Eisenhower Ave.

Either turn left at light and take entrance on right or continue through light on Hwy 122 and turn at next left under fair gate.

### ***From I-35 going North***

Exit 183, follow Hwy 18. Take Eisenhower exit and turn north. Follow Eisenhower Ave. 2 miles to Hwy 122 stop light go through light entrance is next right.



### Chapter Assignments

**Parking/Registration:** Busy Bee Winnies  
**Beverages, Games & Popcorn:** North Iowa Travelers  
**Breakfast & Meals:** Iowa Cornbelt Campers  
**Greeters, Raffles, Prizes & Donations:** We Wan To Go  
**Setup, Cleanup & Decorations:** Winnie Kornes

## Spring Meeting in Review:

By Marrlee Airey

We spent the weekend getting reacquainted after the long winter and had lots of fun and laughter. If you were not able to attend we hope to see you soon....you missed a great time!

### Iowa River Hospice

Rhonda Miller welcomed the group to the Hospice Home. She started as a volunteer but enjoyed it so much that she applied to Hospice as an employee.

Iowa River Hospice was started by two RN's and a pharmacist from Marshalltown over 28 years ago. A local business family from Marshalltown gave a large amount of money to build a Hospice home, and the residents of Marshall County raised the rest of the money before it could be built. The new home is now 2 years old and is in a beautiful setting in the south east part of Marshalltown. It has 6 rooms which are assessable to a large deck for each patient to enjoy.

Hospice serves four counties. It provides continued contact for at least 1 year with Bereavement Care. There is also pet and music therapy available. Services, if eligible, are covered under Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. Hospice cares for all, regardless of ability to pay. Hospice Home provides care for patients wherever they call home. This includes their own home, nursing home, assisted living facility, hospital and now the Hospice home, which provides another option for patients and families needing end of life care. Patients benefit from a full range of services to ensure physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met. Families also receive support and guidance.

### Mid-Iowa Workshop, Inc.

MIW is a training program for people with disabilities. Their mission is to provide vocational training and employment for the individuals with disabilities to help them achieve their desired goals. Clients who work at MIW earn a paycheck while learning skills. Their pay is based on how much work they get done. They also learn different work skills. MIW works with 10 local businesses, so the clients who work at MIW do real work in an industrial setting.

There are requirements to work at MIW - be 16 years of age, documented disability, be independent, be free of severe behavior problems, and healthy enough to have a good attendance. 70% of students who come to MIW for work experience do not return after graduation.

LeAnn Fleming, a staff member, gave a wonderful tour of the facility. The group asked questions and talked with several of the workers. The workers enjoy talking with you about their job.

MIW was accredited for the first time in 1983. On a recent accreditation report surveyors commented, "Persons served are treated with dignity and respect and express a high level of satisfaction with the services offered." Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) is an international not-for-profit organization that accredits human service providers.

### 9-1-1 Communication Center

Teresa Lang, supervisor, gave the tour to the group. The Center dispatches for all of Marshall County, including Marshalltown Police, Marshall County Sheriffs Office, volunteer fire departments in the county, and also police in the small communities such as State Center.

Training takes 16 weeks to complete and you must be able to multi-task as you can get very busy at times. There are 2 people on each shift, each shift being 8 hours long. The staff explained some of their duties and also explained their consoles and how they worked.

### Marshalltown K9 Force

Presentation by Officer Melinda Ruopp and her K9 partner Awol. As any animal lover knows, a pet is basically part of the family. But for K-9 units associated with the Marshalltown Police Department, they are much more than that - an asset.

But during a shift, a bad guy on the run becomes an object of desire – and they mean business. "The dog thinks, Hey, there's a toy there and I'm going to play tug-of-war with it," said Officer Ruopp. "But, they are trained how to bite by commands."

German shepherds from Europe have become the best suited breed for law enforcement do to their intellect and endurance. After an officer and animal are paired, they go through a series of courses at the St. Paul Police Canine Academy in MN.

All of Marshalltown's K9 units have historically been funded through private contributions. Walmart has been a sponsor by providing food and over the years several companies such as Lennox Corporation, along with other various organizations and individuals, have provided support. Costs to fully train a dog can be in excess of \$17,000.

Being a certified training instructor, Officer Ruopp has coached several dogs on aspects including narcotic detection, obedience, tracking, handler protection, evidence recover and agility. She has won top honors at national competitions with her K9 partners.

Last year the K9 force seized over \$50,000 worth of illegal substances. The dogs are certified through the United States Police Canine Association in both narcotics and patrol work.



Officer Melinda Ruopp and Awol



North Iowa Travelers received the Attendance Award



We Wan To Go's were blooming for spring. A garden isn't complete without a gardener, a thistle, dandy lions and a bee!



Barb Funke a.k.a. Tulip entertained us with her ventriloquism and magic



North Iowa Travelers ladies held a Spring Hat decorating contest

## Welcome New Members

Since our last newsletter Gary and Donna Adams have joined the Iowa Winnie Hawks. Please introduce yourselves when you see them at an upcoming event!

## GNR Row Party

Tuesday, July 19 is the night to get to know our "neighbors!" Row Party night allows us to celebrate what makes Iowa and Iowans great! We will invite visitors to sample our peach fuzzies, a popular treat for all of us, and enjoy finger foods. We will also have several great raffle prizes.



Please bring only finger foods to share. Eating utensils will not be provided. Valerie Peters will coordinate food staging so that we have a continuous supply of food for members and guests to enjoy. There will be a sign up sheet for delivery times at the State Rally. This is time to show our hospitality.

## GNR Chapter Assignments

**Puckerbrush Day Parade Float:** Busy Bee Winnies  
**Row Party Tables & Table Covers:** We Wan To Go  
**Row Party Food Setup:** North IA Travelers  
**Row Party Raffle Prizes:** Winnie Kornes  
**Row Party Cleanup:** Busy Bee Winnies  
**Water and Row Party Peach Fuzzes:** Corn Belt Campers



## 2 Open positions:

**2nd Vice President**  
**Director**

Officers are elected by the Club membership present at the annual State Rally and hold office for one year. Directors are appointed by the President. The new officers assume their duties on November 1.

No one shall be eligible for the same office for more than two consecutive years. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be exempt from this requirement and may be combined.

Please contact Louie Walderbach if you would be willing to serve the Club in one of these positions. It's the volunteers that keep our club active and growing.

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*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.*