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Friendly Valley Times

10 Fun Close-to-Home Summer Activities

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

~Isaiah 12:2



Warm weather and long days are a recipe for family fun. No matter the ages or the size of your family, try an activity from our list to enjoy the summer season together – all close to home! As you create fun, lasting memories with your family, check out our electrical safety tips to keep your family safe.

1. **Host an outdoor movie night.** Hang a sheet or tablecloth, set up a projector with an extension cord, and create a circle of cushions, blankets, or chairs for viewing. Double-check your outdoor lights and extension cords before you gather. Only use Extension cords made for outdoor use, as they are made to withstand the elements. Inspect cords and plugs for frayed or broken pieces.
2. **Create a neighborhood scavenger hunt.** Create clues that will take your family members on a tour of the neighborhood as they solve each puzzle. The first team to return to home base with all clues collected and documented receives a prize. Safety tip: While you're out, help your kids identify major power lines in your neighborhood and talk about how to keep a safe, 10-foot distance from electrical lines.
3. **Open up your professional kitchen!** Challenge each member of your family to create a side dish to accompany dinner. Try each other's dishes and evaluate the taste, appearance, and originality. Pretend you're a judge on a cooking show. While you're in the kitchen; Regularly check the cords of the lights, appliances, and plugs in your kitchen and throughout your house. Make sure none of your cords are damaged or sitting out in high-traffic areas.
4. **Try balloon volleyball – wet or dry!** Get out balloons or water balloons and challenge your family members to volley back and forth. If you have enough people, create a tournament! Careful! Know the location of power lines and other lines and avoid them when you hang nets and plan where you will play. Be especially careful to keep a 10-foot distance from power lines attached to your house. If the ground is wet, don't use electric power or yard tools.
5. **Experiment with backyard breakfasts.** Who says picnics are just for lunch or dinner? Try taking your weekend family breakfast to your yard. Make baked goods that can easily be transported from the kitchen or bring an electric skillet outside with extension cords to try a hot breakfast in a new location. Use an extension cord specifically for the outdoors; outdoor cords are heavier and less likely to be damaged. Make sure you extension cords are properly plugged in and not broken.
6. **Create a backyard obstacle course.** Using outdoor furniture and natural elements, create an obstacle course low to the ground for family members to complete. For added fun, time each participant to see who can complete the course the fastest! You might find the littlest kids can hold their own! Before you play; make sure you know where power cords are located and avoid getting too close.

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Miscellaneous News

BINGO – NEEDING somebody to volunteer to run this!!

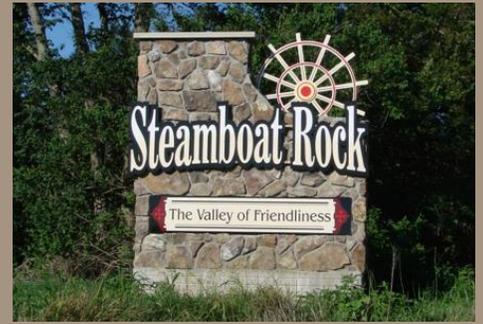
Normally was held at the Community Center beginning at 6:00pm in the City Hall twice a month. This helps keep the Friendly Valley Times going. If interested in helping, please contact Renee at the City Hall.

Friendly Valley Times – Would you like your Friendly Valley Times

Emailed to you? Please send your email address to sign up to srcityhall@heartofiowa.net ; subject: FVT.Let's Save A Tree

OR go to the city website – www.steamboatrockiowa.net and sign up there at the bottom of the Home page.

From Carol – “Sorry I’m not up to myself yet....Enjoy the newsletter, the girls are doing a beautiful job getting it in the mail. ~Thanks, Carol



STEAMBOAT ROCK COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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Steamboat Rock Baptist Church

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church@steamboatbaptist.org

Steamboat Rock Cemetery

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Steamboat Rock Public Library

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Steamboat Rock Visionary Group

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7. **Write thank-you notes to your community heroes.** Call or go online to find the addresses of local police, fire, hospital, and emergency services staff. Write thank-you notes to let them know you appreciate their service. First responders know electrical safety: In the event of an emergency in your neighborhood that brings down electric transmission and distribution lines, you can call your local fire or police for help. They will coordinate with the utility to safely respond.
8. **Plant a new tree!** Select a new tree or bush from your community garden center and recruit the family to work together to plant it. Plant safely! Never plant a tree that could grown to twenty-five feet or more near a power line and avoid areas around electric meters, transformers, or other equipment. Before digging, visit Call Before You Dig (Iowa One Call), call the local underground utility locator service at 811 to mark the location of underground utilities, so you don't accidentally come into contact with a power line.
9. **Create an indoor party atmosphere!** Install colored light bulbs in your household lamps and overhead lights to change things up in your home! Pick a theme – such as fiesta or the Fourth of July – and play music that fits the occasion. While you're replacing bulbs: supervise or assist children to ensure they are safely installing new bulbs. In addition, check bulbs to make sure the wattage matches fixture requirements and do not install bulbs with a higher wattage than recommended. securely screw in bulbs.
10. **Start a summer bucket list!** what is a project, new sport, hobby, or neighborhood activity that your family hasn't done? Ask your family member to help you brainstorm a bucket list and start checking off those fun to-do items!

~article retrieved from <https://tristate.coop/10-fun-summer-activities-close-home>

from the Mayor

City Wide Clean-Up Days Reminder: Lots of junk, appliances, and scrap iron came in during the first clean-up day. The second clean-up day is Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the City stick dump just north of the Fire Station. Designated spot available to place your clean recyclable scrap metals.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Reminder: Saturday, July 9, 2022, between the Post Office and the old school gym. 9-11am. Sponsored by Hardin County Solid Waste and Metro Waste.

Street Repairs: Your city council is in the process of getting cost estimates together to fill potholes and repair areas that were torn out for water and sewer repairs. Input was collected from each council member and a few others for priority spots. This may be an opportunity for volunteerism to keep the cost down. Stay tuned for more information.

Five Year Strategic Plan: Your city has reached an agreement with Region 6 to assist Steamboat Rock with a 5-year strategic plan. The survey you all filled out about one year ago will be used in this plan. There may be additional information and study groups needed. The reason this is important to our community is when applying for grants, having a five-year plan rate higher in the scoring model towards points on many competitive grant applications. Your city council has requested that this plan have at least some flexibilities and be fluid enough to be effective without being restrictive.

Lawns: Wow-the entire town looked great for Memorial Day weekend-great work everyone. Last year at this time Hardin County was in a "Burn Ban" and it stayed dry all summer. This is Iowa-different year, different weather! Don't know about you, but in my own lawn I struggle with the challenge of keeping ahead of the weeds without killing my wife's flowers-be careful out there.

Slander: Dictionary defines slander as: The act of attacking someone's character or reputation, especially by making false statements. Scripture speaks against slander right there beside some actions we all consider really ugly in: Colossians 3:8, 1 Peter 3:16, Mark 7:21-23, Ephesians 4:3, and others-feel free to read the entire context around these verses.

The last couple of years have been socially and culturally different than any of us have experienced before. People seem to have anger for very small illogical reasons. Now our economy, for whatever reason you to pick, is doing a somersault and no-one knows where or when it will stop or land. All of us are living in a small town and need to work at getting along. As small as it is, not everyone's paths cross with every other person in town. When I hear people slander others in the community, it hurts the entire community-I can see it in people's eyes and faces. Another name for slander is Gossip. Make sure you hear both sides of every story before you decide who to believe. Or better yet, don't gossip or slander at all.

Bottom line is the guidebook for life says that loving one another is in the top two of a multitude of guidelines. Does slander fit in there anywhere?

Thanks – Tim Stearns, Mayor



Steamboat Rock Fire Department

Summer?!



SRFD held their annual breakfast, and it was another success. It was successful because of the great turnout and support that we received. We can't say THANK YOU enough!!!

We took in roughly \$4,300 that morning and we are still receiving money from the mailing. We did not draw for the TV, as the mailing were sent out late and we want to make sure there was enough time for mailing to be received. We will do a live Facebook drawing for the TV on Monday, June 20th.

The heat has arrived!! If you are doing work outside, please stay hydrated!! One can become overheated very quickly. Take breaks regularly to make sure you are not overworking yourself. Even though you may not feel thirsty, drink some fluids.

If you have pets outdoors, they too will need plenty of water available. Farm animals need to have an eye kept on them when the temperature creeps up.

This is also the season that many unfortunate mishaps occur in vehicles. It doesn't take long for the inside of a vehicle to become deadly. If you should take your pet for a ride, roll down the windows or leave your vehicle on with A/C. Just cracking the windows isn't enough.

One helpful tip when carrying an infant, place your workbag/purse/briefcase in the rear on the same side of the carrier. This would allow a check in case they may have fallen asleep.

Maintenance Tip: You have been mowing your lawn for a few months now. Now would be a good time to remove all the dead grass that has accumulated on your mower. You would be amazed on where that grass has accumulated. This accumulation of dead grass is a very good fire starter next to a heat source (motor, rotating pulleys, etc.)

Awhile back, I mentioned to change your filter for the cooling season. If you didn't do that then, it may be a good time to do that now. It is amazing on how quickly those build up.

Stay Cool and Hydrated, Scott - Chief SRFD

Pastor Lynn Arends, Steamboat Rock Presbyterian Church and East Friesland Presbyterian Church

There seems to be a lot of talk these days about mental health or mental illness. Which is good, I think, because we as a society don't talk much about mental health, if we talk about it at all. We're fine talking about our physical health. We're even quick to bring it up when someone asks, "How've you been?"

But mental health? Not so much. There's almost a stigma attached to even mentioning it. Like maybe, if we ignore it, it'll just go away.

But consider these statistics from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, **NAMI**: -1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year. In Iowa, 128,000 adults have a serious mental illness.

-More than half of people with a mental health condition in the U.S. didn't receive any treatment in the last year. Of the 154,000 adults in Iowa who didn't receive needed mental health care, 29% didn't because of cost.

-Iowans are over two times more likely to be forced out-of-network for mental health care than for primary health care — making it more difficult to find care and less affordable due to higher out-of-pocket costs. About 1.8 million people in Iowa live in a community that does not have enough mental health professionals.

-About 2 in 5 adults in Iowa jails or prisons have a history of mental illness.

-58% of Iowans ages 12–17 who have depression didn't receive any care in the last year.

-7 in 10 youth in the juvenile justice system have a mental health condition.

So, why should we as the church care? And what can we as the church, do for those who might be suffering from mental illness? That's a question that can't quickly be answered. Certainly not in the limited space we have here.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of things we can't do; like find treatment for those who need it. Or miraculously heal people like Jesus did. But there are things we can do.

We can see people as people, not as problems. See them as people created in the image of God, like Jesus did.

We can have compassion like Jesus did.

We can care like Jesus did.

We can love like Jesus did.

Will this solve all our mental health issues? No.

But it is what Jesus would do and that, friends, is what we, as Christians, are called to do. May it be so.

Steamboat Rock Public Library

Summer reading starts this Tuesday, June 14th with sign up and a program. The next big program will be the 15th with Blank Park Zoo. We have calendars in the kid's bags and also extras on the desk. There is a treasure chest with prizes for kids to pick out a prize after they have reached goals during the next coming weeks. If you want to participate in the prizes and the end of the summer reading cook out you much have a library card so, if you don't have one, please stop in during library hours to sign up for one. There is no cost for a library card or to check out items. If you just want to come to some really cool programs, you do not have to sign up, just show up.

We also have two STEAM/STEM kits that can now be checked out for 2 weeks at a time. The first one is "Construction & Building" for Pre- Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The other is called "Family Game Night for ages 10 and up.

The Friends of the Library is still accepting donations for the front door replacement so that the door will swing out and will also have a push bar or some people call it a panic bar. Panic bars are required on facilities that are intended for assembly or education. Such openings shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.

Remember we are a non-profit organization so any donation you give can be used as a tax write- off. Thanks to all for your assistance in any way.

511 W. Market St; Steamboat Rock Phone/Fax: 641-868-2300
www.youseemore.com/nile/steamboatrock or on Facebook @SteamboatRockLibrary



Hours are as Follows

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Tuesday | 1:00-6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 2:00-5:00 PM |
| Thursday-Friday | 12:00-4:00 PM |
| Saturday | 9:00 AM – 1:00 |

New to the Library

Adult Fiction

The Home-Wreckers

by Mary Kay Andrews

Our Little World

by Karen Winn

Dreaming of Flight

by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Mustique Island

by Sarah McCoy

Out of the Clear Blue Sky

by Kristan Higgins

Historical Fiction

Daughters of the Occupation

by Shelly Sanders

Mystery

Shiver by Lisa Jackson

Aurora by David Koeppe

Sparring Partners

by John Grisham

Non-Fiction

Moonshot

by Dr. Albert Bourla

Romance

Beach House Summer

by Sarah Morgan

The Boardwalk Bookshop

by Susan Mallery

Meant to Be by Emily Giffin

The Wedding Dress Sewing

Circle by Jennifer Ryan

Steam Kits

Family Game Night Kit for ages 10 and up

Construction & Building Kit for Pk to 3rd grade

Steamboat Rock Historical Society

President: Jim Kramer **Vice President:** Dennis Holmes **Secretary:** Janet Folkerts
Treasurer: Kitty Hemmen **At Large:** Keith Griffen
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OUR Mission:

“To preserve and promote the history of Steamboat Rock and the surrounding area”

Museum Dates & Hours for the Summer of 2022

The museum will be open on Saturday morning, May 28th from 9:00am-11:00am. Yes, finally, after a long couple of years, we are able to open the museum again for visitors. We have added some new artifacts and would encourage you to stop in for a tour.

After this opening on May 28th, we will be open for visitors on the 1st Saturday morning of each month starting in June. Mark these dates on your calendar: June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, and September 3rd. However, if you are in town at some other time, I would be happy to meet you at the museum if we can arrange a time to meet. Send me an email at the address above or give me a call at 641-858-6085 to make arrangements.

Family History

One of our goals for the SRHS is to have “family histories” on file at the museum for people who called Steamboat Rock their home. As a former resident of Steamboat Rock or a descendant of someone who lived here, would you consider writing up a short history of your family including the dates when your family lived here? We often get inquiries from people who are researching their family history and having these records on file would be beneficial to future generations of people researching their family.

Life on Broadway

Did you know that Broadway is one of the most famous streets in all of the USA? Not only is it famous for all the Broadway shows, it is also the longest street in the state of New York stretching over 15 miles. I've not been there, but I imagine that life on

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Broadway is probably quite exciting with lots of things happening. Did you know that our little town of Steamboat Rock has its' own little street called Broadway? The distance is a little shorter as it only goes for a total of one block.

However, for those that have lived on this street on the east side of Steamboat Rock, I'm sure it has had its share of excitement over the years. Kitty Hemmen shares a little about our own "Broadway Street" in the attached article. Enjoy!

Jim Kramer, Steamboat Rock Historical Society

BROADWAY STREET

We moved from Cedar Falls where we had lived for seven years to 104 Broadway Street in 1963. George had taken his barber training at the Waterloo Barber College and serviced his apprenticeship at Williams Barber Shop on Main street, Cedar Falls. When the barber shop in Steamboat was listed for sale, we decided to move back. It was a 2 for 1 deal: the house AND the business for a total of \$8,000. Neighbors at that time were: Jerry and Dee Higgason at 102 Broadway, George & Antje Geerdes across the street at 105 Broadway, Henry/Annette, & Lydia Buthman at 106 Broadway.

102 Broadway Street: Ken & Fern Amsberry; Neil & Curly Hoekstra (beauty shop); Jerry & Dee Higgason
Moved in after Higgason's-Cecil & Shirley Rotgers (6 children) Howard & Lois Hollander; Jim & Ladana Van Eschen (2015)

105 Broadway Street: Geerd J. & Antje Geerdes; Gordon & Stella Geerdes(4 daughters). Roger & Jolene Pickering;
Mike Hansen 2016

106 Broadway Street: Henry, Annette, Lydia Buthman Bill & Sandy Trampe (1982)

We have always had good neighbors. The Buthmans had an "outhouse" on their property, but I don't think it was used as such. This was always a target for pranksters on Halloween and I remember Henry watching it one whole night to prevent a tip over.

They had a huge garden with their property line about 4 feet from the north side of our house. When Henry died, we bought that area which now extends to the north side of our garage In that area. During a storm, a big branch from one of their trees came down very close to their house. I called over to see if they were O.K. Mrs. Buthman said that Lydia had a sore toe so of course we went over, but it had nothing to do with the broken branch!

I checked on them often after Henry died and one day when I asked how she was, she said she was so tired." I asked, didn't you sleep well"? Well, she said, "When Hannah Harms shuts her porch light off, she (Mrs. Buthman) would go to bed. For some reason Hannah had left the light on all night and that was why she was tired.

Another time I looked out and saw Lydia lying in the garden. I ran over to tell them and Mrs. Buthman Just said, "I told her it was too hot". Apparently, she had seizures now and then, but I didn't know that.

If I would go over there on a Sunday, she would have her good dress on with a brooch. The parlor doors were open for any company that might come. Otherwise, those doors were shut during the week.

When Cecil and Shirley Rotgers move in next door, the kids were all young. Apparently, Cecil had pointed out the lot line as when I went outside, there all six of them stood in a row, on the lot line, as they had probably been told to stay in their own yard©. They were good neighbors our kids spent a lot of time together. We had a small dog that we were going to have spade and were trying to explain this to our kids. Gregg was around 3. Soon after this George had his appendix out and was sitting on Cecil's step talking to him about this. He told Cecil that his dad had his appendix out and now he couldn't have puppies ©.

When Gordon and Stella Geerdes moved in across the street, the fun really was in full swing. Gordon and George were like 2 little boys, always pulling pranks on someone. Gordon did a lot of wood carving and one day we found a huge mushroom in our front yard. From a distance it looked very real.

One Sunday, Gregg was sick, so I stayed home with him. I went into his bedroom to check on him and Glanced out the window. There was Gordon, tying little red balloons on our tomato plants.

There was a goose that wondered the neighborhood and George "planted" a wooden egg in their barn where the goose usually slept. He had the Geerdes girls convinced that the goose had laid that egg.

Sandy came home one day to hear some talking and found Gordon and George at the grapevine, helping themselves to the ripe grapes while they visited. The hadn't asked permission but knew it was O.k.

I had a large whiskey barrel that I wanted to plant flowers in. We had drilled the holes in the side filled It with dirt and had just planted all the flowers in it. George had the hose and was starting to water from the top of the barrel. Gordon arrived home in time to see the plants shooting out of the holes in all directions. He laughed so hard he could hardly come across the street. He had the solution. He helped us drill holes in drainpipes and put them into the barrel. We replanted the flowers and now when we watered, we would put the hose down the pipes which in turn would run out of the holes to water the flowers. This lasted lot of years. We always teased them about how their pasture would make such a nice city park. I put a notebook together to show them all of the possibilities for that park.

When Hollanders were going to leave on a fishing trip, we were in charge of watching their house. We thought they had been gone for too long so made up a For Sale sign and posted it in their yard by their driveway. It listed all the possibilities.

Overall, we have had very good neighbors who help out wherever needed and we enjoy each other. I am truly blessed.

Steamboat Rock Visionary Group Pride & Betterment Committees

Brisket Fundraiser! Thank you to all who attended our supper. We were very happy with the results! We apologize to those who came after six and couldn't eat. We smoked three more briskets than last year and still didn't have enough. Thanks to the Heikens for loaning us their smoker and thanks to Aaron Stahl for doing the smoking. Very much appreciated!

Playground! The new mulch is looking good and provides extra safety for the kids who use it. Thanks to Damon Adams for helping us! It's always surprising to see so many out-of-county plates using our facility as well as those from our area. We continue to try to alleviate any wasp issues weekly.

Basketball! The court is lighted till 11 each night for the convenience of those who wish to play.

T shirts! Our Steamboat Rock t shirts are still available at the library.

Feedback! We encourage community feedback. Contact any member and thanks for making our community the valley of friendliness!

We wish everyone a great spring & summer!

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Steamboat Rock Visionary Group Members: Mike Finger, Mary Gast, Dave Hagberg, Bob Hutchcroft, Jen Merfeld, Toni Nederhoff, Mariah Schurman, and Sandy Trampe.

****NEW** NEW** NEW****

AUTO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS (NO Fees!)

Fill out this form and email or drop it off at City Hall please

Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)

I (we) hereby authorize City of Steamboat Rock, hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate debit entries to my (our) *Checking Account *Savings Account Account (select one) indicated below at the depository financial institution names below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Depository Name _____ Branch _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Routing Number _____ Account Number _____

Type of Account: [] Checking [] Savings

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from me (or either of us) its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford COMPANY and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name(s) _____ ID Number _____

Date _____ Signature _____

NOTE: ALL WRITTEN DEBIT AUTHORIZATIONS MUST PROVIDE THAT THE RECEIVER MAY REVOKE THE AUTHORIZATION ONLY BY NOTIFYING THE ORIGINATOR IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN THE AUTHORIZATION

City of Steamboat Rock

"A Valley of Friendliness"

Mayor Tim Stearns

Council Members: Adam Blackburn Jackie Hagberg Kevin Pieters Cory Schurman Jon Schurman

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session June 13th, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers and available via zoom. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Kevin Pieters, Cory Schurman, and Jon Schurman absent: Jackie Hagberg. Also present were Brandon Dilley, Dave Hagberg, Dave and Cindy Mull, JD Holmes, Bob & Vicki Hutchcroft, Sandy Trampe, Alan Whiley, Carol Williams, Melissa Johanson, Renee Oltrogge, Scott Williams, and JJ Veld.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by C. Schurman to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

C. Schurman moved, seconded by J. Schurman to approve the minutes from May 9th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, absent no one. J. Schurman moved, seconded by C. Schurman the motion to approve City bills as presented with the correction of check # 2302 and 2307 voided due to errors. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Blackburn moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve hours as presented with the correction, May 6th is Friday not Thursday. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

Public comments: Brandon Dilley has received two nuisance letters for dogs not on leash. Dilley is not happy with the way these letters were handled. Dave Hagberg complained about an interaction with a local individual on Friday, May 27th at 103 E Main St.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian presented the library report. PO's requested #20220507 \$598.00 North Iowa Libraries Collaborating, #20220508 Homestead Evergreens \$288.00, #20220509 \$185.10 Scholastic, 202206011 \$157.80 Baker & Taylor, 202206012 \$250.00 Absolute Science, 202206013 \$105.50 Illinois Library Association, 202206014 \$350.00 Iowa Children's Museum, 202206015 \$75.00 Times Citizen, 202206016 Penworthy \$264.98. C. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief presented the Fire Department report. In May SRFD responded to 13 calls. Annual breakfast on May 28th served over 215 with donations of about \$4,300. Planned training practice burn June 18th at 9 am at 208 3rd St. Chief will contact neighbors. Truck 651, along with several other fire departments participation, was used to haul water on June 4th for the Old Baptist Camp pool. Recouped our fuel expense. Chief Williams presented PO #83 \$2,700.00 Freightliner Truck Center for repairs on the ambulance. C. Schurman moved, J. Schurman seconded the motion to approve the PO as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

JJ Veld presented the report from public works. There is a hole in the ground due to a culvert problem and needs to be repaired/replaced at the corner of 1st St and W Market St. Veld has called to get it dug up and repaired. Veld will attempt to blow out a plugged culvert going East and West at Broadway and E Market with the fire departments assistance. Hydrant flushing on the list. Veld explained we can lock valves on water meters if needed when we can't locate the shut off.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; 101 E Main- sale pending. 208 3rd St- Roll off has been delivered, burn scheduled for Saturday June 18th. Mayor Stearns requested a vote to use funds to complete demolition and clean-up of 208 3rd Street with the estimate originally at \$4,000.00. C. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve the spending as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. 301 W Market St has had more damage and we are having City Attorney continue the process of condemnation. 308 6th St & 601 W Sycamore have requested a building permit to demolish the houses and leave the detached garages, waiting on permit to be turned in to the city. Property south of the Post Office is obtaining quotes to replace South and East walls.

Hardin County Conservation & Sewer Hook Up presented by Mayor Stearns advised they have started their studies and they are going down the River Road instead of underneath the river. They believe they will let bids in October with construction in 2023.

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Proposed River road sewer installation was discussed by Mayor Stearns requesting to apply for a USDA Rural Development Grant for 75% of the whole project of mid \$550,000.00. The city would use about \$50,000.00 from the sewer fund, and the Hardin County will loan the city the remaining portion if needed. C. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve applying for the grant as presented, Blackburn abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried. Absent: Hagberg.

Mayor Stearns discussed completing the City 5 Year Strategic Plan with the help of Region IV and the outline has been set. C. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

Mayor Stearns discussed the road repairs following up with Pieters and J. Schurman getting costs for potholes and cut outs. Discussed the city putting rock down for the city truck parking area near the stick dump. No Motion made.

Mayor Stearns presented the Rockstop Cigarette Permit. Blackburn moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve the permit as presented, C. Schurman abstained. Motion carried. Absent: Hagberg.

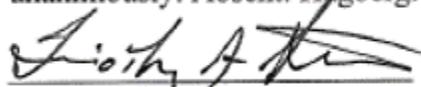
Mayor Stearns discussed nuisance reporting as requested communication for Council every month. Blackburn requested only address be listed and no names and to turn the reports back in to be shredded. Blackburn requested we discuss and further refine the process of municipal infractions at the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Stearns presented on the vacation and abandonment of alley way at 103 E Main St. Per City Attorney Nederhoff, the council needs to address the following, sequentially: Motion to vacate the alley; Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the vacate as presented. Roll call - Blackburn-aye, Pieters- aye, J. Schurman - aye. Absent: Hagberg. C. Schurman abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried. Motion to abandon the alley; Pieters moved, J. Schurman seconded the motion to approve the abandon as presented, Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Pieters- aye, J. Schurman - aye. Absent: Hagberg. C. Schurman abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried. Motion to convey the alley to adjoining property owner(s); Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the convey as presented, Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Pieters- aye, and J. Schurman - aye. C. Schurman abstained due to conflict of interest, Absent: Hagberg. Motion carried. Motion for City to request that any party receiving the vacated and abandoned property pay all expenses of sale and transaction; Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Pieters- aye, and J. Schurman- aye, C. Schurman abstained due to conflict of interest, Absent: Hagberg. Motion carried. Motion to authorize Tim and Renee to sign all documentation in furtherance of this. Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Pieters- aye, and J. Schurman - aye. C. Schurman abstained due to conflict of interest. Absent: Hagberg. Motion carried.

Multiple nuisance complaints for junk cars at 402 W Market Street. C. Schurman requests a letter be sent to have them removed as junk.

Mayor's comments: Mayor Stearns advised a local couple purchased at an Iowa Select auction two food pantries and would like to provide one of them in Steamboat Rock. Iowa Select provides funds for the couple to keep it stocked. Not in competition with the Greenbelt Home Care kiosk, but in addition to for families in need. Much discussion on location. Pieters advised to put it next to the one at The Library. Librarian, Melissa Johanson advised vandalism there has subsided, just no glass items are allowed and make sure it's stable. Try it there and visit it in a month to see how it works out.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.


Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor


Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 6/13/2022

| Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Amount |
|--------------|------------|----------|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Check | 06/13/2022 | ACH | United States Treasury | Payroll | \$ 517.24 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | ACH | IPERS | Payroll | \$ 506.06 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | ACH | Alliant Energy | Electric/gas | \$ 2,358.85 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | ACH | Heart of Iowa | \$175.41 City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$49.73 Library | \$ 294.64 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | ACH | Culligan | Library \$10.00, City \$17.00 | \$ 27.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | ACH | Great Western Bank CC | \$1628.49 Office, \$122.50 Sewer | \$ 1,740.99 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | ACH | Grundy National Bank | Community Center Loan Payment | \$ 2,115.00 |
| Transfer | 06/13/2022 | Transfer | Library | City contribution & tax levy | \$ 300.00 |
| VOID | 06/13/2022 | 2300 | State of Iowa Deposits | | VOID |
| Paycheck | 06/13/2022 | 2301 | Haskins, Kelly | Payroll | \$ 390.30 |
| VOID | 06/13/2022 | 2302 | | | |
| Paycheck | 06/13/2022 | 2303 | Oltrogge, Renee | Payroll | \$ 1,418.98 |
| Paycheck | 06/13/2022 | 2304 | VandeVoort, Darlene K | Payroll | \$ 347.90 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2305 | Veld, JJ | Contractual earnings | \$ 2,300.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2306 | Veld, JJ (mileage) | Mileage | \$ 66.64 |
| VOID | 06/13/2022 | 2307 | | | |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2308 | JJ Veld (cleaning) | Cleaning Contract | \$ 100.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2309 | Oltrogge, Renee A. | Cleaning Contract | \$ 100.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2310 | Ag Machinery | Vehicle Repairs | \$ 119.55 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2311 | Baker & Taylor | Library | \$ 147.02 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2312 | Blythe Sanitation | D \$405, Res \$1001, T \$416.70, Rec \$0 | \$ 2,227.70 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2313 | Eldora Hardware | UPS charges | \$ 86.83 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2314 | Fareway | Fire Department - Bfast | \$ 335.12 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2315 | Hardin County Sheriff | County Sheriff Contract | \$ 613.54 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2316 | Hardin County Solid Waste | Landfill assessment fee for recycling | \$ 2,441.25 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2317 | Iowa League of Cities | Handbooks | \$ 80.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2318 | Iowa Children's Museum | Summer Program | \$ 350.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2319 | JCJDW Investments LLC | Solar Panels | \$ 1,708.55 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2320 | Keystone Lab | Water & sewer analysis | \$ 793.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2321 | NAPA | FD - Acct# 4315 | \$ 161.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2322 | Rock Stop | FD 279.92 | \$ 279.92 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2323 | Shield Pest Control, LLC | Pest control City 35, Library 75 | \$ 110.00 |
| Check | 06/13/2022 | 2324 | VanWall Equipment | Mower Blade | \$ 71.85 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$ 22,108.93 |

Alliant Energy Breakdown

| | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 19.40 | Ball Field |
| 18.72 | Welcome Sign |
| 1100.33 | Street Light |
| 126.88 | Lift Station |
| 53.21 | Fire Department |
| 274.35 | Water |
| 37.69 | Community Center |
| 588.65 | Sewage Treatment Plant |
| 139.62 | Library |
| 2358.85 | TOTAL |

Heart of Iowa Breakdown

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 175.41 | City |
| 34.75 | Fire Department |
| 34.75 | Water |
| 49.73 | Library |
| 294.64 | TOTAL |

Solar Panels Breakdown

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1648.54 | Community Center |
| 68.01 | Fire Department |
| 1788.55 | TOTAL |



Saturday, June 11th & 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m

You are encouraged to take anything you want to get rid of to the dump site by the Fire Station on that day.

We can accept metals at no charge and appliances at \$15 each, please obtain a sticker from City Hall prior to dropping of appliances. We have a special pile for metals, large appliances, microwaves and dehumidifiers. All other items may go in the dumpster. Please do not set out any car batteries, tires, paint, or other hazardous materials that are not accepted at the county dump.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 641-868-2240.

| ACCEPTED |
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| Aerosol cleaners, paints |
| Ammonia-based cleaners |
| Antifreeze |
| Batteries (only rechargeable) |
| Fertilizers |
| Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) |
| Gasoline, Kerosene |
| Oil, lead-based paint |
| Stains, Varnishes |
| Metal polishes, rust removers |
| Thermometers (mercury) |
| Thermostats (mercury) |
| Pesticides |
| Petroleum adhesives |
| Used oil filters |
| Sharps or needles (must be contained) Must be contained in detergent bottles or sharps containers (not milk jugs or pop bottles). Lids must also be taped. |



PROTECT yourself, your family & your environment by getting rid of it the **SAFE & SMART** way.

EVENT DETAILS

This event is free and for Hardin County residents only. Waste from schools & businesses, including farms will NOT be accepted without prior approval.

The City of Steamboat Rock has partnered with the Hardin County Solid Waste Disposal Commission and Metro Waste Authority to bring its residents the opportunity to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes – be sure to join us!

**Any questions? Call 641-939-5808
or 515-333-4432**

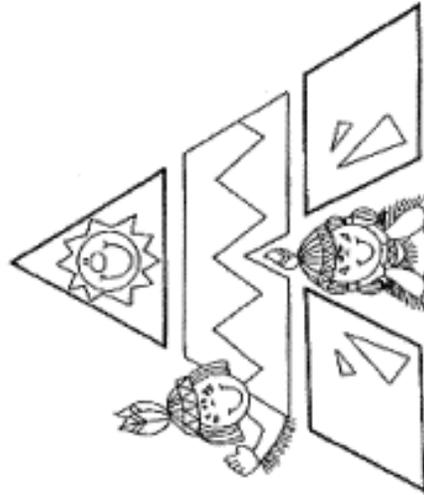
| NOT ACCEPTED |
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| Ammunition |
| Asbestos |
| Electronics |
| Explosives |
| Fire extinguishers |
| Latex paint |
| Medications |
| Propane tanks, cylinders |
| Radioactive materials |



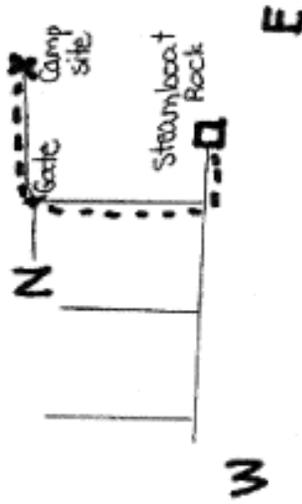
WHAT TO BRING: Heavy shoes or tennis shoes with good, thick soles, a backpack or sack with raincoat, mosquito repellent, sun screen, if you need it, and your lunch. Don't forget a drink. A.M. and P.M. snacks will be provided.

EVERY DAY WILL INCLUDE HIKING, CRAFTS, EDUCATIONAL TALKS, AND MUCH HISTORICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING. CLASSES ARE TAUGHT BY CERTIFIED TEACHERS. ALSO, MANY AIDES AND HELPERS ARE AVAILABLE.

COME FOR A FUN, RELAXING TIME.



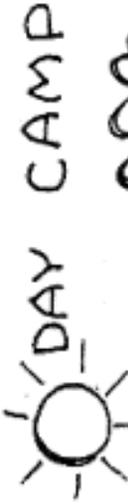
MIKE SMITH FARM



To get to the camp site, go west out of Steamboat Rock to the first gravel road going North, V Avenue. Go North on V Avenue about ½ mile. Turn East into the pasture, following the road to the barn where we will meet you.

IOWA
RIVER

GREENBELT



June 13-17
and
June 20-24
2022

DENNISE SMITH
INSTRUCTOR

**IOWA RIVER GREENBELT
DAY CAMP**

BY

DENNISE SMITH

WHAT: Come join the fun for outdoor adventure and learning. Lots of hiking and outdoor crafts, games, and activities.

WHEN: June 13-17, 2022, and June 20-24, 2022 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The second week will be the Christian Education week

WHERE: "The Camp Site" on Dennise Smith's farm. See directions on back.

WHO: Anyone in grades K - 6 who likes the outdoors.

COST: \$150.00



THE CURRICULUM: We will focus on the enjoyment of nature this year, as we have in the past. Our crafts, hikes, mini-lessons, and games will center around what we see and find outdoors. We will also learn an appreciation for the people who came here before us, the Native Americans, and learn of their respect for the Earth.

MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO:

Dennise Smith
30281 185th Street
Steamboat Rock, Iowa
50672

OR CALL:

Phone: _____
HOME: 641-858-3190
CELL: 515-681-3611



PLEASE NOTICE: If you would like a DVD of your child's week at Day Camp please order on the registration slip. Price is \$10.00.

**IOWA RIVER GREENBELT DAY CAMP
REGISTRATION**

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

GRADE JUST COMPLETED _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

WHICH CAMP WOULD YOU ATTEND?

June 13-17 _____

June 20-24 _____

SCHOOL SYSTEM ATTENDED _____

_____ I would like to order a DVD.

(Include \$10.00 with registration)

looking Ahead...

Saturday, April 30th Ditch Cleanup Day – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday, May 28th Fire Dept Breakfast 7-11am @Baot Club
Saturday, June 4th Garden Party 4-7pm
Saturday, June 11th Spring Cleanup Day 9-11am
Monday, June 13th City Council Meeting 6:30pm
Saturday, June 25th Spring Cleanup Day 9-11am
Saturday, July 9th Hazardous Waste Day 9-11am –
between Post Office & old school gym



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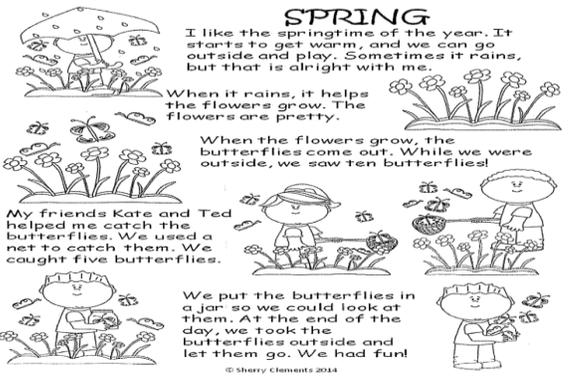
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SPRING
I like the springtime of the year. It starts to get warm, and we can go outside and play. Sometimes it rains, but that is alright with me.

When it rains, it helps the flowers grow. The flowers are pretty.

When the flowers grow, the butterflies come out. While we were outside, we saw ten butterflies!

My friends Kate and Ted helped me catch the butterflies. We used a net to catch them. We caught five butterflies.

We put the butterflies in a jar so we could look at them. At the end of the day, we took the butterflies outside and let them go. We had fun!

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