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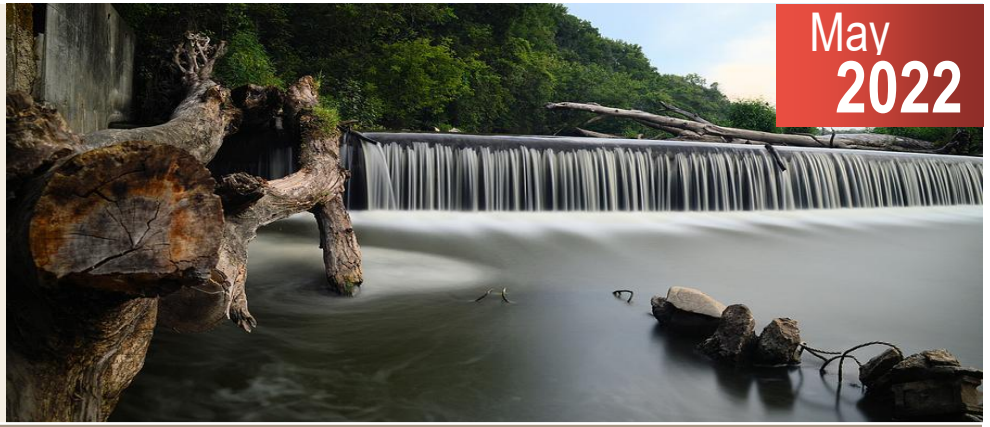
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# Friendly Valley Times

*“Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.” ~1 Peter 5:7*

## SAVE The Date

Art in The Greenbelt

Presents a

## Garden Party

June 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-7:00pm

More information will be made available  
as we finalize arrangements.



## From the Mayor

**Welcome to Summer- all of a sudden!** This week our intentional (planted) and unintentional (dandelions+) flowers really popped. After all spring can be a really colorful time. You can hear mowers running all over town and this time of year it is hard to keep up. Keeping ahead of the growth also makes it easier to avoid windrows on your lawn. When mowing my own yard last Thursday, it occurred to me that using a new or freshly sharpened blade really does make a difference in mowing efficiency. With the current fuel prices mowing could get expensive without proper mower maintenance.

**Old school Gym:** At last Monday's City Council meeting we approved spending some money to upgrade the lights in the gym to LED. Currently three of the light fixtures are bad and would cost about \$250 each to fix. New fixtures installed are about \$430 for each of 12 fixtures. City will apply for the \$130/fixture rebate from

Alliant. The net cost after rebate will be about \$3,600. You all use LED lights in your homes to save energy, the estimate is the energy savings will pay for the new lights in 1-2 years with the recent increase in usage of the gym.

**Had a rain date of Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> for the S-56 ditch clean-up.** *Thank you* to all those who helped. Had an entire pick-up load of bags to the top of the cab again this year- wow, after just one year! As we were collecting the litter, we all kept asking "Who does this?" About 50% Aluminum cans, about 20% plastic bottles of all kinds, 15% plastic sandwich boxes, and 15% miscellaneous other. This morning on my bike route in another area seeing all the litter, it struck me that Hollywood does a serious dis-service in their movies and TV series when in many scenes you watch- someone is littering. Please respect our land and waterways and don't litter.

**City Wide clean-up Days Reminder:** Saturdays June 11 and June 25, 2022, at the City stick dump just north of the Fire Station. Appliances will also be accepted at a pass-through cost of \$15/appliance. Designated spot available to place your clean recyclable iron and metal including aluminum, stainless steel, and all kinds of other scrap iron immediately south of the compost bins.

**Hazardous Waste disposal Reminder:** Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, between the Post office and the old School Gym. 9-11 AM. Sponsored by Hardin County Solid Waste and Metro Waste Authority.

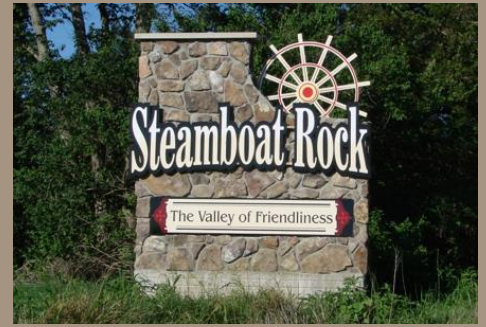
**Iowa River dam here in Steamboat Rock:** Many of you are aware the Iowa DNR is in process of preparing to remove the low-head dam here in Steamboat Rock. As a paddler, I am very encouraged that the dam will be coming out. However this discussion is not about + or- of the project. Many people have asked me when this will happen because they want to WATCH. Here is what I have been told by the DNR about the process: There is 8 feet of vertical fall in the dam. They will lower the dam in 2-foot increments with a bottom scouring rain event before they do the next two feet. This may not be a quick process. As the information comes to me, I will do my best to let you all know about the timing and where we (including me) can safely watch.

*Thanks - Tim Stearns, Mayor*

# Miscellaneous News

**Memorial Day Service** – There will be a Memorial Day Service at the cemetery at 11:00am on Memorial Day. In case of rain, it will be held at the school.

**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](mailto:srcityhall@heartofiowa.net) ; subject: FVT.Let's Save A Tree OR go to the city website – [www.steamboatrockiowa.net](http://www.steamboatrockiowa.net) and sign up there at the bottom of the Home page.



**There are LOTS of opportunities to jump in and help make Steamboat Rock GREAT!!!**  
**Look below... committees, volunteer work, and lots more.**

## STEAMBOAT ROCK COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**City of Steamboat Rock**  
PO Box 366  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2240  
[srcityhall@heartofiowa.net](mailto:srcityhall@heartofiowa.net)

**Steamboat Rock Baptist Church**  
107 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2458  
[church@steamboatbaptist.org](mailto:church@steamboatbaptist.org)

**Steamboat Rock Cemetery**  
19325 Z Ave.  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-751-5096  
[50672cemetery@gmail.com](mailto:50672cemetery@gmail.com)

**Steamboat Rock Fire & Rescue**  
PO Box 174  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2314  
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**Steamboat Rock Historic Society**  
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Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-858-6085  
[jimkramer@heartofiowa.net](mailto:jimkramer@heartofiowa.net)

**Steamboat Rock Presbyterian Church**  
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Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
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**Steamboat Rock Pride & Betterment**  
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**Steamboat Rock Visionary Group**  
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641-868-2182  
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## *The Right Teaching*

Once, there was a renowned monk who lived in a beautiful monastery with many of his pupils. His teachings were known to be very effective and many of his students grew up to become great masters themselves.

One day, one of them was caught stealing from his fellow-students and they reported him to the monk. But he took no action against the boy.

A few days later the same boy was again caught stealing. And again, the head monk did nothing to punish him.

This angered the other students who drew up a petition asking for the dismissal of the thief. They threatened to leave en masse if the boy was allowed to stay in the monastery.

The teacher called a meeting of the students. When they had assembled, he said to them: "You are good boys who know what is right and what is wrong. If you leave, you will have no trouble in joining some other school. But what about your brother who does not even know the difference between right and wrong? Who will teach him if I don't? No, I cannot ask him to go even if it means losing all of you."

Tears coursed down the cheeks of the boy who had stolen. He never stole again and in later life became renowned for his integrity.

*retrieved from <https://alltimeshortstories.com/the-right-teaching>*



# Steamboat Rock Fire Department



The Steamboat Rock Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association has again set the date for the Memorial Weekend Breakfast. This breakfast will resemble the style of breakfast that was held for years by the Boat Club committees.

It will be held on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Boat Club (Iowa River Conservation Club) 7:00am-11:00am.

The menu will be pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Toast and Drinks

We will again be giving chances away for a high-definition big screen TV for \$10/chance. If you would like a chance for the TV, you have the ability to purchase tickets at the breakfast.

Monies raised this year will be going towards the upgrade of emergency scene lights. These will be LED lights (18,000 lumens) that will have a longer life and be brighter. The cost of one light is \$1,900-\$2,200 and we are needing two. Any support that is given is greatly appreciated.

**MARK Your Calendars and come enjoy breakfast!!! We hope to see you there!!!**

As Always - Stay Fire Safe  
Chief Williams

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

Humorist Ogden Nash once noted that, "A family is a unit composed not only of children, but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold." The family is an important part of our culture.

How does one get to be part of a "family"?

Well, we can be born into it.

We can marry into it.

We can be adopted into it.

Or as someone noted once, we can simply be brought into it, not necessarily by blood, but by loving and caring people around us.

So, do any of these ways get us into the family of God? Well, the Presbyterian doctrine says we become part of God's family when we are baptized. The Presbyterian Book of Order says that "Baptism is the bond of unity in Jesus Christ. When we are baptized, we are made one with Christ, with one another, and with the Church of every time and place. In Christ, barriers of race, status, and gender are overcome..." One with Christ and one with another. Part of the family.

And God wants us to be part of His family. Ephesians 1:5 in the New Living Translation Bible says, "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure."

Adoption into the family of God -through whatever means your church says brings you in. Doesn't that sound great?

So, does that mean all of us in the family will get along, agreeing with each decision and living happily ever after? I haven't met a family yet that hasn't had at least one disagreement from within. No, family doesn't always get along. Even in the family of God. But they're still family. A family that loves each other and cares for each other. Even when they don't get along.

Are you part of the family? The family of God?

Would you like to be? Please, feel free to talk to me about it. Talk to your own pastor about it. Talk to God about it.

After all, it's **His family** we want to be a part of.



# Steamboat Rock Public Library

The Friends of the Library sent out letters to citizens of Steamboat Rock and the local area requesting donations to replace the front door of the library. As this is a public building and we are under the city umbrella now technically the door should open outwards and should have a push bar on it for easy of exit. This will put us into compliance with the state of Iowa for ADA. Donations have been coming in and I am so pleased to see the response from so many of you. Thank you to all of you who have responded.

The summer reading program has been put together and we have great programs lined up for all ages. Along with what I already wrote about we have some in-house programs planned like flower planting, magnetic fishing, making edible candy and bingo. We will have the calendar for June and July put on the library and city Facebook site. The sign up to participate will start on June 13<sup>th</sup> and we will have treat bags to hand out starting on that date. There will also be a treasure chest with prizes when the younger patrons reach their reading goals.

The "Art in the Greenbelt" garden party will be held on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 101 River Rd S. Tickets are available at the library. There is live music planned, an author presentation and art displays from local artists.

The Visionary Group has also purchased more t-shirts in various sizes that are available here.

511 W. Market St; Steamboat Rock Phone/Fax: 641-868-2300

[www.youseemore.com/nile/steamboatrock](http://www.youseemore.com/nile/steamboatrock) or on Facebook @SteamboatRockLibrary



## Hours are as Follows

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 PM

## New to the Library

### Adult Fiction

*Beautiful* by Danielle Steel

*Death of the Black Widow*  
by James Patterson

*Dream town* by David Baldacci

*The home wreckers*

by Mary Kay Andrews

*Lost and found in Paris*

by Lian Dolan

*The missing piece* by John Lescroart

*Once a thief* by Christopher Reich

*Our little world* by Karen Winn

*The stepchild* by Nicole Trope

### Mystery

*22 Seconds* by James Patterson

*The children on the hill*

by Jennifer McMahon

*Cold snap* by Marc Cameron

*Death becomes you*

by Deanna Lynn Sletten

*An honest lie* by Tarryn Fisher

*The investigator* by John Sandford

*One lost soul* by JM Dalgliesh

*Our little secret* by Kiersten Madglin

*The truth about Rachel*

by Deanna Lynn Sletten

*Widow Falls* by Kiersten Modglin

### Romance

*Summer Island* by Shelley Noble

**Dar's Pick from Our Stacks**

Anything by Kristen Hannah

### Melissa's Pick from Our Stacks

*The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be open for visitors on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning of each month starting in June. Mark these dates on your calendar: June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

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### **Blast from the Past**

For as long as I can remember, the ball diamond in Steamboat Rock has been a constant source of enjoyment for me and my family. I lived right next to the ball diamond for the first 12 years of my life, 1952-1964, and then was able to move back into the same house in 1978 and have lived there ever since that time. Over that time, we've had many high school ballgames, junior high football practice, youth events, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display, tractor pulls, movie nights, slow pitch softball games, frisbee golf, and just many other times of enjoying the ball diamond with friends and family. For as long as I can remember, it has been the "ball diamond". And for any of you graduates of SRHS who played baseball or softball, I am sure you have some memories, both good and some not so good of your times playing ball there. But just how did it get there? Take time to read the attached article by Dennis Holmes that will give you a little of the history behind the "ball diamond". Enjoy!

Jim Kramer, Steamboat Rock Historical Society

### **THOSE BUMPS WERE ROYAL INDEED**

As one reaches the late fall or early winter of his earthly existence, reminiscences from the greenness of spring and summer inundate the memory.

It must have been the fall of 1953 when students at Steamboat Rock High School spent several days picking up rocks at what became the baseball diamond at the northwest corner of town. This transformed the former gravel or sand pit and replaced the diamond on the south side of the school building.

One unfortunate result of the new and improved facility was the destruction of the pit and the royal bumps. Many days were spent at the pit playing cops and robbers and cowboys and Indians on the various trails probably left there by cattle.

Often the weapons used were sticks which were shaped like guns. Improvisation and creativeness were necessary for youth in those items.

The Five and Dime located west of the courthouse in Eldora sported the neatest most authentic 45 caliber cap pistol imaginable... I must admit that I coveted that wonderful toy... Reminded of the excessive cost of that make-believe weapon, I was surprised when in late August, I received it as a birthday gift...

When I arrived at the pit with my prized gift, my good side-kick Frankie Cervetti wouldn't play unless he could use my gun so on that first day, I was again relegated to using the weapon that mother nature provided.

Many of life's lessons were experienced at the huge rock which at various occasions served as a bank, jail, or sheriff's office. What wonderful tales could be related if that old pit could talk... One story involves Ross Ellison on his first night as marshal. It was Halloween and he was supposed to work along-side of his predecessor Ace Robinson who was due to retire... Ross lived a block east of the pit on Madison Street. As he started his walk-up town to start patrol, he lobbed a stick of dynamite down in the pit... As you can imagine, it made quite a bang which reverberated up and down the Iowa River valley. Ace came on the run and asked Ross if he saw the guy who set off that big firecracker. "I didn't hear anything", was Ross' reply.

On the west wall of the bowl-shaped pit was the location of the royal bumps. Every winter's first snow fall brought flocks of girls and boys to the bumps. The name royal bumps came from two depressions on the hill. Mind you, there was nothing particularly royal about this area, but I can attest to the effectiveness of the bumps. One soon learned that you needed to lie down on your sled and hang on for dear life. If you sat on your sled, chances were great that you would fly into the air at the first "bump". On a good day you could reach the river on your sled.

Another winter treat was slipping or sliding on the ice above the dam. Some old tires were obtained from DX station and a big black smoky fire was built on the river. Snow was cleared for ice skating or for those of us who chose to run and slide with our shoes. Butch Wickham would bring his Jeep and we would take rides up the river to do a little sliding with his vehicle.

Can you imagine how the DNR would react to burning tires anywhere, especially on the river? In spite of this possible pollution, there was an abundance of game fish below the dam when the ice receded, and the water was clear.

Today's young folks are barraged with a plethora of planned activities whether it be wrestling, soccer, basketball, football, or dance. Some of these activities begin before children start school... Perhaps it is a vicarious experience for parents or perhaps this gives them the opportunity to demonstrate their coaching expertise. Either way it is too bad that youngsters can no longer find fun on their own initiative.

Do they still play kick the can, marbles, or barbaree?

~Dennis Holmes

## Steamboat Rock Visionary Group / Pride & Betterment Committee

**Spring!** Spring is finally here although slow to arrive at the warm weather we seek! Any day now! Please! Spring brings with it a renewed surge of activity for our committee members. Our goal continues to be to aid our city leaders and community members in making our community the best it can be. We welcome ideas. Contact any member and let him or her know what you are thinking.

**Brisket Supper!** Mark the date! On Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the committee will hold its primary fundraising activity of the year. The menu will include brisket, beans, cole slaw and a dessert bar. Serving will be from 5:00pm-7:00pm at the park shelter house. Carry out or eat at the site. We greatly appreciate your support!

**Basketball!** The court is ready for playing and the lights will stay on until 11:00pm at night all the way into October.

**Playground!** The play area is overdue to have additional mulch added. As the playground-approved mulch is extremely expensive our committee hopes to have the necessary funds in order to complete the project soon.

**T-Shirts!** Our Steamboat Rock long-sleeved t-shirts have proven to be so popular we are going to restock our sizes soon. They are available at the library.

**Christmas Tree Lighting!** The committee has enjoyed lighting the downtown tree over the past few years. We are now faced with a tough decision. The cost of the commercial-grade lights has been difficult for our committee to fund. Now the price of the lights has taken a big jump. The lights have also not lasted as long as advertised, no to mention the difficulty in getting the lights up into the tree. We are weighing options and a decision on whether or not to continue the lighting tradition will be made sometime this summer. Any thoughts or ideas would be appreciated.

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 May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Jackie Hagberg, Kevin Pieters, Cory Schurman, and Jon Schurman absent: no one. Also present were Perry Gjersvik, Carol Williams, and Renee Oltrogge. Scott Williams, JJ Veld, and Craig Babcock came late.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Pieters moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve the minutes from April 11th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, absent no one. Blackburn moved, seconded by Hagberg the motion to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. C. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Public comments: Robert Nazario for Iowa House District 54 introduced himself as he lives in rural Iowa Falls and described his history. He is a delegate for Hardin County Republican Central Committee.

Clerk Oltrogge requested to mention our new bank, Green Belt Bank & Trust has made available autopay for City utility bills. The form will be the last page in your Friendly Valley Times this month. Garbage services the week of Memorial Day will be on Tuesday. The Cemetery is having a Memorial Day Service at 11 am. There are signs up for The Michael Pittman Memorial Race on May 28<sup>th</sup> at The Independence Motor Speedway.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian was not present for the library report. Mayor Stearns presented POs requested #20220501 \$147.02 Baker and Taylor for books, #20220502 \$75.00 Shield Pest Control, #20220503 \$55.00 Times Citizen for yearly subscription, #20020504 \$350.00 Absolute Science for butterfly tents, #20020505 \$350.00 Mikayla Oz for a magic show, #20020506 \$207.44 Blank Park Zoo for offsite program. Hagberg moved, J. Schurman seconded the motion to approve the POs as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief presented the Fire Department report. April was a busy month with 7-8 calls. Hosting a free will donation breakfast on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 7-11 a.m. at The Lodge (The Boat Club) with a raffle. Mailings will go out to the residence of Steamboat Rock and Clay township. Harrison and Justin have completed FF1-passed the written exam and still have the hands on to complete. Truck #653 (Grass Rig) needs new tires as the current ones are old, underrated, and weather checking. PO#82 \$936.90 for tires. C. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the PO as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Williams asked to have a fleet card to pay for fuel during off hours to fill after an incident and before they would get called for another one. Much discussion and it was left to Scott's discretion. Williams asked about hooking up an existing City generator to the Fire Station/ Municipal shed to be able to open the overhead doors when the power is off. Williams mentioned there is scrap steel at the station for the cleanup days.

JJ Veld presented the report from public works. City was reprimanded by the DNR from an incident one-week last July when the discharge nitrates levels exceeded the standard limits due to something in the sewer that killed the good bugs in the system. There hasn't been one since. By 2024 EPA wants a lead pipe survey of all of the water lines in the town recorded to include what goes from the city lines to the pipes going into homes. This report will need to include every property in town. If you don't know what type of pipe you have for the survey, someone from the city may need to look at your incoming water line before the meter. In some cases, digging may be needed and/or a water sample inside your property may be needed. More information as your city learns more about this survey. Veld advised there may be a good alternative scrap iron company for our City-wide clean-ups for future years.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; 101 E Main- no new information. 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St- Roll off has been delivered. Volunteers welcome to clean up the junk and then burn the sticks by June 1<sup>st</sup>. 308 6<sup>th</sup> St & 601 W Sycamore have until June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to reply.

New Superintendent of Janitorial Services at Community Center still has no applicants after offering \$10 an hour at 24 hours a week. Clerk is asking Council to consider any new ideas.

Hardin County Conservation & Sewer Hook Up presented the signed easement agreement and a diagram to begin the archeology and environmental studies. If the project takes this route, a 28E agreement will need to be developed by the City attorney, County attorney, County Conservation, and the City Council, detailing ownership, and responsibilities of each party. Blackburn wants to make sure everyone is aware of where the hook up is going to be placed.

Proposed River road sewer installation was discussed by Mayor Stearns with another estimate by CGA at mid \$500m's. Mayor Stearns advised he is still searching out grant applications and/or loans.

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Mayor Stearns presented a bid for 12 LED gym lights received for a net after rebates of about \$3,600. Discussed the electric bills for the increased gym usage compared to prior years. Stearns estimates a 1–2-year payback through power savings. C. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve the project as presented. Motion carried. Absent: no one.

Mayor Stearns discussed completing the City 5 Year Strategic Plan with the help of Region IV and will set up an appointment this week to get started with discussions for this plan.

At our previous meeting council approved as requested by Dave Hagberg for the city to allow wood chips (not allowed in the City stick dump) to be piled on the east side of the fence adjacent to the north bin of the compost center. Pieters is requesting an end date be put into place at one month. Pieters moved, C. Schurman seconded the motion to approve the one month as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Perry Gjersvik from Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc presented an agreement to have the city allow them to research grants to pay for funding for our wastewater system study, engineering, and design. A USDA Search Grant Program for engineering studies of \$30,000.00, SRF Planning and Design Loan with 0% interest and no limit, 3-year term for planning and design work associated with wastewater system improvements and a 20-year payback. Mayor Stearns advised we are up to date per the DNR until 2024 and then the DNR would give us a plan on what needs to be updated. Gjersvik advised this process can start at any time and they would get the information from the DNR with the new rules. There were no motions at this time on this topic. Mayor Stearns also mentioned we need to include in our 5-year strategic plan to provide services on the west side of the river and to annex down S. River Rd to the southwest and also to the northeast of 200<sup>th</sup> St.

Mayor Stearns discussed the updated Street Condition Report completed by Councilpersons and Veld. C. Schurman suggested the spots where we have cut out the street for water/sewer repairs and/or have potholes needs to be priority. Pieters advised the county has approved us to use cold press and we will get billed. Mayor Stearns advised we need to rent a roller and air compressor and have enough volunteers to do all the potholes and cut-out spots in one day. Pieters and J. Schurman volunteered to get costs and present at the next meeting.

Mayor Stearns presented Public Budget Adoption Hearing Resolution 22-05. C. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, Pieters- aye, C. Schurman- aye, and J. Schurman - aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Pieters advised the pile of rock down by the fire department where semi-trucks are parked was put there by an individual and he is asking to give them a credit on their utility bills. Hagberg, C. Schurman and Mayor Stearns advised this is two different budget departments, they would like to use streets fund. C. Schurman suggested we pay for part of the bill for the rocks instead of giving a credit and Pieters will discuss it with the resident and present it at the next meeting.

Mayor's comments: Ditch walk was last Saturday and those who helped were much appreciated.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

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Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

**City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 5/09/2022**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Check	05/09/2022	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	\$ 544.88
Check	05/09/2022	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	\$ 544.77
Check	05/09/2022	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	\$ 2,181.18
Check	05/09/2022	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$181.96 City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$50.01 Library	\$ 301.47
Check	05/09/2022	ACH	Culligan	Library \$10.00, City \$14.45	\$ 24.45
Check	05/09/2022	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	\$1596.83 Office, \$146.98 Mncc, \$178.10 Library, \$306.25 Sewer	\$ 2,228.16
Check	05/09/2022	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	\$ 2,115.00
Transfer	05/09/2022	Transfer	Library	City contribution & tax levy	\$ 300.00



Check	05/09/2022	2177	Ag Machinery	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 161.33
Check	05/09/2022	2178	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	\$ 444.25
Check	05/09/2022	2179	Regions IV	5 year strategic Plan	\$ 500.00
Paycheck	05/09/2022	2180	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	\$ 390.30
Paycheck	05/09/2022	2181	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	\$ 642.76
Paycheck	05/09/2022	2182	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	\$ 1,418.98
Paycheck	05/09/2022	2183	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	\$ 275.61
Check	05/09/2022	2184	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	\$ 2,300.00
Check	05/09/2022	2185	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	\$ 263.84
Check	05/09/2022	2186	Oltrogge, Renee	Cleaning Contract	\$ 100.00
Check	05/09/2022	2187	Veld, JJ	Cleaning Contract	\$ 100.00
Check	05/09/2022	2188	Blythe Sanitation	D \$405, Res \$1,008, T \$675.40, Rec \$0	\$ 2,088.40
Check	05/09/2022	2189	Danko	FD (pass thru)	\$ 15,203.00
Check	05/09/2022	2190	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	\$ 1,428.14
Check	05/09/2022	2191	JC Powers	Library snow removal	\$ 25.00
Check	05/09/2022	2192	Baker & Taylor	Library PO #20211204	\$ 427.72
Check	05/09/2022	2193	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	\$ 130.83
Check	05/09/2022	2194	RC Systems	Siren	\$ 1,900.25
Check	05/09/2022	2195	Rock Stop	FD 122.50, Snow 114.82	\$ 197.09
Check	05/09/2022	2196	Stockdale Law, LLC	City Attorney charges	\$ 331.25
Check	05/09/2022	2197	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges, garbage bags	\$ 130.13
Check	05/09/2022	2198	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	\$ 613.54
Check	05/09/2022	2199	Hardin County Treasurer	Property Tax	\$ 21.00
Check	05/09/2022	2200	Napa	FD	\$ 79.86
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 37,413.19</b>

<u>Alliant Energy Breakdown</u>	
0.00	Ball Field
0.00	Welcome Sign
1088.20	Street Light
75.56	Lift Station
79.89	Fire Department
237.43	Water
0.00	Community Center
530.88	Sewage Treatment Plant
169.22	Library
2181.18	<b>TOTAL</b>

<u>Heart of Iowa Breakdown</u>	
177.42	City
34.75	Fire Department
34.75	Water
50.01	Library
296.93	<b>TOTAL</b>

<u>Solar Panels Breakdown</u>	
1374.33	Community Center
53.81	Fire Department
1428.14	<b>TOTAL</b>

STEAMBOAT ROCK  
VISIONARY GROUP

5th Annual

# BRISKET DINNER

5:00-7:00

Wednesday, May 25

Washington Square Park Picnic Shelter  
Steamboat Rock

Carry-Out or Stay

free will donation



proceeds will purchase safe surfacing for the playground



**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
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**

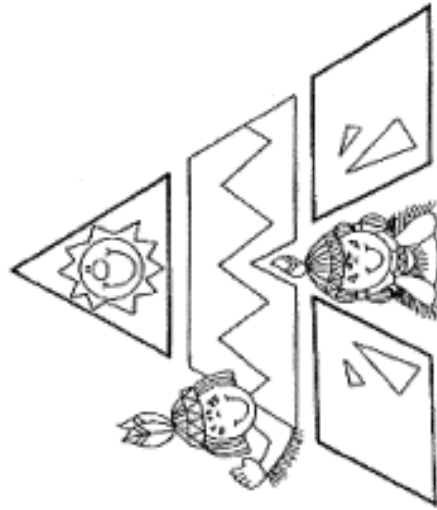
NOT ACCEPTED
Ammunition
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Electronics
Explosives
Fire extinguishers
Latex paint
Medications
Propane tanks, cylinders
Radioactive materials



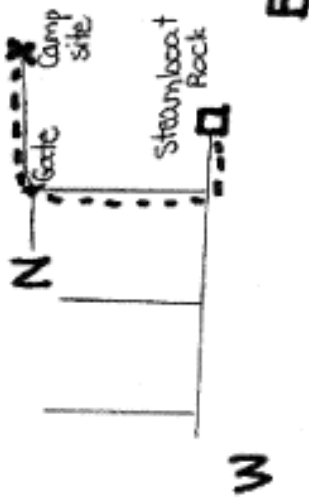
**WHAT TO BRING:** Heavy shoes or tennis shoes with good, thick soles, a backpack or sack with raincoat, mosquito repellent, sun screen, if you need it, and your lunch. Don't forget a drink. A.M. and P.M. snacks will be provided.

**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

DAY CAMP



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



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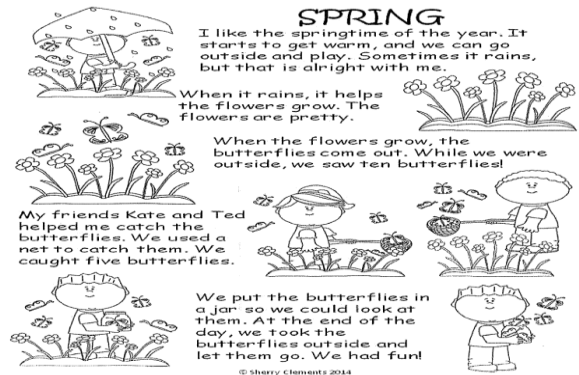
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