Steamboat Rock, Iowa

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123 Years of the Progress Club Give me a New Face

Great places for your out-of-town guests to stay

Happiest of Birthdays to YOU!

and Much More!!!

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Do nothing out of
selfish ambition or vain
conceit. Rather, in
humility value others
above yourselves.

~ Philippians 2:3

Find your

St. Patrick

He was born in Wales which is just across the sea from Ireland.

It was the year 373, and the Romans still ruled that part of the world. Many of the people in Wales and Ireland were Druids, who worshipped the sun and other aspects of nature - but Patrick was a Christian.

When Patrick was 16 years old, he was walking along the beach when some pirates seized him. They took him to Ireland and sold him as a slave where he worked in the fields. One day, he heard God telling him to escape, and he ran down to the sea where he found a ship waiting to take him home. When he was grown up, he heard a voice calling on him to return to Ireland and to tell the

Patrick travelled the length and breadth of Ireland and had many adventures while he spread his message. Quite often, the Druid priests were angry with him for telling their followers to change their religion, and his life was always in great danger.

Ireland is a very rainy country, and the fields are emerald, green. One of the most common plants that grows among the grass is the shamrock. It's like a small clover with three leaves. St. Patrick used to pick up the shamrock and explain that the three leaves were the three aspects of God. The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick is also famous for driving all the snakes into the sea, so that to this day there are no snakes lurking in the beautiful green grass of Ireland.

The Shamrock and the Snakes are the most famous stories about St. Patrick, but there are lots of other tales that aren't quite so well known. Here are a few of them: When Patrick was still a boy, he used to look after his aunt's flocks of sheep. One day a wolf jumped into the field, took a young lamb in its mouth, and ran off. That evening St. Patrick's aunt was angry with him for,

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Get ready to read! The Steamboat Rock Public Library is gearing up for our summer reading program called *Find Your Voice*. The library is preparing to take children of all ages on an adventure this summer, and we hope we can count on you for support. This year's program begins on June 11th. *Finding Your Voice* will offer children of all ages an opportunity to keep learning and reading during the summer. Children from preschool through junior high school are invited to participate.



Last year's program, *Reading Colors Your World*, had more than 30 children register. Even more participants attended programming including adults. I have the Science Heroes, Grout Museum, Mississippi River Museum, Science Center of Iowa, Calkins Nature Center, and the Foam Cannon lined up.

Last year we had the Bug Zoo, Therapy Dogs, Calkins Nature Center, Reptiles (including snakes draped around the shoulders of some of us), Blank Park Zoo and Dino Dimensions. I believe the favorite were the snakes!

This is a great opportunity for collaboration between two local establishments—your business and our library. You'll have the chance to market your business to the community and attract customers with samples, coupons, etc. Remember.

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Cemetery Association Annual Meeting Monday, March 25, 2024

6:30pm at the Steamboat Rock Library

Lot owners, descendants of people buried here and those interested in the Cemetery are encouraged to come.

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2024 ART FESTIVAL & GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, June I

108 River RD S, STEAMBOAT ROCK
2-7 PM

2-7 pm - ART FESTIVAL featuring local and regional artists. Garden Stroll. **FREE.**

2:30 - 4:30 pm -- CHILDREN'S ART TENT AND ACTIVITIES

4-7 pm - GARDEN PARTY - \$20. Live music, charcuterie, and beverages. Advance ticket purchase guarantees charcuterie. Tickets available at area coffee shops and Steamboat Rock Library.

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donations go a long way; ideally, we'd prefer cash donations to help pay for the weekly programming and treats. In fact, donations of any kind are greatly appreciated.

The members of the community—your customers—greatly appreciate the reading incentives the children can earn. The prizes help promote reading during the time kids are out of school and may not customarily read on their own. Your generosity will help provide the resources necessary to make this program a success.



If you choose to send a check, please make the check out to Friends of the Steamboat Rock Public Library, PO Box 416, Steamboat Rock, IA 50672

In return for any donation, the name of your business will be posted prominently in the library and listed on any promotional materials, including the library newsletter that goes out to all residents.

With your support, families will enjoy *Find Your Voice*. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support. If you have any questions about the program or would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please call me at 641-868-2300 or email to

srocklib@heartofiowa.net.

Sincerely,

Melissa M. Johanson Director





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

As you read this, we are a few days into the church season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday this year was Wednesday, February 14th. What is Lent anyway?

According to <u>Crosswalk.com</u>, "Lent is a 40-day period of time leading up to Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The purpose of Lent is to draw closer to God through prayer, repentance, and self-examination." Repentance. We hear that word a lot in church, don't we?



So, what does it mean to repent? Well, if we look at the Greek translation of "repent", we actually find two ways that it's used in the New Testament.

The first in Greek is *epistrophe*, which means to turn around. That's the way most of us tend to understand repent, I think. Turn around, do a complete 180, go the other way entirely. And that's a good way to see it.

However, the second Greek word for repent is *metanoia*, which means to change your mind.

In Mark's Gospel, chapter 1, verse 15, Jesus says, "The kingdom of God is near. REPENT and believe the good news." The Greek word used here is metanoia, change your mind; not epistrophe, turn around. So, is Jesus saying we've got it wrong when we say repent and turn around?

I don't think so. I do think Jesus wants us to turn around from anything that's not leading us to Him, so, yes, we need to repent that way. But maybe, just maybe, Jesus is saying, "Look, just change your mind about what you believe and believe the good news!"

Lent has traditionally been a time of sacrifice, of giving something up for Lent. Something that isn't necessarily good for us. Chocolate, alcohol, social media, sugar- all sorts of things we "give up" for Lent. I'm not saying that's wrong. I think giving things up develops discipline, which is good in all levels, especially spiritually. But I don't think giving up Hershey's Kisses or Facebook for 40 days is what Jesus means when He says, "Repent."

What if, during this Lenten season, we could see Jesus' call to repent, not just as a judgment of our vices and wrongdoings, but as an invitation. An invitation to see the Kingdom of God, not just as a reward for eternity, but something we might be able to experience and enjoy in the here and now. Think about it.

May God bless you this month and always.



Steamboat Rock Public Library

The 2 kid programs Johnnie Ogden has been putting on at the library have been so much fun. The programs are every other Tuesday starting at 3:45 PM and are either Painting with Johnnie or Reading to Harper. With both these events if you want to attend call 641-868-2300, email srocklib@heartofiowa.net or stop in to let us know but it is not a requirement.

The drawing for Mystery Date for both adults and kids is February 29, 2024.

We are moving Game night to Tuesday starting February 20, 2024 @ 6:30. Along with cribbage there will be card or board games.

Chair yoga has been a great success with up to 8 of us here in the library. We certainly have room for more if you are interested. It is held on Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:30 AM and lasts about an hour but you can always leave early. Everyone welcome.

"The Women" by Kristen Hanna was a great read and I couldn't put it down. It is a tough story about Vietnam and brought back so many memories. I remember when Walter Cronkike called for the U.S. to pull out of the war. Dar recommends "*Remarkably Bright Creatures*"

by Shelby Van Pelt. "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese has been recommended by some of the patrons but it is 900 pages long. Everyone has loved "The River we Remember" by William Kent Kruger.

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Steamboat Rock Historical Society President: Jim Kramer Vice President: Secretary:

Treasurer: Kitty Hemmen At Large: Keith Griffen Email: jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net

OUR Mission:

"To preserve and promote the history of Steamboat Rock and the surrounding area"

Museum Open By Appointment Only

Our museum is closed until Spring. However, if you are in town and would like to tour our museum, please contact me at 641-858-6085 and I would be happy to make arrangements to meet you there.

Would You Be Willing to Join our Team?

Are you interested in history? Are you interested in preserving the history of Steamboat Rock? We very much need more people to come along side us to get the job done. If this is something that you might be interested in or would like to know more about it, please contact me at 641-858-6085 or send me an email at jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net

2023 Financials

I am happy to report that our receipts for 2023 exceeded our expense by \$456.77 and we are thankful for all who contributed to this. We had 122 members this past year. As in the past, no monies were paid to anyone on the SRHS team. If you are not a member, we would most appreciate your consideration of joining our group. Dues remain at \$10 per year and can be mailed to: The Steamboat Rock Historical Society—PO Box 93—Steamboat Rock, Iowa 50672.

The Night Riders of Hardin County

We have found it necessary to order more of these books written by Lance Hansmann. Everyone that I have talked to about this book, has given it rave reviews. Please let me know if you would like to purchase one of these books.

The Progress Club

Have you ever wondered who these ladies are that meet every month and go by the name of Progress Club? Mildred Griffin answered that question in the attached article.

Jim Kramer—President of the Steamboat Rock Historical Society *Cont'd on next page 5*



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

Fiction

Blizzard by Marie Vingtras

Christian Fiction

Fragile Designs by Colleen Coble

Historical Fiction

Artifice by Sharon Cameron The Women by Kristin Hannah

Mystery

Complicit by Amy Rivers
Stumble and fall
by Amy Rivers

Ripple Effect by Amy Rivers California Bear

by Duane Swierczynski Northwoods by Amy Pease The Heiress

by Rachel Hawkins

Holmes, Marple, and Poe
by James Patterson and
Brian Sitts

Missing Persons

by James Patterson and Adam Hamdy

Crosshairs

by James Patterson and James O. Born

One Wrong Word

by Hank Philippi Ryan

The Bad Weather Friend

by Dean Koontz

The Girl in the Castle by James Patterson

The Isle by B. Blackwood

The House of Wolves

by James Patterson

The Long Shot Killer

by James Patterson

A Broken Reality

by Rob Kaufman

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History of the Progress Club

Just a few years after the town of Steamboat Rock came into being, a group of ladies decided it would be a good idea to form a study club. Mrs. Lucy Caldwell, wife of the local doctor, and Miss Lucy Otiz, a teacher who stayed in the Caldwell home, talked to others. As a result, in the fall of 1901, a group of local women met in the home of Miss Nellie Turner and organized what is now called Progress Club.

This club was given over entirely to study, at one time using the Bay View Course. With learning as their aim, they had no outside speakers and served no lunch.

At that time, they were well aware of their lack of knowledge concerning Parliamentary procedure, so some training was given once a year.

Gradually the topic for study began to include world conditions and local projects. And at that time a local project was starting a library. So, Progress Club became involved in that. The club took part to the extent of being librarians until one was hired. They also built and furnished a Children's Corner which had low shelves for books, a rack to hold books, and a low table and chairs.

Later several members compiled a book concerning this project and it was entered in an Iowa Community Achievement Contest and awarded second prize. Which was a check for \$200.

For many years this club has sponsored the annual reception for the teachers of the local school. They have served lunches at special events such as election day.

Progress Club has been involved in numerous projects and events, such as writing poetry and essays, also painting a picture with an appropriated poem, and entering all in contests.

So now this club which will be 123 years old this year is still active and keeping up with the times.

A complete history of Progress Club was written in 1966 by three of its members who were Bessie Jaspers, Lydia Potgeter, and Esther Primus.

Using this history of 1966, Mildred Griffen on January 11, 2024, wrote this article for the historical society of Steamboat Rock to be put in the town newsletter.

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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.

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not taking better care of her flocks. So, Patrick prayed all night for the lamb to come back to them and in the morning when he was in the fields, the wolf appeared once again, with the lamb in its mouth. It came up to Patrick and put the young animal down in front of him. The little lamb got up and ran back to his mother.

In Patrick's village, there was a man called Gormas who had been blind from birth. One day he heard a voice commanding him to take the boy by the hand and to draw the sign of the cross in the ground by his feet. As soon as he did this, a fountain sprang out of the ground and bathed his eyes. Suddenly he could see! To this day, the fountain springs up with the purest most delicious tasting water and is honored with the name of St. Patrick.

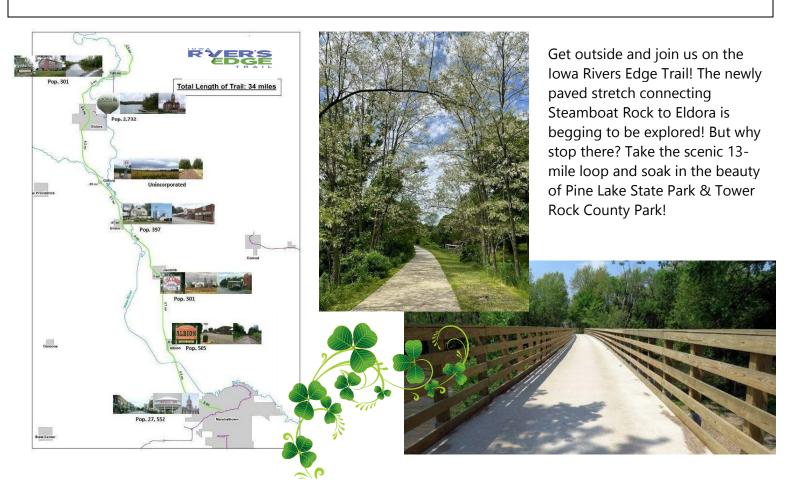
Later on, when Patrick was travelling around Ireland, he came across two brothers whose father had died. Instead of being sad about their father's death, they were quarrelling over which one of them should now own their father's farm and possessions. At first they shouted at each other, and next they started to fight with their fists. St. Patrick called out to them to stop fighting – but they were too angry to hear him. One of the brothers picked up a large rock, and St. Patrick feared that he might kill the other – and so he called out a prayer. Instantly both brothers were turned into stone. They could still hear and see, but they couldn't move. St. Patrick explained to them that it was wrong for brothers to fight – and when he turned them back into men, they were so amazed that they settled their differences and were friends forever more.

There was a man called Eugene, who was rich and powerful, and terribly ugly. His face was the most hideous in all of Ireland. As he was so ugly, none of his good fortune made him happy. One day he begged St. Patrick to give him a new face. Patrick asked him what he sort of face he would like to have, and he said, "One like that man's over there" – and he pointed to the saint's book keeper, who was as handsome as he was holy. St. Patrick told the two men to sleep under the same roof for one night, and when they woke up they both looked exactly alike – as if they were twins. You could only tell them apart by their beards. From that moment on Eugene was very happy, and he followed all of St. Patrick's teachings.

And last, but not least, there is a story that St. Patrick started the tradition that a woman can ask a man to marry her on the 29th of February. You may know that usually there are only 28 days in the month of February, but once every four years, there's an extra day. Those special years, which are longer than all the rest, are known as leap years.

St. Bridget – who is Ireland's other favorite saint – complained to St. Patrick that young men were taking far too long to propose marriage to girls. St. Patrick thought about this problem and came up with the solution that once every four years women should be able to propose to men. He said that if a man then refuses, he should pay a fine. He could choose between giving the girl he refused a silk dress or 100 pounds. That tradition still holds to this day.

~ by Storynory.com



Steamboat Rock Visionary Group

Members: Toni Nederhoff, Mary Gast, Dave Hagberg, Mariah Schurman, Sandy Trampe, Mike Finger, & Bob Hutchcroft

Projects! Soon the committee will begin working on summer projects again. One of the requests that we have received the most over the years has been to add a drinking fountain at Washington Square Park. We would really like to see this happen this summer and will be looking for additional help to complete the project. Anyone who has expertise necessary in completing this project please contact a member to offer your knowledge or services. Thank you in advance.

Being the location at the start of the Rivers Edge Trail offers possibilities for our community. Our committee would like to see a trail entrance with the wow factor making Steamboat Rock an unforgettable beginning for anyone using the trail. We are working with River Valley Landscaping of Iowa Falls in developing a plan which we hope to get started on this year.

T-shirts! We still have a few Steamboat Rock t-shirts available at the library. When they are gone, they are gone, so if you still haven't purchased yours, now's your chance.



Steamboat Rock Fire Department

A few words from SRFD

Now that the snow is melting off, and with warmer tempratures, there will be individuals wanting to burn off dead grasses. You may not think it is dry enough to burn but surrouding departments have had calls for grass burns already. Please be aware!!

If you do burn, call Hardin Sheriff NON-EMERGENCY number (641-939-8190) give them the location of your burn before you start and when you are finished. When burning, take note of the wind conditions; speed and direction. It doesn't take much for a spark to travel and ignite something else.

IF you don't call in a burn that you started and the department gets called, by rights we have to extinguish the fire. So do your due diligence and call.

When you are finished, call the non-emergency number to inform them. This gives them valuable information on whether or not to dispatch your local FD.

Homeowners, if you haven't checked your smoke detectors, now would be a good time. Probably a good time to do a battery check in all the smoke detectors in your house and camper (if having one) as well. If you have forced air from your furnace, it would be a good thing to dust them as well. The amount of dust that accumulates will affect the proper function of your detector. Sometimes it seems we move from using the furnace to using the AC. Don't forget to change your AC filter before turning that on as well.

Enjoy the warmer weather, Scott, SRFD

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUU!!!

May you live a long life, Full of Gladness and Health, with a pocket full of gold as the least of your wealth, May the Dreams you hold dearest, be those which Come True, May the kindness you spread, keep returning to YOU!

February 20th Jordan Steppe February 23rd Larry Klatt February 24th Jerry Hughes, Lora Kramer, & Paul Williams

> March 1st Allen Jaspers March 12th Trevor Kruse

March 13th Damion Homeister

March 15th Kim Wininger

March 23rd Marla Williams



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401 Market Street; Steamboat Rock, IA 50672 (641) 868-2292 srpresby@gmail.com

Fellowship - 9:15 Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30



Friends of the Steamboat Rock Library

A book is a gift you can open Again and again. ~Garrison Keiller



Many of you have good memories of our

Library and that is why The Friends of the Steamboat Rock Library was formed to support the library and help in whatever is needed to maintain special programming and the building.

We are a non-profit group composed of concerned and involved individuals who want to see our library prosper and grow. We welcome everyone from anywhere who is interested in supporting our library.

Now is the time to step forward to help keep the library going in these times of budget restraints in all areas of state and local funding.

If you have any interest in the group you may contact the library. Please consider a donation or better yet stop by and visit your library.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Lisa and Eugene Smith have been residents of Steamboat Rock since 2009 coming from Lafayette, Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. They live at 304 5th Street in town. Her daughter, Nicole Tate, also lives in town where she is the manager of the Rock Stop.



Lisa is now undergoing 5 months of chemotherapy. Her daughter and husband are working together to get her to all her appointments. So far they have accomplished a month along with 2 trips to the E.R. and she is fighting like any warrior would.

They have a Venmo account set up for donations for fuel costs and food to help them take that concern off their shoulders. Venmo is @Nicole-Tate-85. Donations can be dropped off at the Presbyterian Church or Steamboat Rock Baptist Church also, just make sure they are clearly labeled.



Lisa was recently diagnosed with Invasive Ductal Breast Cancer which has an aggressive and slow growing gene in it's makeup. On November 30, 2023 she had a double mastectomy. Test results showed the probability of the cancer returning in another part of her body to be at a higher risk, especially with the aggressive makeup.

Once that happens, the cancer cells can break into the lymph nodes or bloodstream, where they travel to other organs and areas in the body, resulting in metastatic breast cancer.



Looking Ahead...

Saturday, March 3rd Karaoke @Happenings 9:00p-1:00a

Tuesday, March 11th City Council Meeting @6:30pm City Hall

Saturday, March 16^{11h} Great night of Country Music

@Happenings LIVE Music w/Carson Orr 9:00p-Midnight

Tuesday, March 19th Visionary Group Meeting @6:30pm

Recycling February 26th, March 11th & 25th
Every Wednesday @6:30pm- Awanas Club @SR Baptist Church
AND Celebrate Recovery @Presbyterian Church

