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"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

~ Psalm 113:3

Did You Know?

The Declaration of Independence wasn't actually signed (except by John Hancock) on the Fourth of July – that's just the day the document was adopted by the Continental Congress.

On U.S. president, Calvin Coolidge, was born on the Fourth of July, in 1872.

Three U.S. presidents, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe, all died on the fourth.

There have been 27 different official versions of the U.S. flag, including the first one in 1777.

A popular myth holds that Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national symbol but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who recommended the bald eagle.

Great American composer John Philip Sousa wrote the 136 marches in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of his greatest hits were among the first to be recorded and mass-produced as phonograph records.

Every 4th of July, the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.

The current 50-star flag debuted on July 4, 1960, after Alaska & Hawaii became states in 1959.

On July 8, 1776, the first effective celebration took place in Philadelphia. First public reading of the Declaration of Independence, after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

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Steamboat Rock Visionary Group

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



Thank you. Thanks to everyone who attended our brisket dinner fundraiser. We heard many compliments about the food and the brisket from Wes Beenken was delicious. Funds from the dinner will be spent on additional mulch for the playground. Playground mulch is expensive and additional mulch must be added at least every three years. So, thanks for those who contributed.

Shelter Reservations. We had some vandalism at the park and the reservation holder was broken off. It has now been replaced and reservations may be made by placing a sheet of paper in the holder with your name and dates you wish to use the facility. The holder is on the south side of the shelter.

Rivers Edge Trail. The VG committee continues to work on a project that will provide a great entryway to the trail here in Steamboat. The RE trail committee is hoping to receive a significant grant that will provide funds for completing the trail to Marshalltown. If this grant is awarded the trail should be completed in five to six years. We will then be flooded with people looking for all kinds of services and could be a real boon for our community. 😊

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!*



June 4th Paul DeVries

June 15th Karisa Vaughn

June 20th Ashlea Strickler



Trailhead Cabins and Camping

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

IT'S SALT SEASON

The calendar on the wall says it's not "officially" summer yet, but my personal calendar says, "Yes, it is summertime." Which means it's also time to grill every meal we can on the outdoor grill.

Now, I know there's some of you who pay no mind to the season, and you grill all year long.

Good for you. Not this guy. The grill goes in the garage around mid-November and comes out when the weather is consistently warm.

In my book, an important part of grilling lies in the seasoning. Either pre-grill or after grilling, the right seasoning can make or break anything on the grill.

What's your favorite seasoning? There's a myriad of choices out there, but our favorites are Corky's and Cavender's. Maybe you make your own. That's cool, too.

As many choices of seasonings as there are, sometimes the best is simply salt and pepper.

In the Bible, Jesus seems to favor salt, too. In Matthew 5:13, Jesus tells His disciples and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount crowd, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

You. You are the salt of the earth.

Jesus is telling them not just who they are, but what their purpose is. And because I've chosen to follow Jesus, it's who I am and my purpose, too. Jesus created me to be salt and to stay salty. Just not current slang "salty".

One of things salt does as a seasoning is it adds flavor. As believers, we're called to add the flavor of Christ to whatever environment or situation He places us in. He's called us to represent Him wherever we go — at work, at school, even at home.

I love the way the Message translation puts Matthew 5:13: "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage."

What does that mean, though? Lose your saltiness? Have you ever been to church or some gathering or concert and just really felt moved by the Spirit, ready to read more Bible, pray more often— just wanting to get closer to God and then, maybe even on the way home, you get really angry, maybe even curse at the person who cuts you off or pulls out in front of you.

The truth is, we can surround ourselves with Bibles, Bible apps and Bible studies. We can listen to sermons on TV or online, read daily devotions and attend church services, all of which are great things. But if we're angry, or unkind, or judgmental or we ignore those around us, what's the point? Being a believer and spending time with God should change us and, in turn, change those around us. Flavoring those around us like the salt we were made to be.

And just like salt has no practical use if it's left in the cupboard or on the grocery store shelf, our God-given identity as salt is of no use if it doesn't translate into our everyday lives.

I pray we never forget what God has created us and called us to be— salt.

Stay salty, my friends, and may God bless you this week and always.



Steamboat Rock Fire Department

SRFD held its annual breakfast at the Lodge. We appreciate those that attended and donated. We served right around 125 individuals and raised roughly \$5,700, including mailings. WE can't say enough about the generosity. Once again thank-you for your support.

June seemed to be a little dryer than the ending of last month. Hopefully, everyone has all the damage repaired. The temps have risen this last month as well. For those that can't stay out in the heat very longer, please remember to hydrate. Even though you may not think that you sweated very much, replenish those fluids.

Having a cool towel/rag after you get inside will help lower the body temp. Always check the color of your urine to make sure that you are getting enough fluids in you. The clearer the better!!

July is coming on quickly and so will the fireworks sales. If you plan to have a show, make sure that you have the proper permits and permission to do so. Always check your surroundings before lighting. Stand far enough away after lighting. After you're done, make sure nothing may have been accidentally started. This is a no brainer, but don't point any self-propelled fireworks at anyone or a crowd. Be smart and don't just look up!

Stay fire safe, Chief Williams

Steamboat Rock Public Library

A very big thank you to Alan Whiley for repairing the food bank outside the library front door. Now that Greenbelt Health Car is not filling this up with food for people in our community it is up to us to do so. I would suggest smaller packages of food items and, if you wish, you can bring the items into the library and Dar and I will fill it when needed. We also would like to see some fresh produce as gardens grow in this heat. Please do not put items in there that have been opened as we have to throw them away for safety reasons.

By the time you read this we will have had our 2nd summer reading program for the season. The first was Science Heroes and we had 10 people here for it. The 3rd program is the Mississippi River Museum “Rockin’ Reptiles and Awesome Amphibians” at the library on Wednesday, June 26th @ 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be served after the program. If any of you would like to provide treats for the kids we typically plan on 30 participants plus the presenters.

We will also have Emily Mallory here on Thursday, June 27th for paper crafting. At 10:30 will be a younger patron’s program and at 12:00 we will have a program for adults. Please call the library to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Greenbelt Bank and Trust donated some wonderful children’s books to us both fiction and non-fiction. If you stop in at any of the locations, please tell them thank you for their gift.

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

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

Graphic Novel

Dog Man the Scarlet Shedder

by Dave Pilkey

Big Nate, This Means War!

by Lincoln Peirce

Monti and Leo: A Newcomer in

Pocketville by Sylvie Kantorovitz

Mexikid by Pedro Martin

Junior Fiction

Simon Sort of Says by Erin Bow

The Eyes and the Impossible

by Dave Eggers

The Many Assassinations of Samir,

the Seller of Dreams

by Daniel Nayeri

Elf, Dog, and Owl Head

by M T Anderson

Eagle Drums by Nasugraq Hopson

Children’s Fiction

There Was a Party for Langston

by Jason Reynolds

What if Everybody Did That?

By Ellen Javernick

BIG by Vashti Harrison

The Truth About Dragons

by Julie Leung

In Every Life by Marla Frazee

The One and Only Family

by Katherine Applegate

Junior Biography

Jovita Wore Pants by Aida Salazar

Junior Nonfiction

How to Make a Better World

by Keilly Swift

The Book of Brilliant Bugs

by Jess French

What A Waste by Jess French

The Big Book of Nature Art

by Yuval Zommer

Earth’s Incredible Oceans

by Jess French

Kid’s Guide to Helping the Planet

by Kai Brown

It’s a Wonderful World

by Jess French

These are all children’s books for summer reading.

Steamboat Rock Historical Society

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OUR Mission:

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

Museum

Our museum is closed until sometime this summer. 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.

Historical Society Leadership Team

I am excited to announce that we have some new members to our Steamboat Rock Historical leadership team. New members are Jake Murphy, Melinda Schwarck, Chester Klatt, and Jane Kramer. Other members on our team are Kitty Hemmen, Keith & Mildred Griffin, Dave & Randi Folkerts, and myself.

Monthly Meetings

It is our plan to meet every month on the 2nd Monday evening of the month. Our meetings will start at 6:30 PM. June 10th is the date of our next meeting. You are welcome to join us.

Jim Kramer—President of the Steamboat Rock Historical Society

United States Post Office—Steamboat Rock, Iowa

According to the USPS Historian, the town of Steamboat Rock has had a number of people serve as our Postmaster over the years. Take a look at all those who have served in this position at our post office. I would add some additional notes:

- Our first “Postmistress” was Mrs. Mary J. Morse. However, in doing some research, our town was behind the times. Women were serving in this position as early as the 1860’s in other area of the United States.
- Mrs. Mary Morse took over the Post Office when her husband, Ben F. Morse passed away after he had served as the Postmaster for over 5 years.

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- Marie Eilers served as our Postmaster for over 40 years!! Wow!! According to the family history, Marie had been working for the Morse family and that gradually led to her helping at the Post Office.
- I found this information on Dana B. Morse. (*In 1879, Dana B. Morse was convicted of something like embezzlement when he was Auditor of Hardin County, Iowa. In 1880 at census time, he was serving his six-month sentence, after appealing his conviction all the way to the Iowa Supreme Court.*)
- When first established, mail was received once a week over the old stage line to Waterloo.

Steamboat Rock Post Office—Hardin County, Iowa
USPS Historian, Corporate Information

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
Stephen B. Cunningham (name changed to LITHOPOLIS on January 6, 1857)	Postmaster	04-25-1856
Stephen B. Cunningham	Postmaster	01-06-1857
John H. Seeley	Postmaster	03-10-1857
Ashabel A. Noyes	Postmaster	02-01-1859
Jonathan Dickinson	Postmaster	05-07-1860
Francis Short	Postmaster	01-14-1861
Moses Robinson	Postmaster	04-28-1862
Daniel Currier	Postmaster	08-01-1862
Thomas H. Robertson	Postmaster	09-14-1866
Eugene C. Coombs	Postmaster	04-16-1867
Edwin T. Coombs	Postmaster	10-10-1867
Roswell C. Wright	Postmaster	06-03-1868
Stephen B. Cunningham	Postmaster	04-27-1869
Dana B. Morse (name changed back to STEAMBOAT ROCK on June 6, 1871)	Postmaster	03-18-1871
Dana B. Morse	Postmaster	06-06-1871
Almerow H. Wales	Postmaster	02-23-1876
Richard H. Waite	Postmaster	07-30-1877
Frederic H. Stearns	Postmaster	05-07-1884
Henry Luiken	Postmaster	08-27-1885
Rollin M. Wheeler	Postmaster	03-22-1889
Walter Neessen	Postmaster	05-12-1893
Henry Luiken	Postmaster	05-21-1897
Ben F. Morse	Postmaster	03-01-1915
Mrs. Mary J. Morse	Postmaster	11-05-1920
Miss Marie Eilers	Postmaster	05-23-1935
Warren R. Booth	Officer-In-Charge	06-27-1975
James D. Miller	Postmaster	11-22-1975
Roxanne D. Mehlich	Officer-In-Charge	07-28-1989
Daniel E. Olson	Officer-In-Charge	11-22-1989
Paul H. Hatcher	Postmaster	01-27-1990
Diane S. Bakker	Officer-In-Charge	06-01-1992
Betty J. Gethman	Postmaster	03-20-1993
Martha Baillie	Officer-In-Charge	01-09-2015

*Converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the
 Postmaster of the Ackley Post Office on January 10, 2015*



The Guest House

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We Welcome YOU to come Worship with US!

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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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Looking Ahead...

Recycling July 1st, 15th, & 29th

Monday, July 8th *City Council Meeting @6:30pm City Hall*

Saturday, July 20th *Bike Night- LIVE Music by In Cahoots @Happenings 5-9pm*

Tuesday, July 16th *Visionary Group Meeting @6:30pm*

Every Wednesday @6:30pm- *Awanas Club @SR Baptist Church*

AND Celebrate Recovery @Presbyterian Church





MAYOR
David Mull

*A Valley Of
Friendliness*



**CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Kevin Pieters
Cory Schurman
Marc Havens
Travis Hollander

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024 at Steamboat Rock City Hall. Mayor David Mull called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with council members: Travis Hollander, Marvin Veld, Marc Havens, and Kevin Pieters in attendance. Cory Schurman was absent.

Kevin Pieters motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comments and concerns: The subject of feral cats in the city has become an issue. The concern is on how to handle the issue. Issue was tabled for future discussion.

Library Director Melissa Johanson was absent so there were no reports from the library.

Fire Department: Scott Williams noted that the Fireman's Breakfast was a success with 125 people being served and raised approximately \$6500.00. Had two control burns: Nederhoff and Pine Lake Produce. Concerns with the rule changes that OSHA is wanting to implement. Waiting to see how these will affect Steamboat Rock. The Fire Department participated in two parades in area communities. Volunteers are needed.

Public Works: Shannon is working on the Consumer Confidence report. The City need to verify each service for lead in the lines, this will need to be completed by October 16, 2024. Will need to contact each resident and either they send a picture to the city with a statement declaring that the pipes contain no lead or that the Water works send someone to inspect and verify that no lead pipe is present. This information will then be sent to the State. Working on grant money for the sewer basement project, still getting information needed. Rough estimate for the repairs is \$40,000.

Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Travis Hollander.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to approve the bills presented and was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to approve the hours and was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion was approved unanimously.

Old business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Cigarette/Tobacco permit for the Rock Stop was present for renewal. Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to approve the renewal of the permit; motion was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of postage: Motion was made by Travis Hollander that a year's supply of postcard stamps be purchased before the price increase in July. The stamps are used for the mailing of the water/utility invoices. Motion was seconded by Marc Havens and passed unanimously.

Deb Crosser presented the information about the Iowa River's Edge Trail, informing the council about the expansion of the trail system to reach Marshalltown. She was here to as for support in the form of a resolution from the City of Steamboat Rock. After discussion, the motion was made by Kevin Pieters to approve a resolution of support (Resolution No. 2024-02). Motion was seconded by Marvin Veld. Roll call vote was taken: Kevin Pieters, yes; Travis Hollander, yes; Marc Havens, yes and Dave Mull, yes. Cory Schurman was absent. Resolution passed unanimously.

Brenda Bierman presented a request to be allowed to have chickens on her premises. She presented signatures from her neighbors stating that they were not opposed to her having the chickens. There was discussion about not having obtained signatures from all neighbors that would be affected. She will get those signatures and we will be able to issue the permit.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marc Havens and seconded by Marvin Veld. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

David Mull, Mayor

Valeria Kjormoe, City Clerk